

# Raiders News

Reformation Lutheran School & Preschool Weekly  
Newsletter

WEEK OF DECEMBER 15-21, 2019



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LUTHERAN SCHOOL



## Principal's Message – Expressing Love

As we work our way through this Advent season, and society shares in preparing for Christmas, we talk about love quite a bit. We think about spending time with family and friends at this time of year. We also hear about the love of God in sending his one and only Son to this earth. So, I thought it was nice to see this article from [www.timeofgrace.org](http://www.timeofgrace.org). It really gave me something to think about what we mean by "love" in our lives and society as we consider what the Bible says about Love.

<https://timeofgrace.org/expressing-love/>

Our lasting impression of love is formed by our earliest experiences at home. Home is where we discover a thing called love and how to express it. G.K. Chesterton said that the meanest fear is the fear of sentimentality. That fear can make a home or a life austere. It can create doubts about love. I hope this isn't a pain-filled question for you, but what were your first impressions of love?

Here are five things about love from the Bible:

- Love is the evidence of God among us and dwells in flesh and blood (1 John 4:16).
- Love is reciprocal, teachable, and repeatable (1 John 4:19; John 13:34,35).
- Love is not a stable condition in our hearts (Matthew 24:12, 1 Peter 1:22).
- Love is self-sacrificing (John 3:16).
- Love never fails (1 Corinthians 13).

It's not too late to make our homes more loving if we invite Jesus to be a member of the family. His place is set at our table when we

- insist that loving interaction is our family's priority.
- are transparent about our love for him and each other.
- verbalize affection and gratitude for each other often.
- establish routines and celebrate with traditions that include everyone.
- grow together in faith as churchgoers.
- leave a generous amount of wiggle room for people to grow on their own.

You will be able to see if your family learned to express love when everyone gets together and reminisces.

## GINGERBREAD SCIENCE:

### THE GINGERBREAD MAN DISSOLVED FASTEST IN THE SODA.





A festive flyer for a Christmas celebration. The title "Christmas in Clairemont" is written in a large, green, serif font. To the left is a holly branch with red berries and a green star. To the right is a red and green striped candy cane. Below the title, a green silhouette of a nativity scene is centered. To the right of the nativity scene, the text "Christmas celebration for the family" is written in red. Below that, "Enjoy live nativity plays, coffee and cookies, crafts and storytelling." is written in red. At the bottom, the date and time "Saturday, December 14 6:00 - 8:00 pm" are written in green. A red gingerbread man is on the left and a green Christmas ornament is on the right. Small green stars are scattered around the text.

**Christmas  
in  
Clairemont**

Christmas celebration  
for the family

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Saturday, December 14  
6:00 - 8:00 pm

## Christmas in Clairemont–December 14!

Christmas in Clairemont is set for Saturday, December 14, 2019. This family-friendly event will include live nativity presentations, the telling of the Christmas story, crafts, refreshments and more. Planning is underway, your participation is welcome! Also, if your Reformation School-related group or Church-related group is interested, space is available for a craft sale, bake sale or other similar activity. Contact Sarah Rodrigues at [rodrigues@refsd.org](mailto:rodrigues@refsd.org) to get involved.

## Christmas Program Reminders–Friday, December 20th at 7:00pm

- **Families of 1st-8th grade** students, we are **asking you to donate a dozen cookies** for fellowship after our Christmas program. Please drop them off at the office by Wednesday, December 18.
- The students are to wear dress clothes for the program. Boys can wear pants and a button up shirt/sweater/polo. Girls are to dress nicely in a dress or dressy pants and top.
- **Grades 1-8** please come by **6:45 pm** to your classroom. The teachers must begin lining students up at 6:55 pm so we need to have all students arriving in a timely manner
- We look forward to sharing the message of Jesus' birth with all of you. Please invite your family and friends to come and attend the Christmas program!



**Grinch Day**



**Jacob is taking his candy cane sled for a test run up the incline.**



**Grinch Bingo**

## **Update from Mrs. Mangini's classroom**

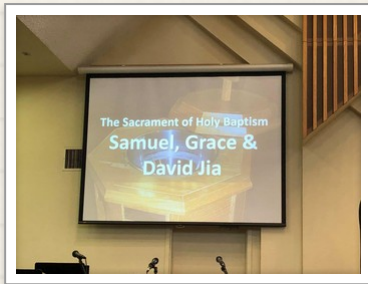
The first and second graders have been staying busy as usual. Our class just completed our annual Student Treasures book that is currently being published. The students in our class voted and decided to make a book titled "Super Students". Each student wrote about being a superhero and also drew an illustration that correlated with their superhero story. We look forward to our books arriving back at school so we can share them with family and friends.

Last Friday our class celebrated Grinch Day by wearing Christmas colors and reading the Dr Seuss book "How the Grinch Stole Christmas". Our class also collaborated with the third-grade class on a STEM project (**S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering, and **M**athematics). Students were put into small groups with a blend of first, second and third graders to work together on creating candy cane sleds. The goal of this project was to make sleds that could successfully carry a heavy load up an inclined plane. The students worked nicely together and were very creative.

We are spending a good deal of time on preparing for our Christmas program which takes place on Friday, December 20 at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend and watch as grades 1-8 proclaim the joyous message of Jesus' birth.

**SAMUEL, GRACE AND DAVID JIA ARE BAPTIZED LAST SUNDAY**





## Reformation Breakfast

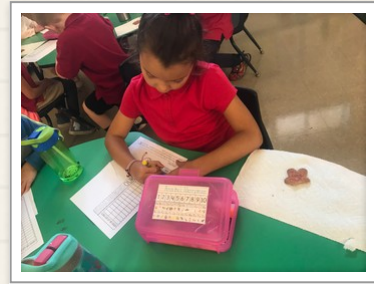
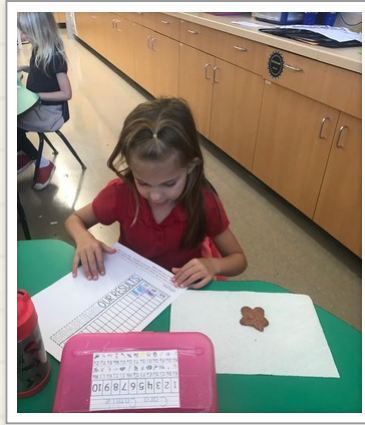
We are trying something different for our Reformation Breakfast Wednesdays. Parents should use the link below to sign up for what they would like to donate. This way other people know what has been donated and what is still needed. Thank you! Our next breakfast is December 18 at 7:00am.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4AADA62AA1F85-pancake>



## GRAPHING GINGERBREAD MEN

**MOST KINDERGARTENERS ATE THE HEAD FIRST!**

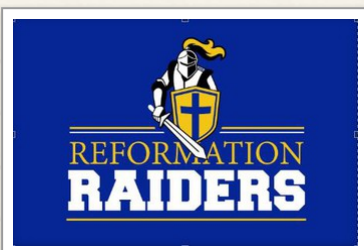


## #RefTechTip

Sunday's Prk-K Christmas service and next week's 1-8th Grade Christmas program will both be streamed on our church's youtube page. A link for the live stream will be posted on Facebook on the days of the events. Please make sure to look there for those links!

## Grades 1-8 Christmas Program Information: "The Birth of Jesus" -

Grades 1-8 will be sharing the message of Jesus' birth through song and recitation on Friday, December 20 at 7:00 pm. We have started working on the program and want to make sure everyone saves the date for our upcoming children's Christmas service. There will be a few students in costume for our program but the majority of the students will be asked to wear formal dress clothes. Boys can wear pants and a button up shirt/sweater/polo. Girls are to dress nicely in a dress or dressy pants and top. We look forward to celebrating the joyous occasion of Jesus' birth with everyone

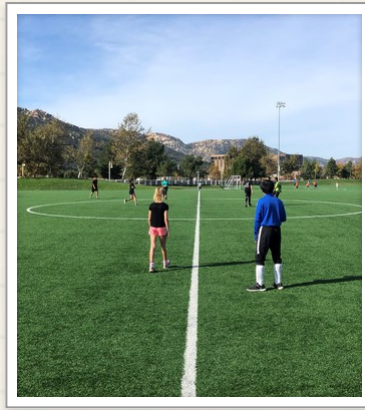


## Sports Update

The Boys A Basketball Blue team continues their season when they play on Thursday, December 19, at 4:00 pm against UDA. The Boys B Basketball team also plays on Thursday, December 19 against UDA at 5:00 pm. Both games are played at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Pacific Beach. Come cheer on the Reformation Raiders!

## WELS SO CAL SOCCER DAY AT CLHS





On Friday, December 6th, grade 4-8 participated in the yearly WELS So Cal Soccer Day in Temecula. Everyone were divided into different colors teams and coached by teachers and coaches from different schools. What a wonderful way to get to know those schools just like Reformation!



## LOOKING FOR A UNIQUE GIFT TO GIVE A CHILD THIS CHRISTMAS?

### GIVE THE GIFT OF GOOD SHEPHERD BIBLE CAMP

Christmas is right around the corner, which undoubtedly means you've got one thing on your mind: **Good Shepherd Bible Camp!** OK, so that may not have even made the list of all the things you've got on your mind this time of year, but it isn't too early to start thinking about it. If you've loved GSBC in the past and "hope" to attend again, now is the time to start saving up to and turn your "hope" into a reality. And, if you think someone else might love GSBC, too, why not consider giving them a week at camp as a unique and memorable Christmas gift?



## WELS Good Shepherd Bible Camp

*Youth Ministry within the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod*

### Christmas Attire- Friday, December 20st

As we look forward to our Christmas break, we thought we would let the children wear something fun for the last day of school before the break. Children may wear Christmas themed attire to school on Friday, December 21. Please make sure that it is modest and appropriate for school. If your daughter has Christmas leggings, she may wear them under a skirt. Because the children have their service that night, they may not color their hair. If your child does not want to wear Christmas themed attire, they need to wear their school uniform.

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

### Reformation Family Calendar



*Wednesdays at 8:30am - Chapel Service - everyone is welcome!*

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. (<http://reformationschoolsd.org/calendar/>).



## 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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