



Forest Hills

Lutheran Christian School

Forest Hills Friday News
October 6, 2017

It has been absolutely beautiful lately. I love seeing the leaves change color - the beauty of all the glowing red, and autumn colors are daily reminders of a God who is active in His creation and who takes care of all our needs. On top of the beauty of the season is the beauty of the weather. With a few glorious sunny days in our past, it's easy to reflect on the world around us and be filled with awe!

I was recently speaking with someone at the local gym and I made a comment about how beautiful things have been. His response was along the lines of, just wait...it will rain again soon. Instead of simply enjoying the beauty around him, he was expecting and anticipating the loss of this beauty. The expectation of bad weather took this beauty away from him.

Admittedly, there are times I think the same way. I think about how things always change, and what we now enjoy will probably change to rain, and maybe even snow. In essence, an attitude like this can rob us from the beauty that God wants us to enjoy. It can take our focus away from being thankful for what we have, and cause us to reflect on what we might not have. We rob God from the praise that is rightfully His as we enjoy His creation and our lives in it.

On the other hand, we give God thanks and praise when we enjoy what He has given us. God loves to see us use His creation and His blessings in ways that give Him glory, and we give Him glory when we thank and praise Him by enjoying His gifts! We have a God who loves to give, and even more, He loves to see His creation enjoy His gifts.

This week, it may rain, it may be sunny, it might even (Heaven forbid) snow?! We just don't know. However, we know that God is an artist, and He wants us to enjoy His creation. So get out your cameras, go for a walk, look at the leaves, breathe in the fresh air. As you do, you are praising God and putting a smile on His face. God's blessings on your week. Enjoy the beauty!

Mike Schiemann. <><
Principal

Coming Events

Friday, 10/6	Picture Book Picnic 4/5 Soccer - HOME Falconwear orders due
Saturday, 10/7	FHLCS Bookfair at Barnes & Noble
Monday, 10/9	7/8 Volleyball at HOME MS Soccer at HOME
Thursday, 10/12	7/8 Volleyball @ Southwest
Friday, 10/13	CLASS Meeting, 3:30 pm 4/5 Soccer - HOME Middle School Dance
Monday, 10/16	Picture Retakes Volleyball @ Valor
Tuesday, 10/17	Volleyball @ Pilgrim
October 18, 19 & 20	Northwest District Lutheran Educators Conference, No School
Friday, 10/20	4/5 Soccer - HOME
Saturday, 10/21	Happy Birthday, Mr. Schiemann!

"It's Still All About Jesus"

Next Week in Chapel

We welcome Mr. Jeff Kranich, Family Life Minister at Prince of Peace Lutheran church in Portland as our chapel leader on Wednesday, October 11. Mr. Kranich will talk with us about *It's still all about "The Life"*. Our text for the week is from John 14.

Life and other kinds of cereal may be healthy or tasty. However they only fill us for a short time. By lunch time (or even before) we are hungry. Jesus does more for us than just satisfying our body's needs. Jesus gives us life forever.

Our Bible story tells us about the death of Jesus's friend Lazarus. Lazarus's sisters, Mary and Martha, were very sad. Jesus comes to not only comfort them. Jesus comes to raise Lazarus from the dead. Jesus gave life back to Lazarus.

Jesus does more than give life to His friend. Jesus came to give His life on the cross. On the third day in the grave He rose from the dead. Because He rose again, Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life.

Sometimes our lives are like empty bowls. There are many times where we wish that a bowl of cereal or some other food would take away our hunger for happiness. Sometimes we feel very lonely or hopeless. When loved ones die, we are obviously very sad. Jesus comes with the Word of life. Jesus comes as Life. Jesus promises that all who believe in Him will live forever with Him. He will make us alive again. With the promises and presence of Jesus, we are blessed to enjoy life in Jesus' name.

This month we join Lutheran churches around the world in remembering the Reformation 500 years ago. During the time of the Reformation the church was sick and not full of life because the rules of the church could not give life. Only Jesus, the Life, could give life to all who believed in Him. Jesus is the Life 500 years ago and today!

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

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"Give a Trimester of Kindness"



During the 1st trimester of the school year our chapel offerings that we bring in each Wednesday will go to support

'Convoy of Hope' a faith-based, nonprofit organization that has helped more than 80 million people throughout the world by sharing food, water, emergency supplies, agricultural know-how, and opportunities that empower people to live independent lives, free from poverty, disease and hunger.

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Mobilizing tens of thousands of volunteers each year. Partnering with churches, businesses, individuals and other humanitarian organizations who are intent on doing good work among the impoverished and suffering. Transparency — they have received the prestigious Four Star Charity Award from Charity Navigator for 14 years.

**FHLCS Bookfair
at Barnes & Noble Tanasborne
Tomorrow, Saturday, October 7th
10am-2pm.**

Come and visit us at the Tanasborne Barnes & Nobel on Saturday, October 7th to get a start on your Christmas shopping and help support FHLCS! If you can't make that date, the bookfair will be on-line from October 7th - October 11th. Make sure that you use our **Bookfair ID 12228425** at checkout!

We'd love to hear from you! Take a few minutes and complete the Parent Satisfaction Survey at the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeaBNpBevjTR-CPoRnj_rfOwXn9hVuXxCjXcI2TtSDNL1ddUQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

The survey will be open until Friday, October 6.

**Middle School Dance
"Disney Theme"**

- Friday, October 13th
- 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- Dining Hall

Mark your calendars and watch for more information to be shared soon!

Conferencing

We are excited about **Student Goal** conferences this fall.

We are blessed with nearly 100% attendance at these conferences and we look forward to meeting with all families.



Forms are coming home in your Family Envelope or classroom folder on which parents can indicate their preference of time and date.

Please return your form by Wednesday, October 11 when the faculty will meet to set up the schedule. If there are special situations involving others who wish to be included in these conferences, please note that on the form.



CLASS (Community Leaders Advocating & Serving Students) is an organization of parents and Forest Hills staff

Our next CLASS meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 13th at 3:30 - 4:30 pm. Return your RSVP to reserve your families spot!



School Directories are coming home today in your Family Envelope!

Job Openings

- Forest Hills Lutheran Christian School has a job opening for our Before and After School Care Director. Applicants must have, or be willing to obtain, CPR and First Aid, along with their Oregon State Food Handler's Certificate. The school can assist you in receiving these qualifications. For more information, or to apply, please submit your resume to Mike Schiemann, Principal at schiemannm@fhlds.org. The application deadline is Friday, October 13. The start date for the position is November 1.
- We have a position open in the lunchroom and we are looking for a friendly, hard working member with a flexible schedule to join our team! The position is for a dishwasher W-Fri from 11:00-2:00 with a flexible schedule as we cover for each other due to illness etc. If you are interested or would like to know more, please email Jackie Smith, Lunch Program Director smithj@fhlds.org . I will be accepting emails until October 10th.

Dance Team Coach Needed

LEST (Lutheran Elementary Schools Tournament) is held on the Concordia University campus in Portland each February. One of the events at LEST is a Dance Team competition. Forest Hills is looking for someone(s) to coach interested 5th - 8th graders. If this might be a passion of yours, please contact Mr. Schiemann schiemannm@fhlds.org by Friday, October 13th.