

# Raiders News

November 19, 2021

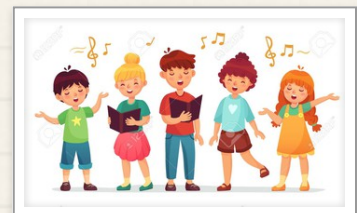


*We have this hope  
as an anchor  
for the soul,  
firm and secure.*

*Hebrews 6:19*

## **Grades 1-4 Sing in Church, Sunday @ 8:00am**

We look forward to seeing you this Sunday at the **8:00 am** service here at Reformation to hear 1st-4th grade sing their praise to Jesus!



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL: I THINK I CAN...I KNOW GOD CAN!

I was just talking to the 5th and 6th graders about this during religion class yesterday. I love the phrase from the Little Engine That Could. "I think I can...I think I can...I think I can!" It's that never give up, power through struggles mentality that we all love right?! I'm excited to show students ANY example of a growth mindset. However, I fear that we can misuse that phrase as well though and rely only on ourselves instead of reaching out for help to friends and family or, most importantly, to God. This devotion from Time of Grace came just at the right time for me and now I share it with you. Reach out to God and trust in Him!

Principal Michael Ross

<https://timeofgrace.org/i-think-i-can-i-know-god-can/>

*"I think I can. . . . I think I can. . . . I think I can," said the little engine that could. All he had to do was believe in himself, and he could make it over the mountain.*

*What are the mountains in your life right now that you need to get over? You know, the mountains of problems or sins or tasks that you've employed "little engine" theology to get over. So often in our lives we meet these mountains and say, "I think I can get over them." But so often on our own, what happens? We go rolling backward down the mountain, unable to muster the strength in ourselves.*

*Want to get over the mountain? Ask for help. Trust in God's great power. The same Savior who is so strong that he defeated death by rising from the dead still lives, and he lives to serve you! Want proof that he lives to serve you? Just look to the cross and see how he died to serve you. God is big! God is strong! God loves you! Trust in his great power in your life. Your mantra isn't, "I think I can" but, "I know God can!" And he will.*

***"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind" (James 1:5,6).***



## Being Thankful for What We Have by Giving (Food Drive)

Reformation is holding a food drive to help those in need! Please bring any canned food or non-perishable items to the Reformation Office/Narthex next week **Wednesday**. We will deliver the food to either Porchlight Community Services or Community Christian Services. Thank you for helping show Christian love to our community through this opportunity!



## Half-Day of School for K-8, Wednesday, Nov. 24

Wednesday, November 24, will be a half-day for grades K-8. This means that pickup will be from noon-12:20pm. Shepherd's Care will be available until 3 pm, the same time that Preschool closes on that day. Please reach out to Mr. Ross if you need Shepherd's Care on Wednesday.



## Want to Make Our Campus Even More Safe and Secure? Help Us This Saturday

Work to repair and possibly replace the brown wooden fence on the north side of our school property will begin this Saturday. Volunteers are asked to join the project – **9am-noon this Saturday, November 20**. Work will continue as needed during the Saturday mornings in November. If you are able and willing, please plan to help!

Volunteers are asked to bring any relevant tools such as shovels and post hole diggers.

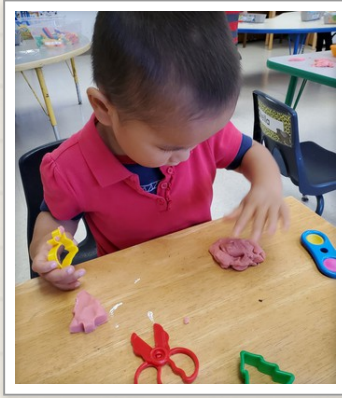
A Christmas-themed fundraising poster. The background is red with white snowflakes at the bottom. On the left, there are two red Christmas ornaments hanging from a green pine branch. The text is in white and yellow.

Don't be left in the cold this Christmas.....USE  
SCRIP for all your shopping needs.  
"SHOPPING WHILE FUNDRAISING"  
[www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)

Order Dates: Tuesday, November 9 or  
Tuesday, December 7

Contact: Jenny Mangini  
[jenmangini@aol.com](mailto:jenmangini@aol.com)



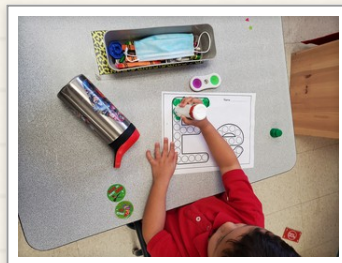
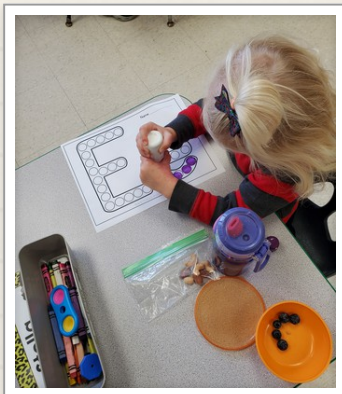


## Update from Miss Jen's Classroom

Hello again from the 3K class! Our friends have continued to share, follow routines, and take care of our own spaces. Our favorite activities are singing songs, playing in our learning centers, and playing on the playground. We are learning more fine motor skills by using dot markers, building towers with blocks, and working with play dough. We are learning the alphabet and just finished learning about the letter E. Ask any of our friends about Ellie Elephant. We all know what she looks like and the sound she makes. We also know our numbers up to number 5. "Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed" is one of our favorite songs. Do you remember singing that song when you were little?

We completed our first round of assessments and parent-teacher conferences. It is such an encouragement to have this opportunity to meet with our parents.

Did you hear us sing in church on November 14th? We were so happy to sing for you. We have started practicing for the Christmas program on December 19th. Please come to church on December 19th to hear us share the message of Jesus' birth.







A festive poster for a Christmas celebration. The title "Christmas in Clairemont" is written in a large, green, serif font. The word "Christmas" is on the top line, "in" is in the middle, and "Clairemont" is on the bottom line. The poster is decorated with various Christmas-themed illustrations: a holly branch with red berries in the top left, a candy cane in the top right, a gingerbread man in the bottom left, and a green Christmas ornament in the bottom right. In the center, there is a green silhouette of a nativity scene with Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus in a manger. The text "Christmas celebration for the family" is written in red below the title. Below that, in red, is "Enjoy live nativity plays, coffee and cookies, crafts and storytelling." The date and time "Saturday, December 18 6:00 - 8:00 pm" are written in green. At the bottom, in red, is the location "Reformation Lutheran Church & School 4670 Mt. Abernathy Ave, San Diego 92117" and the website "reformationsandiego.org".

# Christmas in Clairemont

Christmas celebration for the family

Enjoy live nativity plays, coffee and cookies, crafts and storytelling.

Saturday, December 18  
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Reformation Lutheran Church & School  
4670 Mt. Abernathy Ave, San Diego 92117  
[reformationsandiego.org](http://reformationsandiego.org)

A yellow rectangular sign with the word "Important" in large black letters at the top. Below it, in smaller black letters, is "Drop Off and Pick Up Reminders". At the bottom left is a yellow car icon, and at the bottom right is a red octagonal stop sign with the word "STOP" in white.

## Important

Drop Off and Pick Up  
Reminders

### 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.



# EXTRA-CURRICULA BASKETBALL OPPORTUNITY



**North Clairemont Recreation Center**  
**4421 Bannock Avenue, San Diego, CA 92117**  
**858-581-9926**

To provide healthy, sustainable, and enriching environments for all.

## **Youth Winter Basketball League**

**Price: \$67.00 for all ages**

**Registration starts**

**Saturday, November 20, 2021 at 10:00 am**

**Register at [SDRecConnect.com](https://SDRecConnect.com) or at North Clairemont Recreation Center Office**

**Pee Wee (6 & 7 year) #97607**

**10 years & Under #97604**

**12 years & Under #97605**

**14 years & Under #97606**

**NEW Girls league 10 to 12 years old #97608**

**Age as of March 13, 2021**

### **Mandatory Evaluations for All Age Groups**

**Wednesday, December 8, 2021 Girls 10 to 12 6:00 pm**

**Thursday, December 9, 2021 14- Under 6:00 pm**

**Friday, December 10, 2021 Pee Wee (6 & 7 years) 6:00 pm**

**Saturday, December 11, 2021 10 - Under 9:30 am**

**Saturday, December 11, 2021 12 - Under 1:00 pm**

**Season: December 8, 2021—February 2022**

**Playoffs start the week of Feb. 14, 2022**

**Volunteer Coaches are Welcome.**

The City of San Diego is committed to providing an equitable and inclusive environment for all individuals. Consistent with these principles and applicable laws, it is the City's policy not to discriminate on the basis of any protected classification, including age, ancestry, color, creed, physical or mental disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, marital status, medical condition, veteran or military status, national origin, pregnancy (including childbirth, breastfeeding, or related medical condition), race, traits historically associated with race (including hair texture and protective hairstyles such as braids, locks, and twists), religion, religious belief or observance, religious creed, sex, sex stereotype, sexual orientation, transgender status or transitioning, or any other classification protected by federal, state, or local law (including being perceived or regarded as or associated with any protected classification). If anyone believes they have been discriminated against, they may file a complaint alleging the discrimination with either the City of San Diego, Parks and Recreation Department District Manager at 619-235-1132, or the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) at (800) 884-1684. This information is available in alternative formats upon request.

## **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.





## We are hiring! We need your help.

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 [principal@refsd.org](mailto:principal@refsd.org). 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

[www.kisschoollunches.com](http://www.kisschoollunches.com) or <http://reformationschoolsd.org/school-information/school-lunch-options/> 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](mailto:rodriguess@refsd.org) or (858) 279-3311, ext. 1.

## Foundations Class Has Started

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

We just started the latest 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 [birkholz@refsd.org](mailto:birkholz@refsd.org) or Principal Michael Ross at [rossm@refsd.org](mailto:rossm@refsd.org).



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

## Reformation Family Calendar

### November

**21** Grades 1-4 sing at the 8:00am Worship Service

**24** Preschool Closes at 3:00pm

**25-26** No Preschool, Grade School or Shepherd's Care - Campus closed - Thanksgiving Break



### December

**5** Grades 5-8 sing at the 8:00am Worship Service

**17** Grades 1-8 sing at 7:00pm Christmas Program

**18** Christmas in Clairemont

**19** PK/K sing at the 10:30am Christmas Program

**22** Preschool Closes at 3:00pm

**24** No Preschool, Grade School or Shepherd's Care - Campus closed - Christmas Eve

**22-31** No Grade School - Christmas Break

**31** No Preschool, Grade School or Shepherd's Care - Campus closed - New Year's Eve

*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. (<http://reformationschoolsd.org/calendar/>).



## About Us


 Facebook

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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