



# Weekly Notes

February 9 2018

## From the Administrator

My Dad was an outdoorsman. He excelled at tracking animals and "reading sign." Sometimes his observations were humorous and often very insightful.

One of the things he watched for yearly was the departure and return of the buzzards. For many years, I would hear him talk of how they would gather and then leave in groups of one or two. Last fall, I got to see that for the first time. It was, quite frankly, both awe inspiring and a little creepy.

In late winter, Dad would start watching for the first buzzard sighting and carefully wrote it on the calendar. He always said to forget the groundhog...when the first buzzard returned, winter was over for good.

While helping my Mom this week, I was caught off guard by a note on the calendar for February 1st.

### BUZZARDS BACK

This unexpected reminder of my father and his wisdom reminded me of our relationship with the Heavenly Father. We get caught up in day to day "stuff" and forget the amazing wisdom He has provided for us in His word.

May you seek not only His wisdom but also His peace on a daily basis.

## Mark Your Calendar

- **District BB game** Feb. 10
- **Board Meeting:** Feb. 12
- **Spirit Week:** Feb. 12-16
- **No School Presidents Day:** Feb. 19
- **ACSI Regional Spelling Bee and No School In Service:** Feb. 23
- **Open House:** Feb. 26 6:30-8pm
- **Open Enrollment Begins** March 1st
- **Student of the Month (K-5)** March 8 10:00 - 10:30am MPR
- **Conferences** March 8 3:45-5:45pm
- **Early Release & Student of the Month (6th - 12th):** March 9
- **Conferences:** March 9 12:30 - 5pm

## Spirit Week

Spirit Week will kick off on **Monday, February 12**. Students who are not participating in Spirit Week on any particular day will need to be in uniform. Those who participate will still need to follow the dress code guidelines listed in the FFCS Student-Parent Handbook. (i.e., no spaghetti straps or too-short shorts, etc.)

### PreK-8th Grade

<b>Monday</b>	Pajama Day
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sports Day
<b>Wednesday</b>	Wacky Wednesday (hair & clothes)
<b>Thursday</b>	Tie, Tutu & Silly Sock Day (do one or all three)
<b>Friday</b>	Color Day

### High School only

<b>Monday</b>	Sports Day
<b>Tuesday</b>	Pajama Day
<b>Wednesday</b>	Character Day
<b>Thursday</b>	Color Day
<b>Friday</b>	Patriotic Day

**ATTACHED: After School Classes, February Academic Calendar, February Menu, Forgiveness Poster, Financial Aide**

# Information

## Daddy Daughter Dinner



When: Saturday, February 24th

Time: 5:00pm

Where: Firm Foundation Christian School

Tickets: \$50 per pair, \$15 per additional sibling

Please bring cash if you would like to purchase raffle tickets.

## Growth & Development Events

Parents, mark your calendars and sign up for the annual introductory **Growth & Development** classes offered to assist mothers and fathers in teaching their children about puberty and the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual issues surrounding it.



### Father/Son Timeout:

**Saturday, March 10 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am**

For all 5th & 6th grade boys and their dad, step-dad, uncle, grandpa or any other significant adult male in their life. (4th-8th grade boys are invited and may benefit from this class, at the parent's discretion.)

### Mother/Daughter Tea

**Saturday, March 10 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

For 4th & 5th grade girls and their mom, step-mom, aunt, grandmother or significant adult female in their life. (2nd-7th grade girls are invited and may benefit from this class, at their parent's discretion.)

Please sign up by **Thursday, February 22**, using the flyers were mailed. Additional flyers are available in both offices. The cost for each class is \$25 per adult/child couple. Additional individuals are \$15 each. **Space is limited!** If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Cundiff, school nurse, at [ccundiff@ffcs.org](mailto:ccundiff@ffcs.org).

## Volunteers Needed

We need your help to make this event a success! Volunteers are needed to set up tables in the multi-purpose room on **Friday, March 9 at noon**. We also need individuals to clean up after the event at **3:30 pm on Saturday, March 10**. Baking and food prep volunteers are also needed. Shopping time, prep time, and the cost of food apply toward your volunteer hours for this year! If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Cundiff as soon as possible at [ccundiff@ffcs.org](mailto:ccundiff@ffcs.org).



# Information

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## Spirit Week Charity

Camp Attitude is a week long camp for children with special needs near Sweet Home, Oregon. We are taking a group from the High School for the third consecutive year to serve at the camp as "Buddies." A Buddy gets paired up with a special needs camper and their job is to be their "Buddy" all day long, which means doing whatever the kid wants to do at this camp that is all set up for wheel chair access/physical disabilities and various activities (like riding horses, laser tag, lake day, swings equipped to handle anyone, craft room, special organized water games etc...). Disabled families get to come to camp for free. Your donation helps with the cost of running the camp.

## Winter After-School Class - MS Badminton Fun!

Firm Foundation is offering an after-school class. Badminton Fun! **This class runs from February 25 to March 18**

**\*Middle School Badminton Fun!**

**\*High School Badminton Fun!**

## Automatic Re-Enrollment Is Happening Now!

Beginning this month, current FFCS students will automatically be re-enrolled for the 2018-19 school year.

Families who currently pay their tuition through our FACTS payment plan, will have the Automatic Re-enrollment Fee (formerly known as our "Enrollment Fee) added to their FACTS monthly payment for March. The fee amounts are \$150 for a single student or \$250 per family.

Any family that DOES NOT wish to have the Automatic Re-enrollment Fee billed to their FACTs account must notify the Business Office at [aclose@ffcs.org](mailto:aclose@ffcs.org) before February 15th.

Pay-in-Full families must pay the Automatic Re-enrollment Fee by February 28th. Payment may be made by cash or check to either office. Arrangements for online Renweb payments may be made by emailing [aclose@ffcs.org](mailto:aclose@ffcs.org).

## 2017-18 Yearbook

It is time to order your 2017-2018 FFCS Yearbook. We will be selling yearbooks for \$28.00 from now until March 12th. After March 12th, the price will increase to \$32.00. Pre-orders must be placed before April 23rd. There are a limited number of yearbooks, so please place your order early to secure your copy. Don't be left out! To order your copy of the FFCS Yearbook, fill out the attached order form and turn it in to either office. For any questions contact Miss Merritt/Yearbook Advisor at [kmerritt@ffcs.org](mailto:kmerritt@ffcs.org)

## Financial Aid for 2018-19 School Year

FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment will be conducting the financial need analysis for FFCS for the upcoming 2018-19 school year. Families applying for financial aid should complete an application and submit the necessary supporting documentation to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment by April 15, 2018. Please see the attachment for further instructions.

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## Middle School Basketball Schedule

2/12 4:30	@Trinity Luthern
2/15 4:00	Rivergate
2/20 5:20	@ Meadow Glade

## High School Basketball

The boys HS Basketball team advanced to the semi-final round in the District IV 1B playoffs. They will face the Naselle Comets. The game will be held on Saturday, February 10th @ Ilwaco High School @ 4:00 pm. If the boys win this game, they will advance to the championship game and qualify for the State tournament!

## Health & Wellness at FFCS

Let's Move...Cold Weather Fun!

Cold weather offers great ways to have family fun. Adults need at least 30 minutes of physical activity on most days. Your child needs at least 60 minutes of physical activity on most, preferably all, days of the week.

Get moving indoors:

- Act out a story
- Create an obstacle course (pillow, boxes, hula hoops)

Get moving outside:

- Snow play
- Take a nature hike

[taken from Nibbles for Health 37, Nutrition Newsletters, USDA, Food and Nutrition Service]

## FFCS Spring Dessert - Building a Firm Future

Join us at this no-cost fundraising event on Saturday, March 10th at 7:00 P.M. for an evening of inspiration and insight as we explore our mission and the impact FFCS is having on families in our community.

Our Speaker: Dr. R. Scott Rodin

Dr. Rodin has a passion for the Core Value of Faithful Stewardship and runs a ministry called The Steward's Journey. His mission is "to equip and inspire God's people to be free and joyful stewards of life."

Please consider hosting a table at the event and earn volunteer hours! Invite friends and family as guests at your table. (8 guests per table)

Volunteer Hours

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