



Weekly Notes

March 6, 2020

From the Vice Principal

Greetings Dear Firm Families,

In our role as parents, teachers and leaders in the lives of our children, we come upon so many moments that center around 'identity.' We find our children doing or saying things in hopes to establish or prove their worth. They might make up a story about themselves to impress a friend or be tempted to say something hurtful to appear 'tough'...it plays out in so many ways.

I'll never forget the time I discovered one of my own children, at around 8 years old, drawing a brand name symbol on their socks, just to try to keep up with the trends of their classmates. The image drawn in Sharpie broke my heart. It was a case of 'lost identity.' I knew what I needed to breathe into my child at that moment: Truth. God's Truth. Our identity is sealed in Christ.

I recently spoke to a family here at Firm about this very topic. They shared an incredible statement that they recite with their children each morning on the way to school. It would have been the perfect thing to share with my child years back in that difficult moment with the Sharpie marker. I couldn't wait to share it you:

"I'm not what I do,
I'm not what I have,
I'm not what people say about me,
I am the beloved of God.
It's who I am.
No one can take it from me.
I don't have to hurry.
I don't have to worry.
I can trust my friend Jesus and share His love with the world."

May you share it with your beloved people in your ministry at home. Know, too, that we at Firm look forward to all the ways we get to remind your children of the same here in our days at FFCS.

For more scripture to remind your child of their identity, see Psalm 139 and Romans 8.

You are His and He is with you as you lead,
Mrs. Bourne

Mark Your Calendar

- **Parent Teacher Conferences:**
March 12 - 3:45 - 5:45 pm
March 13 - 12:30 - 4:45 pm
- **Early Release:** March 13
No PreK or Kindergarten
- **No Aftercare:** March 13
Due to Conferences
- **Board Meeting:** March 17,
6:30 pm
- **DC Trip:** March 20 - 27
- **Spring Break:** March 30 - April 3
- **K-5 Student of the Month:**
April 8
- **No School:** April 10, Good Friday
- **Board Meeting:** April 14
- **MS Student of the Month:** April 17
- **ACSI Art Fair:** April 20
- **HS Play:** April 24 & 25

***Please Check The
Lost and Found
Table in Building A
When You Are
Here!***

**Early Release March 13th (1st pickup 11:30, 2nd pickup 11:45)
No PreK or Kindergarten *NO AFTERCARE**

ATTACHED: March Academic Calendar, March Menu, Flash Alert Instructions, Scrip Order Form, Financial Aid Application Instructions, Stop the Spread Poster

Information

Parent-Teacher Conferences March 12th and 13th. Sign up on line today! See you there!!

Daylight Savings Time Starts Sunday the 8th
(Spring Forward)

Regional Spelling Bee

Ainsley Percival placed 6th at the Regional Spelling Bee on Friday. She is now the first alternate for the National Spelling Bee that will be held in Washington DC on May 2. Congratulations Ainsley! We are proud of you!

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 7 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am

All 4th thru 8th grade boys and their dad, step-dad, uncle, grandpa or any other significant adult male in their life. This timeout is intended for 5th and 6th grade boys but is open to the age group noted if their parent feels they can benefit from the knowledge.

Mother/Daughter Tea

Saturday, March 7 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

All 2nd thru 7th grade girls who are beginning to experience puberty or are asking questions about it, along with their mom, step-mom, aunt, grandmother or any other significant adult female in their life. This tea is intended for 4th and 5th grade girls but is open to the age group noted if their parent feels they can benefit from the knowledge.

Please sign up by **Tuesday, February 18th** using the flyers that were mailed. Additional flyers are available in both offices. The cost for the Father/Son class is \$25 per adult/child couple and Mother/Daughter class is \$28 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.

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 6 at 3:30 pm**. We also need individuals to clean up after the event at **3:00 pm on Saturday, March 7**. 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 Ms. Cundiff as soon as possible at ccundiff@ffcs.org.



Information

New Student Referral Incentive Program

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE NEW STUDENT REFERRAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM!

The New Student Referral Incentive Program awards a referring Firm Foundation Christian School family with a one-time \$200 tuition credit for each new K-12th grade student (\$100 tuition credit for each PreK) that is referred to and actually enrolls in and attends Firm Foundation Christian School. (Refer a family that enrolls two students and receive a \$400 tuition credit, refer a family that enrolls three students and receive a \$600 tuition credit, etc.; half that amount for PreK students)

The referral program is for parents or guardians who are paying tuition for enrolled students (PreK through grade 12) attending Firm Foundation Christian School at the time of credit distribution.

A \$100 incentive award per newly referred K-12 student (\$50 incentive award per newly referred PreK student) is applied two times per school year in October and March. Referred students must be enrolled at the beginning of a semester for the referring family to receive their first distribution. (If a referred student begins mid-semester, the referral award distribution will begin during the second semester of enrollment.)

Families who pay by automatic withdrawal or invoice will receive a credit to their account.

Families who pay their tuition in full before the school year begins will receive an incentive award check.

A signed New Student Referral Incentive Program form must be on file at the Business Office two weeks prior to the reward distribution (October and March) and a name match must be indicated in the Referral Verification box on the new student's Enrollment Application.

Submission deadlines: September 15 for October award; February 15 for March award.

Turning in a completed Referral Incentive Program form after the deadline will reduce the award by half (family will receive second distribution only).

Incentive award consideration is limited to the referral of brand new families enrolling students at FFCS and does not apply to students transferring, returning, nor families who have previously had students at FFCS.

The referring family name must be on the new student application. The referring family must fill out a New Student Referral Incentive Program form before the submission deadlines.

New Student Referral Incentive Program forms are available at each school office or on the school web site. Paper forms can be filled out and turned in to the business office.

2020-21 Tuition Rates

Tuition rates for the 2020 -21 school year are now available on our website. Go to: www.firmfoundationchristianschool.org and click on the "Admissions" tab.

Financial Aid for 2020-21 School Year

FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment will once again be conducting the financial need analysis for FFCS for the upcoming 2020-21 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, 2020. Please see the attachment for further instructions.

K-5 Spring Soccer Form Attached
