

Raiders News

September 16, 2022

Message from the Principal: Love Looks for the Lost

Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? Luke 15:4



It was one of the most horrible, terrifying experiences of Sam's young life. He was with his parents in a huge store with elevators between the three levels. His parents were deep in conversation with each other about buying something. Sam quickly got bored.

So he looked around and started to wander in his own little world of adventure. When he looked up, his mom and dad weren't there. He walked down the aisle a little quicker and glanced around each furniture display. But he still couldn't see them. His heart began to beat a bit faster. Did they get on the elevator to go to a different level? He didn't know what to do. And then... there they were walking toward him! Oh! Phew!

There was a time when you were completely and utterly lost. You were buried under a pile of sinfulness and totally separated from God. You didn't know or understand it at the time. But God did. Maybe you had just been born, but that was plenty of time for your parents to hand down to you what is in every family—imperfection, separation, and lostness.

So God sent out the search and rescue team to find you. God uses Christian parents who love and care for you and wanted you to be a part of God's family. They didn't want you to be lost. Maybe they brought you to a church where God used a pastor who poured water on your head and dripped God's promises on you in Baptism. You once were lost, but now were found. And every time someone who is lost is found, the angels in heaven cheer!

Each of us has a similar story. We have imperfect, sinful parents, so we are born as imperfect, sinful people. Along the way we fall and fail. Sometimes we stray so far away, it's like we are on a different planet. Sin separates us from God. We were all at one point lost. But like the shepherd who left the 99 to find the one lost sheep in today's story—Jesus sent out the search and rescue team for us.

We all were lost, but now we are found. That love of Jesus that found us spills over and does the same thing Jesus did for us. Love looks for the lost. It leads us to talk to other people about Jesus. It does anything and everything. It never gives up. So what if they don't listen to you? So what if they don't believe in Jesus right away? They are lost and need to know they can be found in Jesus.

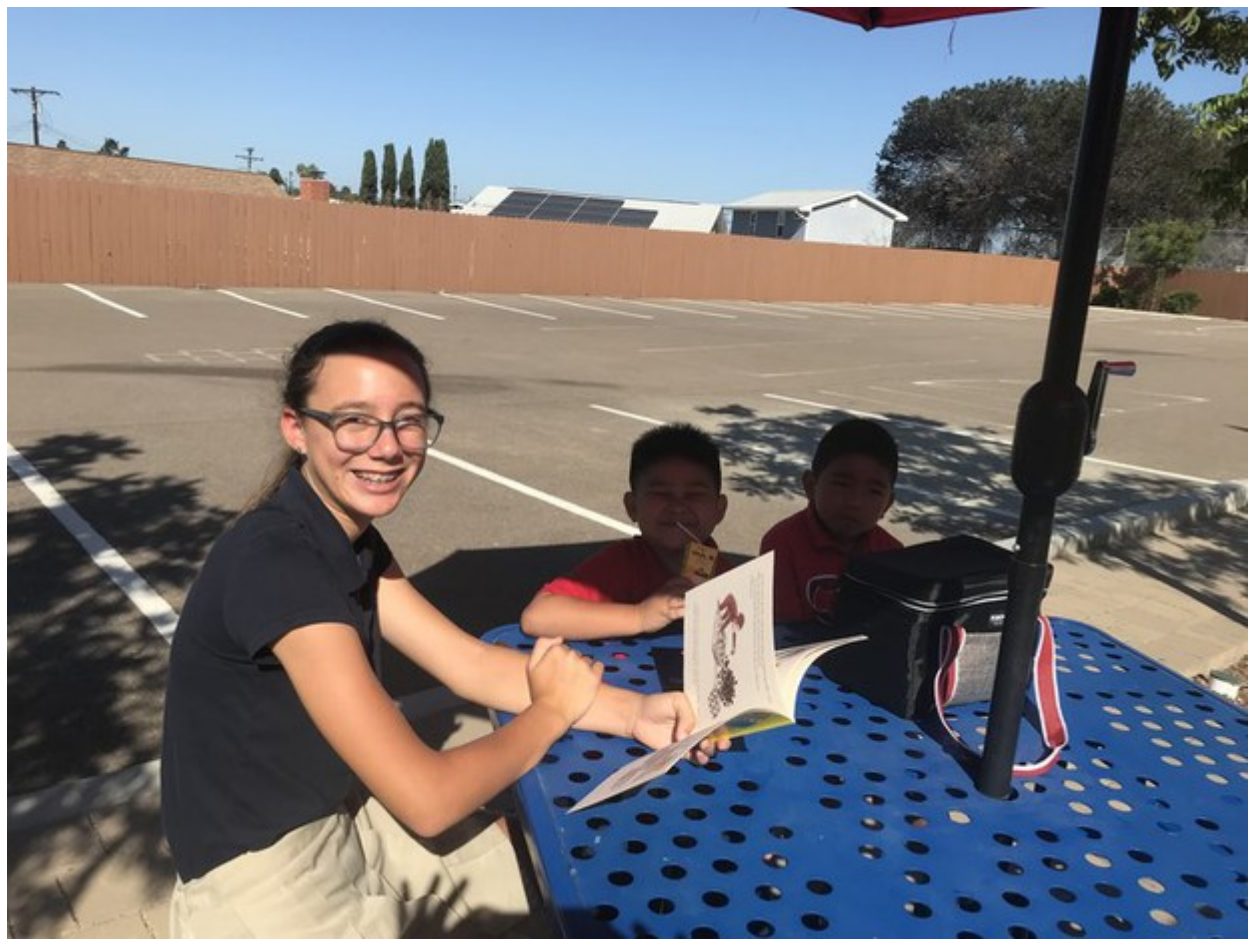
Love looks for the lost. Why? Because we were lost but now are found. Now we get to be a part of Christ's love finding others!

STUDENTS FROM THE OLDER GRADES ENJOYED READING STORIES TO STUDENTS FROM THE YOUNGER GRADES THIS PAST WEEK.



School Picture Update!

Please note that grades K-2 will be having their annual school pictures taken on Thursday, September 29, along with the preschool classes due to their scheduled field trip on Friday.



Uniform Policy Oops Slips

As was noted at Orientation/Meet the Teacher evenings, Reformation will be continuing to enforce our dress code more strictly than in past years. The purpose of our uniform policy is to provide a quality, cohesive environment to our school campus that is conducive to discipline and learning while reducing peer pressure and enhancing school pride. We also believe such a policy can help parents/guardians in getting their children ready for the school day and hopefully save money.

Now that we are a couple of weeks into the school year, I wanted to remind you of our intentions to enforce the policy. You may view the uniform policy in the [school handbook](#) or you may come to the office for a printed copy. You may also follow this link for clarification on the acceptable clothing items: www.frenchtoast.com. This may help clarify the type of pants outlined in the policy.

So, after today, teachers may start to hand out “Oops Slips” which is meant as a reminder to adhere to the uniform policy. The Oops Slip will be filled in by the teacher. There will be a 1st warning in which all you will receive is the Oops Slip. The 2nd warning will ask parents/guardians to bring policy-appropriate clothing to school or you may choose to purchase from the gently used inventory of the uniform store (\$2/item). The 3rd warning means that the child will be given policy-appropriate clothing automatically from the gently used inventory of the uniform store and the family will be billed (\$2/item).

Please sign the Oops Slip, to acknowledge that you have received it, and return it to school. If you have questions about this or about the uniform policy in general, you may feel free to ask me. Thank you for working with us in this way.

Mr. Bohl
Principal



Athletic Update

During the school year, students have an opportunity to participate in a variety of athletics opportunities. Some of these are extracurricular teams, which practice and compete outside of the school day, and some of these opportunities are during the school day, as a part of our school's PE activities. In September and October, volleyball is the primary sport of focus.

All students in grades 5-8 participate in friendly volleyball games with schools from our WELS school network in Southern California on three afternoons. The first day of this friendly competition was Thursday of this week. We welcomed students from Carlsbad Christian Academy, Concord Lutheran Academy (Temecula, CA) and Shepherd of the Hills (La Mesa, CA) and everyone had a great time! There are two more of these afternoons planned – you are welcome to bring a lawn chair and come support our Raiders!

Thursday, September 29–Games at Reformation starting at 1:00 P.M.

Thursday, October 13–Games at Reformation starting at 1:00 P.M.

Girls in grades 5-8 have the opportunity to play on an extracurricular volleyball team which plays in a league of similar schools organized by St. Paul's Lutheran School (in Pacific Beach). Team practices have begun and league games will begin at the end of September. Practice and game schedules are visible on the online school calendar:

<http://reformationsschools.org/school-information/calendar/>

We're grateful for our Athletics program which allows us to develop our students' physical skills as well as learn about individual growth and achievement, teamwork and positive Christian sportsmanship. During the school year, we'll also participate in boys and girls basketball, co-ed soccer, track and field and more!



School Uniform Store

Is your child growing too fast? Does it feel like you're buying school uniforms all year round? Well look no further for you children's uniform needs. Reformation has a well stocked Uniform Store that is open 5 days a week, Mon-Fri 8am-9am and 2pm -4:30pm. We have boys and girls sizes from 2T up to Xtra Large.

This year, on the last Monday of the month, we will be putting out clothing on tables to make shopping that much easier. Our next "open store" will be Monday, September 26th. Drop on by for some awesome deals! And don't forget, we are always accepting donations of "gently used" uniform items to add to our collection.



Back to School Guide for Christian Families

Check out this post from Northwestern Publishing House (NPH). It has some great tips for helping get families back into the routine of the full-time school year.

[Back to School Guide](#)



SAVE THE DATE FOR FALLFEST!

**Saturday, October 29
2:00-4:00pm**

On Saturday, October 29, join us for family-friendly fall fun! We'll have bounce houses, trunk-or-treat, carnival games, crafts, snacks, DIY photo booth and more! Invite your family and friends, it's sure to be a fun afternoon!

We're also looking for volunteers to help plan FallFest – send an email to events@refsd.org if you're available to get involved.



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 hot and cold 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 12. Go to www.kisschoollunches.com or <http://reformationsschoolsd.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 additional adult volunteer for each day. Can you help? Contact Sarah Rodrigues at rodrigues@refsd.org or (858) 279-3311, ext. 1.



Homestay families needed!

Reformation has been a part of the international student program for more than 10 years. We have an increased interest in our international student program recently. A Korean international student agency wants to partner with us to send Korean students to Reformation for short-term and long-term enrollment. Short-term students would attend Reformation for a few weeks to a few months. Long-term students would attend Reformation for the entire school year.

Some of these students who are at our school for the short-term and long-term need church members and school families to stay with while they attend Reformation. Reformation Lutheran School needs host families from our church and school who would open their home to an international student.

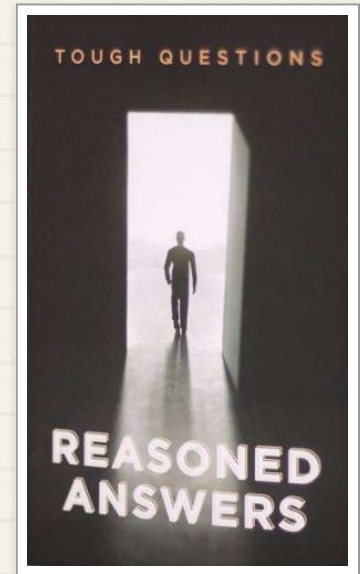
The homestay families will do everything necessary to care for the child and to make them feel at home while they attend Reformation. Each homestay family will receive \$600 per month to provide for the international student they are hosting.

The homestay families will enjoy sharing their life with the international student and sharing God's Word and love with them in their home.

If you want more information concerning the homestay program, please contact Michael Ash at 858-880-5855 or ashm@refsd.org if you would be interested in hosting one of the international students this school year. Thank you!

Bible Class for Grades 5-8

Mrs. Jessica Bohl has started a new bible class for grades 5-8. This class will meet in room 18 from 9:30am to 10:15am. We are looking forward to covering topical bible studies to help our students prepare to be the light in our broken world. This class will be covering "Tough Questions Reasoned Answers" by Dr Paul Kelm. See you there!



Kids4Christ Sunday School

Kids4Christ (Sunday School) is back in person! Children of all ages will meet in the gym for a fun, interactive series of Bible lessons.

When: Every Sunday 9:30 - 10:15AM

Where: PreK-K & Grades 1-4 in Room 16

Administrator: Barbette Lowndes

BHLowndes@att.net

Reformation Family Calendar

September

25 Grades 1-4 Sing at 10:30am Worship Service

29 Preschool and K-2 Pictures

30 3 - 8 Grade School Pictures



October

10 No Grade School or Preschool - Staff Inservice

17-21 7th/8th Grade trip to Catalina

29 FallFest 2:00-4:00pm

30 Reformation 60th Anniversary Celebration

Chapel Service - Wednesdays at 8:30am

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/>).



*For we are God's
workmanship,
created in Christ
Jesus for good works,
which God prepared
in advance so that
we would walk in
them.
Ephesians 2:10*



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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