Weekly Notes

May 18, 2018

From the Administrator

This week my son graduates from Firm Foundation Christian High School. As we prepare for graduation, I was printing dozens of photos of the different phases of his life. He was an adorable baby, and is a wonderful young man. As we talked about the memories refreshed with each hum of the printer, what struck me was how prominent a force the FFCS family has been in his life.

He began at FFCS as a kindergarten student in Mrs. Ashton's class. We soon grew to love our FFCS family. There are so many signature events captured...as a cub scout bringing in the flag during an assembly. Receiving an Eagle Award from Mr. Grove. Pictures from a field trip to OMSI. An art project with Ms. Merritt. 4 years of High School plays. The beach trip. Cruises on the river. Basketball. ASB events.

What is most endearing, however, is story told in photos of the friends. As he graduates this week, at least one of his classmates has been in school with him for all 13 years. Others have been there almost as long. Classmates who moved on to other schools are still dear, with the threads of friendship woven firmly through the years at FFCS, and continuing to show up in photos.

As a parent, who just happens to be the administrator, I have a fierce love for this school. Not just for the friends it has provided our sons, but for the Godly role models the men and women have been who teach our students. The teachers and staff have given sacrificially of their time and talents to be there for our kids. What a gift they have given us parents.

Graduation as not an ending.

It is the springboard for lives to be lived well. Lives that honor God and serve others as these young men and women "...press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Jesus Christ (Phil. 3:14).

The threads of friendships woven of a common faith, shared experiences, and sealed with grace, can last a lifetime. I eagerly await to see how God will use these young people. To the teachers, staff and fellow parent sojourners who have made this an amazing journey....thank you.

Mrs. Olson

Mark Your Calendar

- **5th Grade Wax Museum:** May 21
- **4th Grade State Fair:** May 21
- **5th & 6th Change Up Day:** May 22
- **8th Grade Last Day (1/2 Day):** May 23
- **Elementary Non Uniform Days:** May 22-25
- **8th Grade Recognition:** May 23 7-9 pm
- **Field Day:** May 24
- **Last Day! (half day):** May 25

Nurse Notes: Medication

If your child has medication at school, please pick up the medication on the last day of school for your student (Friday, 5-25 for most of us, but it may vary for Pre-K, Kindergarten, 8th and 12th). Students are not allowed to transport medication. Any medication that is not retrieved by parents will be discarded without further notice.

FFCS Spirit Store

Visit the FFCS Spirit Store to order custom gear **before June 5 at https://shop.classbundl.com/firmfoundationchristianschool/apparel/156**

ATTACHED: May Menu, May Academic Calendar, Rummage Sale Flyer

Information

Field Day

Field Day is May 24th. Grades 1-2 will be from 9:00-10:30 am and Grades 3-5 will be from 1:00-2:30.
Volunteers are desperately needed. You can claim your volunteer hours this year.
Please email me at jworkman@ffcs.org if you can help out.
Thank you,
Mrs. Workman

Scrip Order Dates for the Summer

The scrip order dates for the summer are as follows: **June 19, July 10, August 7, and August 21.**

End of the Year Reminders

- Overdue tuition, lunch bills and After-Care charges must be paid before report cards and TerraNova scores will be mailed.
- Library books need to be turned in before the end of school. Parents will be sent an invoice for any missing books. Reports cards will not be mailed out until these fees have been paid.

HS Track State Qualifiers

State Qualifiers:
Issac Baker - High Jump
Anna Huntsinger - 100 Hurdles
Kaleb Moyer - 100m dash, 200m dash
Daniel Kogler - 400m dash
Kaden Richter - 300m hurdles
4x100 Girls Team
- Emma Merritt, Yimeier Tao, Beth Merritt, Anna Huntsinger
4x400 Boys Team
- Evan Baker, Vlad Polyakov, Josh Mueller, Daniel Kogler

HS Track Schedule

Thursday, **May 24-26** (WIAA 1B, 2B, 1A State Championship Meet)	@ EWU, Cheney	TBD

Information

Rummage Sale

ATTENTION HOARDERS, GARAGE SALERS and OBSESSIVE CLEANERS! The Rummage Sale is coming. Please hold on to your stuff to donate just a little while longer!! Items can be donated June 4th & 5th from 10 am - 7 pm and June 6th 10-4 pm. The Rummage Sale will be Thursday, June 7th & 8th from 9-6 pm & Saturday the 9th from 9-4 pm. See attached flyer!

Pressure Washing Volunteers Needed!

Pressure washers needed over the summer to clean a number of our sidewalks, play areas, fences and buildings. **Get your volunteer hours done in the summer!** Contact Marie (mzinke@ffcs.org) in office A for more infor-

Upcoming Graduation & Recognition Ceremonies

Everyone is invited to the following graduation and recognition ceremonies to be held in the gym:

12th Grade Graduation	Friday, May 18th	7-9 pm
8th Grade Recognition	Wednesday, May 23rd	7-9 pm

Uniform Sale/Exchange - Volunteers Needed!

The annual uniform sale/exchange is **Wednesday, May 23 and Thursday, May 24 ((8am-10 am & 2-4pm) in the library.** This is a great time to pick up uniforms for next year at only $5 per item or to exchange outgrown uniforms that are in good re-saleable condition (no stained, holey, patched, torn or frayed garments). If you have old uniforms at home, please feel free to bring them in early in the week so that items can be labeled and organized prior to the sale. ****Because of this, the last four days of school (5/22-25) will be non-uniform days for middle school and elementary!

FFCS Annual Father's Day Golf Tournament!

Come Golf With Us!

The 19th Annual FFCS Father's Day Golf Tournament is happening on Friday, June 15that Lewis River Golf Course in Woodland!

We would be honored to have you play in our tournament! We're setting up foursome teams right now, so please register soon! Simply head to ffcs.org/golf

and click on the "CLICK HERE" link.

It's going to be a fun day in the sun, with lunch and prizes to follow! See you there!

Information

4th Grade State Fair

4th Grade State Fair Celebration

Monday, May 21, 1-2:40pm Open House

Miss Carlson and Miss Stinson's Classrooms

4th graders have been diligently researching the states. Come to this fun fair to see what you can learn!

5th Grade Biography Wax Museum

The 5th grade will be presenting their Wax Museum Monday the 21st of May. Come and meet famous people like Rosa Parks, Henry Ford, Jackie Robinson, Thomas Jefferson, Annie Oakley, and many more. Museum hours are 8:45 until 10:15.

Easy Ways to Support FFCS

Without spending more than you already do, you and other FFCS families can generate extra revenue for the school! This works with any number of purchases such as groceries, clothing, electronics, computers, home repair products, gifts, drugs, dining, movies, and even gasoline. To do this, simply make these purchases with registered cards or scrip. Enroll your favorite cards online, listing FFCS as the designated beneficiary, and encourage family, friends and local business owners to sign up as well!

Are All Your Volunteer Hours Recorded in RenWeb?

To enter your service hours, log in to RenWeb, choose “Family Information,” and then click on your name under Family Profiles. Choose the Service Hours tab and click “Add Service Hours.” If you need assistance with RenWeb, please contact Mrs. Baker in Office B or atwbaker@ffcs.org.

Each family is required to fulfill 30 hours per student (K-12) for a maximum of 60 hours per family. Hours that are not completed and entered into RenWeb by the end of the school year on May 25th will be billed at a rate of $14 per unfulfilled hour.

2018-19 School Year Dates

1st Day of School:	Wednesday, August 29
Christmas Break:	Friday, December. 21st— Friday, January 4
Spring Break:	Monday, April 1st— Friday, April 5th
Last Day of School:	Friday, May 24th

Information

Reminders from Our School Nurse:

An End-of-the-Year Reminder from the School Nurse about Medication and Vaccines:

If your child has medication at school, please pick up the medication on their last day of school (Friday, May 25th for most of the school, but the date varies for Pre-K, Kindergarten, 8th and 12th grade) ***Medication must be picked up by a parent as students are not allowed to transport medication.***

Any medication that is not retrieved by parents will be discarded.

School medication orders are only valid for the current school year. New medication orders from your child's physician will need to be completed for the 2018/2019 school year. If your child has a life-threatening health condition and you indicate this on his/her paperwork, a medication & emergency action plan form will be mailed to you in the summer so that you can have them filled out and signed by your child's physician before school begins. You can then bring them into school (along with your child's medication) before school begins or on the first day. Please remember that your child ***CANNOT*** begin school without these items in the school nurse's possession if they have a life-threatening health condition (asthma, diabetes, peanut/tree nut allergy, other serious food allergies, heart condition, epilepsy/seizures, bee sting allergy, etc.).

School Vaccine *Requirements* for 2018-2019

*****VARICELLA: NEW Chickenpox *Requirement*:**

All children in **PRE-K** need **1 DOSE** of vaccine – parental documentation of disease is **NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE** – Healthcare provider verified child had disease is acceptable

*******All children attending **Kindergarten THROUGH 12th GRADE** need **2 DOSES** of vaccine – parental documentation of disease is **NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE** - Healthcare provider verified child had disease is acceptable. **(***this is a new requirement as of 2016/17 school year – ALL students [including high schoolers] are *REQUIRED* to have *2 DOSES* of the Varicella vaccine***)**

Tdap Reminder:

Proof of **Tdap vaccination** is ***REQUIRED*** of children who are attending **6th thru 12th grades and/or are 11 years of age.**

DTaP/DT/Td/Tdap: 4 doses for Pre-K, 5 doses for Kindergarten thru 12th grades, plus the Tdap requirement described above for 6th thru 12th grades.

Polio (IPV or OPV): 3 doses for Pre-K, 4 doses for Kindergarten thru 12th grades (3 doses if 3rd dose is given after 4th birthday).

MMR: 1 dose for Pre-K, 2 doses for Kindergarten thru 12th grades.

Hepatitis B Reminder: 3 Dose *Requirement*:

3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine administered at appropriate ages and intervals are now required for students attending **Pre-K through 12th grade** (2 doses acceptable on an accelerated schedule for 11 to 15 year olds if they have not received the vaccine – talk with their doctor please).