# Raiders News

Reformation Lutheran School & Preschool Weekly Newsletter

#### WEEK OF JANUARY 12-18



# Principal's Message - It will be alright!

Today's message is adapted from a sermon written by Martin Luther College's President Mark Zarling. This is the training college for our WELS teachers and pastors. President Zarling will be preaching right here at Reformation on Sunday, January 26th, the basketball tournament weekend.

Romans 8:38-39: "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Happy New Year! But is it happy? As 2020 already gotten off to a rocky start for you? Don't worry, it will be alright! Here at school, that phrase easily comes out of the teachers' mouths. We say it to that student who accidentally runs into something, or to that student who is having a hard time socially, or that one student who studied hard for the test and still didn't get the grade they wanted. We sometimes give a hug and say, "It will be alright."

We say it to adults too! No matter how old we are, we are still that young child inside, holding onto our own struggles, insecurities, anxieties, and fears, and we just want hug! Maybe the bills are stacking up. It will be alright! When the doctor enters the room and brings heavy news. It will be alright! When governments struggle to find peace through diplomacy. It will be alright! But will it really?

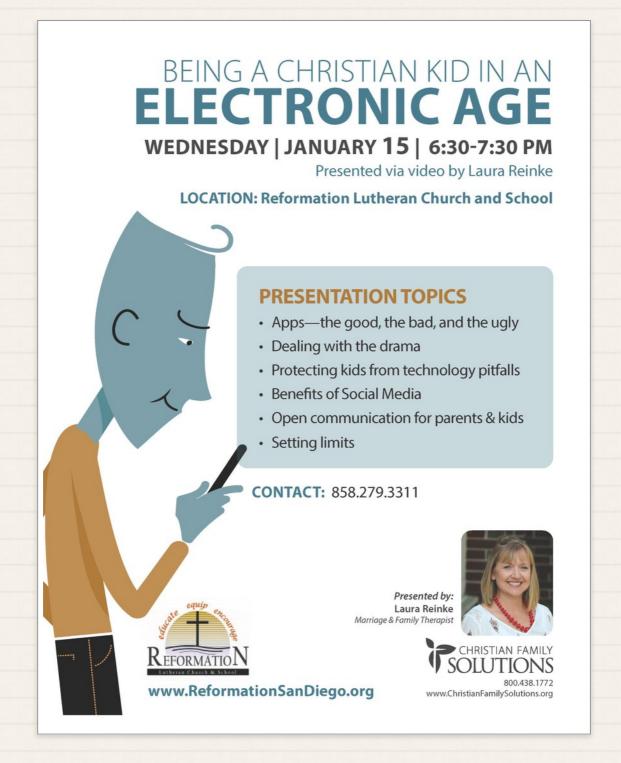
Yes, it will. Romans 8 is pretty clear with the extensive list. Death, life, angels, demons, present, future, powers, height, depth...that is an all encompassing list! Then it goes on to say, "nor anything else in all creation." All creation? Nothing that has been made, by God himself who makes all things, can separate us from the love of God. This God, who did not spare his only Son, will certainly not spare his love. All of this because of what that Son did for us. Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for all sins, and conquered death and Satan (all evil) by rising from the dead. Does God NOT have the power to protect us and to work out all things for our eternal good? Of course He does! So take comfort during those times of struggle. When you start thinking, "how is all of this going to be okay?" Remind yourself that God promises it will be alright.

# Being a Christian Kid in an Electronic Age

On Wednesday, January 15th, Reformation will be hosting the first of our new Parent Enrichment Series. The first topic covered will be "Being a christian kid in an electronic age." Our partner in this, Christian Family Services, recommends this presentation is intended for students ages 8-18, and all parents. Parents, if your children are not yet 8, this presentation will still provide meaningful material for you for when your children do get to that age.

Due to the nature of some of the topics discussed, there will be some sensitive material covered that could make the children feel uncomfortable. It will be up to you as the parents to determine if your child(ren) should be present. If you have any questions about that, please speak with Pastor Werner, Mr. Ross, or Mrs. Brennan Buth.

We hope to offer more presentations like this in the future. God's blessings to you and your family as you consider attending this presentation.



### Update from Ms. Jen and Mrs. Lamp's classroom

Hello again from the 4-year-old classroom! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's break! We are looking forward to starting this new calendar year and sharing the fun we've had and will continue to have. While most people were on break, we continued to learn about all the wonderful things God has done for us including giving us the most perfect gift – His Son. The kids were very excited to have performed in the Christmas program and share the message of Jesus's birth with everyone. They did an amazing job and we (the teachers) couldn't have been more proud of all of the kids!

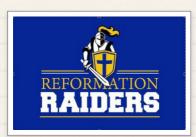
We have begun exploring different activities that can be done in the cold and are now studying the different animals that live in cold environments and how they survive. We will also be learning about the different tracks animals leave behind. We're looking forward to the upcoming pep rally on the 23rd to kick off the Reformation Basketball Tournament. Who knows how many future Reformation basketball players are in the 4-year-old class this year. We can't wait to share with you more of the fun things that happen in our class in the future!











# Sports Update

The Boys A Gold Team will be playing Thursday, January 16, at 4:00 pm against St. Paul's. The Boys B Team will play Thursday too at 5:00 against St. Paul's. Both games will be played at St. Paul's. Come cheer on our Raiders teams!

#### Snack Bar Donations Needed for Basketball Tournament

In two weeks, Reformation is hosting it's 41st annual basketball tournament. It is an exciting weekend of competition, cheering and fellowship.

During the tournament 7th and 8th grade students will be running a concession stand. The profits from concessions will benefit their upcoming trip.

Are you willing to donate items for the concession stand? Below, you'll find a link that will allow you to sign up for various items needed.

All donations are needed by Sunday, January 19th. Thanks

# Sign up to donate items for Basketball Tournament

## Update from Ms. Bianca and Mrs. Pereira's classroom

Hello Reformation family,

The three-year-old's are excited to share how much fun they have been having. Some of the things we have learned are letter sounds through song tone (baby shark) and learning to count and recognize numbers out of order 1-20. We have also been exploring on field trips such the Zoo and Safari Park. We have see some of the animals God made, BIG and small. We have had many holidays come and had the privilege of learning the true meaning of Christmas and giving to others as we learned in Bible study with Mrs. Ericka. The true meaning of Christmas and the best gift of all is Jesus' Birth. The three-year-old's would like to tell you Happy New Year! Blessings to you all in your prayers for our class.















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

## Reformation Family Calendar

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

January 15 - 7:00am Pancake Breakfast

January 20 - Campus Closed, No Preschool, Shepherd's Care or Grade School

January 24 - 26 Reformation Invitational Basketball Tournament

January 24 - No Grade School

January 27 - No Grade School

February 7 & 10 - K-8 Open House

February 14 -17 CLHS Basketball Tournament

February 14 - No Grade School, Presidents' Day

February 17 - Campus Closed, No Preschool, Shepherd's Care or Grade School

February 19 - 7:00am Pancake Breakfast

March 6 - No Grade School, Teachers' Conference

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>)





## About Us

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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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