



Forest Hills

Lutheran Christian School

Forest Hills Friday News
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A couple of weeks ago, we began journeying through the season of Lent. This is a time in the church year when we prepare our hearts for the painful events of Good Friday, and the eternal celebration that began on Easter Sunday. It's a time of joy, contemplation, and a true reflection on the love that God has for us in Jesus!

I have been asked the question many times, "What are you giving up for Lent?" Traditionally, as people prepare themselves to remember the Savior's death, and celebrate His resurrection, they decide to give something up for forty days. This is supposed to help them remember the ultimate sacrifice that God made – His son.

Well, my response is usually, "Broccoli." Then, after Lent is over, I begrudgingly give this up again *until* Lent. It's such a difficult thing for me to do (hopefully, you're reading that last statement with gobs of sarcasm). I've never enjoyed broccoli, and I never will. It's not that hard for me to give up at all! I make these comments jokingly, because I understand that if I really wanted to prepare to remember Christ's death, I need to give up something that I enjoy, something that would be difficult to be without for forty days. In theory, every time I wanted that thing that I gave up for lent, it would remind me that Jesus gave His life for me.

Now, just imagine asking God the same question. "God, what are you giving up for Lent?" He answered that question two thousand years ago, when His response was, "My son, whom I love." I can't imagine God's lead-up to Jesus time at Golgotha. The agony of emotions that must have come with that would have been overwhelming. However, God knew that Jesus would be raised from the dead – and now, we know too! We can prepare to remember Jesus' death, because through it, we have received eternal life. It's all because of Jesus we're alive. It's all because the blood of Jesus Christ covers us, and raises us to life.

So whether or not you decide to give up broccoli for Lent (or something you truly enjoy), remember that we have all received Christ's victory and the promise of eternal life. I pray that God gives you constant, daily reminders of the love shown for you through the events we are about to remember in Holy Week. We are not perfect, that's for sure. But through Jesus, we are forgiven, we have life, and we have the assurance of Heaven. Now that's something to celebrate!

Mike Schiemann. <><
Principal

**2nd Trimester Report Cards are coming home today.
Look for them in your Family Envelope or classroom folder.**



see our Google calendar at fhls.org for game times

Friday, 3/9	Report Cards Coming Home
Sunday, 3/11	Daylight Saving Time Begins
Monday, 3/12	White B'ball @ Pilgrim Black B'ball @ Life Green B'ball @ Valor
Wednesday, 3/14	Auction Class Pictures Taken
Thurs., 3/15	Student/Parent Conferences NO SCHOOL White & Black B'ball at HOME!
Friday., 3/16	Student/Parent Conferences NO SCHOOL
Monday, 3/19	White B'ball @ Life Green B'ball at HOME! CLASS (PTA) Meeting
Wed, 3/21 - Friday, 3/23	Accreditation Team Visit
Thurs, 3/22	White, Black & Green B'ball at HOME!
Sunday, 3/25	Palm Sunday
Monday, 3/26 - Friday, 3/30	Spring Break
Thursday, 3/29	Maundy Thursday
Friday, 3/30	Good Friday
Sunday, 4/1	Easter! He is Risen!
Monday, 4/2	Easter Monday, NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, 4/3	Happy Birthday, Mrs. Smith!
Saturday, 4/7	Delegate Assembly Meeting
Thursday, 4/12	McTeacher Night
Friday, 4/13	Auction Class Project Reveal
Friday, 4/27	Professional Development, NO SCHOOL

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

We welcome Mr. Eric Oswald, Youth and Children's Minister at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aloha as our chapel leader on Wednesday, March 14. Mr. Oswald will talk with us about *It's still all about "The Savior"*. Our text for the week is from Luke 1:46-47.

Life-saving equipment and life-saving volunteers and professionals are important to make sure that we are kept safe and healthy. They are God's gifts to us to protect our lives.

Can any of these items or people save us from our sin? NO! Only Jesus is our Savior from sin.

Today's Bible reading takes place months before Jesus is born. Mary shares a song of thanks for being blessed to be the mother of Jesus. Mary says, "My spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Mary needed a Savior. Mary, who had been chosen by God to be the mother of the Son of God, was herself a sinful woman. Mary knew that the baby she would carry and who would be born from her womb would be the perfect One to save the world from sin.

This Lenten season we are blessed to review again everything that Jesus did to save us. We follow Jesus through His arrest, trials and all the way to the cross. Jesus saves us from our sin by giving His life on the cross.

We need a Savior from sin. Jesus is our Savior and the Savior for the sins of the world. If we are drowning in water, a life jacket will save us. If we are injured in an accident, paramedics use bandages and equipment to save us.

To save us from our sin, Jesus has put on us the life-saving life-jacket of faith. With faith in Jesus, we will be safely in His care.

Chapel is held every Wednesday at 8:20 am. All are welcome to join us!

Your child's Second Trimester conference schedule is being sent home today for grades K-5th. Please look at the scheduled time and make sure that you will be able to



attend. If there is a problem, please let your child's teacher know by Monday, March 12.

Water for Life

This trimester our school is supporting Compassion International with chapel offerings. As part of our mission we are supporting **Compassions Water for Life Initiative** providing clean drinking water to children living in areas of poverty around the world. The chapel moneys we collect each week will help provide families with a clean water filter system that can be used for a lifetime. In addition to our weekly money collection, we are running an **empty water bottle drive** (cans are welcome too). All you have to do is bring your empty bottles to one of the designated boxes located in each of the buildings. We will take care of the rest and the money collected will be added to our weekly offering. Thanks for your support!

Our chapel outreach team has presented us with a couple opportunities - The first is a 1-gallon water jug that each class will bring to and from chapel each week. This will be our chapel water walk jug. We have set a goal of raising enough money to purchase **12 water systems**. Each time we bring in enough money for a new system a class (starting from youngest up to oldest) will get to dump their jug of water into a big jug showing how close we are getting to our goal. The large jug will be on display in the main building under the chapel bulletin board in the hallway outside the library. There will also be a visual display to show how we are tracking towards meeting our goal. Each class will bring their 1-gallon water walk jug to chapel each week as we get ***to experience on a very small scale what children around the world do every day with a lot more miles and much heavier jugs!***

The second task will be a **water walk coin jar** that each class will use to collect change. Classrooms are individually brainstorming ideas for how they might come up with coins to bring to the jar. Some ideas you might try at home would be to do extra chores for change to bring in, if you see a coin on the counter at home ask your family if you could use it for chapel offerings, give a certain amount of your own chore money you receive each week . . . You might consider starting a conversation with in your family around this question: ***if we have water and the things we need to be happy and healthy, why should I care about a person I don't know that doesn't have these things?***

Don't forget - we are the hands and feet of Jesus to those less fortunate than us.

We are excited to see how God is going to use us and our students to change the lives of children around the world!



March 30th is the Deadline for Applying for Financial Aid

Because of the number of families that have indicated they will be applying for financial aid, we need to be firm on our deadline for applying, 3/30/18. The access code to apply for financial aid is 6928591. Please make sure that you have completed your application www.tads.com, and forwarded all requested documentation to TADS by 3/30/18. Financial aid request will be reviewed and families will be notified by mid-April.

Middle School Track to Begin



All interested Middle School students are invited to give track a try on Monday, 3/12 and

Wednesday, 3/14 from 3:20-4:30 pm. The first week practices will be a "try it" week of anyone interested. It is a great time to learn what track is all about.

See Mrs. Beyer with question.



On **Wednesday, March 14** our auction team has a photographer coming to Forest Hills to take each of our classes picture. **We need your help - we need your child to WEAR A SOLID COLOR** on this day (no graphics or patterns).

Also, **if** your child has an umbrella, raincoat, and or rain boots, have them bring them and we'll use them as props in the picture.



CLASS (Community Leaders Advocating & Serving Students) is an organization of parents and Forest Hills staff committed to supporting the students of the school.

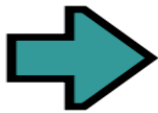
Next CLASS meeting - MONDAY, March 19th, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Please return your RSVP on Monday, March 12th.

**Forest Hills Annual Auction
April 28, 2018
NW Events, Hillsboro**



We are 1/3 of the Way to a SOLD OUT Auction!
You can get your tickets online at fhcs.org or in the main office. You don't want to miss out on the fun - dessert auction, student art auction, themed baskets, heads or tails game, family vacations and delicious dinner options!!
Questions - auction@fhcs.org



**Would you like a chance to win
Premier Reserved Parking for 1 Year?**

Tuition raffle tickets on sale NOW-April 13th

- 1 for \$20 or 3 for \$50
- The winner will be drawn on April 28th at the auction, but you do not need to be present to win.
- Winner will receive premier reserved parking for 1 year!

Just fill out a ticket(s), attach a check, cash, or check the 'bill my TADS account' and return the tickets in your Family Envelope or drop off in the office and you will be entered!
Additional tickets can be purchased in the office.