

Raiders News

December 3, 2021

Grades 5-8 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 grades 5 - 8 sing their praise to Jesus.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:



Christmas Happened!

<https://timeofgrace.org/christmas-happened/>

Christmas is the season of stuff that didn't actually happen. A magical snowman with a button nose. A bullied reindeer with a heartwarming story of acceptance. A mischievous elf who delights children and exhausts parents throughout the holidays.

But Christians' Christmas is different. Just ask Dr. Luke, the man who wrote the longest version of the Bible's Christmas history. In the original Greek, Luke began his account with the words, "It happened." Literally, "[It happened] **in those days that Caesar Augustus issued a decree**" (Luke 2:1). That same phrase, "it happened," appears four more times in Luke 2:1-20. The point? This isn't a heartwarming story, an ancient myth, or the stuff of legend. This is fact. History. Truth.

And that's really good news. It means that there's a real Jesus, a real Savior, and a real hope for the real stuff you are going through. Frosty and Rudolph can't help you through cancer, grief, and fractured relationships, but the real Jesus can. Santa and his elves can't forgive you for the sins of the past year (or the past day), but the real Jesus has. Holiday emotions are not strong enough to support you through the storms of life. But the history of these holy days is the rock upon which our faith is built.

So the next time you see a manger or Mary with child, smile and say with Dr. Luke, "It happened!"

Positive COVID Case at School

Dear Parents/Guardians, I wanted to make you aware that we were notified today that an individual at our school has tested positive for COVID-19. Due to procedures related to privacy laws, I am limited in what I can say. I urge you to also respect the privacy of our students and staff. If you or your child are not contacted, it means that you or your child were not identified as close contacts, and that your child can continue to attend classes in-person. If your child is feeling ill or has a fever or symptoms of COVID-19, even if symptoms are very minor, please do not send your child to school and consider getting your ill child tested for COVID-19. I know this information can be concerning for our students and families. Ensuring the health and safety of our students, teachers, and staff members is of the utmost importance to us, and we will continue to follow all public health guidelines strictly. If you have any questions, please reach out to me at principal@refsd.org.



Want to help shape the future of Reformation Lutheran School?

On **Sunday, December 5th, at around 12pm** (following the 2nd worship service), Reformation Luther School Board of Education invites you to provide ideas on improvement for the school. This might include new programs, curriculum offerings, parents/school connections and much more. Pizza and drinks will be provided. The Board of Education will take all of the feedback into consideration as they plan their budget and multi-year goals for the school. If you cannot make it, but would like to support in this effort, please reach out to Principal Ross at principal@refsd.org and he will make sure your feedback gets to where it belongs.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

K-8 families should have received information to sign up for a Parent/Teacher Conference with your child's teacher. These are important to keep open the lines of communication with the teacher. The emphasis of these meetings is to discuss the progress of each child and to plan support for them both at home and at school.



LAST SCRIP ORDER – DON'T MISS OUT!!!



Update from Miss S.'s Classroom

The 4K classroom has had a whirlwind of activities the last 2 weeks! It has been a little bit of an adjustment practicing for the Christmas Service on December 19 and we are improving every day! The parents will again get to hear the message that Jesus is our JOY.

We have been studying that the angel visited Zechariah and told of John's arrival. We are learning the Zoophonics animals, actions, and letter sounds. Currently we are reviewing /g/ sound as in gorilla. We have also been reading or looking for letters we know. We have been writing in the air, on the ground, with playdoh, with chalk, and with pencils. We use the program Learning Without Tears to support the learning style of older threes and young 4s. It has been fun graphing, identifying more and less, counting/matching objects. We do many hands-on activities to solidify concepts in our minds. Parents either see the work on paper or as evidence on Brightwheel, the Preschool's communication tool between parents and teachers. In science, we are discovering the animals God made, currently it is Gordo Gorilla. In social studies, we learn how to care for one another, how to understand what we need, and how to communicate our needs.

Save the Date – Christmas in Clairemont, December 18

Join us and invite a friend to enjoy an evening for the family to celebrate Christmas. Enjoy live nativity plays, coffee and cookies, crafts and storytelling. Saturday, December 18, 6-8pm right here at Reformation.

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

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POINSETTIA DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS



Christmas Poinsettia Donation Form



Please return this form and money to the church by Friday, December 19 at noon. Please include a check made payable to Reformation Lutheran Church towards the poinsettia donation. Below, clearly print your "in memory of" or "in honor of" to avoid any errors.

The poinsettias will adorn the sanctuary beginning December 24 for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Poinsettias may be picked up after the 10:30 service of Sunday, December 26.

Please note, one family group per line and \$20 per flower donation.

Donor Name: _____

_____ x \$20 = _____ (check attached to paper)

In Memory of

1. _____

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In Honor of

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Lost & Found

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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.

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. Go to www.kisschoollunches.com



or <http://reformationsschoolsd.org/school-information/schoollunch-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 or (858) 279-3311, ext. 1.

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. Thank you for helping us staff so that we can better serve the families of Reformation!



Christmas Break for K-8 Students

Christmas break starts on Wednesday, December 22 and ends on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. This means that K-8 students have school on Monday and Tuesday, December 20th and 21st. They will resume school after the New Year on Wednesday, January 5, 2022.

Reformation Family Calendar

December

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

10 NO Christmas Store

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/>).



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

Hebrews 6:19



About Us



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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