

Raiders News

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LUTHERAN SCHOOL



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Do you think Thomas was offended when Jesus didn't give him one of the three VIP passes to get a glimpse of glory on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1)? Do you think Andrew and Matthew grumbled when Jesus chose Peter, James, and John to pray with him in the Garden of Gethsemane while they and the other apostles waited outside (Matthew 26:37)?

I don't know how they felt, but I know Jesus did not sin. That fact fascinates me, since it proves that being close friends with only a few is Christ-like and not cliquish. Jesus preferred the 12 apostles to the crowds of thousands, the "inner three" to the Twelve, and "the one whom Jesus loved" to Peter and James. And yet he did not sin a single time! Apparently, you can be close with some without being cliquey toward the rest.

Do you recognize this key distinction? *Fellowship* is the love you show to every brother and sister in your church family. It's when you push pause on your little circle of friends and open up your arms to welcome those who might not get invited out for coffee, dinner, and drinks. God, help us remember that next Sunday!

Friendship, on the other hand, is your smaller circle of "Peters, Jameses, and Johns." It's the few people whom you do life with—confessing sins, bearing burdens, and investing extra hours of your limited time.

Remember that distinction and you will imitate your Savior who loved all but was friends with only a few.

<https://timeofgrace.org/did-jesus-play-favorites/>

NEW MEN'S BIBLE STUDY TO START!

"3 Words that will Change Your Life" by Mike Novoty

I would like to invite you to join me and other Reformation men to study God's Word through a book written by Pastor Mike Novotny. Mike is a co-pastor at the CORE, is the lead speaker for the media ministry Time of Grace, and serves as the chairman of Conquerors Through Christ. Mike lives with his wife and children in Appleton, Wisconsin.

The book is called "3 Words That Will Change Your Life." *GOD is here.* That tiny little sentence can change everything. Truly understanding God's presence is the key to more happiness, less Boredom, more rest, less rush, more love, less drama, more peace, less fear.

A deeply satisfying life doesn't require a sabbatical, a new career, or a new year's resolution. As long as God is glorious enough and near enough, you can cast aside the cheap substitutes you've settled for and enjoy the life that truly life here and now. This book will help you shake off the guilt and shame of sin and see yourself as God sees you.

Find the joy he has been waiting to give you as you discover how three little words can revolutionize your relationship with God.

So, join us, in this new year! If you are interested please reach out to me at rossm@refsd.org to let me know that you are interested so that I can order books. The book will cost us around \$13-\$14 depending on how many we order and the shipping costs. I will order books and ask for each person to reimburse the church for their book. Please reach out to me by January 18th.

Our first meeting, will be on Saturday, January 30th at 9am. I will make the decision whether this book study is in person or via Zoom at a later point. If you have any questions, please let me know. God's blessings!

Mike Ross
Reformation Lutheran School
Principal



NEW – SCHOOL LUNCH OPTIONS

Ki's School Lunches will be available to purchase starting **Tuesday, January 12**. Ordering is LIVE NOW! <https://kis.naturallunches.com/> You can order hot or cold entrees along with fresh fruit and vegetable sides, with a large list of optional add-on items. Ordering will be available for Tuesdays and Fridays, when there is a full day of school for grades K-8. Refer to the attached pages for more information – all of this is on our school website also. You **MUST** order in advance, lunches are not available on-site for purchase on the day of service.

Parking Lot Reminders

When using the back parking lot for Kindergarten and Grades 2-8:

- Please drive slowly.
- Please do not pass other vehicles unless directed by a staff member. Patience is key; use the time waiting to say a prayer to seek guidance for the day ahead.
- If you need to park and personally go to your student's classroom, please use the front parking lot. We encourage you to set a meeting with the classroom teacher. Please remember that we are trying to avoid having additional adults spending time on campus during the school day to minimize our interactions and exposures.
- If you arrive after 8:30am, please use the front parking lot and students will enter school through the front office.

Mr. Ross & Mrs. Bailey's Classroom Update

Happy New Year! We are a few weeks into 2021 and can't help but feel the excitement of a year filled with God's many blessings. In religion class, we've been working our way through the story of Joseph, as he is sold into slavery and is elevated to the highest position in Egypt. We are discussing how the Lord uses difficulties in our lives for good. His grace is more than sufficient to carry us through any circumstance, especially times such as these.

As we wrap up our 18th week of instruction, we've been finishing up our poetry unit and reviewing genres of fiction. In Science, the class has been experimenting with ice, water, antacid tablets, vinegar, & baking soda to prove the Law of Conservation of Matter. The students are busy working on explanatory writing; while providing peer feedback throughout the process. The kids have really enjoyed learning about samurais and ancient Japan during History class. In Math, we have started a unit on the Stock Market. The students are practicing multiplication, division, addition and subtraction of multiple digits and of decimals. They are having fun choosing their own stocks and paying attention to the market trends. We are extremely thankful for our Reformation families and the opportunity to learn and share God's love with one another.



Dress Code Reminders

- Please take a moment to refresh our school's uniform policy. Details are found on pages 20-23 of the School Handbook, which can be found online: https://a916ffd6132790ff0925-072b1e3e147e6666674a9fae4af79d58.ssl.cf2.rackcdn.com/uploaded/h/0e10830343_1598298479_handbook-2020-2021.pdf
- Please remember that all pants should be 'Dockers-style' uniform pants, not leggings or other tight-fitting pants. When girls wear skirts or dresses, they must wear shorts as well.
- Shirts are to be plain white, red or navy blue polo-style/collared shirt or blouse.



Lost & Found Items

Along with current COVID-19 prevention efforts to reduce the number of additional people on campus comes a difficulty for parents trying to locate misplaced student belongings. We encourage all families to label all your student's items (sweatshirts/sweaters, lunch bags, water bottles, etc.) so they can be easily returned to your student when found on campus. If your student is missing an item, please contact his or her teacher for assistance in locating it.

Jewelry and other items of substantial value will be in the office. Please check there as well. We have had odd items fall out of cars and backpacks in the morning. Thank you.



Wednesday Chapel available on YouTube

Parents and families are invited to join us for our weekly chapel worship service, Wednesday mornings at 8:30am, using videos through YouTube. Chapel services, along with Reformation's weekly worship services, are available on our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM0y6DBdor8AryGfhd2cfYA>.

Wednesday chapel services are streamed live at 8:30am and also posted online for viewing at your convenience. Please join your Reformation family for these worship opportunities. For more details about weekend worship at Reformation Lutheran Church (Saturdays at 6pm and Sundays at 8am), go to <http://www.reformationsandiego.org/worship-services/>

Arrival Time Encouragement

School days begin at 8:30am. Students in grades K-8 need time to transition and prepare for their school day to be successful. In many classrooms, students are filling in daily planner pages or completing other preparations before 8:30am. Please make every effort to bring students to school early enough (as early as 8:00am) to help them prepare for a successful school day.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

ON SATURDAYS AT 3:00 PM & SUNDAYS AT 10:30 AM

Reformation Family Calendar

Wednesdays at 8:30am - Live-Streamed Chapel Service - everyone is welcome!

Foundations 101 - Sundays starting January 24 at 9:00 am

Men's Bible Study - Saturdays starting January 30 at 9:00 am



A monthly calendar is updated on our website, and a full school year calendar is available also. Click here to review these calendars. (<http://reformationschoolsd.org/calendar/>).



About Us

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The eternal truths of God's Word are the foundation of our school, its curriculum, and all its activities. Our goal in Christian education is to provide each child with the maximum development of God-given spiritual, physical, and mental abilities. We offer Christian education in our Preschool (ages 2.5-5) and Grade School (K-8).

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