



Reformation Lutheran School Newsletter
Week 17 – 01/06/2017

Message from the Principal: Happy New Year

Happy New Year! Being a history lover, I read about different traditions in celebrating the start of a New Year. The Spanish ritual on New Year's Eve is to eat twelve grapes at midnight. The tradition is meant to secure twelve happy months in the coming year. In Greece, New Year's Day is also the Festival of St. Basil, one of the founders of the Greek Orthodox Church. One of the traditional foods served is Vassilopitta, or St Basil's cake. A silver or gold coin is baked inside the cake. Whoever finds the coin in their piece of cake will be especially lucky during the coming year. The Dutch burn bonfires of Christmas trees on the street and launch fireworks. The fires are meant to purge the old and welcome the new.

When I came across the Dutch practice of bonfires, it struck me what Martin Luther said about baptism, "It signifies that the old Adam in us, together with all sins and evil lusts, should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance and be put to death, and that the new man should come forth daily and rise up, cleansed and righteous, to live forever in God's presence." Every day you and I struggle with sins, lusts, thoughts, words and actions that are contrary to God's Word; however, we can thank God that we are cleansed in Christ's blood and his sacrifice on the cross.

Happy New Year and may that daily cleansing of confession of sins and knowing you are a redeemed child of God make every day a great day in 2017!

Update from Michael Homan

The 5th and 6th graders have finished their unit on poetry. We have looked at several different types of poems and poets. We have also been working on creating a persuasive essay. I have heard arguments as to “why I should have a cell phone”, “why I should be able to play video games without permission” and “why San Diego is the best city in the country” . We have also been working on looking at the Ancient American Civilizations.

The students are very studious and faithful in their work. We look forward to spending the rest of the year growing in our faith and knowledge.

More Important Information:

If you haven't already registered for the 2017-18 school year, please do so immediately. In the last month, we have given 60 tours, enrolled 12 new students and are fielding calls daily. Classes are filling up fast and cap at 25 students. The only way to secure your spot is to re-register. Registration forms can be found [here](#).

Sunday, January 8th

8:00am Traditional Worship

10:30am Contemporary Worship

Sunday, January 15th

8:00am Worship

10:30am Worship

Sunday, January 22nd

8:00am Worship

10:30am Contemporary Worship (Preschool sings)

Sunday, January 29th

8:00am Worship

10:30am Worship

January 17 Financial Peace University

January 27-30 Annual Reformation Invitational Basketball Tournament

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