Raiders News

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Abusive Talk

One of my children patiently explained to me once why he would ridicule and belittle his younger sibling. "Dad," he said, "I'm just getting him ready for the real world. It's a jungle out there." Hahaha. Call it "family Darwinism." I still asked him to knock it off.

I know that game. In my college dorm, the ridicule was constant. I guess the guys justified it as a way to keep anybody from getting too arrogant. We anointed ourselves as God's agents for creating a humble spirit in other people. I fear that we just perpetuated a culture of abuse.

Abusing other people is a sport. It's how the pecking order is established—the most aggressive mockers rule the roost. Spouses do it to each other to establish dominance and control. Athletes do it to spread fear and self-doubt. There is no excuse for it—it's just bad: *"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (Ephesians 4:29,31,32).*

You know, the trash-talkers were maybe feared, but they were never loved. I think you will have a lot more friends if you develop a reputation for building up other people.

by <u>Pastor Mark Jeske</u> May 24, 2021 Posted in <u>Living My Faith Social Issues</u>

FAREWELL CELEBRATION & FAREWELL GIFT IN HONOR OF OUR DEPARTING CALLED WORKERS



At 12:00 PM on Sunday, June 6, 2021, we will hold a fellowship in the sanctuary to bid farewell and give tribute to the faithful Christian ministry of Mrs. Jenny Mangini, Mrs. Sarah Homan and Ms. Halie Flores. We will celebrate them with some distinguished speakers, photos and a light COVID-friendly meal served in the courtyard after the program.

We are truly blessed to have had these faithful servants at Reformation:

- Mrs. Jenny Mangini has served Reformation for the many years in a variety of capacities including grade school music director and organist, in addition to her primary responsibility as 1st & 2nd grade teacher. She will be taking some time off to focus on her new baby and family.
- Mrs. Sarah Homan has served Reformation for a number of years, most recently as our Kindergarten teacher. She also taught 1st and 2nd grade during her tenure at Reformation.
 She will be continuing her service to the Lord at St. Paul Lutheran School in Tomah, WI.
- Ms. Halie Flores has returned home and been with us as an "emergency" fill-in, teaching the 1st grade class since Mrs. Mangini has taken time off to be with her family. Halie will be returning to Martin Luther College in MN to finish her studies and obtain her degree in Christian Education.

It is also a tradition at Reformation to gather a "sending gift" for those who have served faithfully among us and are now moving on to another field of service where we pray they will be as much of a blessing as they have been to us and our ministry. We will be collecting a cash gift to be split between Mrs. Mangini, Mrs. Homan and Ms. Flores in recognition and thanks for their service. If you would like to give a gift, please use any envelope and just write "Farewell Gift" on the front. If you would like to designate your gift for one or more of the individuals specifically, you can do so by including instructions. Gifts can be dropped off at the church and school office or placed in the church offering box. If giving by check, please make it payable to Reformation Lutheran Church and write Farewell Gift in the memo section. You may also give online through the online donation section and choose "Called Workers Gift" as the option and add any notes that you would like.

We look forward to seeing you at the Farewell fellowship at 12:00 PM on Sunday, June 6.

Please Continue to Wear Masks

I know the CDC has updated its mask guidelines, however, the state of California has not changed or lifted its mask guidelines or COVID-19 rules. Additionally, the guidance for K-12 education campuses has not changed.

With this in mind, please continue to wear a mask when you come onto campus to pick up your children.

We are keeping our COVID policies in place until we have guidance from the state and the county that say something different. I anticipate updated guidelines for schools over the summer months. Once we get those and discuss them with the Board of Education, we will inform the student body and families of Reformation at that time of any changes.

Thank you for your cooperation in this and for being so diligent to keep all the members of the family of Reformation healthy. God's blessings!

Front Gate Policy

Please remember that everyone coming on campus between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:00 pm MUST come through the front office. If you have come to pick up your preschooler and are leaving, please DO NOT let anyone through or prop open the gate for the next parent. Please make sure the gate closes tightly when you leave. We ask that you do not ask your student to open the gate for you either.

For the safety of your student and everyone on campus, only a staff member is authorized to open the gates during school hours. We appreciate your cooperation and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the front office. Thank you.

Mr. Ross's and Mrs. Bailey's Classroom Update

Wow! As we wrap up the 36th week of instruction, we thank God for His many blessings! The opportunity to learn and grow in God's Word together, both in-person and online, is something we truly appreciate.

It has been a busy year for grades 5-6. After writing original poems, and recording them for the school video, students are reading *Number the Stars*. They will watch the movie, Miracle at Midnight, during our end-of-year celebrations, and compare the two. In Science, students completed the unit on Earth, the Moon and the Stars and made their own planispheres. They learned about the 88 constellations in the sky and why they appear to move. We just completed our History chapter covering the Renaissance and Reformation. Each student chose an influential person from that time and was interviewed by a classmate as that person. Then, they played the role as interviewer for another influential person. It has been a truly wonderful year—filled with learning, laughter and love!







Tech Tip

This week's tech tip is geared to the students in grades 3-8 with Chromebooks. With the school year coming to a close, I thought I would send out a reminder about Chromebooks for the summer. As per our Chromebook policy, student Chromebooks need to stay at school over the summer. This allows Mr. Bohl to clean them up and perform any maintenance that may need to be done to them. This also helps to extend the life of the Chromebook during your child's time at Reformation. **Please make sure your child's Chromebook and charger are at school by Wednesday, June 2.**

If your child is in 8th grade and not returning to Reformation next year, you may keep your child's Chromebook if you have contributed enough technology fees. Please check with Mr. Bohl to see if you still owe anymore before taking the Chromebook home. He will also need to disable the software that has been installed on the Chromebooks for students to use the Chromebooks outside of Reformation. If you have any questions, please let Mr. Bohl know.

Reformation is Hiring!

Join our <u>Summer Camp team</u>! Our Summer Camp program cares for children in grades 1-7 throughout the summer with fun activities, opportunities to learn new skills and make new friends—all while staying focused on the love of Jesus. Summer Camp staff members lead and actively participate in daily activities, monitor behavior, and ensure a safe and clean program site. Staff members work together to establish a positive relationship with all program participants and their families. Requirements include: 18 years of age or older; available Monday through Friday, 6:45am-5:30pm, June through August; Enthusiasm and love for working with children; self-directed and responsible. Interested? Contact the Summer Camp team at <u>summercamp@refsd.org</u>.

Reformation Lutheran Preschool is in need of excellent caregivers to add to their **substitute teacher roster**. For various reasons, we need to call upon substitute or on-call staff persons to fill staffing needs due to illness, vacation or other personal time away from the classroom. Persons who can fill this role must meet the following qualifications: 18 years of age or older; high school diploma and completed 6-9 units of Early Childhood Education coursework; desire to provide loving care to children and willingness to work in a diverse multi-cultural setting; work together as a supportive team member with staff and parents; desire to actively support the ministerial objectives of Reformation Lutheran Preschool. Interested in learning more? Contact Lynelle Schleusener at <u>MissS@refsd.org</u> or Mike Ross at <u>principal@refsd.org</u>.

Coming Soon! Reformation Summer Camp June 7-August 20.

Registration is now open online.





Save the Date for VBS!

Join us for Vacation Bible School, this July 26-30, 2021! Participants will have a chance to spend time with old friends and make new friends while learning real Bible stories about real people and the lessons that apply to our daily lives. We can't wait to see you here! Kids age 3-12 can participate and others older than 12 can be a part of the volunteer team. Registration for both participants and volunteers will be available soon. Follow the Reformation Lutheran Church San Diego page on Facebook for announcements.

GOOD SHEPHERD BIBLE CAMP: JULY 11-17, 2021

For over 40 years, Good Shepherd Bible Camp (GSBC), has been providing the perfect blend of outdoor adventure and Christian fellowship to kids from 4th to 10th grade. It's a full week (6 nights/days) of fun in the California mountains during July. You'll experience the chance to have fun with old friends and make plenty of new ones while you apply God's word to your life.



Spend the week of July 11-17, 2021 growing in your faith, while you also play countless games, eat amazing food, swim, canoe, become the perfect archer, sing exuberantly around a campfire, play basketball/volleyball and anything else involving a ball, run around in the infamous "gaga" pit, build forts, unleash your creative side in some arts and crafts, and of course explore God's beautiful creation through a little hiking.



Sunday School for Children!

Kids4Christ (Sunday School) is back in person beginning May 2. Children of all ages will meet in the gym for a fun, interactive series of Bible lessons.

When: Every Sunday 9:30 - 10:15am. Where: PreK-K and Grades 1-5 in the gym Grades 1-4 meet in Room 15 Administrator: Barbette Lowndes BHLowndes@att.net

Reformation Family Calendar

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

May

Sunday, May 30 at 10:30am - 8th Grade Confirmation

June

Wednesday, June 2 at 6:00pm - Kindergarten Signing Day (invitation only) Friday, June 4 at 11:00am - Outdoor Chapel and Kindergarten Promotion (invitation only) Friday, June 4 at 11:50am - Early release for grade school - Last day of school Sunday, June 6 at 12:00pm - Teacher Appreciation & Farewell Sunday, June 6 at 5:00pm - 8th Grade Graduation (invitation only) Monday, June 7 at 7:00am - Summer Camp begins!

July

Sunday, July 11 - Good Shepherd Bible Camp Monday, July 26 - Friday, July 30 - Vacation Bible School

Worship Service - Sundays at 8:00am & 10:30am Foundations 101 - Sundays at 9:30 am

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





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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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