



Weekly Notes

September 7, 2018

From the Administrator

One of my great joys as principal is getting to drop in and visit classes. This week I joined 4th grade for Bible class. It warmed my heart hearing them whole-heartedly singing hymns as well as already having new bible passages memorized!

In a world where there is so much uncertainty, it is a privilege for all of us here at FFCS to serve your family. These young people are amazing. We hold them to a high standard and it is a joy to see them rise to the occasion.

This year there are some activities planned that will continue this trajectory of growth that we believe is so important. Seniors will be helping with a Habitat for Humanity home building project. Other grades will participate in "A Night in Exile," designed to help them develop a deeper understanding of what our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ deal with. These and other activities are undertaken with the goal of helping these young people grow in their faith and grow in their leadership abilities.

At the same time, we are continuing with our ongoing improvement initiatives related to academics. Later this month, we undergo our re-accreditation evaluation by ACSI. This rigorous process holds our school to a very high standard for academics, instruction, and Biblical integration.

Which brings me back to those precious 4th graders. 3 John 1:4 states: "I have no greater joy than hearing that my children are walking in truth." The positive attitudes, truly joyful hearts and smiles tell us we are indeed on the right path.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Olson

Mark Your Calendar

- **Grandparent's Day:** Sept. 11th
- **Board Meeting:** TBD
- **Grandparent's Day:** Sept. 12th (PreK & K M/W)
- **DC Trip Meeting:** Sept. 17, 7 pm
- **Picture Day:** Sept. 19th & 20th
- **Mission Trip Meeting:** Sept. 20, 7 pm
- **Outdoor School Meeting:** Sept. 25th, 7-8 pm
- **Jog-A-Thon:** Sept. 26 (PreK & K M,W)
- **Jog-A-Thon:** Sept. 27th
- **Jog-A-Thon - Friday Night Lights** Sept. 27th
- **Outdoor School:** Oct. 2-5
- **Student of the Month:** Oct. 3, 10-10:30am (K-5) MPR
- **Student of the Month:** Oct. 5, 9:30-10:15am (MS/HS) Chapel
- **Board Meeting:** Oct. 9,

Grandparent's Day

Grandparents/Special Friends Day is on Tuesday, September 11th from 8:30-10am in the FFCS gym. We are looking forward to grandparents and/or special family friends joining us for a fun program, refreshments and then visiting with their grandchildren in their various classrooms. Please invite grandparents or a special family friend to join in the fun! If your student is in Monday/Wednesday kindergarten or preschool, their special day will be on Wednesday, September 12th from 8:30-10 in the multi-purpose room in Building A.

School Picture Day

Mark your calendars! Picture day will be Wednesday, September 19 and Thursday, September 20. More information will follow soon!

ATTACHED: Aug./Sept. Academic Calendar, Year at a Glance Calendar, Kindergarten Calendar, Sept. Menu, Free & Reduced Lunch Form, Scrip Order Form, Soccer Registration Form, After School Activities, MS & HS Volleyball Schedule

Information

HS Volleyball

Date	Opponent	Time
Friday, 9-7	@ Mary M. Knight	7:00 pm
Tuesday, 9-11	Jamboree @ Meadow Glade	5:00 pm
Thursday, 9-13	Vs. Mary M. Knight	6:00 pm

MS Volleyball

Date	Opponent	Time
Friday, 9-7	@ Open Door	4:00 pm
Monday, 9-10	@ Mayer Christian	4:00 pm
Wednesday, 9-12	Vs. Trinity Lutheran	4:00 pm

K - 5 Soccer is Here!

The soccer registration deadline is Friday, September 7th.

Cost: \$65.00 Payment must be turned in with registration from (attached to the newsletter).

All volunteers who wish to help with practices and/or games are required to attend an informational coaches meeting **September 12th or 13th at 3:30 pm** in the gym or library at Firm Foundation. Each team must have one volunteer coach by the first day of practice or the practice will be canceled. All coaches and any parent who would like to help must fill out a background check prior to the first practice. **K-1** practices on **Tuesdays** starting **September 18th** (3:00-4:15). **2-5** grades practice on **Thursdays** starting the **20th** (3:00-4:15). First game is tentatively scheduled for **October 13th** with the last game being on **November 3rd** (all games are on Saturday mornings). All games and practices are held at Firm Foundation.

After School Activity with Mrs. Workman

After school activity for students in grades 1-5. Come join in on the fun! See attachments and contact Mrs. Workman at jworkman@ffcs.org if there are any questions.

Information

Jog-A-Thon Is Coming Soon!

Our annual **Jog-A-Thon** is scheduled for the end of September! We are running to complete the air conditioning project and for other needs.

Volunteers are needed Thursday, 9/27, 7:45am - 1 pm for the main JAT and Friday, 9/28, 7:30pm - 9 pm for the HS Color Run. If you'd like to volunteer for this fun event, please contact Karen Kogler at kkogler@comcast.net or (360)667-0159.

You can now reach out to family and friends online instead of going door-to-door to get pledges! Simply search and find your student's online pledge page at 99pledges.com/fund/ffcs2018. You can share this same link via Facebook, Twitter and email. Please see the event schedule below for class run times.

Wednesday, 9/26:	8:45 am	M/W PreK (am) and K
	1:00 pm	M/W PreK (pm)
Thursday, 9/27:	8:20-8:50 am	Mrs. Frogge's 2nd and Mrs. Wright's 3rd
	8:55-9:15 am	Tu/Th PreK and K
	9:20-9:50 am	4th
	9:55-10:25 am	1st & Mrs. Bauder's 2nd
	10:35-11:05 am	5th & Mrs. Patterson's 3rd
	11:05-11:35 am	6th & 7th
	11:40-12:10 pm	8th
Friday, 9/28:	8 pm	HS Color Run

Loading and Unloading Zone

- ◆ **Parents, please stay in your car during drop-off and pick-up.** If your child needs additional help, please park and bring them in or meet them.
- ◆ It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that no one passes on the left during the drop-off and/or pick-up process, for safety reasons.
- ◆ Our morning unloading zone is the same as our afternoon pick-up zone. Please keep your children in the vehicle until you reach the drop-off/pick-up zone in front of Building A. Please do not stop your vehicle in front of Building B.
- ◆ We have a designated crosswalk for pedestrians walking into either of the buildings. Please cross only at the front of the drop-off zone in front of Building A. A staff crossing guard will be there to stop traffic to ensure that students and parents may cross safely.
- ◆ **Special AM Pre-school Note:** Due to increased traffic, students **without** older siblings attending FFCS should arrive at the school between 8:15-8:25 am.

Free & Reduced Price Lunches

Free and reduced price lunches are now available to qualifying families. Please read the attached National School Lunch Program letter to see if you should fill out an application. If you qualify, please fill out the Application for Free & Reduced Meals and return it to Amanda Close in Building A. We may ask for additional information to verify your eligibility.

If your children receive Basic Food or TANF benefits, they will automatically qualify for free lunches and you do not have to fill out an application. You will receive a letter informing you of this.

Note: If you filled out an application last year, you must reapply this school year to continue receiving free or reduced lunches for your children.