

Saint Ferdinand Connection

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*Through our character development program, we are working on the virtue of **COURAGE** during the month of November. Courage is a virtue that is intricately linked to our theme this year. It took courage for Mary to say YES to God and become the mother of His Son. It took courage for Elizabeth and Zachariah to accept all that Mary told them had happened to her, and it took courage for Jesus to remain in the temple teaching the elders when he knew his parents were leaving him behind. Courage is a virtue that is needed if we are to follow the example of these holy men and women and say YES to all that God call us to do.*

THE WEEK AHEAD:

Saturday, November 8, 2008:

- Training for those people who volunteer to be servers at Mass will be held today in Church beginning at 9:00 a.m. All servers are strongly encouraged to attend.
- The first Speech Meet of the year is today. We wish good luck to those students who are representing our school and we thank the faculty members who give so generously of their time to help these students prepare.

Monday, November 10, 2008:

- Today is the final day to turn in Spell-a-Thon money to have it count towards the prizes. This money is due by 3:00 p.m. today. Money can be turned in after today; however, this money will not be counted in determining the prize winners.
- First Reconciliation Parent Meeting will be held tonight in Duchesne Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. At least one parent from each second grade family is encouraged to attend.
- Hot Lunch Entrée: Mostaccioli with Marinara Sauce

Tuesday, November 11, 2008:

- Home and School meeting tonight beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Home and School meeting room in the Primary Building.
- Hot Lunch Entrée: Pancakes with bacon

Wednesday, November 12, 2008:

- High School Applications are due by 8:00 a.m. If your son/daughter is not planning to apply to a Catholic High School, please return the application with a note indicating which school your son/daughter will be attending.
- Health Screening will be done today for all students in grades Pre-K through eighth. As mentioned in the November Newsletter, if you do not want your child to receive this screening you should notify the school office. This notification should be submitted by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 11.
- 7th and 8th graders are invited to join the Youth Group in the gym 7:00 until 9:00 p.m.
- There is a School Board meeting tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the faculty room of the Main Building.
- Hot Lunch Entrée: Toasted Ravioli

Thursday, November 13, 2008:

- The Spell-a-Thon awards ceremony will be held today beginning at 1:45 p.m.
- Hot Lunch Entrée: Domino's Cheese Pizza

Friday, November 14, 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.
- Kevin Lindsay Tournament T-shirts can be worn to school with the uniform today. This can be a tournament shirt from any of the years that the tournament has been held.
- We have a 12:00 dismissal today due to our monthly faculty meeting.
- Hot Lunch Entrée: No Hot Lunch

HOT LUNCH ANNOUNCEMENT:

- The school has made some changes to how finances are handled and this will mean that the majority of all school deposits and expenses will be handled through the rectory. The school office is very grateful to the rectory staff for taking on these responsibilities to free our time to better serve the children. In light of this, checks for the Hot Lunch Program need to be made out to "St. Ferdinand" rather than "St. Ferdinand Hot Lunch". Thank you for assisting us with this important detail.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The parish has been experiencing individuals doing some panhandling on the premises. If someone approaches you for money, you are encouraged not to give them money and refer them to the rectory if they need assistance.