

Ferd Words:

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Ferdinand School



WELCOME BACK!



NEWS for the Week of August 6, 2023

😊 BUSY CAMP & TUTORING DAYS, A FUN PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND EVENING EVENT, AND A GORGEOUS NEW GYM FLOOR FILLED OUR SCHOOL BUILDING THIS SUMMER WITH FUN, LEARNING, SMILES, & "HAPPY CRIES" (OVER OUR BEAUTIFUL NEW GYM!)! 😊

Here's hoping all of our families had fun, safe, healthy, happy, and rejuvenating SUMMERS! We are looking forward to seeing familiar & welcoming new Ferd Families in Pre-K thru 8th grade at our Back-to-School Night and Kona Ice Truck Event NEXT Monday, August 14, starting at 5:45 PM!

SOCCER SUPERSTARS! LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR OUR NEW ST. FERDINAND SOCCER



TEAM! If you're a boy or girl in 4th-8th grade, use the link below to register for our SOCCER TEAM! We are keeping the registration open for a few more days; more details on practice times and locations will be sent out this week. WE COULD STILL USE HELP WITH COACHING, SO ANY PARENTS THAT WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THE COACHING TEAM, PLEASE LET MS. SAMBORSKI OR PRINCIPAL FOLINO KNOW ASAP BY INDICATING SO ON THE REGISTRATION:

<https://forms.gle/K6TRuub3ZgNycaaW9>

WELCOME to our FERD FACULTY...

In 4th Grade, we welcome back **ALEXIS (Pena) HERNANDEZ!** The former "Ms. Pena" has not moved out of the area after all and is excited to be calling the 4th grade classroom officially "her own" after stepping in as a long-term substitute last year, mid-year. "Mrs. Hernandez" is now officially going by her married name! :)



In 3rd Grade, we welcome to our Ferd Family **REYNA SILVA!** Ms. Silva is a recent graduate of UIC and completed a year of Student Teaching at nearby Portage Park Elementary at the 4th grade level. Her bubbly, energetic personality and glowing commentary from her teaching mentor point to 3rd grade being a great year for students and teacher alike! :)

Stepping into the 1st Grade Maternity Leave position is **VALERIE HERRERA!** Readily known as "Ethan and Eli's mom" around St. Ferdinand School, Ms. Herrera comes to us fresh off her role as Lead Teacher for the Preschool-1st grade students in the Summer Camp Program, during which she created and executed engaging units and lessons with care and control. Ms. Herrera holds a Bachelor's degree from UIC as well, and has held instructor positions in park district roles. She also planned and ran the return of the St. Ferdinand "Baby Bulls" program last spring! She is excited by the challenge of upholding learning and routines with our 1st graders in Mrs. Hansen's absence, from August-November. :)

In other STAFFING NEWS...

"**MS. MARGARET**" **BRUMANN** has been promoted to Operations Director for St. Ferdinand Parish! We will still see her wearing her various hats around SFS, but she will also be devoting more time at the parish end, as well as overseeing bigger projects. Congratulations, Ms. Margaret! :)

MS. PATTY SAMBORSKI will now be with us 3 days per week, instead of just 2.5! This means she will be teaching all of the PE classes – even the preschoolers - as well as becoming our new Athletic Director! We are happy to have her experience and expertise more often around SFS. :)

MRS. LAURA DAVIS will be increasing her number of days with us! She will not only continue being the most enthusiastic librarian around, but will be stepping into other academic-centered roles, including bringing a "gifted" pull-out program to SFS! Details forthcoming... :)

After 15 years, **MRS. BEATA BOSAK** will be stepping down as DRE at St. Ferdinand Parish to accept a job closer to her home in the same role at St. Thomas Becket Parish in Mt. Prospect. We wish her well in her new location, and are grateful for all of the beautiful ceremonies and sacramental preparation she graced our families with during

her time at St. Ferdinand Parish. :) We are on the look-out for a new DRE - stay tuned!

Our new associate priest will be arriving in September. Details on him coming your way soon!

BACK-to-SCHOOL NIGHT and KONA ICE TRUCK EVENT is NEXT Monday, Aug 14!



Doors will open at 5:45 PM, and teachers will begin presentations about the school year ahead from 6:00-6:45 PM. **ALL CHILDREN IN GRADES PRESCHOOL-7TH WILL ALSO RECEIVE A BACKPACK WITH A FEW SUPPLIES IN IT, COMPLIMENTS OF BIG SHOULDERS.** At 6:45, families will gather in the front courtyards to visit, while enjoying a refreshing treat from the Kona Ice truck parked outside! **YOU CAN DROP OFF YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL SUPPLIES ON THIS EVENING, TOO!** In addition, all NEW FAMILIES will be invited to stop in at the NEW FAMILIES TENT to receive important info and to have questions answered about procedures, traditions, and the daily goings-on at St. Ferdinand School by both Principal Folino and a few parents! WELCOME BACK, both familiar faces and new families! We are so happy to have you become a part of St. Ferdinand School!



SUMMER WORK! Amidst all the summer fun and relaxation, don't forget to keep your child's skills sharp and ready for August by having he/she continue to work on the mandatory online iXL summer work (due completed by Friday, Aug 18)! Here is the link to Summer Practice: [iXL Assignments Summer 2023](#)

Don't forget: our READING and MATH LOGS PRACTICE CONTESTS are also due by Friday, Aug 18!

READ READ READ and practice your MATH in fun ways (flashcards, iReady, online games, worksheets, etc.)! All students who participate earn a prize, and the highest # of minutes in each class for each subject also earn prizes! (Check out the picture to the right to see the PAGES of Reading documentation hours our overall school winner had last year!) Document your practice times on these sheets:



<http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/18GWfFo1Kq1ZSZqP1WtRLA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRmmbXgP0RXaHR0cHM6Ly9zYWludGZlcmRpbmFuZHNjaG9vbC5vcmcvd3AtY29udGVudC91cGxvYWRzLzlwMjAvMDYvc3VtbWVvLXJlYWRpbmctbWF0aC1sb2cucGRmVwdzY2hvb2xtQgpktmCCuGSfzWM5Uhd0bS5zYW50aWFnb0BvdXRsb29rLmNvbVgEAAAAAQ~~>

LAST CHANCE: SEND US YOUR PICS....OF SUMMER READING AND/OR CHURCHES YOU VISIT THIS



SUMMER! We would LOVE to post pics of our Ferd kids in relaxing summer situations **READING** (Summer Reading Log due for prizes by Friday, Aug 18!) in a hammock, on



the beach, with sunglasses on, etc., AND/OR outside or inside of **CHURCHES** they visit while on vacation! Please share any pic of **SUMMER READING** and **SUMMER CHURCH VISITS** to school@saintferdinand.org and we'll post them on our Facebook page to show the world Ferd students enjoy their vacations – but don't take a vacation from the enjoyment of **READING** or the praise of **GOD**. 😊

St. Ferdinand Parish SUMMERFEST and COLOR RUN

were huge successes back in June! THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered to help at Summerfest, as well as sponsors of and



donators to our Color Fun Run, part of the proceeds of which will be applied toward a future electronic sign for St. Ferdinand School and Parish on Belmont Avenue. Stay tuned to future School Advisory Board Minutes for more updates on that exciting development!

Figure 1 - Don't forget to keep these restaurants, services, and high schools in mind as they all generously supported out 2023 Fun Run!

FREE BREAKFAST returns – tentative – enter Main Entrance between 7:15-7:40 AM

HOT LUNCH begins

EXTENDED CARE begins – 6:30-7:45 AM and 3:00-6:00 PM

Fri., Aug 18

Back-to-School Mass – 8:15 AM in Church

iXL Summer Learning due – 8:00 AM

Reading and Math Contest Logs due – 8:00 AM

Thurs., Aug 24

First Parent Club Meeting of the Year! 6:30 PM Activity Center

Mon., Sept 4

Labor Day – No Classes! 😊

Wed., Sept 6

1:45-2:00 PM “First Wednesday Early Dismissal” – Teacher PD

Fri., Sept 8

Grandparents Day at St. Ferdinand! (details forthcoming)

Fri., Sept 15

Family Fun Event – Parents Club (details forthcoming)

Th., Sept 21

School Advisory Board Meeting #1 – 6:30 Activity Center

Fri., Sept 22

Teacher Professional Development Day – No Classes! 😊

Tues., Sept 26

School Pictures taken!