

Raiders News

Reformation Lutheran School & Preschool Weekly
Newsletter

WEEK OF JANUARY 19-25



Fix Your Eyes on Jesus!

*Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,
fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith
Hebrew 12:1-2*

Principal's Message – Can People Change?

I ask couples in premarriage counseling this question: “Who do you want to marry: the person you are marrying or the person you hope they become?” There’s a right answer, you know. It’s the person you’re marrying! It’s dangerous to enter into a marriage thinking that you can change the other person. Many have tried and been disappointed. Change is hard!

Jesus told a parable about a man who had a fig tree. Year after year he went out to look for fruit but did not find any. He wanted to cut the tree down. It’s a stern warning to us. God is not looking for the superficial leaves of religion; he is looking for real fruit that comes from following him. And too often, the fruit I produce is paltry.

But this story filled with warning also has a hero. The caretaker of the vineyard jumped in between the owner and the fig tree and said, “**Sir . . . leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it**” (Luke 13:8).

Do you know who the caretaker is? It's Jesus. On the cross he stood between us and the ax of God. Jesus was cut down so that we could live.

Now he tends you with his Word, and he fertilizes you with the Lord's Supper because as our caretaker, he knows, "I can put fruit on that tree."

With the right Caretaker, people really can change!

Shared from Time of Grace

<https://timeofgrace.org/can-people-change/>

MLC President Mark Zarling

On Sunday, January 26th, Martin Luther College's President Mark Zarling will be a guest preacher at our 8:00 am and 10:30 am worship services. Martin Luther College serves as the WELS training school for our pastors and teachers. This is the college that a majority of our teaching staff attended and received their degrees from. If your child is interested about becoming a pastor or teacher in WELS churches or schools, Mark Zarling would love to meet you and have a conversation. If you are unfamiliar with our pastor/teacher training system, you are invited to come hear Mark Zarling preach.

Principal and Preschool Director Absence

Next week, Mr. Ross, Mrs. Buth, and Pastor Werner will be traveling to Chicago, IL for the WELS Leadership Conference. That means we will NOT be on campus Tuesday, Jan. 21st through Thursday, Jan. 23rd. If you need anything during that time, please speak with the office staff and/or Mr. Bohl. Mr. Bohl will be acting Principal during that time period and will have office hours in the afternoon.

Lost and Found

Please do an assessment of your students' missing items of clothing and jewelry. We have a significant amount of items that haven't been claimed. Any items that are not claimed by the end of the school day on Thursday, January 23 and will be donated to a local charity. Thank you.





Update from Mr. Bohl's classroom

The 7/8th graders have been working hard in class. We have been learning all about the Early American colonies. Pretty soon we will be getting into the Revolution. We have also been reading *Johnny Tremain* in Literature class. This is a story about a young boy who lived during that time. The students are excited because when we go to Washington, D.C. we will be spending a day in Colonial Williamsburg, so they will get to see this period in history in person!

In art, we just finished learning all about Winslow Homer. Here are some photos of the kids working on reproducing some of his works. This month we will be focusing on Pablo Picasso.



First Parent Enrichment Seminar Helps to Equip Families for Raising Christian Children in the Electronic Age

On Wednesday, January 15, Reformation hosted its first Parent Enrichment Seminar on the topic of "Being a Christian Kid in the Electronic Age." Laura Reinke, a marriage and family counselor with Christian Family Solutions and a professor at Wisconsin Luther College, led our group of 45 adults and children through her presentation of the topic. She shared statistics, stories and helpful resources for families looking to make wise and godly use of technology. She pointed out a number of websites and technologies that can assist parents in monitoring and supervising their children's online use and reputation and encouraged us to use them, but the place to start, she said, was with a family conversation and regular dialog about the blessings of the godly use of technology and the dangers of ungodly influences in our electronic and social media age. As Reinke put it, "There is no substitute for conversations with your kids." With the tools and encouragements she offered, those who attended are now better equipped and encouraged to fulfill their callings as Christian parents of Christian kids in an electronic age.

We plan to offer additional parent enrichment seminars in the future on a variety of important topics, so watch for the announcement of the next seminar in the months ahead.



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Here are some resources from Laura after her seminar.

Connect Safely: www.connectsafely.org

This website connects internet users with information about safety, security and privacy. The website includes research-based information, advice for parents and relevant news and commentaries.

Family Online Safety Institute: www.fosi.org

The goal of the FOSI is to “make the online world safer for kids and their families through enlightened public policy, industry best practice and good digital parenting.”

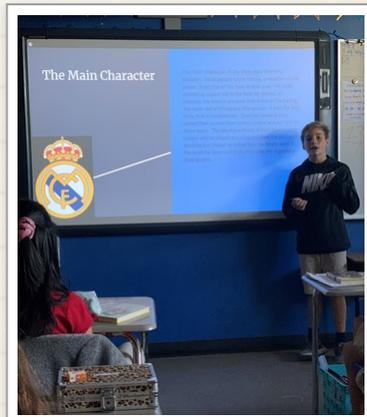
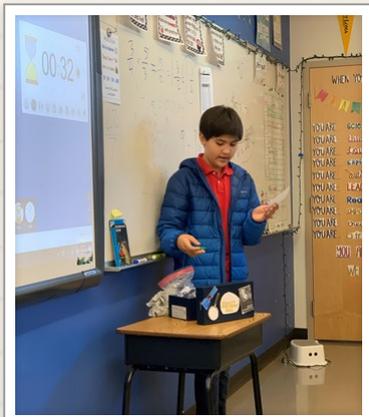
ThirdParent: www.thirdparent.com

“ThirdParent specializes in Internet safety for teens and kids. Created by parents for parents, ThirdParent provides discreet, professional monitoring and reporting of online activity to help safeguard kids and their reputations, today and in the years to come.”

Covenant Eyes: www.covenanteyes.com

This website is designed to help those struggling to overcome pornography addiction through fee-based monitoring services. Under the FREE RESOURCES tab, parents can select the family protection link for downloadable resources on how to protect families online, a guide to cyberbullying, and an e-book (Equipped) on how to have an honest conversation with your child about the pornified world we live in. Note: You will need to create an account in order to download the free resources.

DAY ONE OF BOOK REPORT PRESENTATIONS IN THE SIXTH GRADE.





Sports Update

Reformation Boys A team will play the first round of the playoffs in the St. Paul's Boys Basketball league on Thursday, January 23, at 4:00 pm. The Boys B team will also play their first round of the playoffs on Thursday, January 23, at 5:00 pm. The second round schedule will be posted after the first round is over. The playoffs will be played at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Pacific Beach.



Our Boys A and Girls A Basketball Teams will compete in our Reformation Basketball Tournament on Friday-Sunday, January 24-26, 2020. The tournament schedule was emailed to all of our school families. The first game for our Boys A team will be Friday, January 24, at 4:00 pm. at Reformation's gym. The Girls A team will play their first game of the tournament on Friday, January 24, at 4:00 pm. at St. Paul's gym in Pacific Beach. Look to see on the schedule when their other games are played. Come cheer on our Raiders teams!

Snack Bar Donations Needed for Basketball Tournament

Next week, Reformation is hosting its 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 Monday, January 20th. Thanks

[Sign up to donate items for Basketball Tournament](#)

Spirit Week

With the shorter week, and some field trips scheduled for next week, we will be moving our traditional Spirit Week and Pep Rally celebration to the week of Feb. 10-13, which is right before the CLHS Tournament. We will have a school spirit day on Jan. 23, where all of the students are encouraged to wear Raiders gear to support our teams!



REFORMATION
LUTHERAN SCHOOL



Did you know that this year marks the 50th anniversary of our Reformation Lutheran School? Have you considered what a truly great blessing that is? And have ever thought about how richly blessed we have been to have a steady supply of well-trained, highly-qualified, gospel-motivated teachers for 50 years now? Throughout our history, when we have had a ministry need, the Lord has sent us teachers from Martin Luther College, who answered our calls to come and serve the ministry here at Reformation.

On Sunday, January 26, we will give thanks to God for the blessings of Christian Education and our partnership with Martin Luther College in special services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. Rev. Mark Zarling, the president of Martin Luther College, will be with us and serve as our special guest preacher for the occasion, encouraging all of us in the noble privilege and partnership we share in *Equipping Christian Witnesses*, "...so that all the peoples of the earth might know" (Joshua 4:24) the saving power and grace of our living Lord.

You are also invited to join us for a special Bible class and presentation by President Zarling. This will be a great opportunity to hear about how the Lord is blessing and using our WELS college of ministry, Martin Luther College, to equip Christian witnesses to tell the next generation in schools and congregations like ours. Invite a friend and join us in the sanctuary at 9:30 am on Sunday, January 26.



Reformation Family Calendar

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

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



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



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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