

# Thursday Thoughts: The Weekly Newsletter of St. Ferdinand School

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**October 22, 2020**

## **NEWS**

**Parent-Teacher Conferences / Early Dismissal** - Parent-Teacher ZOOM conferences **are tomorrow, Friday, October 23**. Please reference the email that went home on Wednesday with the Zoom codes for your conference.

Dismissal will begin at 11:00AM, and continue with staggered times until 11:30AM. An email went out earlier this week. We will follow the same order of dismissal (PK up to 8<sup>th</sup> grade) that we normally do.

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

Students will be able to dress in Spirit Wear every Friday. Items will be delivered to the school when the online store closes. ***The last day to order is Friday, October 30.***

**Book Fair is Coming!** - The Book Fair is coming! The sale will take place during the students' library classes. The E-Wallet will be available to provide a non-contact form of payment in addition to the traditional cash & checks. Please see the Book Fair flyers that went home for more information, as well as the links to the Book Fair homepage and E-Wallet.

Sell Dates: Tuesday, October 26 - Monday, November 2

**Halloween and 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 TOMORROW, **Friday, October 23**. Teachers will assemble these items into goody bags.

Students will be able to dress in costumes for Halloween on Friday, October 30. A flyer was sent home last week with this information. Costumes must be school appropriate. **FACE MASKS must still be worn to maintain COVID protocols!!!** Please **do not** wear any costume masks.

**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@sainfferdinand.org](mailto:absent@sainfferdinand.org)

**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 ... students should now be in pants, NOT walking shorts. 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

**Friday, October 23:** Parent-Teacher Zoom Conferences, 11:00 -11:30 dismissal **(No After School Care)**

**Monday, October 26:** No School, Professional Development

**Tuesday, October 27 – Friday, Oct 30:** Scholastic Book Fair during Library Classes

**October 27 – October 30:** Red Ribbon (Anti-Drug) Week (see linked flyer for more information)

**Friday, October 30:** Halloween Dress-down Day