

Friday, September 14, 2018

Raiders News

A Picture of Love

An elderly couple sat holding hands on a bench in front of their assisted living home on Valentine's Day. They reminisced about Valentines past. "Do you remember giving me that note with the hearts asking me to be your wife when we were in the second grade?" The husband responded, "Yes, I do and it broke my heart when you threw it in the trash." She replied, "You should have signed it instead of drawing that ugly picture of yourself on there so I would have known who it was from." He said, "I sure am glad I kept on trying and never gave up on you." He smiled as he remembered the card. The picture he had drawn was of his true love, not of himself. During forty-five years of marriage, he never told her. Now that is a picture of true love!

Sometimes we mistakenly look at others in a way that isn't too flattering. Also, some pictures we paint of ourselves are not true reflections of who we really are. God drew us—he designed each of us so that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. He redeemed each of us to be his own through his Son and our Savior Jesus. What we might be tempted to see as limitations or weaknesses in this picture because we lack certain gifts or skills does not in any way change the beautiful attributes that God sees when he looks at us and sees the unique skills and gifts he has now given to each of us as his holy-through-faith and precious children. Now that is a picture of true love! God loves us with an everlasting love. If we should throw away the invitation to be the bride of Christ at some point in our lives, God doesn't give up on us. He keeps on pursuing us. Each time we reject Him it breaks His heart, but we never have to fear losing His love. He loves us with an everlasting love; he will forgive even the ugliest secrets.

Thank Him for His love this week and remember to tell Him how much you love Him!

3 The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying:
"I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.

Jeremiah 31:3



Upcoming Events

September 18

Preschool Picture Day

September 19

Pancake Breakfast, 7am

September 23

Grades 5-8 Sing, 10:30am

September 25

Grade School Picture Day

September 30

Preschool & Kindergarten Sing, 10:30am

Planning ahead?

A monthly calendar is updated on our website, and a full school year calendar is available also. [Click here to review these calendars.](#)



Picture Day

Picture Day for preschool is on Tuesday, September 18 and for grades K-8 is on Tuesday, September 25. Please watch for more information coming home with your student. School uniforms should be worn for pictures.

Pancake Breakfast

The September Pancake Breakfast is Wednesday, September 19 from 7am-8am in the gym. Please join us for breakfast and get to know other school families. [Contact Brigetta Guelker](#) to offer to help or to bring requested items. Additional information was sent in an email earlier this week. See you there!

School Lunches

Don't want to pack a lunch every day for your student? We have School Lunch options for you!

The order form for Wednesday lunches in October is available and open for orders. If you have already signed up for Wednesday lunches for the entire school year, please do not complete this monthly form.

Top Notch Catering lunches are available and must be ordered by noon the day prior. Please note the change in this order deadline.

[Read all the information on our website and order today!](#)

Athletics News



The girls' volleyball team is in season! Practices and games are scheduled and they would love some Raiders fans in the stands! The next game is Thursday, September 27 at 1pm at Reformation.



Around Campus

Children's Choir Begins

The new Reformation Children's Choir held their first rehearsal this past week. Thank you to Mrs. Dawn Belie for bringing this special activity to our students in grades 3-8! The first performance of the Children's Choir will be Sunday, October 28 during the 10:30am worship service.

#RefTechTips

Each week, we will share technology-related tips, snapshots of campus technology and other surprises with the goal to keep you more informed and connected to technology at Reformation. Have a question? Let us know topics you would like to see featured.

Have you ever been curious if a book, movie, website, app or other media is appropriate for your child or family? Here are some great resources that can save your time researching and guide you as you answer these questions.

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Common Sense Media improves the lives of kids and families by providing independent reviews, age ratings, & other information about all types of media. <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>

Playgroup Invitation

Kids 0-3 with accompanying adult are invited to join us on Tuesday mornings from 8:30-9:15am on the preschool playground. We will start out with a story and then the kids can play while the adults have a chance to talk and get to know one another. Feel free to bring a friend!

