

Thursday Thoughts: The Weekly Newsletter of St. Ferdinand School



September 24, 2020

NEWS

Pet Blessing - We will have a Pet Blessing at 3:00PM in our Parking Lot on Friday, October 2, to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. Please make sure your pet is either leashed or in a carrier. Masks are required for people that are participating.

Raffle Tickets - We will have a Halloween Car Parade on Friday, October 9th, from 6:00PM – 7:00PM. Please see the linked flyer for additional information.

Progress Reports - Paper progress reports will be going home for students in grades 1 & 2 on Thursday, October 1. **Grades 3-8 will have their progress reports available on PowerSchool and will return a signed acknowledgement form indicating they have reviewed the grades (these will be sent home next week).** *If you are a parent in Grades 3 -8 and do not have access to PowerSchool, please contact Margaret Brumann in the office.*

Parent-Teacher Conference - This year, conferences will be held via Zoom (On October 23rd), as in-person meetings are not allowed yet. Sign-ups will begin on Thursday, October 1st Stay tuned for an email with directions on how to sign-up.

REMINDERS

Masks – Don't forget, masks need to fit properly in order to be effective. **Masks should fully cover the mouth and nose, and not slide down. If your mask is too big, please either adjust it**

or get one that fits properly. Additionally, masks with valves/vents are **not** allowed, per Archdiocesan guidelines.

Extended Care - **Extended Care will now be billed through your FACTS account**, and payments will be made through FACTS. **Please wait to pay until the charges appear on your FACTS account, as pre-payment makes keeping track of payments difficult.** If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ginny Quinones at gquinones@saintferdinand.org

Illness / Absences from School – if your child is ill, you need to report him/her absent to the office. If a child shows any symptoms of COVID during the school day, he/she will be sent home. In order to return, either a doctor's note, negative Covid test result, or 10 days of quarantine since symptoms appeared is required. If a student has been exposed to someone that has been diagnosed with Covid, he/she will need to quarantine for 14 days. **If your child or anyone in your household tests positive for Covid, please notify the school immediately so that we can make arrangements to begin e-learning for individuals or cohorts as needed.** It is essential that the office is notified of Covid / Covid exposure. We will work with you to navigate the policies. We will also help you get connected to remote learning and arrange for pick up of books/materials so that your child is able to work at home while quarantined.

Earlier this month, **an Agreement to Adhere to Covid Protocols** went out via email. **Please sign and return this form if you have not already done so.**

A summary of our Covid protocols went home previously with students (it is included in the links from August 27 under the Thursday Thoughts tab on our website as well). **Please note, these can be subject to change based on current guidelines from local health authorities.**

Spirit Wear - **Every Friday will be Spirit Wear day!** Students may wear PE shirts or dress down as long as their shirts have the St. Ferdinand School logo. Pants/shorts must be modest and school-appropriate. We will be sending out a form to order additional St. Ferdinand Spirit Wear this fall (which can also make great holiday gifts!).

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, September 28th: 3rd Grade 1st Communion Rehearsal – all day in school, students only

Wednesday, September 30th: 3rd Grade 1st Reconciliation and Rehearsal, 5:30PM, Church

Thursday, October 1st: Progress Reports (Grades 1-2, paper Grades 3-8, Powerschool with Acknowledgement sheet)

Online Conference Sign-up begins

Friday, October 2nd: Rosary Blessing

Friday, October 2nd: Pet Blessing: 3:00PM, Parking Lot

Saturday, October 3rd: Rescheduled First Communion for 3rd Graders, 5:00PM Mass, Church

Wednesday, October 7th: Early dismissal, 1:30

October 8 – October 23: Spirit Wear Sales

Monday, October 12: No School (Federal Holiday)

Tuesday, October 13: Dine & Share at Chipotle (see flyer)

Sunday, October 18: Confirmation Meeting for 8th Grade Parents, 10:00AM, Torba Center

Sunday, October 18: Family Mass, 11:30AM, Church

Friday, October 23: Parent-Teacher Zoom Conferences, 11:30 dismissal

Monday, October 26: No School, Professional Development

October 27 – October 30: Red Ribbon (Anti-Drug) Week

Friday, October 30: Halloween Dress-down Day (Details to follow)