



*The Falcon*  
**Friday, November 18, 2011**  
**CHRIST – FOCUSED LEARNING**  
**FOR A LIFE OF SERVICE**

**THANK YOU**

Just in case we have not been able to thank so many face to face or via a note, I would like to personally say thanks to the following:

- To all those who participated in our leaf raking day—both those who gave and received were blessed.
- To Helping Hand and all who enjoyed the Dutch Kitchen this year. We were blessed with some great Dutch goodies and an opportunity to once again build community at FCS.
- To all who shared in Grand-friends Day. Those who attended, the students and staff who shared in a variety of ways got to experience a highlight in our school year.

**ACCREDITATION UPDATE AND HALF DAYS NOTICE**

Teachers and others have been working on our seven-year accreditation process with MANS (Michigan Association of Non-public Schools) since before school began. We are in a season of self-evaluation where we take a look at what we are doing as a school and how we can do it better. We are looking forward to a visit by an accreditation site team that will take place on April 26 and 27, 2012. Our local steering committee is chaired by Dr. Carol DeWeerd and further includes Jud Afman (board representative), Jenean Brown (parent), Jim Kuiper (pastor), Ann Yonker (teacher), and Joseph Fox (principal). Teachers are chairing various curriculum-related sub-committees. If you would like to participate in this process, please contact individual teachers with your particular area of interest or Joseph D. Fox, Principal.

This process takes time and this week the board graciously granted three half-days of time when the teachers will be able to work together on this process. Please make note of the following days and plan on picking up your students at 12:00 on these days:

- Monday, November 28    Monday, December 12**  
**Monday, January 23**

**ANNUAL FUND DRIVE**

The letters for the FCS annual fund drive are being mailed this week. Here are some ways that you can help out as we seek to raise at least \$60,000 in this major fund-raising initiative:

- Pray—ask the Lord to provide in ways that only He can for FCS. Further, ask the Lord what He would have you give this year.
- Encourage—talk to others who receive the letter. It is being sent to alumni, church members, grand-friends, and others who have connected to FCS through the years.
- Call—we have set aside Monday and Wednesday evenings, November 28 and 30 to try and call everyone who has not responded to the letter. All board members, some teachers, and hopefully some parents will join us in this calling process. Please call Joseph Fox (924-2740) if you can participate in one of these calling nights.

Thank you in advance for your prayers, your giving, your encouragement, and your calling.

**2011 GRAND-FRIENDS DAY**

Have you ever been in a room with over 200 people, most of them with gray hair, craning their necks just to see what is going on? At FCS we call these people GRAND-FRIENDS. They are people who have traveled to FCS just to get a glimpse of their grandchild or neighbor or parishioner. This year the students at FCS sang and played instruments to the glory of the Lord. A joyful noise was created by the Kindergarten – Fourth grade bell choir, and the whole gym was encircled as the students and staff held hands and blessed everyone gathered with “The Doxology Song.” Our students all wore their “LIVE!” t-shirts that proclaim that “In Him we live and move and exist...we are His children.” (Acts 17:28) Thanks to all the Grand-friends who came, to the students and staff who carried out the special presentation, and to all who volunteered of their time and talent in making this day so special. Thanks also for your prayers on behalf of Fremont Christian School.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 5TH GRADE CLASS

Thanks to everyone who helped us raise \$1,307.17 for the Coin drive. All the profits went to aid in the costs of the Dutch Kitchen brunch and to Helping Hand. Thanks to the 5th grade class who collected the most money in their coin jar; they won a bowling party! 1st/2nd grade classes were a close 2nd! Great job, students!

### HOT LUNCH CALENDAR

- Nov. 21: Pancake wrap on stick, fruit, veggie & milk  
Choice 2: French Toast
- Nov. 22: Spaghetti, fruit, veggie & milk  
Choice 2: Chicken Rings
- Nov. 23: Turkey, Mashed Potatoes & gravy, veggie, applecrisp & milk
- Nov. 24 & 25: No School Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 28: Mac & Cheese, fruit, veggie & milk  
Choice 2: Corn Dog
- Nov. 29: Chef Salad, baked beans, fruit & milk  
Choice 2: Breaded Chicken patty on bun
- Nov. 30: Baked Potato, fruit, veggie & milk  
Choice 2: Bosco Sticks

Extra's are available everyday, cost is .75 for extra of the entrée. Peanut butter & Jelly available each day (made w/soy peanut butter)

### HOT LUNCH ACCOUNT ONLINE

Reminder: Don't forget! You can make your lunch payments on-line now. It is a simple process to set up your account. Even if you don't wish to make on-line deposits, you are still encouraged to set up an account so that you can track your child's account and be notified by email when their accounts are showing a low balance. Also, remember when setting up your account on-line you will need to drop the first "0" of your pin number that was previously sent to you. If you misplaced your pin number, call the office and we will give it to you. Questions? Call the office.



### SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Nov. 22 ~ FCS Girls Basketball vs. Allendale Christian  
HOME at 4:30
- Nov. 29 ~ FCS Girls Basketball vs. Borculo Christian  
HOME at 4:30
- Dec. 1 ~ FCS Girls Basketball vs. Grand Haven Christian  
HOME at 4:00
- Dec. 6 ~ FCS Girls Basketball vs. New Era Christian  
HOME at 4:15—A team only
- Dec. 10 ~ FCS Girls Basketball vs. Grant Christian  
HOME at 4:00 - A team only



No newsletter next week due to Thanksgiving break

### 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. See attachment that was emailed, along with this newsletter, on Friday, Nov. 18, for the 2011-12 FCS and PCHS Ski Club information!



### FCS CALENDAR



- Nov. 24 & 25 ~ Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 28 ~ 1/2 day of school for students  
Staff Accreditation Day
- Dec. 2 ~ Picture re-takes
- Dec. 8 ~ FCS Christmas Program ~ 7:00 PM
- Dec. 12 ~ 1/2 day of school for students—  
Staff Accreditation Day
- 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

### REQUESTED ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### FRESH WIND SERVICE AT TRINITY CRC

How is your life as a Christian reflected in your sports activities and interactions with your team mates? Join us for a special **FRESH WIND Youth Service** at Trinity Church as we take a look at Christian teens and sports. Current teams (basketball, indoor soccer, etc.) are encouraged to come as a group and wear your warm-ups or jerseys! The service will be held on Sunday, Nov. 20 at 5:30 pm at Trinity CRC, 539 E. Pine Street in Fremont. Questions? Contact Gladys, Ministry Coordinator at [trincrc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:trincrc@sbcglobal.net)

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

**Holidays are right** around the corner and TrueNorth is gearing up for the annual Children's Christmas Program in collaboration with Toys for Tots! If you would like an application for you or someone you know, for the children in the household, please stop in the FCS office and pick up an application.

Shop - n- Save  
Receipts



**KEEP  
SAVING!**



1 Point Value

5 Point Value



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

- Devin Richards ~ Nov. 18
- Nathan VanDerWeide ~ Nov. 20
- Justun Wittenberger ~ Nov. 23
- Lena Hudson ~ Nov. 26
- Mrs. Glerum ~ Nov. 28
- Katie Johnson ~ Nov. 29
- Dustin Brown ~ Dec. 1

