

Tuesday Note

February 1st, 2022



"REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS. AGAIN, I SAY REJOICE" *Philippians 4: 4*

First Lutheran Christian Academy is hosting a VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE!

We are looking forward to hosting this year's Open House on February 9th. We will once again be hosting our prospective parents/guardians virtually. They will be able to make an appointment to speak with Mrs. Eberhard and the teachers here at FLCA. At that time, they will be given a virtual opportunity to explore the school and classrooms as well.

A flyer for our Virtual Open House has been added to our social media pages. We'd appreciate you liking, sharing and posting it to your social media as well. We thank you for your help in our outreach to prospective families.

Please pray that our FLCA Family continues to grow.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **February 21** **Family Day**
- **February 25** **Graduation Picture day**
(Grade 8 and Retakes)
- **March 1** **Second Term Report Card Day**
- **March 4** **Parent Teacher Interviews**
(no school for students)
- **March 7- 18** **March Break**

2021 Tax Receipts

Please see the attached note about how tax receipts are generated, on page 3.

We will be hand delivering the receipts to you during school dismissal today.

Receipts that cannot be received in this fashion will be mailed.

School Closure due to Inclement Weather- "Snow Days"

In the event of an emergency (loss of heat during the night/weather so inclement that it would be difficult and dangerous for students and staff to travel), school will be closed for a **Snow Day**.

Like last year, you will be notified of the school closure via email as early in the morning as possible by your child's teacher. Notification will also be given on local radio stations. No Home Learning will take place on a Snow Day, as teachers may not have access to their materials.

Please see page 2 for exciting news for you about a Referral Program for New Families



NEW FAMILY REFERRAL PROGRAM

\$500 Tuition Credit

Dear FLCA Family,

As you know, attracting new students and families to First Lutheran Christian Academy is integral, not only to the success of our school but also to our mission in the community. As a part of our ongoing marketing efforts, it is important for us to attract new students at all grade levels. To assist with these efforts we are-introducing the Referral Program for 2022/2023. This tuition-reduction program is provided for FLCA families who play a primary role in the admission of NEW students and families to FLCA.

As a current school family, you have experienced first-hand the quality education FLCA has to offer and the benefits of our supportive, close-knit community. Now it's time to share our enthusiasm and faith with others. **Word of mouth is by far the most powerful way to promote our school!**

When you refer a new family who enrolls with FLCA for the 2022/2023 school year, you'll receive a Referral Tuition Reduction. **The referring family will receive a tuition reduction of \$500 for new families who enroll in PK – Grade 8 for 2022/2023.** This credit will be applied to your family's 2022/2023 tuition invoice in September 2022, once attendance of the new family is confirmed.

FLCA encourages you to talk to your friends, family members, and neighbours to let them know why you have chosen FLCA. The **New Family Referral Program** rewards existing families, encourages new family involvement in an excellent school system, and of course, increases enrollment. As the school grows, we grow together and strengthen our school.

***Family must mention the referring family's name upon touring the school.**

Please ask new family to fill out this form and present to Mrs. Eberhard upon their visit.

Referring Family: _____

New Family Name: _____

Date: _____ Office Approval: _____



2021 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS

Beginning today, income tax receipts will be available to parents. Unclaimed receipts will be placed in the mail. Every year at this time, we have questions from parents regarding the nature of tax receipts issued by FLCA, particularly those involving portions of tuition paid which may be eligible for consideration as donations. Simply stated, the Canada Revenue Agency allows private schools to issue tuition tax receipts according to the following policy:

“A private school that is registered as a charity and offers both secular and religious education, at the elementary or secondary school level, can only issue an official donation receipt to the parents or guardian of a student for the religious education.”

In order to determine the amount of the tuition paid which is eligible as above, the yearly cost of the secular (non-religious) portion of instruction is calculated according to CRA guidelines. The difference between the tuition paid in the calendar year (minus any payments for preschool, childcare or before and after school care which are receipted in full) and the “family cost” of secular education is then eligible to be issued as a donation receipt for religious education. Please note that the largest receiptable amounts are generated for “first or only” children in a family, since they are invoiced at the full tuition amount. “Second and subsequent” children in a family are invoiced at 65% of the tuition rate, thus minimizing the difference between tuition paid and the actual cost of secular education (which is the same for all students). While the receiptable amount is less in this case, the family benefits at the outset by the reduced tuition rate.

You may receive several receipts in your package this year:

- a) Tuition Donation Receipt
- b) Child Care Receipt
- c) Before and After School Care Receipt
- d) Donation Receipt (if applicable)

Should you have any questions, please call the office 519-250-7888.

