

Forest Hills Friday News

Friends and Family of Forest Hills,

Everywhere I look these days, I'm seeing a particular symbol. It's not a dollar sign, an exclamation point, or any type of punctuation. In fact, it's a symbol that has evolved over time. When I was growing up (I sound old when I say that!), it was the number sign. When touchtone phones came out, it was the pound key. Today, it is reverently referred to as a hashtag. Yup, it's the good ol' # sign. Today, I see that sign in front of so many things. #happy #fhlc #goolersgo #bethlehemwalk. Most recently, I saw this on a sign that said #blessed. For all of us 'non-twitter' users, the hashtag is a mark that people put in front of words or ideas in order to connect them to others that have those same words or ideas and to share what is going on in their life. It has become a staple of communication in the social media world, and has enable people and ideas to connect.

Communication itself is a blessing that we sometimes take for granted. I think back to the Martin Luther days when it was the invention of the printing press, coupled with Martin Luther's ideas of sharing scripture with people, that allowed the Bible to be translated, printed, and distributed so far and wide. I think back to the days of the disciples, and wonder what it would have been like if they had the chance to communicate using hashtags and twitter. In fact, if you check out this link (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9bolRX1GOC4>), there's a really cool video that takes you through what that might have been like.

Communication is a vital tool for us as we live our lives to the glory of God today. God wants to communicate with us, and he wants us to communicate with Him. God has given us His word as His means of telling us over and over again of His unending love for you and me. In His word, He gives us the amazing communication tool of prayer. He invites us to talk to Him. He invites us to tell others of the blessings we have received from His hand. He tasks us with the duty of sharing His word with people all around us. He wants to see things like #jesuslovesyou, or #godsunconditionallove.

We have a story to share. In fact, we have the best story to share. It's not a story that just leaves us with fleeting warm and fuzzies. It's a story that has impact for eternity. God's love was given for us so that we could live forever in paradise with Him. Through Jesus' death on the cross, and His resurrection, we are assured of a place for all eternity. This is the best news in the world to share, and when we do, the Spirit works in the hearts of others so they can also share in our joy. I can only imagine the excitement of those that were there at the tomb when they realized Jesus' body was no longer there. That excitement must have bubbled over, and there must have been tremendous joy as the angel told them that He had risen from the dead. If they had the chance to use social media, it would have been viral! What a blessing that we have that chance today – not just through computers, but through relationships with people that we care about and love.

I encourage you to share the love of God in any way you can. It's not just because you're excited about it, although we should be! It's because God has asked us to tell others that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. It's because God wants all to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. It's because of His great love in our life overflowing into the lives of others. Be bold. Share the truth. Tell others about the gift that keeps on giving, all the way to the door of eternity. We are indeed #blessed, #forgiven, and #loved!

Mike Schiemann. <><
Principal

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November 16th, 2018



General Reminders:

- Join us tonight at the **Harvest Festival!**
- Need a **Date Night**? Shopping without the Kids? **Drop in baby-sitting** available; see attached DC Fundraising flyer
- **Amazon Shoppers!** Please remember to use the below link while Christmas Shopping: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-1145946>
- **Auction Gift Card Fundraiser**; now thru Friday 11/30. Donations forms in office.
- **Wreaths** Fundraiser Orders will in on 11/26
- **Bethlehem Walk** Information Attached.

Student Council News:

- **Let's keep markers out of the landfills!** Donate your dried up or broken markers to the Student Council – Details attached.
- Annual **Student Council Food Drive** will run November 16th thru December 14th

Technology Resources:

- **Guest WiFi** Password: **Falcons!**
- Use www.Gradelink.com to enter PAL Hours
- Find the **school calendar** at: http://www.fhls.org/main_pages/google_cal.htm

Job Opportunities:

- **Part Time Administrative Assistant.** - Trinity Lutheran in Hillsboro is currently accepting resumes for the position of Administrative Assistant. More info and job description at: www.trinityhillsboro.com
- **After Care Assistant** – We are currently seeking an after care assistant here on campus. Typically 3-4pm each day. Can be everyday or certain days per week. Contact Extended Care Director Mrs. Hodge for more details at hodgea@fhls.org

In Your Family Envelope:

- Login **information for Artsonia.com**. Do your holiday shopping soon to receive gifts before Christmas.

Dates at a Glance:

Friday 11/16	Harvest Festival, Dobbin Center 6-8pm
Monday 11/19	5/6 Girls Bball @ Home, 4pm 5/6 Boys Bball (Black) @ Home, 5pm 4 th Grade to Washington County Museum, Portland
Tuesday 11/20	End of First Trimester
Wednesday 11/21	Teacher Work Day – No School
Thu 11/22 – Fri 11/23	Thanksgiving Holiday – No School Happy Birthday Mrs. Plucknett
Monday 11/26	5/6 Girls @ SW, 5pm 5/6 Boys @ Gilkey, 4pm & 5pm PTA Wreath Fundraiser Orders here for Pick-up
Tuesday 11/27	5/6 Boys (Black) @ Home, 4pm
Thursday 11/29	5/6 Girls @ TVA 2, 4pm 5/6 Boys @ Faith, 5pm
Friday 11/30	Bethlehem Walk Report Cards Go Home
Monday 12/03	PS to Oregon Zoo 5/6 Girls Bball @ Home, 4pm 5/6 Boys Bball @ Home, 5pm PTA Meeting, 6:30-8pm
Tuesday 12/04	5/6 Boys Bball @ Life, 4pm
Thursday 12/06	Kindergarten Open House, 5pm 5/6 Girls Bball @ Pilgrim, 4pm 5/6 Boys Bball (Green) @TVA, 4pm 5/6 Boys Bball (Black) @PJA, 4:30pm
Monday 12/10	5/6 Girls Bball @ Home, 4pm 5/6 Boys Bball @ Home, 5pm
Thursday 12/13	4 th Grade to Rice Rock Museum, Hillsboro
Tuesday 12/18	4 th Grade to Fort Vancouver 3-8 th Grade Christmas Music Concert Happy Birthday Mrs. Loncar
Friday 12/21	Christmas Chapel, 2:15pm Christmas Break Begins, 3pm
Monday 01/07	Classes Resume