Raiders News

June 4, 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

COVID and **God**

It was last school year in March when we needed to transition to distance learning. Not a lot of us knew words like "distance learning" or what Zoom was. However, these are terms we all know and I'm sure we have a lot of different emotions that go along with those terms. Some students have liked distance learning while many have not. Some students have liked the less busy school year with the cancellation of many of our events while some have not. Some students wouldn't mind staying at home a bit more while many crave social interaction. And I'm sure we all know how everyone feels about wearing masks the whole day! However you have felt, you aren't alone in having a lot of emotions this year.

As we look back on this 51st school year at Reformation, we have been incredibly blessed. Our student body is healthy, children are getting much needed social time, teachers are able to look their students in eyes (for the most part), the curriculum is being taught and standards accomplished, our school enrollment has grown, two of our teachers had babies, church services have been able to operate outside and now indoors, we all learned new technology skills and COVID-19 (while not disappearing any time soon) is loosening its grip on Southern California. All of this speaks to the amazing GRACE of God.

So, as this school year ends, go in love. Having spent a full school year in a pandemic, having spent all of this time in God's grace, go share God's love with the people in your life that need it. Be patient with one another, be kind and compassionate. Walk into this summer wearing God's love so that it is apparent to all around you. This will reflect the same grace that we received from God. I wish you God's richest blessings and we will see you right back here in late August for the start of the 52nd school year at Reformation.

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June 4 Final School Chapel Service

Join us as we finish out the 2020-2021 school year. This week's message is presented by Pastor Werner. To learn more about Reformation Lutheran School visit us at reformation@refsd.org.

Click Here to View Final School Chapel Service

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 our friends from "I Love Tacos" catering will be serving a meal 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.

KINDERGARTEN CLASS OF 2021



Mr. Bohl's Classroom Update

Can you believe the school year is already over? This has been the craziest school year ever. And yet, we all made it through! The months of May and June especially flew by without having any school events to make the days. I know we are all looking forward to a return to a more normal school year next year. But for now, let's enjoy the summer!

Congratulations to this year's 8th-grade class! They have pushed me as a teacher with all of their questions, especially their questions about their faith! It has been awesome to see the growth and maturity that they have shown at times. We wish them blessings as they continue to the various high schools!

Hayden Botner- Classical Academy Jeremy Brindley- Undecided Ezra Corah- St. Augustine Anna Holland- La Jolla Country Day Solomon Littleton- Scripps Ranch Ramya Maskelenko- The Rock Matthew Orysiek- Maranatha Monet Rahimpour- University City Jack Sampsel- Victory Christian Academy Hope Shaw- High Tech High Isabel Shepard- Clairemont HS Mia Suazo- High Tech High

lst Annual Kindergarten Signing Day

During the 1st Annual Kindergarten Signing Day, we welcomed our preschool students who have registered to stay on at Reformation Lutheran School for Kindergarten next school year. We have 16 little ones who will bridge our two school programs. We are grateful for the ability to provide Christian education for these families and are thankful that they have committed to staying at Reformation through this next transition. The celebration included students signing commitment certificates and a special group photo in new t-shirts. These students will be the Class of 2030 when they complete 8th grade at Reformation Lutheran School. May God bless these and all our students!









CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE 2021 REFORMATION SPRING STUDENT VIDEO

Reformation Summer Camp June 7-August 20. Starts Monday!

Registration is open online.



Tech Tip

I know this section is usually about tips on technology. But for this last tip for the school year, I am going to actually encourage against technology. With the reliance so much more this school year on technology, take some time this summer to unplug. While I am not saying to ban screens this summer, try to take a break from them from time to time. Read books, play



outside, go on a hike, spend some time talking as a family. We hope and pray that you have a blessed summer! If you are looking for a wonderful resource about screen time check out the book Screens and Teens (<u>http://screensandteens.com/</u>).



Save the Date for VBS!

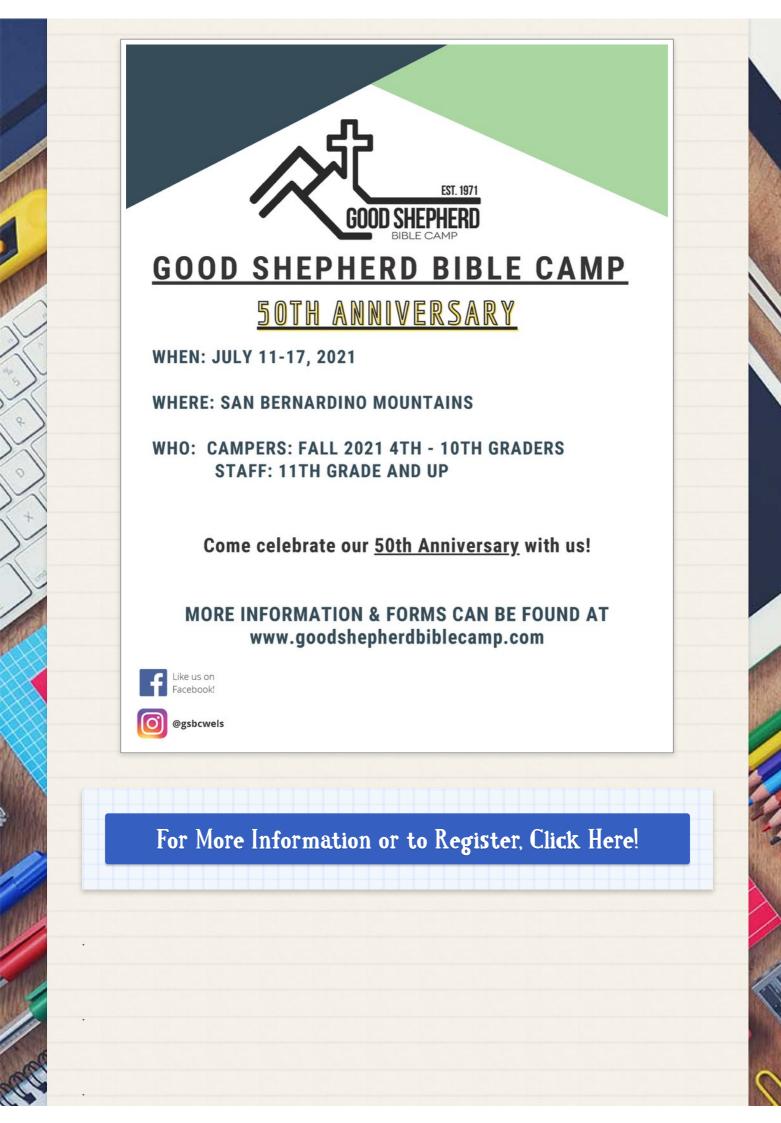
Join us for Vacation Bible School, this July 26-30, 2021! Participants will have a chance to spend time with old friends and make new friends while learning real Bible stories about real people and the lessons that apply to our daily lives. We can't wait to see you here! Kids age 3-12 can participate 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.



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>.

CLICK HERE FOR THE NEW 2021-2022 CALENDAR NOW AVAILABLE ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE!

Reformation Family Calendar

June 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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