

Saint Ferdinand Connection

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THE WEEK AHEAD:

Monday, September 1, 2008:

- Today is Labor Day so there is no school today.

Tuesday, September 2, 2008:

- Miss Gearon will host a meeting for parents with students in grades 7 and 8 regarding the high school selection process. This will be the same presentation that was held last year and will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Building faculty room
- Tonight is a Papa John's Pizza Night. Families are encouraged to participate in this school fundraiser.
- Hot Lunch Entree: Spaghetti

Wednesday, September 3, 2008:

- We will have our first Fire Drill today. Parents are asked to remind their student of the importance of remaining silent during emergency drills and to follow all directions in an effort to ensure everyone's safety should a real emergency occur.
- Hot Lunch Entree: Pepperoni Bosco Sticks

Thursday, September 4, 2008:

- Today is Team Uniform Day. Students should follow the guidelines in the Family Handbook.
- Today is Book Fair Preview Day. All students will be given an opportunity to visit the Book Fair and develop a wish list to be shared with parents.
- Hot Lunch Entree: Toasted Ravioli

Friday, September 5, 2008:

- Everyone is invited to join us for our All School Mass at 8:30 a.m. The children are reminded to bring a rosary to school on Fridays as we will remain after Mass to pray the rosary together.
- The Book Fair will be open tonight during the Fish Fry. Families are encouraged to participate in this important school fundraiser.
- Hot Lunch Entree: Cheese Pizza

Saturday, September 6, 2008: BACK-TO-SCHOOL BBQ

- Everyone is invited to the Back-to-School BBQ which will begin with the 5:00 p.m. Mass tonight.
- This is a wonderful way to gather as a community to celebrate our school and get to know each other.
- Families are asked to bring a dish to share and assignments are made based on the first letter of your last name: A – G: desserts, H – M: salads, N – Z: sides.
- School Board will BBQ Hot Dogs and Hamburgers as the main entrée.
- Father Jack extends his regrets that he will not be able to attend the Back-to-School BBQ. He will be out of town at a family wedding. We pray for a safe trip for Father Jack and a beautiful celebration for the bride and groom.
- The Book Fair will be open during the Back-to-School BBQ

ATTACHMENT:

- A flyer regarding the Box Tops for Education Program.
- Flyer regarding the Book Fair

MISSION PROJECT:

- The fourth graders are sponsoring our first Mission Project for this school year. We are doing a collection of school supplies for an organization called KidSmart. A flyer is attached. Our collection will conclude on September 5th.

CALENDAR CHANGES:

- The School Board meeting originally scheduled for Monday, September 8 has been moved to Wednesday, September 10 due to Father Jack's day off being on Monday. At the meeting, the School Board will set the dates for the remainder of this year's meetings. These dates will be published on the monthly calendar included with the Newsletter.
- The date for First Communion has been moved to Saturday, April 25, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. due to a scheduling conflict. Second grade families are encouraged to note this important change in date and time.

HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS:

- Home and School is still looking for a Secretary. Please call the school office for more information.
- The first meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2008 in the gym at 7:00 p.m. Each family is encouraged to have at least one parent in attendance.

TWB NEWS:

- We will begin selling TWB Certificates through the school office on Tuesday, September 9th. TWB orders may be sent in on any day; however, they will only be filled on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the school year. TWB Certificates are also available through the rectory on a daily basis and after many of the weekend Masses.
- We have earmarked TWB profits to go towards our technology enhancements so families are encouraged to participate in this fundraiser that directly benefits the school children.

CAMPBELL SOUP PROGRAM NEWS:

- Our coordinator for this program has shared that many families continue to submit the front panel from the label. These are no longer accepted as a point value and thus the family's efforts are wasted. **THE UPC FROM THE LABEL IS WHAT MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER FOR US TO RECEIVE THE POINTS.**
- We currently have 26,869 points and we will probably use these to secure recess equipment.
- Families are also asked to watch the newspaper on Sunday, September 7th for the first bonus opportunity of the year. This is a great way to help us increase our points.