# **Raiders** News

September 17, 2021



We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. Hebrews 6:19

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

#### **Communication that Values Relationships**

A recent article in a business magazine highlighted the use of a "ten-second rule" for more effective communication. The author noted that taking a long breath or two before responding can defuse a heated conversation. The momentary break gives everyone in the room a chance to refocus on relationships rather than disagreement.

This advice is not only good modern business practice, but it also reflects ancient wisdom found in both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. When James counseled his readers to be "quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry," he was echoing thoughts collected hundreds of years earlier in the book of Proverbs.

Of course, all too often, we have failed to heed such advice. Our sinful pride, selfishness, and short tempers frequently can get the best of us, and instead of putting the needs of others ahead of our own, we respond in anger. We may feel the urge to win the argument or get our own way at any cost, even at the expense of friendships and other important relationships.

How comforting to know that God does not act as we do! The Bible tells us that God is slow to anger, even though we have given him so many reasons to be angry with us. And he is quick to listen to and answer our prayers, especially when we are asking for forgiveness. His Son, Jesus, perfectly demonstrated that same attitude throughout his earthly life, patiently bearing with sinners and humbly paying the price for our sharp tongues and short tempers.

Now we strive to live in a way that reflects Christ's love for us and our gratitude for him. That includes making sure that we value people and our relationships with them more than we value winning arguments against them. Practice good communication habits, but even more so, practice imitating Christ's humility and patient love for others, just as he has loved and forgiven you.

https://wels.net/dev-daily/dd20210916/

#### Student Baptism, Sunday, Sept. 19 @10:30am

We are blessed to have one of our Reformation students being baptized at our worship service on Sunday at 10:30am. Please join us in praying for God's continued blessings on behalf of this student. You are welcome to attend this Sunday's worship service as well!

#### Foundations Class Starting Sept. 19!

Do you have questions about what your students are learning about in religion class? Would you like a refresher for yourself?

This upcoming Sunday, September 19th, we will begin a new round of Foundations class. The initial 4-week study will cover the foundational teachings of our church and school. The 6 weeks following the initial study will build on those foundational teachings.



If you are interested and have questions about time, dates, etc please email Pastor Neil Birkholz at <u>birkholzn@refsd.org</u> or Principal Michael Ross at <u>rossm@refsd.org</u>.



#### Update from Miss S's 4K Classroom

Welcome to another year of God's blessings!

We're so excited to continue our learning journey started with parents and continuing with friends and teachers at Reformation. We have been learning about building letters, practicing the Bb sound, and discovering creatures God made. Some of our favorite activities this week are looking at what lives in caves! Bats, bears, oh my! Also, playing music is a new activity this year. In addition to the above items, we love to find caterpillars and watch butterflies in the small garden Mrs. Bohl started outside of our classroom. We would love to have you come listen to us sing with the other preschool classrooms and Kindergarten on September 26th.





#### Update from the Financial Office

Welcome to the start of the 2021-2022 school year! For those who are new to us, you have already learned how to get up and running with billing and payments using FACTS. Continuing families, the start of the school year is a good time to log into your FACTS account to review your payment method and other account items. Sometimes you may also discover an invoice that remains unpaid. You can log on to FACTS at <u>www.factsmgt.com</u> or call (866) 441-4637. Please also <u>refer to this Guide to Billing and Payments</u> for an overview of our payment processes here at Reformation. As always, contact Sarah Rodrigues with any questions – <u>rodriguess@refsd.org</u> or (858) 279-3311, ext. 1.

#### GOT SCRIP?

Do you go to Starbucks every week? Shop at Target often? You can use Scrip to raise money for our school while also shopping for yourself or grabbing gift cards for a special occasion.



- Scrip is our school fundraiser that uses gift cards to help raise money for our school. In the past we raised money to purchase a laminator and playground equipment.
- Orders will be placed the first Tuesday of every month. Easiest way to order Scrip is through the RaiseRight app. If you prefer to order in person further information and order forms can be found in the office.
- For more information please contact Jenny Mangini @ jenmangini@aol.com or call/text (619)873-7952.



#### We are hiring!

You can help us help you! Reformation Lutheran School is currently hiring (just like everyone else) for a few positions. -Shepherd's Care Supervisor

-Preschool Classroom Aid

-Preschool Classroom Teacher

If you know of anyone who might have the time or qualifications, we would love to meet with them or spend some time talking with them about these open positions. Please refer anyone to <u>principal@refsd.org</u>. Thank you for helping us staff so that we can better serve the families of Reformation!

#### Ki's School Lunches - Order Today!

You can take a break from packing a lunchbox on Mondays and Thursdays by ordering from Ki's School Lunches! With more than 35 entrée choices each day, there is bound to be something your student will enjoy. Place orders online and cancel (when necessary) up to 8am the same day. Reformation's first day of Ki's Lunches is Monday, September



13. Go to <u>www.kisschoollunches.com</u> or <u>http://reformationschoolsd.org/school-information/school-lunch-options/</u> for additional details and to create your account to place an order. The Ki's website has detailed information on the "How it Works" page. Orders must be placed by noon the day prior to lunch service. You can place orders for the entire month now.

There is an opportunity to volunteer to help with Ki's lunches distribution. Lunches are delivered to us shortly before lunchtime and volunteers distribute lunches to the students. Can you help with this? The time commitment is 11:30am-12:45pm on either Monday OR Thursday. We are asking for one adult volunteer for each day. Can you help? Contact Sarah Rodrigues at rodriguess@refsd.org or (858) 279-3311, ext. 1.



#### K-8 Drop-Off and Pick-Up Times

A reminder for parents and guardians about K-8 student drop off and pick up timing: Drop off begins (driveway gate is opened) and classrooms open at 8:10am. Students brought to school before 8:10am should be signed into Shepherd's Care. The school day begins at 8:30am. K-8 classrooms are dismissed at 3:00pm (driveway gate is opened) and pick up continues until 3:20pm. Students on campus after 3:20pm will be signed into Shepherd's Care and must be picked up by 5:00pm. Please refrain from using your cell phone when you are driving on campus to drop off and pick up students.

#### Lost and Found

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.



#### GoGuardian<sup>®</sup> Parent App

### Tech Tip

Dear GoGuardian Parent,

We are once again utilizing GoGuardian Parent this year. Go Guardian Parent is a mobile app to help keep parents/guardians aware of your children's activity on school-issued devices and provide you with additional controls during out-of-school hours. GoGuardian Parent is a companion to the classroom management and internet filtering tools that Reformation uses for devices issued to students. Through the use of this app, we hope to encourage more open and honest conversations between parents and children that will result in safer practices and responsible browsing habits.

What is included in this app:

- Top 5 summary of student browsing (apps, extensions, documents, and websites visited)
- Teacher interventions
- Ability to block websites on school-issued devices during out-of-school hours
- · 30-day view of websites, videos, documents, apps, and extensions
- Ability to pause internet access on school-issued devices during out-of-school hours, either on-demand or at a scheduled time

To access the app, please follow the below instructions:

- Download the app (Android or iPhone)
- Visit App Store or Google Play, search for GoGuardian Parent, and tap the download button.
- After the app is successfully downloaded and installed, open it up, and enter the email address registered with the school.

Note: Email addresses should be the ones that were provided during the school registration process. If you forgot your registered email address or feel like there was a mistake with your email address, please reach out to Mr. Bohl.

Login/Check Email: Check your email on your phone for a link to log in to the app. Tap the "Verify your email", and it will take you straight to the app. Note: If you don't have access to your email through the device you used to log in, tap on "Login with verification code", and copy and paste the verification code from the email into the app.

If you have any questions, you can reach Mr. Bohl at bohla@refsd.org.

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

#### **Reformation Family Calendar**

#### September

29 Preschool Closes at 3:00pm30 Fall Pictures for Preschool and Grade School

#### October

11 No Preschool, Grade School or Shepherd's Care - Campus closed - Columbus Day
27 Preschool Closes at 3:00pm
30 Family Fun NIght

*Worship Service - Sundays at 8:00am & 10:30am Kids4Christ - Sundays at 9:30am 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>)



#### 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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