

Dear Ferd Families -

As a reminder of what is posted in the St. Ferdinand School Family Handbook (<https://saintferdinandschool.org/parent-corner/family-handbook/>), and which was spoken about at Back-to-School Night as an area we will be focusing on enforcing this school year in an effort to increase respectful behavior on the part of students, *please note that when a student in Grades 3rd-8th receives 10 tardies, he/she has to serve a detention.* Detentions are from 7:00 AM - 7:45 AM. Along with this, a conference with administration, students, and parents will be held to work on solutions to the issue.

Students in Grades Pre-K-2nd who receive 10 tardies will have a conference with the administration and parents (as we did last year) to determine workable solutions to the chronic tardiness.

We will not be counting the first week of school in the tardy counts, as that was only 3 days long and a period of adjusting to getting up and ready for school in the morning.

However, the days since Monday, August 19, have definitely been counted. Therefore, today marked Day 8 of the school days on which a student could be tardy.

This year, students have been signing in before being allowed to enter the building if coming in past 7:55 AM. Reminders to be on time are mentioned on the Morning Announcements each day. A bell has been installed that rings at 7:57, giving any students who have entered the building at or before 7:55 daily time to get to their classrooms before being marked tardy.

Alarmingly, we have students who are already VERY close to earning the “10 Tardies Detention.” Please be sure to check PowerSchool to verify your child’s tardy count.

Parents, please work with us in getting your child to school on time. Students must learn the social skill of being punctual, as it is pertinent to success in both their education and the working world, as well as respectful to their teachers and the daily operation of their classes and St. Ferdinand School in general.

As a reminder, if the breakfast process is what is keeping your children from getting to school on time, we do offer FREE Breakfast here at school if your child comes between 7:15-7:30 AM. Perhaps arriving at school early and having breakfast here would assist with moving things along in the mornings at home.

Thank you for your cooperation/continued cooperation with this issue,

Principal Folino and the St. Ferdinand School Faculty and Office Staff

