



# Forest Hills

Lutheran Christian School

Forest Hills Friday News  
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We wish you the gift of faith,

The blessing of hope and the

Peace of His love

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Well, it's finally here. Today is the last day of school before the Christmas break, and here at school, all of our preparations have come to fulfillment. We enjoyed a tremendous Christmas presentation in the Bethlehem Walk. We have enjoyed many Christmas-themed chapels, and today, we enjoyed a Christmas Carol experience in the chapel with the entire school. Everything we could do to provide a school-family Christmas has taken place, and now we turn our hearts and minds to our own families and the Christmas traditions that are in each of our homes.

We have spent countless hours planning the events that have taken place over the past couple weeks. The effort of so many, along with various resources have been poured into preparing our hearts and minds to truly celebrate this Christmas season. Yet even in the midst of Christmas joy, there are still things that can keep us from celebrating a truly blessed Christmas.

Christmas is a time when people reflect back on the year that has past, and they spend time looking ahead - some with excitement and anticipation, and some with fear and trepidation. Christmas can be both bitter and sweet for many in our world. Yet as we prepare for Christmas, and as we celebrate this incredible holiday, God is working to fill our hearts with joy that will sustain us for December 25 and each day that we live as His children.

While we have been preparing for this celebration, and whatever it personally holds for you, God is doing the same. God is preparing for Christmas. His preparations are much different than ours. God is preparing the hearts of His people to once again receive the blessings that He pours out on our lives. God is working in your heart each and every day as He fills us with His love, given through His word and through those around us. God is working in our heart to enable us to give Him our pain, our suffering, our despair, our losses, our hardships, our sins, so that He can replace them with His unending love and inexpressible joy. God is working in our hearts to simply rest in His loving arms.

We can ask each other that same old question - Are you ready for Christmas? We can ask God the same question. His answer is always yes. He's ready to continue being faithful to His promises to you. He's ready to celebrate the victory over sin and death with you. He's ready to continue pouring blessings into your life - both the ones that we notice, and the ones we don't. God's preparations for Christmas have been going on for thousands of years, and each and every year, in fact each and every day, He's ready. In Christ, the celebration never ends. Christmas lasts 365 days a year.

I pray that this Christmas is truly blessed for you. Whether you face the coming holiday with excitement, or if there are things that might cause you pain this Christmas, know that Jesus came into this world for you. His love is unending, and His presence is in your life every single day. I pray that you are in the Christmas spirit and that you feel ready for the holiday, but even more, I pray that you know that your heart is ready as God has prepared it to once again receive the greatest gift ever - the love of God in Christ Jesus.

From our family here at Forest Hills to yours, we wish you a truly Merry Christmas!

Mike Schiemann. <><  
Principal



## Coming Events

Friday, 12/15	Christmas Devotion, 2:15 pm
Monday, 12/18	Christmas Vacation Begins Happy Birthday, Mrs. Loncar!
Tuesday, 12/19	Happy Birthday, Mr. Warren!
Sunday, 12/24	Christmas Eve
Monday, 12/25	Christmas Day!
Saturday, 12/30	Happy Birthday, Mrs. Brennan!
Sunday, 12/31	New Year's Eve
Monday, 1/1	New Year's Day
Tuesday, 1/2	Classes Resume
Saturday, 1/6	Epiphany
Monday, 1/8	Auction Kick-off Assembly
Thursday, 1/11	Happy Birthday, Mrs. Langbehn & Mrs. Van Scoten!
Friday, 1/12	Professional Development, <b>No School</b> Middle School Lock-In
Monday, 1/15	MLK, Jr Holiday, <b>No School</b>
Tuesday, 1/23	Happy Birthday, Mrs. Ryan!

## 3 Weeks in Chapel

### It's Still All About Jesus

We welcome Rev. Nick Koschmann, Pastor at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Forest Grove as our chapel leader on Wednesday, January 3. Pastor Koschmann will talk with us about *It's still all about "Immanuel"*. Our text for the week is from Isaiah 7:14.

All are welcome to join us each Wednesday mornings in St. Peter's sanctuary beginning at 8:20 am.

## Principal's List Announced

The following upper grade students have distinguished themselves with a grade point average of 3.75 or higher and all E's in specials during the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester:

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Ellianna B, Abby B, Kylie C, Ava H, Kaitlyn L, Caleb L, Tori R, Micah R  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Rebekah B, Kalia G, Lexi K-M, Briana M, Rachel S  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Katie A, Ben B, McKenzie B, Tyler C, Riley H, Annika M, Brennan N,  
Miller N, Elsa R

## Honor Roll Announced

These upper grade students have distinguished themselves with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester:

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jaida H, Lucy K, Mia N, Sebastian V, Thomas W  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Ryder B, Connor F, Skylar L, Ruth M, Luke R, Adam R, Oliver R,  
Rebecca W  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Nathan N

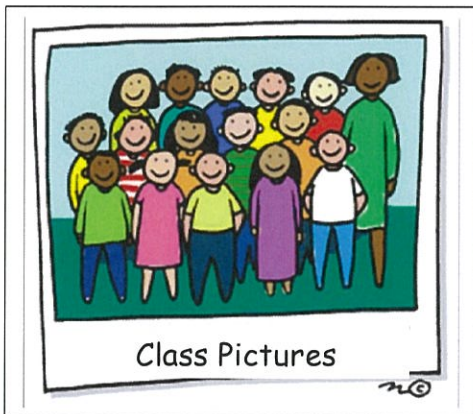


## Auction 2018

### Classroom Basket Competition

Our classroom basket competition will run January 5th-31st. Each class has been assigned a themed basket to fill with specific items. You will find your specific item and donation form in this week's Family Envelope. The committee tires to keep every families assignments at or under \$20 per family. If you have any questions, feel free to email us at [auction@fhlds.org](mailto:auction@fhlds.org).

Thank you for your participation!!



If you ordered a class picture, they are coming home today in your Family Envelope!



Your family is invited to dust off your bowling shoes and join other Forest Hills families for an afternoon of family bowling FUN at Park Lanes in Hillsboro on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-5:30 pm. See the flyer for more information.

Please RSVP to Carisa Brown  
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Shannon Willems  
[willemsgfamily4@yahoo.com](mailto:willemsgfamily4@yahoo.com)

This is a CLASS sponsored event.