



# *Forest Hills*

## *Lutheran Christian School*

**Forest Hills Friday News**  
**January 26, 2018**

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This week, Forest Hills celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week. We spent time giving thanks to God that we are connected to 2,028 other Lutheran schools throughout the USA, and many more throughout the entire world. Did you know that in these 2,029 schools (including our own), there are more than 185,968 students who hear about the love of Jesus each day? (And that number is actually only from the 78% of schools that filed their annual reports!!) It is a true blessing to know that we are part of something much larger, and that together, all of these schools work to share the saving knowledge of Jesus! And these are just the Lutheran schools! This doesn't include all the other Christian schools throughout the world that join us in the mission of sharing our Lord's love.

This week in chapel, we took time to reflect on these connections. We heard from many of our teachers who have served in different Christian schools. It was interesting to hear where everyone has served – both locally, nationally, and internationally! As we considered the schools all around us, we took time to reflect on the passage in Hebrews 12, which reads, “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.” We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses indeed!

As we walk through life, we do not do it alone. Just like Lutheran schools throughout the world, you and I are connected as well. God has given us the gift of one another in order to build up, encourage, and support each other as we face each day and all that it holds. We are called to be a blessing to one another. I know I've certainly felt this connection with many people. I know there are people who support and encourage me, and I'm blessed to be supporting and encouraging others.

Have you had time to reflect on your very own “great cloud of witnesses?” There are many people who go through life with you who are cheering for you. There are many people that lift YOU up in prayer, who want to see you succeed, who celebrate your joys, and who share in your sorrows. You do not have to go through life alone. These connections are priceless, and they are gifts from God

Our most important connection is one that God has personally made for each of us. Our most important connection is with Jesus. God sent Him who had no sin to be sin for us so that in Him, we might have the righteousness of God! What a gift! The connection that we needed most in order to live eternally is a connection that we couldn't make. We were dead in our sins. That's when God came to us, claimed us as His own, and connected us with all of His good and perfect gifts. Your life is connected to Christ, and in that simple statement, there is power, assurance, forgiveness, and unconditional love.

As Forest Hills Lutheran Christian School, we are connected to so many others. As people in this world, we are connected with our friends, family, and neighbors. As children of God, we are connected to Jesus. I encourage you to celebrate that most important connection this week, and then go and connect with others. Offer words of affirmation. Encourage those around you. Pray for a friend. You are part of a great cloud of witnesses, and what a joy it is to be!

**Mike Schiemann. <><**  
**Principal**



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

Friday, 1/26	Lock-Down Drill, 8:30 am
Monday, 1/29	Girls & Boys B'ball at HOME
Thursday, 2/1	Happy Birthday, Mr. Bauer! Boys Bball @ Faith
Saturday, 2/3	Open House, 10am-1pm
Monday, 2/5	Girls & Boys B'ball at HOME
Tuesday, 2/6	Happy Birthday, Mrs. Keith!
Wednesday, 2/7	Happy Birthday, Ms. Hoffman!
Thursday, 2/8	Girls & Boys B'ball @ Life
Monday, 2/12	Girls B'ball at HOME Boys B'ball @ Pilgrim
Wednesday, 2/14	Ash Wednesday LEST Pep Assembly, 2 pm Girls & Boys B'ball at HOME
Thursday, 2/15 & 2/16	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> , K-4th
Thursday, 2/15	Lutheran Elementary Schools
Tournament (L.E.S.T) at Concordia University Begins	
Monday, 2/19	Presidents Day, NO SCHOOL
Friday, 2/23	Middle School Dance

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

We welcome Rev. Jeff Shearier, Pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aloha as our chapel leader on Wednesday, January 31. Pastor Shearier will talk with us about *It's still all about "The Treasure of All Nations"*. Our text for the week is from Haggai 2:7.

God's Old Testament people often looked for earthly treasures. When other nations were conquered, the winning army would go in and collect all the valuables of the enemy. They hoped that the Messiah would be one who would come and give them all sorts of earthly treasures. The temple where the people worshipped held all kinds of golden treasures. Selfishly they hoped for more.

God's prophet Haggai shared the prophecy that the "Treasure of all nations" would come. Haggai is telling about Jesus. Jesus did not own any earthly treasures. Jesus did not own a home. Jesus had very few earthly possessions. Jesus is a treasure chest not of gold or silver but of salvation. Because of Jesus' suffering and death God opens up the treasures of the forgiveness of our sins, life and salvation. Jesus is not a treasure that we find. Jesus is not a treasure that we deserve. Jesus is a treasure that God gives to the world and to us.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is like a treasure chest. Through the splashing of water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, God opens up to us all the treasures that Jesus has to give.

Jesus is called the "Treasure of all nations." During this Epiphany season of the year, our church focuses on the mission message. We want every person in every nation to have the treasures of God's grace that we have. Through our chapel offerings we share our treasures so that others can have Jesus as their Treasure.

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



## Open House

### Saturday, Feb 3rd

### 10am-1pm.

Tell your neighbors and friends to join us for our Open House and see what FHLCS can offer their student!

Questions - [info@fhcls.org](mailto:info@fhcls.org)

Our **Emergency Preparedness Team** has been hard at work making sure that every student has items to keep them comfortable in the event that we have to stay on campus past the normal pick up time or in case of a natural disaster.



To complete the kits, we are asking families to send to their child's classroom **2 non-perishable snacks** in a zippy bag with the student's name on it by **Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**. High protein items are always a good choice.

## Jump Rope Club!!! ALL AGES Welcome!

- Friday Mornings
- Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>
- 7:30-8:00 am in the Gym



You can bring your own jump rope or use one of ours!



## Last Week for Auction Classroom Basket Competition - Ends January 31<sup>st</sup>

Please attach a donation form to your item 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.

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

### Tickets are on sale NOW!!

Buy your auction tickets online. It is fast, and efficient. Go to the school website at [www.fhlcs.org](http://www.fhlcs.org) and click on 2018 Auction Tickets.

Single - \$45 Couple - \$90

Table Options - Table of 8 is \$340, table of 8 w/ wine upgrade (2 bottles of wine on table) is \$380, and \$420 for a Corporate table (includes 2 bottles of wine, logo on table and in the program).

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 28<sup>th</sup> event.

**So . . . What is L.E.S.T.?**  
**Lutheran Elementary School Tournament**  
**February 15, 16 and 17, 2018**

**History**

The LEST was held in 1962 with four Portland area schools (St. Paul-Sherwood, Trinity-Oregon City, Trinity-Portland, and Martin Luther-Portland). This first gathering involved a boys basketball tournament. A few years later a volleyball competition was added for the girls. As word of the tournament spread, schools from out of the Portland area (Idaho, Montana, Northern California, Southern Oregon, and Washington) began traveling by train or bus to participate in the LEST. Luther Hall was transformed from a classroom building to a dormitory for visiting teams. Over the years additional activities and competitions (now including 15 individual and/or team events) were added. Concordia University is proud to host over 1000 participants from as many as 21 Lutheran elementary schools from around the Pacific Northwest.

**Philosophy Statement**

The LEST is a ministry of Concordia University-Portland in partnership with elementary schools of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The L.E.S.T. is based on the value of Christian education that emphasize the love and praise of God, thankful use of personal talents and service to others. The primary goal of the LEST is to provide an organized structure to promote fun, skill development, fair play, and fellowship among Lutheran elementary school youth through academic, athletic, and recreational activities.

The tournament offers a variety of individual and team events that facilitate participants emotional, intellectual, physical, and spiritual growth. Participation and maximal involvement for each school is encouraged. It is the position of the LEST that participation in competition can facilitate optimal growth and development. By focusing on doing one's best, instead of overemphasizing winning, it is hoped that competition will promote a positive feeling of self-worth, as well as lifelong participation in academic and recreational activities.

**L.E.S.T in Three Weeks**

**It's not only for 5th-8th grader Families**

Do you like the excitement of friendly competition? Then L.E.S.T. is for YOU and your family. LOTS of great activities to watch. Whether you're into music, science or basketball, there are 3 days of "action" available. A **Forest Hills Events at L.E.S.T.** will be published within the next couple of weeks in our Friday newsletter or you can go to Concordia University's web site [www.cu-portland.edu/lest/](http://www.cu-portland.edu/lest/) and check out the various schedules and maps provided there. We're looking forward to another great time together.

**Enjoy Have Fun GO FALCONS !!**