



Forest Hills

Lutheran Christian School

Forest Hills Friday News
January 5, 2018

Happy New Year! I pray that 2018 is promising to be a great year for you! I've had conversations with lots of people and I've heard all about the New Year's resolutions that people are making. The new year sure holds a lot of promise, potential, and anticipation, doesn't it!

I love starting a new year. Everything seems fresh. There's a newness in the air, and we wait with baited breath to see what each day holds. Yet coming in with the new year is a sense of fatigue. We've just had a big celebration. We ran our feet off getting ready for Christmas – lights, trees, gifts, events, dinners, church services, and the list goes on. While the new year is here, many of us feel tired and worn out. It wasn't just getting ready for Christmas and the holidays that tired me out – it was the act of putting it all away too!!!

In my tired state, it's easy to be thankful the holidays are over. There are no more 'sweet treat' temptations (they're all on my waist line now). It feels like there are fewer obligations, and it feels like the stress level is going down. Yet it's important to continually reflect on why we do all of that in the first place. Christmas is the season that deserves even more pomp and circumstance than it's given. After all, it's the birth of Jesus – our Lord, our Savior, the one who gives eternal life. It's a celebration that delivers the gift that allows us to live for eternity in paradise. Sometimes, the busy-ness of the season can overwhelm the joy and the gift that it has delivered. And then, when the new year comes and the holiday remnants are gone and stored away, it's easy to go back to the routine of daily life and forget to reflect on the wonder and awe that we received.

That's not a judgement at all on anyone. I do it too. But because of that, here's my new year's resolution – I want to live each day starting with a reminder of Christmas. I want to reflect and ponder every day that Jesus came down to earth for me. His love guides my days, guides my steps, and even without twinkling lights and Christmas carols, I can still be just as amazed on any date in the year as I am on December 25. In fact, those celebrations and amazements can be even better because I don't have the man-made stress that accompanies the actual day.

I pray that your Christmas and your holidays were a true blessing to you, your friends, and your family. I pray that the rejuvenation of the memories of a stable in Bethlehem so long ago sustain you each and every day throughout the year. When life gets tough, when it seems like you have too much to handle, when you feel like you're at the end of your rope, remember the baby. Remember that Jesus came for you so that you don't have to live life alone. He is at your side, walking with you, lifting you up, guiding your footsteps. Christmas is so much more than a day. It's a celebration for life. So, even today, on January 5, I say to you, Merry Christmas!

Mike Schiemann. <><
Principal



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see our Google calendar at fhcls.org for game times

Saturday, 1/6	Epiphany
Monday, 1/8	Auction Kick-off Assembly Girls Bball @ St. Stephens Boys Bball @ CS Lewis
Thursday, 1/11	Happy Birthday, Mrs. Langbehn & Mrs. Van Scoten Girls Bball @ Gilkey Boys Bball at HOME
Friday, 1/12	Professional Development, No School Middle School Lock-In
Saturday, 1/13	Middle School Lock-In
Sunday, 1/14	Family Bowling, 3:30-5:30 pm
Monday, 1/15	MLK, Jr Holiday, No School
Tuesday, 1/16	Girls Bball @ Pilgrim Boys Bball @ Gilkey
Thursday, 1/18	Girls Bball @ Southwest Boys Bball @ PJA
Sunday, 1/21 - Saturday, 1/27	NLSW
Monday, 1/22	Girls Bball at HOME Boys Bball at CS Lewis
Tuesday, 1/23	Happy Birthday, Mrs. Ryan!
Thursday, 1/25	Girls Bball @ TVA Boys Bball @ TVA

Student Council is selling **FHCLS LEST 2018** shirt wear. Check out the order form coming home today. All orders with payment must be received by **Monday, 1/8.**

"It's Still All About Jesus" Chapel Next Week

We welcome Clint Souigny, Minister of Outreach and Congregational Life Pastor at Trinity Lutheran church in Hillsboro as our chapel leader on Wednesday, January 10. Mr. Souigny will talk with us about *It's still all about "The Beloved Son"*. Our text for the week is from Matthew 3:17.

We have just celebrated Jesus' birthday. The Bible tells us that Jesus was taken to Egypt by his parents to keep Him safe from Herod. Jesus' family went to Nazareth where Jesus grew "strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him" (Luke 2:40).

When Jesus was 30 years old, His heavenly Father had planned that Jesus was to begin His ministry of teaching and miracles. It was time for the plan of salvation to be fulfilled. Jesus ministry begins with His Baptism.

Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River. The Spirit of God descended like a dove and rested on Jesus. The Father's voice from heaven announced, "This is My Beloved Son." The Father says, "I love you" to His Son. The Father loved His perfect only Son. The Father loved the obedience of His Son. The Father loved the willingness of His Son to come to earth and finally to give His life for the sins of the world.

There are many things about us that are not loveable. We don't always obey our parents, teachers and our Heavenly Father. We don't always do and say the things that please others and please God. Even though we may disobey our parents, they still say, "I love you" to us. God says "I love you" to us because Jesus paid the price for our sins so that God sees us as loveable again.

As we review Jesus' Baptism, we remember the blessings of our own Baptism. In our Baptism we were made part of God's family. His "I love you" is shared with us as we hear that our sins are forgiven. Now we can share His love with others.

Families and friends are always welcome to join us at 8:20 a.m. at St. Peter's for chapel.



FHLCS Open House
Saturday,
February 3rd
10am-1pm

In today's Family Envelope you will find a

postcard for our upcoming Open House! Please spread the word about our great school and give it to your friends and neighbors. More cards can be found in the information center.



We are looking for volunteers to help at the Open House! A form is included in your Family

Envelope with more information. Contact Patti White with questions - info@fhcls.org.



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 14th from 3:30-5:30 pm. See the flyer for more information.

Please RSVP by **Wednesday, 1/10** to Carisa Brown

crispy125@gmail.com or

Shannon Willems

willemsgfamily4@yahoo.com

This is a CLASS sponsored event.



For me and
MY HOUSE,

we will
SERVE
The Lord

Joshua 24:15

Auction 2018

Tickets are on sale SOON!! Start thinking about who you will ask to fill your table for our April 28th event!

Don't forget the **Classroom Basket Competition** underway now! We'll have our "official kick-off" assembly on Monday, January 8th, 8:20 am in the gym.

Make sure to get those donations in!