



# *Forest Hills*

## *Lutheran Christian School*

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Years ago, there was a popular show on TV. If I simply write the first line of the song, not only will you immediately know what show I'm talking about, but you'll start singing the song in your head. Here goes... "Where everybody knows your name..." Got it yet? Many of you know the TV show I'm talking about is Cheers.

Cheers was a show about a place where a group of people gathered on a regular basis. They kept coming in for socialization with one another, and eventually, they felt like this place was home. What identified it as home was the simple fact that it was the place where everybody knew their name. Beyond their name, they knew their story. They knew everything that these people brought into the place with them. When someone was celebrating, they celebrated together. When someone was hurting, they hurt together. In this place, no one was left alone. They knew each other's names, and they cared for each other unconditionally.

Do you have a place "Where everybody knows your name?" Do you have a place where you can go and share all of your burdens, cares, and celebrations and have people walk alongside you? For many of us, that place is our family. God has given us our family to walk alongside through life. Our family are people that with whom we can share anything and be loved no matter what. For many of us, we have friends who fit that bill too. We have people that love us as family, and those that walk with us through the path of life.

In our school's theme this year, we read that we have someone else who knows your name. The Lord of Heaven and Earth, the one who created and redeemed you, He knows your name. Not only does He know your name, but He calls your name, and invites you into His arms. In His arms, we find love, comfort, strength, peace, perseverance, and mercy. In His arms, we know that we belong. As He calls our name, we are comforted by the fact that our name is known by the one to whom we matter most.

As His gift to us, God has also given us the body of Christ - a fellowship of believers - who also know our name. He has given us our friends, our family, our school community, and others around us as people that know your name. Just like people at Cheers could walk in and be surrounded by a great group of people, we too are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, those who walk with us as we run the race of life with perseverance.

Not everyone who knows your name will know all your burdens and joys. Yet we can be thankful that God knows our name, and He has given us one another to love, support, and lift up in prayer.

I encourage you this week, to thank God that He has called you by name, and in that action, you are His precious child. I also encourage you to lift those up in prayer around you who have shared their joys and their trials with you. As the body of Christ and the fellowship of believers, I'm thankful that He knows my name, and that He has given me places "where everybody knows my name." What a gift! What a God!

Mike Schiemann. <><  
Principal

## Coming Events

Monday, 9/11	Picture Day - <b>SMILE!</b> Running Club Starts
Friday, 9/15	CLASS Meeting, 3:30 pm
Tuesday, 9/19	Brd. of Directors Mtg., 7 pm
Friday, 9/29	Grandparents/GrandFriends Visit FHLCS!
Monday, 10/16	Picture Retakes
Monday, 10/25	Happy Birthday, Mrs. Heldt!
October 18, 19 & 20	Northwest District Lutheran Educators Conference, <b>No School</b>
Friday, 10/27	Teacher Work Day, <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Monday, 10/30	Parent Conferences <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
Tuesday, 10/31	Parent Conferences <b>NO SCHOOL</b>

## Picture Day is HERE

Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> Lifetouch



Photography will be here to capture this year's school pictures. Enclose cash, money order, credit card

information or check

payable to **Lifetouch** or print and bring the receipt if you order your packet online at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) -

Picture Day ID: **F0747045Q0**

In today's Family Envelope you will find an RSVP for our upcoming Grandparents Day. Could you please follow up with your student's grandparent/grandfriend to see if they will be attending this fun event on September 29th?

- We are also still in need of some volunteers for that day - please contact Patti White at [info@fhlds.org](mailto:info@fhlds.org) to sign up.

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

We welcome Mr. Josh Nix, Minister of Youth and Young Adults at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hillsboro, as our chapel leader on Wednesday, September 13. Mr. Nix will talk with us about *It's still all about "The Vine"*. Our text for the week is from John 15:5.

Have you ever seen a vineyard with rows of vines and bunches of grapes hanging down to be picked? Where Jesus lived and taught there were many vines, especially in vineyards where the grapes grew. Jesus often used items that He and others saw in daily life to teach lessons to His disciples and to us. In today's Bible lesson, Jesus compares Himself to a vine and calls us the branches.

As the vine brings the life-giving water and nutrients to a plant, so Jesus gives us life. The water of Baptism flows to us. The nutrients of His Word keep our faith growing.

What happens if the branch gets disconnected from the plant? (It dies.) When we are not connected to Jesus through His Word, it is as if we dry up and do not serve God. We stay connected when we listen to God's Word in church and school. We read the Bible and attend church because God connects us to Himself, the Vine, through those means.

What happens if the branch stays connected to the vine? (It bears fruit.) Connected to Jesus we bear the fruit of faith. In Gal. 5:21-22 we hear about the fruits with us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. What is your favorite fruit?

We are a fruitful Lutheran school because we are connected to the Vine that is Jesus. How can we be fruitful in our classrooms, in our church, in our community and in our family?

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



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

## **CLASS Meeting - Friday, September 15th 3:30pm-4:30pm.**

Please join us for our first CLASS meeting of the year! Childcare will be provided - but please fill out the yellow RSVP flyer so that we know who will be joining us. We will be discussing the upcoming school year - see you there!

### **CLASS Meeting Schedule (Sept- Dec)**

- Friday, Sept 15 3:30-4:30pm
- Friday, October 13 3:30-4:30
- Friday, November 17 3:30-4:30 (Set up for Harvest Fest)
- Friday, December 8 3:30-4:30

### **Pick Up Line Reminder**

During student pick up at 3:00 in the pickup carline, it has been noticed that parents are parking and exiting their vehicles sometimes to walk to their student or chat to other parents. This is keeping the carline from moving forward.

**Please stay in your car in the pickup line.**

During student drop off and pick up parents are driving around vehicles to pull forward and re-enter the carline. This is dangerous to drivers and students.

**Your Family Envelope** is an important tool for communicating between school and home.

Please have your youngest student return it to their classroom each week.

### **K-4th Grades Running Club**

Returning runners need to pick up your **Runner's Contract** from the **Information Center** in the Main Building. Runners **cannot participate until a signed form is received prior to run time.**

Beginning Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> the club will meet after school out on the "track" on Mondays and Thursdays from 3 - 3:30 p.m. for the months of September - October and again in April - May.

Our goal is to promote running fun for our younger students.



We have a family that is in need of a carpool from the Forest Gale Heights neighborhood in Forest Grove.

If you can help, email [vanscotenk@fhlds.org](mailto:vanscotenk@fhlds.org) and I'll get you connected.

