



Forest Hills

Lutheran Christian School

September 20, 2019

Forest Hills Friday News

Friends and Family of Forest Hills,

The other night was a gorgeous evening as I was driving around town. My app had told me for days that it was going to be raining, but in fact, the sun was shining through the clouds and highlighting the fields that I was driving through. The colors on the field were truly vibrant and enhanced because the light of the sun was lighting them up. Even the sky itself looked pretty amazing. There were storm clouds all around, but the colors of blue were extravagant in their details and contrast with one another.

One thing was certain – a storm was on its way. Sure enough, later that night, we got quite a bit of wind and rain. What was expected to come sure did, but then after the storm, the roads were clean, the air smelled of fresh rain, and the skies had once again opened up. The entire weather experience that night, for a few hours, was really quite a spectacular show. The picture doesn't do it justice, but I thought I'd share what I took from the window of my van anyway 😊

There are so many parallels that can be drawn to God's mercy and love through this story. When the sun touched the crops in the field, and the bare grass, they shone. What truth there is for us in our lives when it comes to God Himself. Everything God touches is different than before. It's true with you and me. In and of ourselves, there is nothing special about us. We look like everyone else. We live like everyone else. We work like everyone else. There are certain aspects that make us unique, but if God wasn't present in our lives, we would die like everyone else too. There would be no hope, no future, no promise. Yet in His great love, God does touch our life, and when He does, things are different. Our lives are lit up and enhanced through His gentle touch, and we are able to do immeasurably more than we could ever dream. God's presence in our lives changes us and makes us unique, special, wonderful people.



That's not to say there aren't going to be any storms. Like my drive the other night, we can see storm clouds surrounding us. We can see that there is sin in the world, and it is frequently hovering over us, sometimes even consuming us. Yet when we look at Scripture, we can see God in the storms too. However, He's not just in them – He's in control of them. What did God do in storms? He spoke to the storms. He spoke to the waves. He calmed those storms by a simple command – and He still does today. We read in the Word that God gives us peace. He calms our troubled hearts. His forgiveness in the freshness that comes after the storm of sin, and in the word of that forgiveness, we are fully made clean.

So what's the weather like in your life right now? Are there rays of sun lighting you up and causing you to shine, or are the clouds looming over head, maybe even making you feel like the sun is so blocked that it may never shine? Whatever it may be, look to the source of all help, the source of all peace, the source of all love. God's love and care for you is deeper than you could ever know, and in Christ, the Son of God, the weather in life is perfect.

Mike Schiemann. <><
Principal



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Celebrations:

- Please join us in **Celebrating** the retirement of **Mrs. Myers!** Friday Sept. 27th, 3:15-5pm in the Library
- A special **Welcome to The Rooney Family!!** Pastor Rooney is our new pastor at Our Redeemer in Tigard. Kari and Patrick Rooney's son, John has joined our 1st grade classroom!

General Reminders:

- The **Family Envelope** is a very important communication between the school and home. Please remember to return it each week.
- Please help your child remember to return their library books on **"Two Book Tuesday"**
- **Visitor's Badge** is required for anyone on campus after the bell rings at 8:15am
- **PTA Minutes** are posted on the school website under the "Parent" tab.
- **Guest WiFi** Password: **Falcons!**

Take Note:

- There is a new **Before and After School Care** registration procedure, please check your email details.
- **Auction Logo Contest:** Return your logo creations to the office by September 23rd. Winner will be announced at chapel on September 25th

Get Involved:

- **Monday Prayer Group:** join prayer group Monday 8:15-9am
- **Tuesday Bible Study** with Mr. Schiemann 8:30-9:30
- **Thursday Bible Study** with Kerry Bauer 8:30-9:30

In your **Family Envelope** this week:

- Invitation to Celebrate Mrs. Myers

Dates at a Glance:

Monday 9/23	Prayer Group, 8:15-9am Library Running Club 3-3:30pm
Tuesday 9/24	Happy Birthday Mrs. Myers! Mr. Schiemann's Bible Study, 8:30am-9:30am, St. Peters
Wednesday 9/25	Chapel hosted by Trinity, 8:20am-8:50am, St. Peters L.E.S.T. Drama meeting, 3:15-3:45, Library
Thursday 9/26	Kerry Bauer's Bible Study, 8:30am-9:30am, Library Running Club 3-3:30pm New Parent Feedback Meeting 3:15-4pm,
Friday 9/27	Cookie Social to Celebrate Mrs. Myers, 3:15, Library
Monday 9/30	Prayer Group, 8:15-9am, Library Running Club 3-3:30pm
Tuesday 10/1	Mr. Schiemann's Bible Study, 8:30am-9:30am, St. Peters
Wednesday 10/2	Chapel hosted by Prince of Peace, 8:20-8:50am, St. Peters
Thursday 10/3	Kerry Bauer's Bible Study, 8:30am-9:30am, Library Running Club 3-3:30pm
Friday 10/4	Grandparents/Grand Friends Day at FHLCS 12:30-3pm
Wednesday 10/9	Chapel Host FHLCS, 8:20-8:50am
Friday 10/11	Picture Book Picnic
Saturday 10/12	Mt. Olive Lutheran Church Bazaar, 9am-3:30pm
Monday 10/14	Picture Retakes K-2 KinderKonzert, 10-11:30am
Wednesday 10/16	Buddy Chapel Host Mt. Olive, 8:20-8:50am Middle School Overnight to Lincoln City
Friday 10/18	Teacher Work Day, No School
Monday 10/21	Happy Birthday Mr. Schiemann!