

Saint Ferdinand Connection

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THE WEEK AHEAD:

Monday, August 25, 2008:

- Today is the first day for our four year old preschool students.
- Spanish classes begin today. Each class, kindergarten through eighth, will have Spanish instruction once a week.
- Hot Lunch Entree: Chicken Rings

Tuesday, August 26, 2008:

- Lunch order forms are due by 8:00 a.m. **LUNCH ORDER FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS TIME UNLESS THE STUDENT IS ABSENT ON THIS DAY.**
- Today is the first day for our three year old preschool students.
- Hot Lunch Entree: McDonald's Hamburger

Wednesday, August 27, 2008:

- Hot Lunch Entree: French Toast Sticks

Thursday, August 28, 2008:

- Today is Team Uniform Day. Students should follow the guidelines in the Family Handbook.
- The Scouts of Saint Ferdinand's Cub Pack 939 invite all boys in grades 1 – 5 to School Night to Join Scouting, tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the Duchesne Center. Join us for information on the benefits of Scouting and a preview of the great events planned for the year as well as activities and fellowship.
- Hot Lunch Entree: Toasted Ravioli

Friday, August 29, 2008:

- Everyone is invited to join us for our All School Mass at 8:30 a.m. Each week following our All School Mass, the children will be praying the Rosary. The primary students will join us for a decade of the rosary and the older children will pray all five decades. The children are encouraged to bring a rosary with them to use during this time.
- Hot Lunch Entree: Cheese Pizza

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- If you have an intention that you would like the community to pray for, please route the request to Miss Gearon and it will be included in the weekly St. Ferdinand Connection or the monthly School Newsletter. You can send the request on any piece of paper, or, for your convenience, a form is included with each monthly School Newsletter.

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.

THANK YOU FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE:

- Mrs. Wroblewski extends a very heartfelt thank you to all of the families who returned their Back-to-School forms during this first week of school. She says that this is by far the best year ever in getting these forms returned in such a timely manner. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, the submission of these forms provides valuable assistance in serving the children.

MORNING ARRIVAL:

- We have had a significant number of children arriving prior to 7:20 a.m. and this presents a serious concern as a faculty member is not on duty until 7:20. Parents are reminded not to drop off children until the assigned time unless the children are attending morning Falcon Friends. Safety is of the highest priority and the children should not be left without adult supervision.

- Additionally, families are encouraged to review the information in the Family Handbook regarding drop-off procedures. Drivers in the car line are asked to drive as far forward as possible to avoid a back-up of traffic on Charbonier. Those families choosing to park and walk their children across the parking lot to the sidewalk are asked to wait until the car line comes to a stop. In other words, if drivers see families waiting to cross and there is still open space in the car line, drivers should continue driving forward and families choosing to walk their children across should wait until the space in the car line is filled and the traffic comes to a halt.

HOT LUNCH NEWS:

- The next Hot Lunch order form was sent home today so that we can get on schedule with ordering supplies. After today, lunch order forms should come home every other Friday.

RESOURCE ROOM SERVICES:

- Sr. Marilyn, our Resource Teacher, is available to assist students who are experiencing difficulty with a particular concept, or, skill or who are experiencing overall academic struggles. Parental consent is required for students who will work with Sr. Marilyn on a consistent basis for an extended period of time. For those students who need assistance very infrequently, Sr. Marilyn will work with them per the homeroom teacher's request. Parental consent will not be required due to the fact that these situations will occur randomly and getting the student assistance "in the moment" will be the primary focus of these opportunities. If additional services are determined to be needed, Sr. Marilyn will contact the parents to secure consent for ongoing, consistent involvement in the Resource Program offered at Saint Ferdinand.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BBQ:

- Everyone is invited to the Back-to-School BBQ which will be held following the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, September 6th. The School Office apologizes for the miscommunication regarding this date; it was identified as August 23rd on the School Calendar.
- 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.
- Students are invited to visit Miss Gearon's table to receive a ticket for special treats. School Board decided to issue tickets this year because in the past supplies ran out resulting in some children having multiple servings and others not receiving any.

REMINDERS:

- The forms that were included in the Back-to-School Packet are due in the office. If you have not returned yours, please do so as soon as possible.
- Families who would like to have a second copy of office correspondence, report cards and progress reports mailed to an additional household should submit \$30.00 by Friday, August 29th to cover the cost of postage. If we do not hear from you, a second set of documents will not be forwarded.
- Miss Gearon will host an informational meeting regarding the High School selection process for parents of 7th and 8th grade students. This will be the same presentation that was held last year. This meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Building faculty room.

DRINK CARDS:

- We have received information regarding the Government Milk Subsidy program we participate in and the subsidy is more than we anticipated it would be. In light of this, Drink Cards will be worth 6 punches rather than 5 and will continue to cost \$1.00. We will add a sixth punch to each Drink Card already purchased and to subsequent Drink Cards throughout the school year.