

Forest Hills Friday News

Friends and Family of Forest Hills,

“A voice of one calling: ‘In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord...and the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’” Isaiah 40:3, 5

This week, we reflect on preparing for our Saviour’s birth. If you think back to the Old Testament, people prepared for Jesus’ birth for hundreds of years. Prophets had foretold the coming of the king, and people waited with amazing anticipation for many years. They didn’t have a clear picture of when Jesus would come, but they believed in the promise that was given them through the prophets.

I think those people must have had amazing faith. Being on this side of Jesus’ birth, it’s easy for us to reflect back and see the promises fulfilled, but waiting for hundreds of years, and maybe not even seeing it in a lifetime is unbelievable.

Our preparations may not be the same as those from before, yet we still prepare. The one thing we do have in common is the knowledge of the power of this event. We realize that through Jesus’ birth, the events of our salvation have been set in place. His birth led to His perfect life, death, and resurrection, which is the pivotal moment in human history. These events, coupled with faith in Christ, lead us to eternal life.

So, as we prepare for Jesus’ birth, the question is how are you preparing? Do your preparations reflect what you are celebrating? There are certainly fun things that we do in this world for Christmas, and there’s nothing wrong with that. However, I believe we equally need to have preparations that cause us to reflect on the greatest gift we have ever received.

If you go to places right now like Costco, Walmart, etc., the preparations reflect that our society does not know the message of Jesus. Santa Claus is the first thing you see, and manger scenes are hard to come by. I would encourage you to add one thing to your preparation list this year. I’d encourage you to add something in your preparations that may cause someone to learn of Jesus. Maybe you greet a cashier with “God’s blessings,” or simply, “Merry Christmas.” If Jesus’ children are intentional with this, the Holy Spirit may be using us to plant seeds of faith, preparing others for Heaven.

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Principal

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December 7th, 2018



General Reminders:

- Need a **Date Night**? Shopping without the Kids? **Drop in baby-sitting** available; see attached DC Fundraising flyer
- **Auction Wine Week** Fundraiser Dec. 10-14th check your Family Envelope for details
- Looking for the perfect teacher gift this holiday? Check out the **Teacher Wish Lists** outside of the Library in the main building or the **My Favorite Things List** in the office
- Bring your unwrapped **Christmas Families** gift by December 11th
- **January lunch orders** will be out soon and are due Monday December 17th by 8:30am
- **Kindergarten enrollment for 2019-2020** is now open! Check the website for more details or email info@fhlds.org
- **Student Council Food Drive** will continue to run thru Dec. 14th Donation bins in the Main Lobby

1st Annual Holiday Spirit Week 12/17-12/21:

Monday: Christmas Socks
Tuesday: Snow Day (Christmas hats and scarves)
Wednesday: Dress to Impress (wear your 'chapel best')
Thursday: Candy Cane Day (extreme red & white)
Friday: Christmas Sweater Day

Announcements:

- **Thank you** to all that helped with the Bethlehem Walk. Our Forest Hills Family welcome 800+ people to the walk this year! All loaned items are *ready for pick up* in the main building. Ask in office for locations.
- **Winter Weather:** If we were to delay start or cancel school, we update our Facebook page, send out an e-mail to the whole school and news service, and send you a text if you have signed up (by texting @fhlds to 81010)
- **LOST and FOUND:** All unclaimed items *will be donated* as of the first of the year. Please check Lost and Found racks in the Gym, Extended Care, Main Lobby, and each classroom Building. Can't find something? Inquire at the office, some items have already been boxed up for donation.

In Your Family Envelope:

- Auction **Wine Week** Information
- **Field Trip Permission Slips** (4th Grade Only)

Dates at a Glance:

Monday 12/10	5/6 Girls Bball @ Home, 4pm 5/6 Boys Bball @ Home, 5pm PK-2 nd to Kinderkonzert, Hillsboro
Tuesday 12/11	Last day to donate to Christmas Families
Wednesday 12/12	Chapel Host Prince of Peace, 8:20am
Thursday 12/13	4 th Grade to Rice Rock Museum, Hillsboro
Friday 12/14	Canned food drive ends
Saturday 12/15	DC Baby-sitting Fundraiser, 10a-3p
Monday 12/17	4 th Grade caroling at Marquis, Forest Grove Lunch orders due, 8:30am
Tuesday 12/18	4 th Grade to Fort Vancouver 3-8 th Grade Christmas Music Concert, 7pm Happy Birthday Mrs. Loncar
Wednesday 12/19	Chapel Host Mt. Olive, 8:20am Buddy Chapel
Friday 12/21	Christmas Chapel, 2:15pm Christmas Break Begins, 3pm
Monday 01/07	Classes Resume

Find the full **school calendar** at:

http://www.fhlds.org/main_pages/google_cal.htm

Listen to the sounds of the season as the Bethlehem Worship Team, Choir, and our very own FHLCS Stick Dancers Perform!
Wednesday Dec. 12th at 7pm
Saturday Dec. 15th at 3pm



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