

Saint Ferdinand Connection

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THE WEEK AHEAD:

Monday, September 15, 2008:

- Today begins Student Council Campaign Week. Children are reminded that treats should not be distributed as part of the campaign process. All campaign initiatives should have the approval of Mrs. Mircsov or Miss Gearon.
- Hot Lunch Entrée: Cheese Bosco Sticks

Tuesday, September 16, 2008:

- School library opens today.
- High School Night at Incarnate Word Academy at 7:00 p.m.
- The first Home and School meeting of the year is tonight beginning at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be held in the gym. FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO SIGN-UP FOR CONFERENCES FOLLOWING THE HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING. Conference sign-ups will not be available prior to this so families are asked not to inquire about the opportunity to sign-up before the conclusion of the meeting. Sign-up sheets will be available in the school foyer during school hours from September 17 through September 26, 2008. Families who cannot attend the Home and School meeting are encouraged to stop by the foyer to select a conference time that fits their family schedule.
- Hot Lunch Entrée: Nachos with or without Cheese

Wednesday, September 17, 2008:

- Hot Lunch Entree: Chicken Patty on a Bun

Thursday, September 18, 2008:

- Hot Lunch Entree: Mashed Potatoes topped with Roast Beef and Gravy

Friday, September 19, 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.
- Progress Reports will be sent home today. Parents are asked to remind their children that these are addressed to parents and should be opened by the student's parent.
- Saint Martin de Porres Parish Picnic begins this evening and continues on Saturday, September 20.
- Hot Lunch Entree: Cheese Pizza

ATTACHMENT:

- Box Tops for Education flyer

CALENDAR CHANGES:

- The following list identifies the dates for the School Board Meetings for the remainder of the year: October 8, November 15, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11, April 1, May 13, and June 10.
- 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.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

- Bishop Herrmann will join our parish community for Mass on Tuesday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. for Father Jack Schuler's Installation Mass. This is a tradition of the Church and is an opportunity for the parish community to officially welcome Father Jack as our pastor. There will be a reception immediately following the liturgy and all school families are invited and encouraged to participate in both events.

THANK YOU:

- The School Office thanks all of the families who signed up for the email delivery option for monthly tuition statements. These families have saved us \$22.68 in postage this month. If additional families would like to take advantage of this option, they are asked to send Mrs. Wilcox (bwilcox@stferdinandschool.org) an email from the address they would like their statement delivered to.

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS:

- Thank you to all of the school families who attended the Back-to-School BBQ on September 6. The number of families who attended contributed to this being a wonderful event for everyone.
- Thank you to the Athletic Association for cutting the grass that day and making the campus look so wonderful for this event. They also provided storage for the ice cream cart which helped facilitate this special treat for the children.
- Thank you to the Home and School Association for providing the funds for this event. The School Board could not sponsor this event without their financial support.
- Thank you to Father Joe for his patience on Saturday in helping locate keys and getting everything unlocked.
- The following items were left at the BBQ and are available for pick-up at the school office: green sweatshirt, Rubbermaid Take Along Bowl with lid, square purple plate, Calphalon black spaghetti server, Good Cook black slotted spoon, clear plastic salad spoon and fork, and two large stainless serving forks. ITEMS NOT RETRIEVED BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2008 WILL BE DONATED.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES:

- In addition to the concerns brought to me by the teachers, Father Joe has also noticed several close calls a week. The community is strongly encouraged to remember that a few extra minutes on the parking lot is worth avoiding the risk of a child being hit. It cannot be stressed enough that all cars should remain parked until all children have made it safely to their vehicles.
- Parents are asked not to use dismissal time for chatting with each other as this results in children milling about the parking lot while parents chat and drivers who are being conscientious having to wait an even longer amount of time as they are trying to honor the request not to drive away until all children are in their vehicles. This request is not intended in anyway to diminish the desire to remain connected with each other; it is simply a means of attempting to foster a smoother dismissal process for everyone. The teachers will also be asked to be diligent in dismissing on time so that individual car pools are not waiting an undue amount of time for a class to exit the building.
- The safety of all the children is what is prompting these messages and parents are again asked not to express their anger and/or irritation at the teachers who are patrolling the parking lot. We are all simply trying to avoid an accident which may result in serious injury to a child. Parents who have others pick up their child (grandparents, babysitters, other relatives, etc.) are also asked to request that these individuals do not express their anger and/or irritation at the teachers. Please convey the necessity for everyone to be focused on safety rather than swiftness.