



Forest Hills

Lutheran Christian School

Forest Hills Friday News
November 18, 2016

As I walk around town these days, going in and out of stores, and looking at the merchandise on the shelf, it's quite clear that people are in the mode of getting ready for Christmas. Just today, (November 18), I heard my first Christmas song on the radio. On a quick trip over to Fred Meyer this morning, I saw the people with the jingle bells in the entry way already collecting donations for the Salvation Army. Everywhere you look right now (in the stores at least), it's trees, bells, holly, lights, ornaments, and everything else Christmas.

However, society seems to be forgetting something. There's something that happens ahead of Christmas that is pretty important as well. This 'something' is coming up on Thursday, and we even get the day off of school to celebrate. As you well know, I'm talking about Thanksgiving. It seems to me that Thanksgiving is somewhat of a forgotten holiday. It's really in the shadow of Christmas, but Thanksgiving is a vital holiday, and a great reminder that all we have is a blessing from the hand of God, and it is our duty to be His thankful people!

Sometimes, being thankful is hard. It can be very hard to see the blessings in tough times in life. When things don't go as we planned, or a loved one faces a difficult situation, or even we ourselves go through things that we don't know how to handle - how can we consider those to be a blessing? You can't always see it at the time, but it's during those times that God is blessing us with His love and His presence, strengthening our relationship with Him. What a blessing that is!! As you reflect back on things in your life that have been difficult, I pray that you can see God's hand in them, and know that He carried you in His arms each step of the way.

Because we don't always tend to be thankful people, we need to work on developing this habit. I'd like to propose that Thanksgiving is not just a 'one-a-year' holiday. Thanksgiving needs to be a '365-days/year' holiday. We need to be thankful each and every day, and as we focus on giving thanks to God, our eyes will be opened more and more to see everything we have as a blessing!

A friend of mine had a sign on their fridge that read, "Imagine if today, you only had what you gave thanks to God for yesterday." Wow - what a thought. It made me stop and reflect on the things for which I had given thanks, and it was convicting! Thankfully, God doesn't work that way. He gives us His blessings regardless, yet I do my best to thank Him anyway, each and every day, for all He does in my life and the life of my loved ones. I thank Him each and every day for the work He is doing here at Forest Hills, and I thank Him each and every day for the families and students that I am able to serve.

So this coming week, feel free to start preparing for Christmas. Go ahead and dust off those CDs that you pull out once a year and enjoy the Christmas music. Go ahead and even put up your Christmas tree if you'd like. But I encourage you to pause and thank God for the gifts He has given you, reflecting on the fact that every good and perfect gift is from above.

A great, familiar hymn puts it this way, "Now thank we all our God, with hearts, and hands, and voices. Who, wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices. Who from our mother's arms, has blessed us on our way, with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today."

Happy Thanksgiving!

Mike Schiemann. <><
Principal



see our Google calendar at fhcls.org for game times

Saturday, 11/19	Bookfair at Barnes & Noble
Monday, 11/21	Girls Bball at HOME
	Boys White Bball at HOME
Tuesday, 11/22	End of 1 st Trimester
	Thanksgiving Chapel
	Happy Birthday, Mrs. Plucknett
Wednesday, 11/23	Teacher Work Day, No School
Thur & Fri, 11/24,25	Thanksgiving Holiday, No School
Monday, 11/28	"Wreath" order Pick-Up
	Boys White Bball @ PJA
Tuesday, 11/29	Boys Green & White Bball at HOME
Thursday, 12/1	Girls Bball @ Life
	Boys Green Bball @ Life
Friday, 12/2	New Time - Class Meeting, 3:15 pm
Thursday, 12/15	All School Christmas Walk
Friday, 12/16	Christmas Devotion, 2:15 pm

Chapel on Tuesday

SOAR - Standing On A Rock

We welcome Mr. Josh Nix, Minister of Youth and Young Adults at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hillsboro as our chapel leader on Tuesday, November 22. Mr. Nix will talk with us about **"ROCKS or Bread"**. Our text for the week is from Matthew 7:7-11.

God our Heavenly Father blesses us with many good things to eat. Many of us will sit down to wonderful Thanksgiving dinners. I know none of us will be fed rocks. We thank God for everything He gives us. In Luther's Small Catechism, we have some helpful lists of the things God gives us. We can certainly expand on those lists. On this national holiday we are thankful for all the blessings in the country God has given.

None of the many things God has given us can save us from our sins. Most of all we are thankful for our Savior Jesus, Who gives us His forgiveness and love. Jesus is called the "Bread of Life" (John 6:35). Jesus is the Bread that we get through His Word that feeds us forever.

At this time and at all times we are thankful for a Heavenly Father who doesn't give us rocks to eat. He gives us daily bread to bless our lives every day. He gives us the Bread of His Son to sustain us to eternity. We give Him thanks on Thanksgiving Day and every day.

We continue to collect offerings during chapel for the remainder of the 1st Trimester to send to Baton Rouge Lutheran School, to help support their families and faculty effected by flooding.

FHLCS Bookfair

at Barnes & Noble Tanasborne

Saturday, November 19th

10 am - 2 pm.

Come and visit us at Barnes & Nobel on Saturday, November 19th to get some of your Christmas shopping done and help support FHLCS! If you can't make that date, the bookfair will be on-line from November 19 - November 23. Make sure that you use our **Bookfair ID 12011524** at checkout. Look for the pink flyer coming home in today's Family Envelope for your Bookfair vouchers.



Now Thank We All Our God!

God bless your special time of thanksgiving to God for His many blessings.

There is **No School** on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday of next week.



December 15 will be here soon and with it will come your opportunity to properly prepare for the Christmas season. On that evening, the students from Preschool through 8th grade will gather to show what Christmas is all about. Our presentation will be a progressive walk through our campus. Please join us anytime between 6 and 8 pm



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Student Council Hosting a Food Drive

From November 15th to December 15th, students are asked to bring in canned food for our school-wide competition against Pilgrim Lutheran School. Which school do you think can bring in the most items to support the Oregon Food Banks?

Donations can be dropped off in the food-collection barrels in every building, but any glass bottles will need to go to the Main Building in the box labeled 'Glass'.

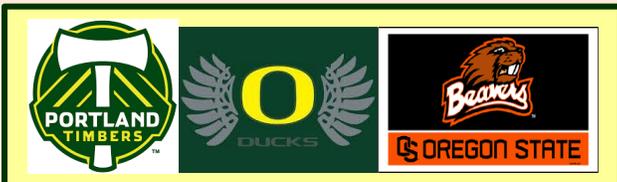
Please do not donate rusty or unlabeled cans, perishable items, homemade items, non-commercial canned or packaged items, soda, or opened/used items. Thank you for your contribution!

Auction Team Drive Information



Did you know that our team baskets at the auction make approximately \$3500 for our school?!! Our team drive

continues through November 21st, so get those Beavers, Ducks or Timbers items in!! Be sure to attach a purple form to your item before you place it in the donation box. Thank you!!



If your student brought in \$100 or more in pledges for Run for the Hills, their \$5 Jamba Juice gift card will be in the bottom of your Family Envelope.

"Our very own 8th grader, *Macy BeLusko*, is Clara in The Nutcracker Ballet" put on by Ballet Forest Grove (non-profit company and event).



Forest Grove High School
December 3rd and 4th
1 and 6 pm show times

Tickets sold at tututix.com,
search "Oregon" then
"forest grove high" school"

Macy is in all 4 shows, however, she is Clara in ONLY the Sunday shows at 1:00 and 6:00



Great job everyone! We made \$2,640 from the wreath fundraisers. That is enough money to buy 4 AEDs for school! Thank you helping to make our school a safer place for our children.

Mark your calendars, the wreaths will be delivered **Monday November 28th**.

CLASS Meeting - Friday, December 2



NEW TIME - 3:15-4:15pm
Child Care Available
See the flyer sent with
this newsletter for details

Thanksgiving Worship Opportunities at our Association Churches

Bethlehem Lutheran, Aloha
18865 SW Johnson Street and 187th
10:00 a.m. Thursday Morning

St. Peter's Lutheran, Cornelius
4265 SW Golf Course Road
10:30 a.m. Thursday Morning

Zion Lutheran, Hillsboro
30900 NW Evergreen Road
10:00 a.m. Thursday Morning

Mt. Olive Lutheran, Forest Grove
2327 17th Avenue
7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening

Prince of Peace Lutheran, Beaverton
14175 NW Cornell Road
7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening

Trinity Lutheran, Hillsboro
2194 SE Minter Bridge Road
7:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening
10:00 a.m. Thursday Morning

