



Forest Hills

Lutheran Christian School

Forest Hills Friday News
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This really is an exciting time of year. It can be a time that fills up our calendars and contains more scheduled events than any other time in the year, but it really is a time of joy and a time of celebration.

One of the things that I enjoy most about this time of year are the Christmas lights. I love driving around and seeing the variety of lights, decorations, and lawn ornaments that people have put out for the Christmas season. It's neat to see the progression of lights over the years. Technology has even entered the Christmas light business with people buying projectors to put different images on their home. The lights are certainly a part of the season that get me into the Christmas spirit!

I think the most powerful thing about the Christmas lights is the fact that they truly pierce through the darkness. One of the things that I like the least about this time of year is how short the days are. It's a regular occurrence to come to school in the dark, and head home in the dark as well. Seeing the darkness really makes you value the light.

I think the image of darkness and light also applies to Jesus' birth. The world was steeped in darkness - it was all around. Mankind had fallen into sin. They had consistently turned their back on their loving God. Darkness was prevalent in the world. However, in that darkness, the light of Christ shone through. In the manger in Bethlehem, over 2000 years ago, a light entered the world. This wasn't any ordinary light. It wasn't a dim light, or a flickering light. It was much more powerful than that.

In John 1:5, we read, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." In some translations, that last phrase is translated as, "the darkness has not been able to put it out." Jesus was a different type of light. He actually pierced the darkness so that darkness could not rule over our lives any more. The darkness of the sin and shame of all those who have ever lived was flooded with light that offers forgiveness, life, and salvation. That same light floods your life and mine.

Jesus is the eternal light that will never dim, never fade, and never extinguish. On the day when He returns, the darkness will be put out for eternity, replaced only by the light of Christ. This image of Christ as a light is clearly seen throughout this Christmas season by the lights we have in our homes, in our churches, and in our communities. So many people celebrate light by having official lighting ceremonies. They gather at common events for the turning on of the lights. It's a big deal. Each and every day, you and I can celebrate the light of Christ in our life. As the Spirit enters our hearts, it's a big deal. The light of Christ shines in your life, and in turn, you are called to shine that light into the lives of others.

This season, I encourage you to drive around and check out the lights. Today's Bethlehem Walk, you will see a lot of light on campus. The darkness of night will be replaced by search lights, rope lights, star lights, twinkling lights, icicle lights, and many more. As you see this light, let it be a reminder of the light of Christ that entered our dark world so that you and I could shine forevermore.

Mike Schiemann. <><
Principal



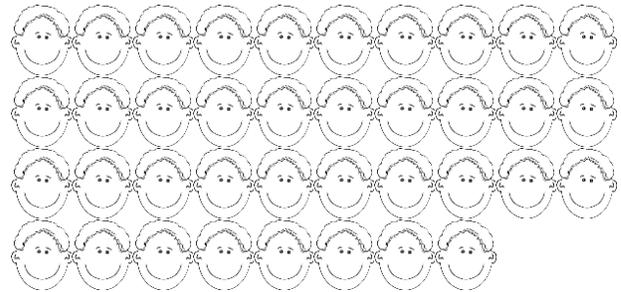
Friday, 12/1	Bethlehem Walk. 5:30-8:00 pm
Monday, 12/4	5/6 B'ball at HOME
Wednesday, 12/6	5/6 B'ball at HOME
Thursday, 12/7	5/6 Girls B'ball @ Faith 5/6 Boys B'ball @ PJA Kindergarten Open House
Monday, 12/11	5/6 Girls B'ball at HOME
Tuesday, 12/12	3 rd - 8 th Music Concert
Friday, 12/17	Christmas Devotion, 2:15 pm
Monday, 12/18	Christmas Vacation Begins Happy Birthday, Mrs. Loncar!
Tuesday, 12/19	Happy Birthday, Mr. Warren!
Sunday, 12/24	Christmas Eve
Monday, 12/25	Christmas Day!
Saturday, 12/30	Happy Birthday, Mrs. Brennan!
Sunday, 12/31	New Year's Eve
Monday, 1/1	New Year's Day
Tuesday, 1/2	Classes Resume

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

We welcome Mr. Josh Nix, Minister of Youth and Young Adults at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hillsboro, as our chapel leader on Wednesday, December 6. Mr. Nix will talk with us about *It's still all about "The Wonderful Counselor"*. Our text for the week is from Isaiah 9:6. Our offering's focus for the second half of this trimester is a Convoy of Hope program called **Feed One**. A gift of \$10 feeds a child for an entire month. We are asking families to prayerfully consider feeding one or more children from now to Christmas Break.



Thank you for partnering with us as we 'Give a Trimester of Hope.' In just three weeks, your offerings will make it possible for 38 children to receive a meal for an entire month.



The King will reply, 'Truly I feel you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'
Matthew 25:40

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

2018-19 Kindergarten Open House
Thursday, December 7th
5:00-7:00 pm



Tonight at the Bethlehem Walk will be our final opportunity to bring canned food items for the Oregon Food Bank. Donation receptacles are located in the Main Building lobby.



Come experience the wonder
of the true Christmas Story

Tonight, December 1st

Please join us anytime between 5:30 and 8 pm

Our presentation will be a progressive walk
through our campus.



3rd – 8th grade Musicians
Christmas Concert
Tuesday, December 12th
7 pm

Special music will be shared by our students in band, handbells, recorders and middle school choir.

Students in 7th & 8th grades are selling Papa John's Pizza Discount Cards for \$5 each. Please find a DC trip participant to get your card and help send them to DC.

End of 1st Trimester

Report cards will be sent home in your Family Envelope on Friday, December 8.

