

# Raiders News

January 7, 2022

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL: STOP COMPARING!

I was reading a book the other day, and I stole this question: "Would you rather have \$70,000 today or \$70,000 in 1900?" You might choose \$70,000 in 1900 for one obvious reason—you would be filthy rich. Keep in mind, though, that you wouldn't have a car, commercial airline flights, or penicillin. And the average lifespan would be about 42 years. That option doesn't sound so great anymore, does it?

This backs up the results of a study that concluded that only about 10 percent of our happiness is linked to our possessions. In fact, most of our happiness comes from being better off than the people around us. Here's the kicker. Someone is always better—smarter, prettier, richer, funnier, and better at school.

There's lots of conjecture about how we can be so depressed as a nation even though we live relatively (historically and globally) amazing lives. One cause? Comparison, specifically comparison on social media. In a world of constant information, there's basically no break to just be you. At any given moment, you see the best of your friends' lives and the worst of yours. That doesn't feel so good.

What does feel good is seeing who we are in Jesus. John tells us, **"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"** (1 John 3:1).

Maybe it's time to stop comparing ourselves and start knowing who we really are in Christ. We're God's children, lavished in love.

<https://timeofgrace.org/stop-comparing/>



## Face Masks

Some days our stock of masks is bountiful and some days we are very limited. Please make sure your child has a mask as they come into school each day. Thank you!

## WELSSA School Visitation, Monday- Wednesday, Jan. 10-12

WELS School Accreditation (WELSSA) is a process in which the school evaluates its current education practices and seeks sound methods to build on its strengths and determine new ways to grow and strengthen the educational ministry of the school for the benefit of the students and parents to the glory of God. WELSSA is a sanctioned member of the [National Council for Private School Accreditation \(NCPSA\)](#).



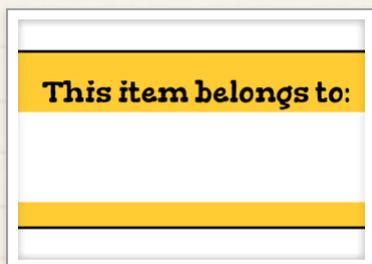
Reformation has completed a major milestone in this by finishing the self-study report. **Next week, we will have 4 administrators visiting our campus in the final step. So, you will see these people at pickup and drop off, entering in and out of classrooms, etc. They may also stop to speak with you! The goal of their visit is to verify and observe the culture of the campus. So, don't be afraid to speak with them!**

We ask for God's blessings on this process!

## NEW YEAR RE-BOOT REQUESTS

### Pick Up Number Hang Tags

When you pick up your students after school, PLEASE be sure you display your pick up ID number in your vehicle. This is especially important for families of students in grades 1-8 picking up in the back parking lot. Sometimes it is difficult for our staff to see your friendly faces through the windows and sometimes we have other people helping out with identifying cars/parents picking up. Please help us out by displaying your number on your mirror or other prominent place. If you need a replacement hang tag, please request one from Sarah Rodrigues ([rodriguess@refsd.org](mailto:rodriguess@refsd.org)).



### Student Belongings

Please label your student's belongings with their name. This includes water bottles, lunch boxes and clothing items such as jackets and sweatshirts. It's easy to find washable labels online or at stores like Walmart. Please also encourage your student to bring everything home each day. We know you invest your money in all of their items, and labeling them will help your items not be lost forever. Also, our campus will look great without a variety of things laying around at the end of each day. Thank you!

## Mark your calendars!

Grades K-8 will be singing with the CLHS Exaltation Choir on Sunday, January 23 at 8:00 and 10:30. Each child only needs to attend one service, but they are welcome to attend both. This is a great opportunity for the children of our school to sing with our high school choir.

## Update from Ms. Ceci's Classroom

Hello from first grade and Happy New Year! It's hard to believe we're already halfway done with the school year. We had a lot of fun last semester; learning, playing, exploring, and creating memories with old and new friends. We are thankful to be safe and healthy and to have the support of our Reformation community.

Lately we have been working very hard on reading and writing skills to challenge ourselves and be ready to do great in Second Grade! We have new stories, new projects, and new things we're excited to learn as we grow in our knowledge and in our faith. We're constantly exploring our classroom and materials, and discovering more things we can do and learn. Recently we've been doing a lot of art and letting our creativity grow and flow. We're looking forward to some events that will be happening at Reformation soon; like the basketball tournament and a few more chances to sing for church services and praise God in song with our friends. Hope to see you around and we wish you all a wonderful 2022!



## New Bible Class starting for students in grades 5-8!

Mrs. Jessica Bohl is starting a new bible class for grades 5-8 this coming Sunday, January 9. This class will meet in the kindergarten room (room 6) from 9:30am to 10:15am and light snacks will be provided. We are looking forward to covering topical bible studies to help our students prepare to be the light in our broken world. See you there!

## 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](http://www.kisschoollunches.com)



or <http://reformationschoolsd.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](mailto: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](mailto:principal@refsd.org). Thank you for helping us staff so that we can better serve the families of Reformation!

## Reformation Family Calendar

### January

- 8 Men's Bible Study with Mike Ross at 9:00am
- 17 Campus Closed - No Grade School, Preschool or Shepherd's Care - MLK Day



### February

- 4 Early Release - Reformation Basketball Tournament
- 12 Men's Bible Study with Mike Ross at 9:00am
- 18 No Grade School - CLHS Basketball Tournament
- 21 Campus Closed - No Grade School, Preschool or Shepherd's Care - Presidents Day

## March

**4 Campus Closed - No Grade School, Preschool or Shepherd's Care - Teacher's Conference**

**12 Men's Bible Study with Mike Ross at 9:00am**

**28-31 No Grade School - Spring Break (Preschool in session)**

## April

**1 No Grade School - Spring Break (Preschool in session)**

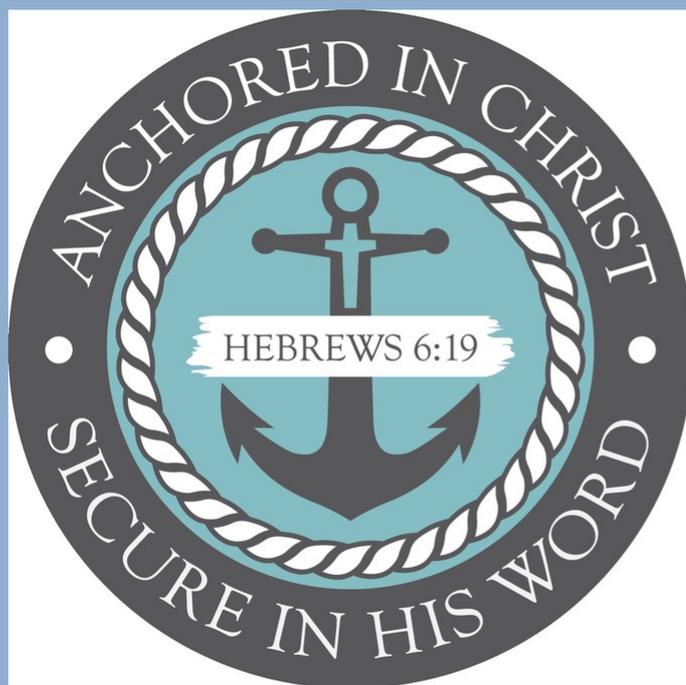
**18 Campus Closed - No Grade School, Preschool or Shepherd's Care - Easter Monday**

*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

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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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