# Raiders News

Reformation Lutheran School & Preschool Weekly Newsletter



#### **WEEK OF OCTOBER 20 - 26, 2019**

## Principal's Message - Welcome! That Someone is Someone

Our devotion today continues to focus on the Welcome Home Sunday that is coming up this Sunday! Once again, the staff considered these words this week. We care about the spiritual well-being of each one of our students and the families that we serve. We are a family, so we want to have that spiritual relationship with you! This devotion is also a good one to consider for yourself. Who has God used in your life to share God with you? Then, humbly consider the fact that God can use you at just the right time, and just the right place, to share the saving message of the Gospel. We love our school family! We pray that the Lord continues to help us effectively share the Gospel to you all and that you see God's love here at Reformation.

Then Philip ran up the to chariot and heard the [Ethiopian] reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" Acts 8: 30-31 (For the complete account of Philip and the Ethiopian, read Acts 8:26-39)

You saw someone you were pretty sure you knew. But you saw them out of context. Too many years, too many faces. A former student? Someone from the old neighborhood? Everyone has found themselves at the awkward moment of recognition but not quite recollection. "You are . . . someone?" Ever get it wrong? At worst, we are embarrassed, and we likely embarrassed someone else.

In our account from Acts, far more is at stake than embarrassment. Our Ethiopian friend is struggling with the second scroll of Isaiah. He is reading from what we now know as Isaiah 53. He has come across one of the clearest prophecies as Christ's substitutionary suffering and death for the sins of the world. Christians have used this very section of Scripture in worship on Good Friday for centuries because it is directly talking about Christ. But our Ethiopian friend is at his own awkward moment of some recognition but not proper recollection – "Is it Isaiah or someone else?"

At just the right time in just the right place, God picked up and placed someone there for the Ethiopian man. God brought Philip alongside the man's chariot so he could explain who someone else is. The someone else is Jesus. The One who is, who was, and is to come to bring good news. Jesus is the One who gave his life as the ransom for the many. He is the innocent, blameless One who bears the innumerable sins of the whole world. Jesus silently was slaughtered to pay the price for sin – once and for all. This someone, this One is the Savior.

What a beautiful account! It is easy to see the miracle of how God used Philip as a very important someone in the Ethiopian's life.

Do we realize and appreciate the incredible miracle of our own faith. We all are born into this sinful world with a sinful heart so darkened we couldn't possibly comprehend the truth. We live in a sinful world so out of context of understanding who God is and what he is like. So in miracles of wonder and grace, God sent into our lives at just the right time and place, someone. A parent, a spouse, a friend, a pastor, a teacher, who brought us to the font and taught us the word of God. The Holy Spirit worked through the Word shared by someone. Now we truly are someone – a child of God, forgiven and loved by the One.

God now uses us as someone in the lives of others. Sometimes this is easy and joyful. We pass on precious truths to the next generation telling them the good news. Sometimes it can be far more awkward or uncomfortable. The next generation gets older and more defiant. Dearly loved friends and family members drift away from church. How will they know unless someone invites, encourages, explains? May God continue to encourage us and use us as someone in their lives.

<u>https://wels.net/serving-you/devotions/ecme-devotions/</u>

## School Directory

Those who recently signed up to participate in our School Directory project should look for a copy of the printed version to come home with the oldest child in your family.

## Parking Lot Help!

We need your help in making the parking lot a safe place for everyone. Here are a few things that we see you can help with.

- 1. Do not park in the handicap spots if you do not have the proper pass. We are observing that cars are parking in those spots even for just a short amount of time. We understand that parents want to use these spots as "safe" places to quickly drop off their child(ren). However, cars are then not pulling all the way into the spots, which causes confusion to people walking and cars driving through the parking lot.
- 2. Please park in a spot even if you are just quickly "dropping off" your child(ren). We have observed this causing problems as it makes a line through the rest of the lot and makes it hard to quickly clear the spots for others to park in. You might consider dropping your child off on the street, then they can take the sidewalk that goes right past the office to the front gate.
- 3. It is worth the time AND the safety of the students of all ages to park fully in a spot, have your child exit the car and walk to the front gate.

We understand that the lot gets busy and many of you are trying to get to work and home, so if everyone helps out in these small ways, the parking lot will be a safe place for all. We greatly appreciate it!

#### PICTURES FROM 4K/TK







#### Lost and Found

Now is the time to reunite your children with their lost items in the courtyard. Please note that all items left after school on Friday, October 25, will be donated to a local charity. Thank you.







# Testing Week - October 21 - 25

The 3rd through 8th grade will be conducting their first of 3 testing periods this week. This means that some of the regularly scheduled class time will be replaced with about an hour of testing on the computer.



If you have any questions about this process, please contact Mr. Bohl, Mr. Ross, Mr. Ash or Ms. Ceci. Thank you.

#### Earthquake Kits

If you haven't supplied your teacher with an earthquake kit for your child, please make sure to do that. You can find the guide for what goes into an earthquake kit here from the Reformation School website:

# Earthquake Kit Guide



# Family Fun Night 2019 is Coming!

Reformation's annual Family Fun Night is Friday, October 25th, 6-8pm. Each year we utilize this event to connect with our school, church and local Clairemont community. This year, we anticipate approximately 500 people on our campus for this two-hour event.

Below is a link for volunteer sign-ups. We are looking for volunteers to help in many different ways. You can help out that evening by working a game booth for thirty minutes. This year, in addition to candy, attendees will earn tickets to use toward prizes. You can help by donating candy, cake walk desserts, or money (to put toward prizes.) Please take a look and see where you best fit! We'd love to have your help!

To sign up, click here





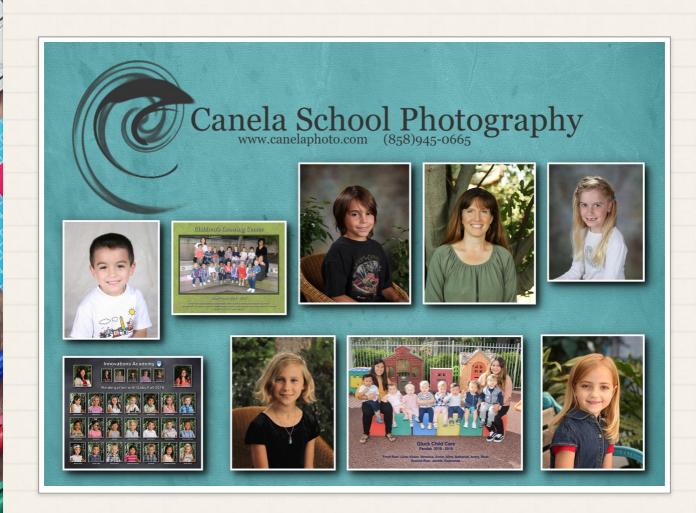


## Lifetouch Picture Retake Day has been Rescheduled!

Lifetouch School Picture Retake Day has been rescheduled to Tuesday, November 5. Thank you.

## Spring Pictures with Canela Photography

Starting spring of 2020, we will be using a new company for school pictures, Canela Photography. Mark your calendars for April 21st and 22nd for both preschool and grade school photos.



#### #RefTechTips

Have you ever been working on a presentation or flyer and needed some photos? There are some free royalty-free stock photo websites that many of the teachers at Reformation use. These sites feature high-quality photos from photographers who have submitted photos for use. Two sites that are used here often are <a href="www.unsplash.com">www.unsplash.com</a> and <a href="www.unsplash.com">www.pexels.com</a>. Check them out sometime!



## **Sports Update**

Reformation has an exciting week of volleyball coming up. The Girls A Team will be playing against St. Paul's on Tuesday, Oct. 22, at 4:00 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Pacific Beach. The Girls B Team will be playing against UDA on Tuesday, Oct. 22, at 5:00 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran in Pacific Beach. On Saturday, Oct. 19, our two Reformation volleyball tournament teams will be playing at CLHS beginning at 9:00 am until 2:00 pm against Concord, Shepherd of the Hills, and King of Kings. Come out, Reformation fans, and support our Raiders Volleyball teams!



#### Update from Ms. Ceci's classroom

Hello everyone!

Our third grade class has had a really great start to the school year. We have been working on new skills and materials in all areas of learning, lots of new things happen in third grade. We love the challenge! We had the chance to sing for church recently. It was awesome to share that moment with our Reformation family. We have another singing date coming up next Sunday. We hope to see you all there! It's been fun to learn and share together again. We are looking forward to creating more memories throughout the rest of the year!





#### About Us

Facebook

The eternal truths of God's Word are the foundation of our school, its curriculum, and all its activities. Our goal in Christian education is to provide each child with the maximum development of God-given spiritual, physical, and mental abilities. We offer Christian education in our Preschool (ages 2.5-5) and Grade School (K-8).

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#### JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS AT 8:00 & 10:30!

#### Reformation Family Calendar

Wednesdays at 8:30am - Chapel Service - everyone is welcome! Thursdays at 8:30am - Moms Together Life Group

October 20, 8:00am and 10:30am - Welcome Home Sunday

October 20, 12:00pm Oktoberfest Dinner in the Gym

October 25, 6:00pm - Family Fun Night

October 27, 4:00pm - San Diego Circuit Joint Reformation Service/Dinner to follow

November 5, 8:30am Picture Retake Day

November 6, 11:50am - Campus Closed Teacher's Conference

November 7/8 - Campus Closed Teacher's Conference

November 11, Campus Closed Veteran's Day

November 20, 7:00am - Pancake Breakfast

November 27, 11:50am - Early Dismissal

November 27, 7:00pm - Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

November 28/29 - Campus Closed for Thanksgiving Break

December 4, 5:30 pm - Advent Soup Supper/7:00pm Mid-Week Worship Service

December 11, 5:30 pm - Advent Soup Supper/7:00pm Mid-Week Worship Service

December 14, 6:00pm - Christmas in Clairemont

December 15, 10:30am - Preschool/Kindergarten Christmas Program

December 18, 7:00am - Pancake Breakfast

December 18, 5:30 pm - Advent Soup Supper/7:00pm Mid-Week Worship Service

December 20, 11:50 Early Dismissal

December 20, 7:00pm - Grade 1-8 Christmas Service

December 23-25 Campus Closed

December 23 - January 3 - Christmas Break - No Grade School

December 24, 7:00pm - Christmas Eve Worship Service

December 25, 10:30am - Christmas Day Worship Service

December 31- Campus Closed

January 1 - Campus Closed

January 6 - School Resumes

A monthly calendar is updated on our website, and a full school year calendar is available also. Click here to review these calendars. (<a href="http://reformationschoolsd.org/calendar/">http://reformationschoolsd.org/calendar/</a>)





