



The Falcon
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 CHRIST – FOCUSED LEARNING
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FCS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ~ THURSDAY, DEC. 8



“Dude, You Hear What I Hear?” ~ Come and hear a unique story of mannequins and their perception of Christmas. Fremont Christian students in grades Pre-K ~ 4 will share the good news of CHRISTmas, Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7:00 PM. The program will be at 1st CRC, 721 Hillcrest Dr., Fremont. Children are asked to arrive at the church by 6:45 PM wearing “Holiday Best.”

FOX'S FINDINGS

We serve the great Lord of the universe. He has given us the greatest gift in the universe—forgiveness of sin through His death on the cross. Last Sunday was the first Sunday of advent (the four Sundays leading up to Christmas). The church where I attended lit the advent candle of Hope and the pastor delivered a message of hope in the face of bitterness and despair. At the front of the church a manger was set up. Week by week the children will be preparing the manger for the arrival of Jesus. The manger, made of wood, is a foreshadowing of the cross, made of wood, upon which Jesus died. Both the manger and the cross represent the greatest gift of all—Jesus Christ, God incarnate. Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

FCS board members and I have been on the phone two nights this week. We have been calling friends, parents, grandfriends, alumni, and others connected to FCS. It is such a blessing to share the opportunity for them to give a gift to FCS through the annual fund drive during this time of the year. We have been so blessed in Jesus. He has given us the greatest gift of all. A wonderful way to respond to Him is to give back to His work. We can never out give the Lord.

May the Lord bless you and yours during this advent season. Let heaven and nature sing!



FCS CALENDAR

- Dec. 8 ~ FCS Christmas Program ~ 7:00 PM @ First CRC
- Dec. 12 ~ 1/2 day of school for students— Staff Accreditation Day
- Dec. 14 ~ POPS Concert @ 12:45 PM
- Dec. 16 ~ FCS Ski Trip (if there is adequate snow)
- Dec. 17 ~ Christmas Break begins
- Jan. 3 ~ School resumes
- Jan. 13 ~ FCS Ski Trip
- Jan. 17—20 ~ 7th & 8th grade exams
- Jan. 20 ~ End of 1st Semester—1/2 day of school School dismisses at noon
- Jan. 20 ~ FCS Ski Trip
- Jan. 23 ~ 1/2 day of school for students - Staff Accreditation Day
- Jan. 26 ~ Winter Concert
- Feb. 4 ~ FCS Carnival
- Feb. 17 ~ WMCTA
- Feb. 17—20 ~ Mid—Winter Break
- Feb. 21-22 ~ Preschool Conferences



Monday, Wednesday, Friday Preschool class (Pilgrims & Indians ☺) shared a Thanksgiving feast last week



CHRISTMAS POPS CONCERT

The 5th—8th band and choirs will present an afternoon assembly for the elementary students on Wed., Dec. 14, at 12:45 in the FCS Gym. Family and friends are invited to join in the fun as we celebrate Christmas in song! Performers are asked to wear Christmas colors.



ACCREDITATION WORK DAYS

Reminder that due to Staff Accreditation work days, we will be dismissing at noon on **Monday, December 12** and **Monday, January 23**.

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

Our annual fund letter was sent out two weeks ago, and we are happy to say that we have already received almost \$18,000.00 toward our \$60,000.00 goal. These funds are used to help cover approximately \$1,100.00 per student that is not covered by tuition or the endowment funds. Please thank your FCS board members who faithfully follow up on all these letters with personal calls to as many people as possible saying thanks, reminding them of the annual fund, and asking for prayer support. If you have not yet given, please send your check to the school. All donations are tax deductible.

FREMONT AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GIVING

If you are a family that prefers to give to FCS through the Fremont Area Community Foundation, a reminder letter will be coming to you in the near future. You should especially note that because of changes in Michigan tax law, this is the last year that you will be able to donate to a foundation and claim up to a \$200 (married filing jointly) or \$100 (filing single) tax credit on your donation. If you have any questions about this, please consult with Mr. Bob Jordan at the Fremont Area Community Foundation (924-5350).

DISCOVER CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

This is the time of year when many parents start to evaluate where their children will attend school next school year. If you have any friends or relatives who would like to know more about Fremont Christian School, please give us their name, address, telephone, email, or whatever and we will contact them. Also, you can encourage them to checkout <http://discoverchristianschools.org/> on the web. This site responds well to most of the questions asked regarding the importance of Christian Schools for Christian students.

FCS SKI CLUB INFORMATION

FCS Ski Trip dates are now available! Dec. 16 (if adequate snow), Jan. 13, 20, Feb. 10 and 24. Also Sat. March 17 will be the Winter Carnival.



CONGRATULATIONS TO JUSTUN WITTENBERGER!

The Newaygo County Council for the Arts announced the five winners in their Holiday Card Competition. Out of 550 entries from all of Newaygo County schools, FCS fifth grader, Justun Wittenberg, had his design selected. Justun received a set of cards with his design printed on them. His cards are available for purchase at the NCCA. Most of the students at FCS entered a design for the competition. Their work was outstanding. They will be bringing their entries home this week just in time for parents to make original Christmas cards of their own.

CHRISTMAS VACATION CLASSES AT THE NEWAYGO COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS-ARTSPLACE

During Christmas vacation the Artsplace is offering several classes for children. Check out the listing at www.ncca-artsplace.org or call 924-4022. What a great way to spend time during vacation!

HOT LUNCH CALENDAR

- Dec. 5: School Pizza, fruit, veggie & milk
Choice 2: Taco Stick w/ cheese stick
- Dec. 6: Corn Dog, fruit, veggie & milk
Choice 2: Hamburger
- Dec. 7: Meat Sub, fruit, baked beans & milk
Choice 2: Chicken Sticks
- Dec. 8: Baked Potato, fruit, veggie & milk
Choice 2: Hot Dog
- Dec. 9: Grilled Chicken on bun, fruit, veggie & milk
Choice 2: Bosco



Extras are available every day; cost is .75 for extra of the entrée. Peanut butter & Jelly available each day (made w/soy peanut butter)

SPORTS SCHEDULE



- Dec. 6 ~ FCS Girls Basketball vs. New Era Christian HOME at 4:15—A team only
- Dec. 8 ~ FCS Girls Basketball vs. Grant Christian HOME at 4:00 - A team only
- Dec. 8 ~ FCS Boys Basketball vs. Muskegon Calvary AWAY at 4:15 - A Team only
- Dec. 10 ~ FCS Girls Basketball League Tournament at WMC—9:00 AM—A Team
- Jan. 3 ~ FCS Boys Basketball vs. New Era Christian AWAY at 4:15

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save the Date! Saturday, January 28, 2012—Western Michigan Christian High School Auction—More information to follow.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

- Mrs. Petz ~ Dec. 3
- Anna Patenge ~ Dec. 4
- Carly Zimmerman ~ Dec. 5
- Brynna Barnhart ~ Dec. 6
- Miss Berkenpas ~ Dec. 6
- Easton Herman ~ Dec. 7
- Bella Cummings ~ Dec. 10

