

# Raiders News

January 6, 2023

## Devotion: Wise men want to be by him

*When [the Wise Men] saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.*

**Matthew 2:10,11**

*In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Four-year-old Gabriella and her older brother Justin loved the nativity set under the Christmas tree. They would gaze at the figurines of Mary and Joseph with Jesus in between them. Standing off in the distance were the shepherds. Justin liked to add his superhero figurine to help them keep watch over the sheep by night. Gabriella positioned her Barbie doll dressed in pink to join the heavenly hosts adorned in white singing their angel praises. Meanwhile, on the other side of the nativity set, Hot Wheels cars were carefully positioned next to the camels in order to get those wise men to Bethlehem at top speed.

Gabriella and Justin's mom didn't mind their playing. That's why she gave them the Fischer Price toy nativity to play with. The gift was on the condition that they would leave the Precious Moments porcelain nativity set exactly the way it was. You see, the previous Christmas, she carefully set out the fragile porcelain figures. But she would find all the pieces crammed inside a very crowded stable. Finally, the frustrated mom grew tired of resetting the pieces and confronted her daughter. Gabriella replied, "But Mom, they all want to be by Jesus!"

In Matthew 2, we see the great lengths that the wise men went to in order to be by Jesus. We don't know exactly what or who they left behind to take this trek. We don't know exactly how long their trip was or how long it took to pack for this journey. We do know that when they saw the star that led them to Jesus, "they were overjoyed" (verse 10). And when you have that feeling where the joy you feel is spilling out into every aspect of your life, things like time or money don't matter. All that matters is being with Jesus because he is the source of our joy.

The wise men brought their treasures to present before the baby. In the same way, we present our treasures before the baby. Not gifts of gold, but perhaps talents on the athletic field or good grades in the classroom. Not gifts of myrrh, but maybe time spent baking treats to share others. Not gifts of frankincense but time spent practicing music that makes worship beautiful.

Give thanks, we get to be by Jesus! Let's live for him this new year!

#### Closing Prayer:

Dear newborn Savior, no matter what our age—we all want to be by you! While we are still here on earth may we sing with the hymn writer: *"Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to thee; Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise."* Amen. (*Christian Worship* 695:1)

## Uniform Reminders

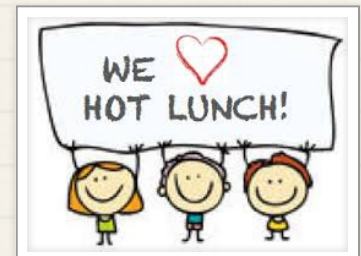
As we go into the holiday break and children receive new clothes for Christmas, please remember that when we came back from the break children are to adhere to the school dress code. This means:

- Shirts are white, red, or navy blue
- Reformation t-shirts may be worn for PE, field trips, or other designated days
- Jackets/ Sweatshirts must be solid color white, red, navy blue, or black (not gray)
- Reformation banded outerwear is also acceptable
- Leggings must also be solid color- navy blue, black, tan/khaki
- Socks (if visible)- must be school uniform colors as well (red, navy blue, white or black)

Thank you for respecting the dress code at Reformation. This helps us to maintain a standard of uniformity and excellence in our dress.

## Hot Lunch – Orders due by noon on Friday!

Treat your student to a hot lunch! Thanks to parents volunteering to help, we are able to offer a limited hot lunch program. Each entree item will be served with a small bag of chips and a fruit or vegetable. Prices and available items are listed on the online order form. A new order form will be available every Monday.



ORDERING CLOSSES AT NOON on the Friday prior to each week of lunch choices. Hot Lunch is available on Monday, January 9 (Chick-fil-A) and Wednesday, January 11 (pizza). Order form for January 9-13: <https://forms.gle/7BSKZNspW9b4w4Xe9> Ordering ends at noon on Friday, Jan. 6.

There will be no late orders as volunteers and staff will be ordering, purchasing, and preparing items according to preorders. Volunteers are needed to help on hot lunch days. We're asking for two people to help, from 11am-12:15pm. Click here for more information and to sign up: <https://signup.com/go/aeuwobT>



## 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 **in January**. 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.

## Raiders Athletics Update

Our Raiders boys and girls basketball teams continue their practices and the boys will now be playing league games each week on most Tuesdays and Thursdays. You can find the game schedule on the online calendar here and come cheer them on: <http://reformationschoolsd.org/school-information/calendar/> You can also add our school calendars to your personal calendars with the "Google calendar" link in the lower right hand corner.



On Friday, January 13, we will host basketball games including some of our SoCal WELS schools, and this will be the first game for the girls team . The schedule for that day will be:

Boys B (grades 4-6)—Reformation vs. Carlsbad at 2:00 P.M.

Girls—Reformation vs. Shepherd of the Hills at 3:00 P.M.

Girls—Concord vs. Carlsbad at 4:00 P.M.

Boys A—Carlsbad vs. Concord at 5:00 P.M.

Boys A (grades 6-8)—Reformation vs. Shepherd of the Hills at 6:00 P.M.





# SOCAL WELS YOUTH NIGHT, JANUARY 15



## From Mompliments to Godpliments (Building our Identity in Christ)

The second Youth Night is **NEXT SUNDAY!** Please join new friends and old friends for another phenomenal night of worship, study, connections, games, food and fun.

**When:** Sunday, January 15th, 2023 (NO SCHOOL MONDAY for CLHS and most grade schools!)

**Time:** 5:00pm -10:00pm

### **Schedule:**

- 5-6 pm Registration, Teens gather, play games, hang out, snack
- 6-6:20 Welcome and Mixer Games
- 6:20-6:25 Welcome and Prayer
- 6:25-6:40 Worship
- 6:40-7:10 Keynote Speaker
- 7:10-7:50 Small Groups and Snacks
- 7:50-8:00 Closing and Announcements
- 8:00-8:10 Closing Prayer and Worship
- 8:10-10:00 Fellowship: Games, Snacks, Chilling. \*Youth Groups and Teens leave when they are ready.

**Who:** Southern California Youth (6th-12th grade)

**Where:** Ascension Lutheran Church, Escondido

**Register by:** Saturday, January 14th. It is okay to register at the event!

**Cost:** FREE for the teens

[Click Here to Register!](#)

## Kids4Christ Sunday School

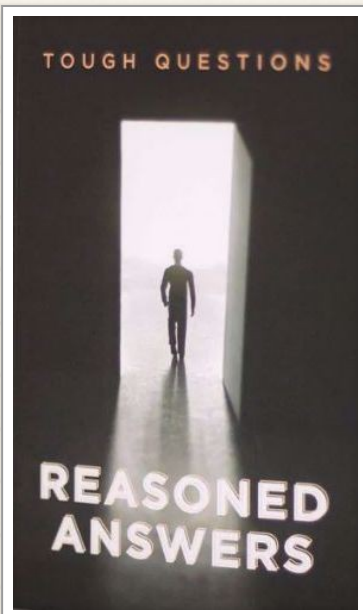
Kids4Christ: Children of all ages will meet in the gym for a fun, interactive series of Bible lessons.

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

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

**Administrator:** Barbette Lowndes

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## 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!

## Reformation Family Calendar

**January**

**15** WELS Youth Night

**16** Campus Closed - No Grade School, No Preschool, No Shepherd's Care - MLK Day



## **February**

**3** Noon - Grade School Dismissal

**3-5** Reformation Basketball Tournament

**6** Campus Closed - No Grade School, No Preschool, No Shepherd's Care

**17** No Grade School - CLHS Basketball Tournament

**17-19** CLHS Basketball Tournament

**20** Campus Closed - No Grade School, No Preschool, No Shepherd's Care - Washington's Birthday

**22** 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service

## **March**

**1** 7:00pm Lenten Worship Service

**3** Campus Closed - No Grade School, No Preschool, No Shepherd's Care - Teachers' Conference

**8** 7:00pm Lenten Worship Service

**15** 7:00pm Lenten Worship Service

**22** 7:00pm Lenten Worship Service

**29** 7:00pm Lenten Worship Service

## **April**

**6** 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service

**7** 7:00pm Good Friday Worship Service

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

**11-14** No Grade School - Easter Break

## **May**

**3** Kindergarten Signing Day

**12** School Play

**29** Campus Closed - No Grade School, No Preschool, No Shepherd's Care - Memorial Day

## **June**

**2** School Picnic

**2** Last Day of School

**4** Kindergarten Promotion & 8th Grade Graduation

*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



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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