



# ***Forest Hills***

## ***Lutheran Christian School***

**Forest Hills Friday News**  
**January 20, 2017**

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This coming week, I have the privilege of heading out to Faith Lutheran School in Lacey, WA. I have been asked to be part of the team that visits the school, and takes part in the review of their material, policies, and procedures, determining whether or not they meet the standards for National Lutheran School Accreditation (NLSA). Accreditation is a big step for any school. It's a lot of work to go through, and there are many tasks that need to be completed in order to earn the honor. As a member of the accreditation team, my role is to review the evidence that was assigned to me, make recommendations on their work, and add my voice in the discussion regarding whether or not they meet the standards.

All over life, one can see standards that we need to live up to. At work, we see people trying their best to make sure that they are providing the best opportunities for those they serve - whether it be a teacher at a school, someone working in the trades, someone who owns or manages a company, anyone. In life, we see people trying to do their best as well. They try to provide the best possible things for their family. They try and spend time with one another, and do things that build them up. In each of these cases, we have standards that we can try and compare to. We see those Facebook posts of the successes that people highlight in their own lives, and it's easy to try and live up to those standards.

In our own personal lives, we have a set of standards that is held before us as well. God has placed standards for us to follow, and they are detailed, thorough, and required. We are to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and mind. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves. We are to put others first, and be pure in thought, word, and deed. God's standards are high, and when I measure myself against those standards, I know I don't meet the bar. Sin clouds my life, and as such, I am not the person that God intends me to be.

However, God knew that even before He created me. He knew that I would fall into sin, and so, out of His extreme love for you and me, He sent Jesus - someone who would perfectly follow each standard. Now, when I am evaluated according to God's standards, He doesn't see me, He sees Jesus. In Jesus, I pass the 'standards test' with flying colors. In Jesus, I am right in the eyes of God!

Next time you have standards placed on you - standards to be a 'perfect parent,' standards to be a productive worker, standards to be something or someone that is hard, remember that God has fulfilled all the required standards so that you can live a life that gives praise, honor, and glory to Him. He has already put those checkmarks on our report card, and because of Him, you and I pass the test.

Mike Schiemann. <>>  
Principal



see our Google calendar at [fhcls.org](http://fhcls.org) for game times

Sunday, 1/22 - Saturday, 1/28 - NLSW

**National Lutheran Schools Week**

- Monday, 1/23     **February Hot Lunch Orders DUE**  
Girls & Boys Bball at HOME
- Thursday, 1/26     Girls Bball @ Tom McCall  
Boys Bball at HOME
- Friday, 1/27     Jump Rope Club, 7:30-8:00 am
- Monday, 1/30     Girls Bball @ Southwest  
Boys Bball @ Gilkey
- Tuesday, 1/31     Happy Birthday, Dr. Hirsch!
- Thursday, 2/2     Girls & Boys Bball @ St. Stephens
- Friday, 2/3     Jump Rope Club, 7:30-8:00 am
- Monday, 2/6     Girls & Boys Bball @ Life
- Tuesday, 2/7     Happy Birthday, Ms. Hoffman!
- Wednesday, 2/8     Boys Bball at HOME
- Thursday, 2/9     Girls Bball @ TVA  
Boys Bball @ Valor
- Friday, 2/10     Jump Rope Club, 7:30-8:00 am
- Monday, 2/13     Boys Bball @ TVA
- Tuesday, 2/14     Girls & Boys Bball @ Tom McCall
- Wednesday, 2/15     LEST Pep Assembly, 2 pm
- Thursday, 2/16 & 2/17     **NO SCHOOL, K-4th**
- Thursday, 2/16     Lutheran Elementary Schools  
Tournament (L.E.S.T) at Concordia University Begins

## Next Week in Chapel

### SOAR - Standing On A Rock

We welcome Rev. Grant Knepper, Pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Hillsboro as our chapel leader on Wednesday, January 25. Pastor Knepper will talk with us about "**The ROCK Was Christ - The Rock is Powerful**". Our text for the week is from 1Corinthians 1:17-18.

Unlike our earthly power sources, we have an all-powerful God. An all-powerful God made the world. An all-powerful God keeps the earth in motion, the stars in the sky, and every detail of His creation working perfectly.

In contrast to God, we are powerless. We rely on God for everything. We are especially powerless when it comes to our sin. We can't make things right with each other and with God.

In our Bible reading for today, the apostle Paul writes about the power of God. "The word of the cross is the power of God." God's Word is powerful not only in creating everything but in saving us from our sins.

People couldn't believe that there was power in the cross. The cross was a picture of torture and shame. Only criminals died on a cross. But when Jesus died on the cross, He paid for our sins. When we believe in what Jesus did on the cross for us, we receive His forgiveness. God's Word has the power to forgive our sins. When the pastor announces each Sunday, "As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins," it is the power of Jesus' cross and God's Word that shares His forgiveness. The simple water and words of our Baptism have the power to forgive our sins and to bring us into God's family.

Many times we may wish for the power to change how we look or to change how people treat us. We wish we had the power to keep our family safe and happy. We have an all-powerful God who hears our prayers, loves us, forgives us and promises us the power of His presence every day.



### It's Re-enrollment Time!!

Current students and their siblings, along with those belonging to our Association churches are able to

enroll for the 2017-2018 school year NOW! Get your enrollment in early, as the fee goes up after 2/3/16.

## National Lutheran Schools Week January 22<sup>nd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>



National Lutheran Schools Week provides our network of nearly 2,300 LCMS preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in Lutheran schools. We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families. National Lutheran Schools Week gives us an opportunity to proclaim these great blessings within the communities we serve. Our schools are amazing incubators for faithful witness of God's love for us through Christ by teachers and students alike.

- Monday, 1/23 - Jesus is the Rock of the School - **WEAR some crazy socks.**  
We'll be sharing how our school rocks.
- Tuesday, 1/24 - Lutheran School History
- Wednesday, 1/25 - Family Ministry Day
- Thursday, 1/26 - Lutheran Schools as a Safe Place
- Friday, 1/27 - Mission of the Lutheran Schools - **Crazy hat or hair.**

### ALL AGES Welcome!

Come join all your friends for a fun time of jumping rope - big ones, little ones, helicopter, and more!



- Friday Mornings
- Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>
- 7:30 - 8:00 am in the Gym

Invite your parents to stay with you and jump. You can bring your own jump rope or use one of ours. For questions, ask Mrs. Beyer [athdir@fhlds.org](mailto:athdir@fhlds.org)

### FHLCS Open House - Saturday, February 4th 10am-1pm

In today's Family Envelope you will find a couple of our Open House postcards. Please mail or hand these to friends or neighbors who may be interested in a quality education from FHLCS! We have more in the office if needed!

## Auction Basket Classroom Competition January 9<sup>th</sup> - February 3<sup>rd</sup>



The annual auction classroom competition was officially kicked-off last Tuesday morning with an

action packed all school assembly. Each classroom has a box waiting to be filled with your assigned auction items. **Please attach a donation form to your item** (attached to this email or in the Information Rack) and have your child deposit it in the appropriate box in the main hall.

A \$15.00 or greater cash donation counts as an item if shopping does not fit into your schedule. Checks can be made payable to FHLCS. Additional donation forms are available at the information center. If you can't remember what item your family is responsible for, please stop by or call Karen in the office.

The competition will be based on the percentage of class participation. Our goal is 100% participation in each class.

## Winter Wonderland

Middle School Dance

Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

FHLCS Dining Hall

## Auction 2017



**Tickets are on sale NOW!!** Buy your auction tickets online. It is fast, and efficient. Go to the school website at [www.fhcls.org](http://www.fhcls.org) and click on **Auction Tickets 2017**. Start thinking about who you will ask to fill your table! We expect another sell-out crowd this year, so make sure to purchase your auction tickets early for the April 22nd event.