

First Lutheran Christian Academy

Tuesday Note

September 4, 2018

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Isaiah 40:31

WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome to all....to our new families and to those of you who are returning to FLCA! We're looking forward to a wonderful school year and the opportunity to learn and grow together; through hearing God's Word, sharing His love, and having opportunities to live our faith, with Jesus Christ as the centre. We pray that God will continue to bless all of our FLCA family throughout 2018/2019.

The handbook for the 2018/2019 school year has been revised and we will send one home with the oldest child in each family. We hope that you will find this handbook to be a valuable resource; it contains articles on our philosophy of Christian education, the history of our school, our curriculum, etc., as well as our policies on uniforms, homework, arrival and dismissal procedures and many more items which are important for you to know. Please note the section on "Electronics." You will also find a copy of our "School Day" and "School Year Calendar" for your information. Please read this handbook carefully and review it with your child. If you have any questions, as always, feel free to contact the office so that we can answer them for you.

Our first Chapel Service of the school year will take place tomorrow morning. You are always welcome at our regular Wednesday Chapel Service, each week at 8:30 a.m.

Our kitchen opens for hot lunch service on Thursday.

September lunch menus are being sent home today. Students may sign up **tomorrow** with their classroom teacher if they wish to receive a hot lunch on Thursday. Orders for hot lunch can also be received in the office, either in person or by leaving a telephone message up until 8:30 a.m. of the day the lunch is required.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 5

• Chapel Service 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 6

Hot Lunch begins

Friday, September 7

• Soccer Try-outs 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.

Monday, September 10

- Soccer Practice 3:30 4:45 p.m.
- First Fündscrip orders placed

SOCCER TEAM TRY-OUTS

All students in Grades 5 - 8 who are interested in trying out for the school soccer team are welcome to come out **Friday, September 7**th, from **3:30 – 4:45 p.m., rain or shine.** Beginning next week, Soccer practices will take place each Monday after school, from 3:30 – 4:45 p.m. The WECSA tournament will take place at Mic Mac Park on Tues., October 9th.

IT'S A BOY

We rejoice with Rev. Tim and Kristin Schneider upon the birth of Luke William Ronald, who arrived on July 31st. Big sisters Emma and Lydia are very excited. Offering prayers and wishing God's blessings to all.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sept. 11	Lego Robotics begins
Sept. 12	Running Club begins
Sept. 20	In-school Cross Country Meet
Sept. 21	Grade 7 Health Unit Forms Due
Sept. 22	Eagle Run and Barbecue
Oct. 3	Thanksgiving Chapel
Oct. 8	Thanksgiving (no school)
Oct. 9	Soccer Tournament
Oct. 16	Cross Country Meet
Oct. 22	Municipal Election Polls in Gym
Oct. 25	Individual Photo Day
Oct. 31	Reformation Day

LEGO ROBOTICS CLUB

Beginning next Tuesday, September 11th, from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., students in Grades 6, 7 & 8 who are members of the Lego Robotics Club will gather for the first session of this school year. New members in those grades are welcome. In October, Grade 5 students will be invited to an introductory session of Lego Robotics. Lego Robotics will regularly take place on Tuesdays after school, from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.



RUNNING CLUB START UP

Next Wednesday, September 12th, we will have our first run of this school year. All interested runners in Grades 2 - 8 are welcome to join. We will meet every <u>Wednesday from 3:45 - 4:30</u> <u>p.m.</u> All that you need are some comfy clothes, water and, of course, running shoes! We will run outside as often as the weather permits.



WELCOME BACK BARBECUE

We hope you and your family will join us for a Pig Roast Dinner. This year, it will be held under the tent at the Riverside Sportsmen Club on Saturday, September 22nd, at 5:00 p.m., in conjunction with our first ever Eagle Run. For more information about this exciting event, please see the attached flyer.

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to renew old acquaintances and get to know our new families as well. Won't you please make every effort to join us....the food is great, there will be raffles as well, and it's wonderful to spend some time together socially. Along with the delicious roasted pork and all of the fixings, hotdogs are available for the children too. All of the teachers will be in attendance and they really enjoy this chance to spend some time with our school family.

There are three ways to sign up:

- Use the attached sign up sheet
- Register with the online google form whose link will be sent to you
- or simply reserve your spot by calling the Academy office (519-250-7888) no later than <u>Friday</u>,
 <u>September 14th</u>. Hope to see you all there!





FAMILY DEVOTION CALENDAR

Included with this Tuesday note is a calendar with daily devotions for the month of September. It is our hope that you and your family might use this as part of your own family devotions and prayer time. There is a short Bible reading for each day and a question to prompt your family discussions.



FÜNDSCRIP BEGINS

Our first order day is Monday, September 10, with delivery of the first batch of gift cards scheduled for Friday, September 14. If you are interested in participating and have not yet registered, just follow the steps on the attached flyer. Alternatively, our FündScrip administrator, or our office staff, will be able to help you during the second week of school. If ordering on line is not something you're comfortable with, you can always pick up a paper order form from the school office at any time, and we'll input your order for you. Just remember, orders must be placed and payment must be received on Mondays by 9:00 a.m.

OUR PARKING LOT

Just a reminder that the South driveway is the "in" driveway and the North driveway is the "out" driveway. If you bring your children into the building, please pull your car into a parking spot. If you drop off your children please use the drop zone indicated by hash marks and encourage your children to proceed quickly into the school so that we can maintain the flow of traffic for those dropping children off. Only drop children off in the drop zone so that other drivers may exit parking spots without fear of striking children. Please leave the centre laneway free for those trying to exit and enter. Thank you so much for your help with this. Also, please don't leave any valuables in your car while you bring your children into the school. In the past, purses, electronics and laptops were taken in break-ins.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are really in need of volunteers to help in our kitchen with food preparation and clean up. If you would like to be involved from approximately 10:30am to 12:30pm one day each week, please let us know. As well, there are always opportunities to volunteer for special events and in our classrooms. We welcome grandparents as volunteers too! Perhaps, if you are not able to serve yourself, you might know someone who can. Thanks for your help.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

We are very excited to use this means to help us stay connected with one another and also to reach out into the community with the saving message of Christ's love. Take the time to like and follow us on Facebook (First Lutheran Christian Academy). Not only will you have another way of keeping up on the happenings at school, but you will help us share the word about what a great school we have here. One of the main benefits of Facebook is the opportunity to share photos of special events which take place at school. Of course, we are very mindful of our school image and will only post items which reflect school life at FLCA, reinforce our school's mission and allow our families to stay connected.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Beginning Sunday, September 9th, all students, ages 3 – 11, are invited to Sunday School at First Lutheran Church. Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m. each week, with the English service following at 11:00 a.m. You are always welcome at First Lutheran Church, our home congregation, which is located on the corner of Victoria Avenue and Giles Blvd. West.