

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

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**October 29, 2020**

## **NEWS**

**Spirit Wear** - Our Fall Spirit Wear sales is almost over! 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 Here!** - The Book Fair here! 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** 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.

Please do not bring any items to pass out tomorrow. Goody bags have already been assembled from items brought in last week, and these will be distributed tomorrow. **Due to COVID protocols, we are unable to accept additional items for goody bags now that the deadline has passed.**

**Candle Fundraiser** - St. Ferdinand School is kicking off their 1<sup>st</sup> annual candle sale! Order forms and an introductory letter went home with students today, and these forms are included

in today's links on the website. The sale will end on November 12. All orders will be shipped to the school and will be here in plenty of time for the holidays.

Due to COVID-19, we are encouraging families to use the internet / email / telephone to spread the news to family and friends.

\*Please do NOT go door-to-door to sell items!

**Soup-er Bowl Challenge** - Please review our Soup-er Bowl flyer. Students are asked to please bring in canned soup for our Soup-Er bowl competition. Each day, teachers will submit how many cans total their homerooms have brought in from Monday, November 2 - Friday, November 20. This is a great way to help the hungry during the holiday season, and your generosity is appreciated!

**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>

**Free Lunch Extended:** - The Illinois State Board of Education in partnership with the Food Service Professionals will be providing FREE lunch for all of our students for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. This is certainly a wonderful blessing for every family

Typically, the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) requires families to complete an application for free or reduced lunches. This application is not necessary this year for meals during the school year however, it will be necessary for children to continue to receive free or reduced meals if they are in a summer program. In addition, the application process will allow students to be preapproved for the fall of 2021 as the school year begins.

FSP sent home letters/applications with students today ... please review the letter and application carefully, and contact Mary Clemente at [stferdinand@fspro.com](mailto:stferdinand@fspro.com) with any questions.

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

## 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

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

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

**Sunday, November 1:** Daylight Savings Time Ends! (Remember to set clocks back 1 hour!)

**Monday, November 2:** Soup-er Bowl Food Drive Begins

**Tuesday, November 3:** Remember to Vote! 😊

**Wednesday, November 4:** Early Dismissal, 1:00PM – 1:30PM

**Thursday, November 5:** Parish Town Hall Meeting #1, 6:00PM Chapel

**Wednesday, November 11:** Veteran's Day: Out of Uniform for \$1 today, red/white/blue

**Thursday, November 12:** All Candle Fundraiser Orders due

**Friday, November 13:** No School: Staff Development Day

**Sunday, November 15:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parents 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Meeting, 10:00AM, Torba Center

**Sunday, November 15:** Family Mass, 11:30, Church

**Monday, November 16:** Lou Malnati's Frozen Pizza Gift Certificate fundraiser starts today

**Thursday, November 19:** Report Cards go home

**Thursday, November 19:** Family Reading Night (details to follow)

**Wednesday, November 25 – Friday, November 27: No School, Thanksgiving Break**