

Saint Ferdinand Connection

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*Through our character development program, we are working on the virtue of **RESPECT** during the month of October. Families are encouraged to support the teachers' efforts by reinforcing the importance of this virtue at home.*

THE WEEK AHEAD:

Saturday, October 18, 2008:

- School Board and Home and School will sponsor the Pre-K Fall Festival today. This event will run 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and is for preschool age children.

Monday, October 20, 2008:

- Today marks the beginning of Red Ribbon Week. Please refer to the information sent home earlier this week regarding the activities that will take place each day.
- Spell-a-Thon Pledge Sheets are due today and the students in grades K – 8 will take spelling tests each day this week as part of this fundraiser.
- Hot Lunch Entrée: Cheese Bosco Sticks

Tuesday, October 21, 2008:

- Everyone is invited to a special celebration to honor Father Jack Schuler as our new pastor. Bishop Herrmann will join us for Mass this evening at 7:00 p.m. and there will be a reception immediately following.
- Hot Lunch Entrée: McDonald's Cheeseburger

Wednesday, October 22, 2008:

- Critical Thinking Club will meet after school today until 3:30 p.m.
- Hot Lunch Entrée: Pancakes and Bacon

Thursday, October 23, 2008:

- Today is Team Uniform Day.
- We will gather in the gym this morning for our "Inspired by the Spirit" award ceremony. This is the new student recognition program that the faculty implemented this year.
 - The children can nominate each other for the acts of kindness they perform during the school day that go above and beyond the typical day to day activities.
 - Students can also be nominated by school staff and parent volunteers who witness their positive choices while working at school.
 - A winner is selected from each building and each winner has his/her picture taken for the display in the front hall of each building. They also receive an ice cream at lunch and are highlighted in the Connection.
- The eighth graders will participate in a special research project today. This is a follow-up to the project that they participated in last year.
- Hot Lunch Entrée: Popcorn Chicken

Friday, October 24, 2008:

- Everyone is invited to join us for our All School Mass at 8:30 a.m. The children will remain after Mass to pray the rosary together.

- The fourth graders will participate in a special research project today. This is a follow-up to the project that they participated in last year.
- First Quarter Report Cards will be sent home today and are due back to homeroom teachers at Conferences which are scheduled for Thursday, October 30th.
- Hot Lunch Entrée: Cheese Pizza

STUDENT ARRIVAL:

- We are having several children arrive prior to the 7:20 a.m. arrival time and they are waiting on the back parking lot alone or coming inside to sit by the office rather than going to Falcon Friends. Families are reminded that if they need to drop their children off, either regularly or on an occasional basis, before the 7:20 a.m. arrival time, they should be registering with Falcon Friends to ensure that their children are properly supervised. **Supervision by a teacher does not begin until 7:20 a.m.**

ATTACHMENTS:

- Information regarding a workshop being held at Sacred Heart that addresses the early warning signs of learning disabilities.
- Information from The Dave Mungenast Automotive Family regarding the Klaaskids 12th Annual Child Safety Day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A school parent, shared with Miss Gearon some information regarding a new method of packaging crystal meth. This packaging presents the drug in a manner that makes it look like strawberry pop rocks. For more information, families are encouraged to read the entire article that can be found at www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,271215,00.html.
- The date for the First Reconciliation Parent Meeting has been changed due to the Archdiocesan celebration to honor all priests who have been made Monsignors. Father Jack will be honored at this celebration on November 17th at the Saint Louis Cathedral. In light of this, the First Reconciliation Parent Meeting has been moved to Monday, November 10th. Everyone is invited to join in the celebration on November 17th.
- The Suburban Journal is going to a subscription only service. As part of this program, the Suburban Journal will give a donation to the school of the subscriber's choice. If you choose to subscribe to the Suburban Journal, please be sure to identify Saint Ferdinand as the school of your choice to receive a donation from the Suburban Journal.
- A school parent, shared information regarding a program to honor students who earn at least one "A" on their report card. AMF Bowling presents the "Great Games for Great Grades" program. Students who bring in their report card within 2 weeks of receiving it will get one free game of bowling for each "A" on his/her report card. For more information, please contact an AMF Bowling location.

CONFERENCE REMINDERS:

- Reminder notices regarding your family's reserved time to speak with your child's teacher will be sent home with next week's Connection.