

Thursday Thoughts: The Weekly Newsletter of St. Ferdinand School



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FAREWELLS

Last week, we said goodbye to Mr. Charles Clemente, who has been St. Ferdinand School and Parish's Building Engineer for many years, along with being an alumnus of our school! Charles knows the ins and outs of the school building like no one else - - - having that knowledge at our fingertips will be sorely missed and be a huge transition for the office and cleaning staff! Thank you, Charles - and may you have happy, healthy, more leisurely days ahead. God bless you always. :)

NEWS

Halloween Car Parade - Our Halloween Car Parade is tomorrow, Friday, October 9th, from 6:00PM – 7:00PM. We will meet in the parking lot, and begin our route by 6:15. There will be safe goody bags after the parade for the first 100 children present.

Travelling? You may need to QUARANTINE! - If you are travelling out of state to celebrate our 3-day weekend, you may need to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival back. **Travel to any state on Chicago's quarantine list REQUIRES a 14-day quarantine!**

Travelers from the following states and territories should quarantine upon arrival in Chicago: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

More information on Chicago's quarantine order can be found at:

<https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/sites/covid-19/home/emergency-travel-order.html>

Parent-Teacher Conferences - This year, conferences will be held via Zoom (On **Friday, October 23rd**), as in-person meetings are not allowed yet. An email with the link to sign-up was sent yesterday. Please contact the school office if you have not received this email. **The conference link will be open through Monday, October 19.**

*****We will have staggered dismissals and dismiss from 11:00AM – 11:30 AM. Please note, After School Care will NOT be available this day!!*****

Illnesses/Absences from School - Just a reminder, all illnesses/absences from school must be reported in advance. Please notify the school if your child will be absent by calling the office or emailing absent@saintferdinand.org

Chipotle Dine & Share - Please join us Tuesday, October 13, from 4:00PM – 8:00PM at the Brickyard Chipotle for our next Dine & Share event. Bring your flyer or mention St. Ferdinand School so we get credit! If you are ordering online, please make sure to use code **ML3KXQT** as your **Promo Code** before checkout, and your order will count towards our fundraiser! The flyer is attached as a link in the Thursday Thoughts section of our website.

Spirit Wear - Our Fall Spirit Wear sales have begun! Flyers went home today. To order, please go to <https://www.selectspiritwear.com/v5store/pc/viewCategories.asp?idCategory=1287>

Halloween Treats - Due to COVID 19, no edible (food) treats are allowed. If students want to drop off non-food items (pencils, stickers, etc.), please drop these off by **Friday, October 23**. Teachers will assemble these items into goody bags to pass out on Halloween.

Old iPad / iPhone Chargers? - Do you have old iPad / iPhone chargers that you don't know what to do with? Bring them in to school, and we will find a use for them!

Heroes Work Here - We love our Catholic schools' employees. Teachers, leaders and support staff have worked tirelessly over the summer and the start of our school year to bring exceptional in-person and remote learning to families during this unprecedented time. To recognize their fantastic work, the Office of Catholic Schools is excited to introduce the #SchoolHero program. Educators and staff who have gone above and beyond in order to ensure a safe and productive learning environment will be highlighted through social media and the web. All school employees and families can nominate a school hero by completing a brief online form at <https://schools.archchicago.org/nominate-your-school-hero>

REMINDERS

GRADES/HONOR ROLL - Please note, the grade scale for Specials Classes (Physical Education, Fine Arts, Spanish, Technology) has changed. **These classes are now using the +, S, and – grade scale.**

+ (outstanding work)
S (satisfactory work)
- (unsatisfactory work)

For the A/High Honor Roll, Grades 4-8 students need to have all A's in the subject areas still being graded, and +'s in the Specials.

For the B Honor Roll, Grades 4-8 students need to earn a combo of A's and B's (no C's or lower), and have all +'s and S's (no -'s) in the Specials.

Gym Uniforms - Please make sure you have the correct gym uniform! Last year was the final transition year for uniforms. This year, all gym uniforms should be the navy blue ones, as offered through **Dennis Uniform**. ***If you do not have the correct uniform, this will start to be reflected in your grade.*** Even though we had to say farewell to Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Folino and Ms. Margaret will be covering gym classes so that students still have the opportunity to exercise and learn healthy habits during the school day.

Sweaters/ Uniforms - As the weather is getting colder, please remember to dress appropriately. Make sure to bring your St. Ferdinand School fleece sweater jacket (the Dennis Uniform one) to wear during the school day. Due to COVID, we do need to keep the windows open to provide more ventilation – and as the temperature drops outside, so does the temperature in the classroom.

IMPORTANT DATES

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 (out of uniform passes given to every student that attends)

Friday, October 23: Parent-Teacher Zoom Conferences, 11:30 dismissal **(No After School Care)**

Monday, October 26: No School, Professional Development

Tuesday, October 27 – Friday, Oct 30: Scholastic Book Fair

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

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