

Forest Hills Friday News

Friends and Family of Forest Hills,

This coming Wednesday begins a journey for Christians around the world. The day itself is commonly referred to as Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. During the season of Lent, Christians enter a reflective phase as they remember the impact and importance of Jesus' death and resurrection. We prepare ourselves to once again be reminded that it was our sins that nailed Jesus to a cross, but it was in His great love for us that He rose from the dead, conquering sin once and for all.

During this season, people typically give something up for these 40 days. The purpose of giving something up is so that we can be reminded that Jesus gave His life for us. When we have a desire for what we gave up, we can reflect on God's great sacrifice. In past years, I've gone ahead and given up things like pop, candy, even spending money. This analogy doesn't quite match up with the magnitude of what God gave us when He sent Jesus to be our Savior, yet it is symbolic of being reminded of it.

Ultimately, we reflect on God's great sacrifice. When God created the world, He gave Adam and Eve on simple command. As they failed to do what God wanted, sin entered the world. Like an amoeba, sin slowly took over. In that one act of eating the fruit, sin had won the day. The amazing thing though is that as God was disappointed with Adam and Eve, He *immediately* gave the promise of a Savior. He didn't wait and see if their actions would improve. He didn't say that if they did a few things for Him, He'd send Jesus. He didn't say that He was going to get a lawyer to look into their actions and determine the liability to which it led. In love, extreme, awesome, unwavering love, He promised Jesus.

And God fulfilled His promise. Years later, He sent Jesus to be the substitute for what we could not do. God demanded us to live a perfect life. Since we were unable to do that, He sent Jesus to do it in our place. Our actions deserved punishment, but He put that punishment on His one and only Son. John 3:16 truly sums up the truth of this sacrifice, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son so that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life."

This season is a time to reflect on the actions that God said we need to do. We are to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. I know I've fallen short of these great commands, but I know God fulfilled His promise to forgive me in Jesus. He's done the same for you. I encourage you to begin to reflect on the magnitude of love that God has for you and to prepare for the second best celebration ever – the resurrection of Jesus. I think the best celebration ever will be when we see Him face to face for eternity.

Happy Lent!

Mike Schiemann. <><
Principal

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- **PTA Meeting** the next PTA meeting has been rescheduled to this coming Monday. March 4th at 6:30pm in the library.
- **Me & My Gal Event** PTA is looking for people to help coordinate the "Me & My Gal" (Mother/Son) event this spring. If interested in helping out, please contact PTA@FHLCS.org
- **Pi Day Fundraiser** Purchase a Pie through the PTA to enjoy on 3.14. **Orders are due March 4th**. Additional forms are in the office. Funds will go towards our new water bottle filling fountains.



- **Auction Tickets are on Sale!** https://fhlcs.schoolauction.net/auction2019/register/ticket_sales
- **Parking Raffle** Auction Committee is happy to announce the return of the Reserved Parking Raffle! Raffle tickets are available in the office.
- **Auction Newsletter** is attached. There is a fun, new raffle being introduced – take a look!

No Family Envelope this week!

Dates at a Glance:

Friday 3/01	Teacher Work Day, No School
Saturday 3/02	Delegate Meeting, 9am
Monday 3/04	Pi Day Pie orders due to office 4 th & 5 th Gr. to Theater in the Grove, 12:15p PTA Meeting in Library, 6:30p
Wednesday 3/06	Ash Wednesday Chapel Host Mt. Olive, Buddy Chapel 8:20a IM & 3 rd Grades to Franz Factory Tour
Friday 3/08	Report Cards go home Happy Birthday Mrs. Beyer!!!
Wednesday 3/13	Chapel Host Mr. Schiemann, 8:20a
Thursday & Friday 3/14-15	Conferences, No School
Sunday 3/17	Primary classes to sing at Bethlehem Lutheran Children's Service, 11am
Monday 3/18	Primary classes to Zoo, 8:30am
Wednesday 3/20	Chapel Host Bethlehem, Buddy Chapel 8:20a

Guest WiFi: **School Calendar** at:
Falcons! <https://fhlcs.org/parent-resources/school-calendar/>

REMINDER

- Library Books are due on TUESDAY of each week. Books turned in Wednesday are considered "late".
- PTA Meeting has been rescheduled – Mar. 4th, 6:30p
- Auction Tickets are on SALE NOW, buy soon for a chance to win free lunch! Details attached.