



The Falcon
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CHRIST – FOCUSED LEARNING
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FOX'S FINDINGS

As I write this edition of Fox's Findings, I am looking at The Falcon that was sent to you on December 16, 2011. It is loaded with pictures of our Christmas program. It is an excellent example of the freedom we have as Christian people in America. As you might remember, on Dec. 16 I wrote about our planned trip to the Philippines and Indonesia. Let me list for you a few highlights from this trip and some comments about Christmas and culture:

- All of our plane flights went well. We never lost a piece of luggage.
- We were not in the region of the Philippines that had the typhoon and flooding.
- We were able to go directly to the hospital and even delivery room where our daughter, Betsy, was born in Iloilo City, Philippines—a highlight of the trip for her as a labor and delivery nurse at Holland Hospital.
- Iloilo City, where we were missionaries, has at least tripled in population. Everyone has cell phones (unheard of 25 years ago) and there is bottled water everywhere—we had to boil our water on a daily basis.
- We visited a Filipino Christian Reformed Church and were able to see some people that we knew from 26 years ago!
- In Indonesia—our daughter, Jess, is doing well. She is speaking both Bahasa Indonesian and Sasak (language on the island of Lombok where she lives). She is learning a great deal and currently plans to be there for another year.
- We snorkeled—great fish, hawksbill turtles (including a turtle nursery)—I perforated my eardrum on my last day snorkeling—it was worth it.
- We celebrated Christmas in a predominately Muslim country/culture.
- I learned a lot about Christian Education in Australia from vacationing teachers.
- Our grandson—Lincoln Dwight—was born on December 19. We spent New Years with him and the family in Milwaukee.
- We are blessed to be in America and to be in a much cooler and far less humid climate.

There was a stark contrast between Christmas in the Philippines and Indonesia. In the Philippines, a predominately Roman Catholic country and culture, we were greeted with "Merry Christmas," heard Christmas songs, and even saw Christmas trees made out of just about everything imaginable. There was an expectation and joy in the air. In Indonesia, we could set our clocks by the Muslim calls to prayer 5 times every day. Christmas was rarely mentioned. There was a heaviness in the air. I came away from the trip with a renewed need to pray for people/cultures that need to hear about Jesus. There are Christians in Indonesia but it is very difficult for them to share their faith. At times they have been killed or persecuted and their churches have been burned to the ground.

We are so blessed to live in a nation where we have freedom of religion. We can worship, attend Christian schools, and be unashamedly Christian in our lives and all that we say and do. Please pray for the people of Indonesia and the Christians there who are doing all that they can to share their faith in a very Muslim culture.



FCS CALENDAR

- 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

7TH & 8TH EXAMS

7th and 8th grade exams will be taking place on Tuesday – Friday, January 17 – 20. Parents and students will receive a special letter about these exams. The exams will be as follows:

History 7/8	During normal class time
Language Arts 7	During normal class time
Language Arts 8	Tuesday, 2 nd & 3 rd periods
Science 7/8	Wednesday, 2 nd & 3 rd periods
Pre-Algebra	Thursday, 2 nd & 3 rd periods
Algebra	Thursday, 2 nd & 3 rd periods
Bible 7/8	Friday—during normal class time

AUCTION DATE CHANGE ~ FRIDAY, APRIL 27

Due to conflicts our auction date has been changed to Friday, April 27 (no longer Sat. April 28). Please make this change on your calendar and tell you family and friends!

JANUARY SERIES

During the last few years, FCS middle school students have attended a few select video casts called The January Series which are sponsored by Calvin College at The Black Box. The remaining video presentations that our 7th and 8th grade students will be attending are as follows:

- Adventures on the Appalachian Trail
by Jennifer Pharr Davis on Friday, January 13
- Mobilizing Hope (M.L. King, Jr. Day)
by Adam Taylor on Monday, January 16

The 21 students will be leaving campus at about 12:15 and returning by about 1:40. If you would like to drive and chaperone our students on one of these days, please contact the following teachers for the days noted: Mr. Barkel (Friday, January 13); or Ms. Wygmans (Monday, January 16).

NEXT FCS HALF DAY ~ MONDAY, JANUARY 23

Just a reminder that Fremont Christian has a half day of school on Monday, Jan. 23, due to a Staff Accreditation work day. School will dismiss at noon.

ANNUAL FUND!!!

The Lord has greatly blessed at FCS!!! As of Wednesday, January 4, we officially have received cash and pledges amounting to just over our \$60,000.00 goal. Please thank the Lord with us for His providential care for FCS. Any funds that we continue to receive for the Annual Fund will continue to be applied to our general fund. Thanks to all who have contributed and all who will contribute to the Annual Fund.

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.

ART ITEMS NEEDED

The art room is in need of the following items - old calendars, scraps of stained glass, garlic press (for use with clay), electric pencil sharpener. Please drop off at the school office. Thank you!!

HOT LUNCH CALENDAR

- Jan. 9 ~ Pancakes, potato, yogurt, fruit, & milk
Choice 2: French Toast Sticks
- Jan. 10 ~ Meat Sub, fruit, veggie & milk
Choice 2: Corn Dog
- Jan. 11 ~ Hamburg on bun, fruit, veggie & milk
Choice 2: Chicken Sticks
- Jan. 12 ~ Chicken & Noodles, veggie, fruit, & milk
Choice 2: Bosco Sticks
- Jan. 13 ~ Sloppy Joe, baked beans, fruit & milk
Choice 2: Hot dog on bun

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

- Jan. 10 ~ FCS Boys Basketball vs. Grand Haven Chr. AWAY at 4:30
-  Jan. 12 ~ FCS Boys Basketball vs. Allendale Christian HOME at 4:30
- Jan. 19 ~ FCS Boys Basketball vs. Muskegon Chr. HOME at 4:15
- Jan. 24 ~ FCS Boys Basketball vs. Borculo Christian AWAY at 4:30

Next Ski Trip will be Friday, Jan. 13. Sign up will be next week Monday ~ Wednesday in the FCS Office.



Our 4th and 5th grade girls basketball team ended their season well. After a slow start to their season, they played to their potential with a solid win over St Mary's of Spring Lake at their last game of their regular season. Because of their slow start, they were seeded last at the league tournament, giving them a tough tournament schedule. The girls went into the games with good attitudes and ready to play hard. They won their first game against Muskegon Christian, then moved to their second game against Muskegon Catholic Central. They won that game by one point in overtime with a "buzzer beater" shot. They fell short in their third game against Fruitport Calvary and took home the second place trophy. The girls learned a lot about the game of basketball and playing as a team. The director of the league tournament told them they get the most improved award! It was a fun season with many lessons learned!

REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Fremont Artsplace introduces Suzuki Violin, Viola, or Cello Lessons. Now accepting enrollments for the winter session. Ages 5 through adult. Call Lucy Spinner 616-204-7360 or email at: suzukistrings@rocketmail.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

- Kyla Wiersema ~ Jan. 15
- Madison Wiersema ~ Jan. 15
- Dayna DeKryger ~ Jan. 18
- Carson Herman ~ Jan. 23
- Jamie Kuiper ~ Jan. 26
- Trevor Folkema ~ Jan. 27

