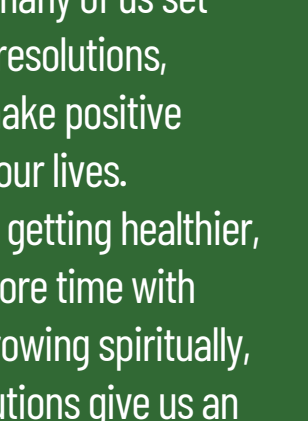


get a credit for the exchange

Need to make room on those bookshelves? Drop off your child's gently used books in the office and receive a credit for the spring book exchange.



letter from the principal

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, we also find ourselves looking ahead to a new year. It's a time when many of us set New Year's resolutions, aiming to make positive changes in our lives. Whether it's getting healthier, spending more time with family, or growing spiritually, these resolutions give us an opportunity to start fresh. At Forest Hills, the New Year is also a time to teach our students valuable lessons about accountability and responsibility. The Bible teaches us in Galatians 6:5 that "each one should carry their own load." It's a reminder that we all have responsibilities that God has given us to manage and fulfill. As parents and educators, one of our tasks is to help our children learn to carry their own loads, both in their schoolwork and daily routines.

This year, we are encouraging students to take ownership of their responsibilities. For example, if a student forgets their homework or a necessary item for school repeatedly, we will no longer call home to bring it to them.

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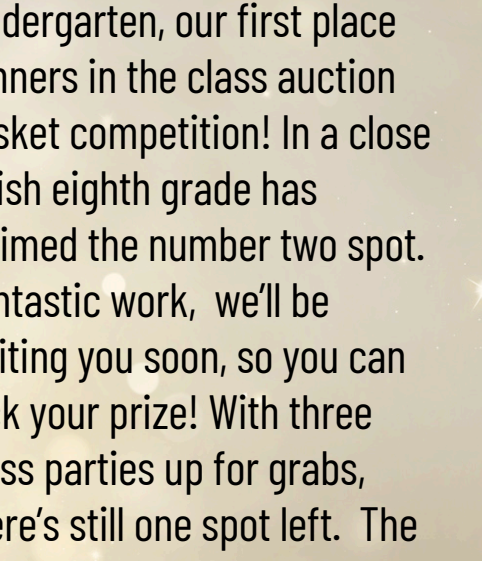


christmas families

Now through December 19th we're partnering with DHS to help families reconnecting. Visit the giving tree outside the front office and take a sweater ornament. The backside of the ornament will have an item for a family in need. You can also find a list of items **online** to help bless a family in need this Christmas season. Items do not need to be wrapped.

teacher wishlists

Do you like to plan ahead or shop early? Click **HERE** to access teacher wishlists.

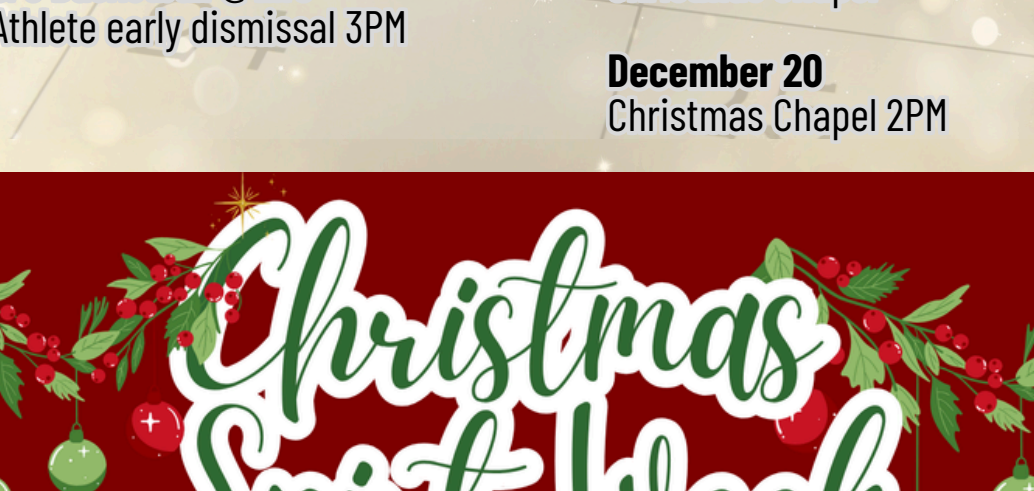


christmas cookie swap

The PTA is helping host a Christmas cookie swap and lunch for our teachers the week before break. Help us celebrate our teachers by donating cookie/treat trays for them on December 16th or by making a pot of soup for their Christmas lunch December 19th. You can signup **HERE!**

we have a winner

Drumroll please and the symbols crash! Congratulations to kindergarten, our first place winners in the class auction basket competition! In a close finish eighth grade has claimed the number two spot. Fantastic work, we'll be visiting you soon, so you can pick your prize! With three class parties up for grabs, there's still one spot left. The race is close between second, third and fifth grade, but its anyone's game.



Do you still need to find a basket item? You can find your child's class basket theme **HERE**.

No time to shop? No problem! You can also donate funds towards a basket item **HERE**. We thank all of our families for participating. Keep those items coming!

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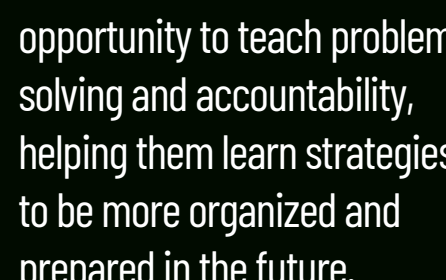
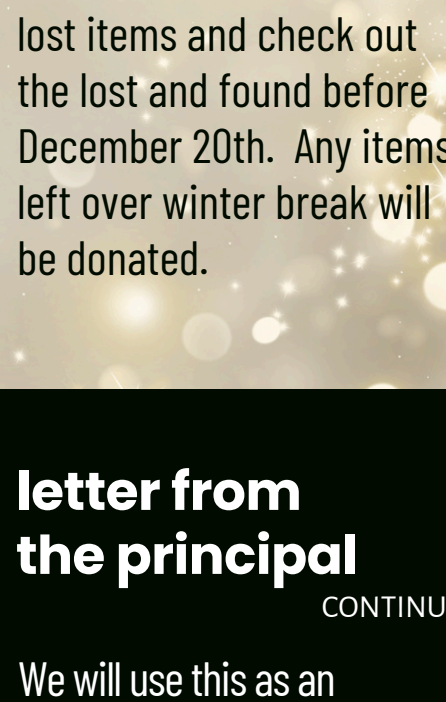
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prayer wall

The hustle and bustle of the holidays can bring added worries and stress, but the Lord says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayers and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

Philippians 4:6

For peace HE leaves with you (John 14:27). Prayer is powerful. As a community we want to lift you up in prayer especially during this busy holiday season. Come to the front office and visit the prayer wall. Here you can post your prayer requests so we may join with you in agreement.



STEP 1
Grab a paper ornament from the basket and write your prayer request.

STEP 2
Place it on the wall. Request facing inside or out. Your choice!

lost and found

It happens. That moment you've sent your child to school with an article of clothing that doesn't make it back home. Find those lost items and check out the lost and found before December 20th. Any items left over winter break will be donated.

letter from the principal

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We will use this as an opportunity to teach problem-solving and accountability, helping them learn strategies to be more organized and prepared in the future. In Proverbs 22:6, we read, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." Our goal is to help train our students in these areas of personal responsibility now so they develop good habits for the future. By allowing them to experience small challenges and figure out how to overcome them, we help them grow into resilient, capable, and God-honoring individuals. As we embrace the New Year, I encourage you to reflect on your own resolutions as a family. Perhaps you can make a commitment to practice accountability together—whether it's setting goals, holding each other responsible for completing tasks, or learning from mistakes. Let's work together to help our children understand that being responsible is an important part of living a life that reflects Christ's teachings.

Thank you for partnering with us on this journey. May God bless you with a joyous Christmas and a New Year filled with growth, hope, and endless possibilities.

Blessings on your day,

Kimberly Luna
Principal

upcoming events

December 3
5/6 Basketball @Pilgrim Lutheran 5PM

December 5
5/6 Basketball vs Faith 1

December 9
5/6 Basketball @Life Athlete early dismissal 3PM

December 12
5/6 Basketball @Faith 5PM

December 13
Christmas Program 7PM

December 16-20
Spirit Week!
Christmas Chapel

December 20
Christmas Chapel 2PM

Christmas Spirit Week

<p>Monday DECEMBER 16</p> <p>After a long winter's nap come dressed in your Christmas jammies!</p>	<p>Tuesday DECEMBER 17</p> <p>It's a Christmas vacation! Dig out summer vacation gear.</p>	<p>Wednesday DECEMBER 18</p> <p>Don't be a grinch! Dress in green or like a character from Whoville.</p>
<p>Thursday DECEMBER 19</p> <p>Falalalalalanne wear your favorite flannel.</p>	<p>Friday DECEMBER 20</p> <p>Festive Friday – go all out in your most festive Christmas sweater or outfit.</p>	

YOU'RE INVITED

COME CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR

- Bethlehem Lutheran Church**
Dec 7th @ 3:00pm Christmas Concert
Dec 11th @ 10:30am/6:30pm Advent Service
Dec 18th @ 10:30am/6:30pm Advent Service
Dec 24th @ 3:00pm/5:00pm Christmas Eve Worship
Dec 25th @ 10:00am Christmas Day Worship
- Mt Olive Lutheran Church**
Dec 11th @ 6:00pm Soup Supper & 7:00pm Advent Service
Dec 18th @ 6:00pm Soup Supper & 7:00pm Advent Service
Dec 24th @ 5:30pm Christmas Eve Service
Dec 25th @ 10:00am Christmas Day Worship
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**
Dec 24th @ 5:00pm & 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service
Dec 25th @ 10:00am Christmas Day Worship
- St Peter's Church**
Dec 4th @ 6:00pm Soup Supper & 7:00pm Advent Service
Dec 11th @ 5:30-8:00pm Soup Supper & 7:00pm Advent Service
Dec 18th @ 6:00pm Soup Supper & 7:00pm Advent Service
Dec 24th @ 10:30am Divine Service & 7:00pm Candlelight Service
Dec 25th @ 10:30am Divine Service
- Trinity Lutheran Church**
Dec 11th @ 5:30-8:00pm Witness & Walk Caroling Event
Dec 18th @ 5:30pm Dinner, 6:15pm Worship, 6:30pm small groups
Dec 24th @ 8:30am/10:30am Advent Services
Dec 24th @ 5:00pm & 7:00pm Candlelight Service
Dec 25th @ 10:00am Christmas Day Worship
- Zion Lutheran Church**
Dec 4th @ 5:15pm Soup Supper & 6:00pm Advent Service

