



Weekly Notes

November 17, 2017

From the Administrator

This week I had two students approach me, concerned about the welfare of a classmate. The classmate has had a tough go of it lately.

I Corinthians 13:11 tells us; "When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways."

This verse came to mind as my eyes settle on these young men's faces, true concern etched across their countenance. They listened intently as we talked about what it means to be an encourager and how to support their classmate.

One of the most amazing things about my role as administrator is having a front row seat to seeing how God is working in the lives of His people, specifically our students. Some of these kids I have known since kindergarten. Seeing evidence of their maturity and growth warms my heart and gives hope in a world where we hear of so many things going wrong.

We have so much to be thankful for this season. It is our prayer that as your family enjoys the upcoming Thanksgiving break, that your hearts will be filled to overflowing with gratitude for all that we have been given.

Christ's blessing on you and yours,

Mrs. Olson

Mark Your Calendar

- **Thanksgiving Break:** Nov. 22 - 24
- **HS Zoo Lights:** Dec. 1
- **Student of the Month:** Dec. 6, 10 - 10:30 am in MPR
- **Ladies Tea:** Dec. 7, 6:30 - 9:00 pm
- **Student of the Month (MS/HS):** Dec. 8, during 9:30 am Chapel
- **PreK Christmas Program:** Dec. 8, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- **K-5th Grade Christmas Program:** Dec. 11, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
- **Board Meeting:** Dec. 12, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
- **Achievement Awards:** Dec. 1
1st-2nd Grade 8:30 am
3rd-5th Grade 9:00 am
- **Christmas Break:** Dec. 18 - Jan. 1
- **Board Meeting:** Jan. 9, 6:30-9:30 pm
- **Student of the Month:** Jan. 11, 10 - 10:30 am in MPR
- **Student of the Month (MS/HS):** Jan. 12 during 9:30 am chapel
- **No School Martin Luther King Day:** Jan. 15

Volunteer Opportunity!

Family Fun Night is typically held in January and is thoroughly enjoyed by our students. The event takes approximately 200 volunteer hours to put on and we need someone to volunteer to coordinate it this year! If you would be interested, please contact jolson@ffcs.org by December 1st. Thank you!

Bakers Needed

The 8th grade class is looking for volunteers to bake homemade goodies for the FFCS "All I Want For Christmas" Bazaar on December 2. Items need to be individually wrapped and sized for selling at \$1.00 each. We are looking for Christmas-themed cookies, sweet breads, brownies, popcorn balls, etc. Items will need to be delivered on Friday, December 1. Please contact Audrey Richter at arichter@ffcs.org if you are able to help. Thank you!

ATTACHED: Flash Alert Instructions, Boxtop Collection Sheets, and Scrip Order Form

Information

Ladies Christmas Tea

It's that time of the year, Ladies! "Come and be filled" at the annual Ladies Tea, which will take place on **Thursday, December 7, 6:30 - 8 pm** in the FFCS gym. It promises to be a wonderful and festive evening for all. This year's guest is Sonya Einerson, she will be leading with inspirational music and scripture and fellowship. Tickets are \$8 each or \$60 for a table of eight. If you would like to be a table hostess or purchase seats, please see Mrs. Baker in Office B. If you have any other questions, you may contact Ada Henderson at ahenderson@ffcs.org. If you would like to help with providing tea sandwiches, fruit and veggies or desserts, please contact Becky Walker at bwalker@ffcs.org or Ada Henderson at ahenderson@ffcs.org. Bringing goodies will go toward your volunteer hours.

FFCS Christmas Bazaar

On **Saturday, December 2**, the FFCS 8th grade class is hosting a Christmas Bazaar as a fundraiser for their annual Washington DC historical trip. The gym will be filled with baked goodies & fresh evergreens to purchase too! If you have any questions, please contact **Karla Merritt** at ffcsbazaar@gmail.com or at 360-687-7767.

FFCS Christmas Program

Mark your calendars for the FFCS K-5 Grade, MS & HS Choir Christmas Program to be held **Monday, December 11 at 6:30 pm in the Skyview High School Auditorium**. Share the excitement with your children at this special opportunity to celebrate our Savior's birth.

Flash Alert For School Closure Information

It won't be long for the wintery weather to cause late starts or school closures. We follow Battle Ground School District (BGSD) for late starts/school closures due to weather. It is not unusual for BGSD to start late/close for some parts of the school district. If any part of BGSD starts late/closes, we start late/close. You can choose to be notified by FlashAlert when Battle Ground decides to start late or close. You can choose to be notified via email (or through a phone app). Just follow the directions that are attached.

You can follow postings for school closures on all local news outlets for BGSD or FFCS. FFCS will post under SW Washington private schools.

Box Tops Contest

Our box tops competition last month was a wonderful success. Our elementary students brought in just over 3000 box tops altogether! Great work!! Our box tops winners were Mrs. Walker's kindergarten class and Mrs. Bauder's 2nd grade class. Congratulations! With the holidays just around the corner, now is a perfect time to start collecting those box tops again and saving them for our January competition! Keep your eyes peeled for box tops! Attached are new collection forms.



Information

Coming Soon: Salvation Army Giving Tree!

We will be helping children in need by having a Giving Tree in both buildings. So, get ready-- there will be only 15 school days before we close for Christmas Break. When we return from Thanksgiving Break, you can select a Giving Tree tag, buy the requested gift (or similar item), securely attach the tag, then return the unwrapped gift to the Giving Tree by December 16. As we approach Thanksgiving, we ask that you pray and decide as a family on whether to participate in the Giving Tree, as well as pray for the children in need.

Scrip

Scrip cards are gift cards that the school purchases at a discount and sells for face value. This is a great and easy way to help raise money for our school. You can find scrip cards for most of your everyday purchases on the order form that is attached. **Scrip orders need to be prepaid and in the office by 9am on Tuesday** and will be available for pick up that Friday.

A small selection of scrip is available in the office for immediate purchase. These usually include:

- Amazon
- Home Depot
- Olive Garden/Red Lobster
- Subway
- Burgerville
- Lowes
- Safeway
- Taco Bell
- Fred Meyer
- Red Robin
- Starbucks
- Visa



Black Friday and the holiday shopping season are right around the corner. It's the perfect time to download the Benefit Mobile app and sign up to support FFCS!

Here's how it works:

Install Benefit on your iPhone or Android (click [HERE](#) for iPhone; click [HERE](#) for Android), then link your credit card or checking account to the app.

Designate Firm Foundation Christian School as a beneficiary.

Start purchasing digital gift cards for hundreds of top retailers to use when you shop. When you redeem the gift cards at checkout, a portion of the proceeds is set aside for FFCS!

For more information, visit benefit-mobile.com.

Real story: An FFCS parent was recently shopping at a store in the outlet mall. He opened the app while in the checkout line, "purchased" a gift card online through the mobile app, then showed his phone to the cashier to redeem the card on the spot.
