

Forest Hills Friday News

Friends and Family of Forest Hills,

An old Christmas hymn starts with the phrase, “Come thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free.” From days of old, prophets had been telling about the coming Savior. They had told about the one who would be born in Bethlehem who would be the king of the world. Little did they know that the gift of Jesus would come in the form of a little baby.

Jesus was expected. The method of His arrival was not. No one knew that their king, in fact, the king of the world of all time, would be in a humble manger, born of a virgin among the hay and the animals. No one knew that the King would come as an ordinary baby. They expected Jesus, but not like this.

Christmas is really about things that are unexpected. People receive gifts that they didn’t expect. People see family and friends that are sometimes unexpected. People go through feelings and emotions that are unexpected, and sometimes quite difficult to deal with. Christmas brings about many unexpected things, but Jesus was always expected.

Those prophets long ago knew that Jesus would be the King of the world. They knew that He would save everyone from the results of their sins through His sacrificial death and His glorious resurrection. They knew of Heaven. In fact, they expected to be there one day because of Jesus.

This Christmas, you too can expect the unexpected. How can a small baby live the life that we read about in Scripture? How can this tiny gift be the source of eternal joy and eternal life? How can this tiny baby be the Savior of the whole world and our own personal Savior as well?

The answer is simple. In the tiny baby Jesus, we see God’s human nature. He is very God and very man, all at the same time. He entered this world to save us from our sins, and through His life, we know that He can relate. He knows what we go through. He knows what it’s like to grow up. He knows what it’s like to feel sorrow, pain, even death. Most important, He knows what it’s like to rise from the dead, and through His resurrection we have life.

This Christmas, you can share that story with someone else. They may not expect it, and they may not expect that this Christmas could be the first time they meet Jesus. God could be using you to bring about the unexpected. So go forward this Christmas and boldly share Jesus. Offer others a Merry Christmas (instead of Happy Holidays). Tell them that the Savior of the world has been born – a gift for them, a gift for you.

Mike Schiemann. <><
Principal

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General Reminders:

- Please take a few moments to fill out our **Parent Satisfaction Survey**. To take the survey, click on this link: <https://bit.ly/2RMReFI>
- You're invited! Listen to the sounds of the season at the **Bethlehem Christmas Concert**. Our very own FHLCS Stick Dancers will perform. This Saturday 12/15 at 3pm. Bethlehem Church in Aloha.
- Need a **Date Night**? Shopping without the Kids? **Drop in baby-sitting** available this Saturday 12/15; see attached DC Fundraising flyer. Sign up at: <https://goo.gl/forms/DctTb60goygTBUel2>
- Looking for the perfect teacher gift this holiday? Check out the **Teacher Wish List** outside of the Library in the main building or the **My Favorite Things List** in the office
- **January lunch orders** 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
- **Guest WiFi Password: Falcons!**

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

Join us in spreading some holiday cheer!

In Your Family Envelope:

- **Falcon Wear** order forms; due back Jan. 18th
- **Field Trip** Permission Slips (5th-8th only)

Dates at a Glance:

Saturday 12/15	DC Baby-sitting Fundraiser, 10a-3p Bethlehem's Christmas Concert, 3pm
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
Thursday 12/20	5 th Grade to Miller Education Center East, Hillsboro
Friday 12/21	Christmas Chapel, 2:15pm Christmas Break Begins, 3pm
Tuesday 12/25	MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!
Sunday 12/30	Happy Birthday Mrs. Brennan
Monday 01/07	Classes Resume
Wednesday 1/10	Chapel Host Mr. Schiemann, 8:20am Buddy Chapel
Friday 01/11	Auction Kick off Assembly, 8:20am
Wednesday 1/16	Chapel Host St. Peters, 8:20am
Friday 01/18	Professional Development, No School
Monday 01/21	MLK Day, No School
Tuesday 01/23	Happy Birthday Mrs. Ryan

Find the full **school calendar** at:

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

Announcements:

- **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.



Lost & Found