



Summer Notes

June 30, 2009

From Julie Olson, Development Director

With July 4th just around the corner, I realize that school shopping is creeping up on me. If you are like me, you'd probably prefer not to think about it just yet! As a parent of two students, our family has been blessed by Firm Foundation Christian School. And having just received the report cards and SAT cards, we are pleased at the high level of academics taught by our wonderful staff.

Not only a parent, I also serve as Development Director for the school. In that role I am constantly looking for additional ways that each of us can support the school as our personal situation allows. I wanted to encourage you by sharing a simple way to help the school financially—without spending a dime more than you normally would.

As I said earlier, I'm thinking ahead to school shopping. With the gift cards you purchase through the school, FFCS receives donations which range for 3% or 15% depending on the merchant. If each family purchased these gift cards from the school, we could raise significant donations.

Consider this.

If 100 families spent \$100 on school supplies using a scrip program participant, a 4% donation would yield \$400. The same families spending \$200 would yield \$800. If those families used Fred Meyer gift cards for gas at \$200/mo for a year that would result in \$9,600. If those families spent \$400 per month with Fred Meyer or Safeway gift cards purchased at school, the donation would be approximately \$19,000! All without you and me spending a dollar more than we already do....

Thanks so much for considering this. Every little bit helps. Call me if you have questions, or call Jenny at 360-687-8382 to place your order for scrip cards today!

Sincerely,
Julie Olson, Development Director

Other Opportunities

Target: When you use your Target® Visa® or Target® Card FFCS will receive a percentage of the amount of each purchase in the form of a cash donation through the Take Charge of Education® program. Visit www.target.com/tcoe, or call 1-800-316-6142 to designate our school.

Albertsons: Visit <http://www.albertsons.com/cp/> and click on the login link. It will walk you through the steps to join. The FFCS Community Partner ID is 4 90001 18559.

Invite others to learn about FFCS!

Invite your friends and neighbors to visit FFCS over the summer. It is our school's mission and vision to give 100 tours to new families in the next month.

To say thanks, you will receive a \$10 gift card. When your referred family enrolls their children for the 09/10 school year, you will also receive a \$100 gift card. Call Ramona today at 360/687-8382 to schedule a personal tour.

Dates to Remember

- **Scrip orders due in Office A:** July 7th, 9:30 am
- **Soccer Camp begins:** July 8th
- **Scrip orders available for pickup:** July 9th, after noon
- **Summer tutoring begins:** July 7th
- **Keyboarding Camp begins:** July 7th
- **Watercolors Camp begins:** July 7th
- **Lego Robotics A Camp begins:** July 13th
- **Multi-Activity Camp begins:** July 15th
- **Flag Football Camp begins:** July 15th
- **Class placement lists & school supply lists posted:** July 17th
- **BG Harvest Days Parade:** July 18th
- **Lego Robotics B Camp begins:** Aug. 3rd
- **Scrip orders due in Office A:** Aug. 4th, 9:30 am
- **Clark County Fair:** Aug. 7th-16th
- **Principal Coffee & Chat:** Aug. 20th, 10:00 am
- **Open House:** Aug. 27th, 10:00 am-noon
- **(new) Parent Night:** Aug. 27th, 7-8:00 pm
- **First Day of School:** Sept. 1st

Summer Office Hours



Tuesdays,
Wednesdays,
Thursdays
9:00 am – 3:00 pm



SUMMER SCRIP DATES

Order by 9:30 am: June 9th to pick up on June 11th
July 7th to pick up on July 9th
August 4th to pick up on August 6th
First order of the 09-10 school year is September 8th.

JUMP START 2009/10 VOLUNTEERING

We need help at the Harvest Days Parade on July 18, 2009 and at our booth at the Clark County Fair August 7 through August 16. Please let Ramona or Jenny know if you are interested in helping.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

FFCS will be selling Entertainment Books as a fundraiser for the school. The cost is only \$20, and they make a great gift! You can pre-order now by emailing jolson@ffcs.org to let her know how many you would like. They will be available in the fall and will be valid through November 1, 2010.



Examples of discounts in the current book available in the Clark County area include: Big Al's ~ Bill's Chicken and Steakhouse ~ Pacific Grill and Chowder House ~ Los Jalapenos ~ Jerusalem Café ~ Newport Bay ~ Hockinson Country Café ~ Papa Johns ~ Burger King ~ Domino's Pizza ~ Nick & Willy's Pizza ~ Regal Cinemas ~ Pearson Air Museum ~ Mountain View Ice Arena ~ Woodland Paintball Action ~ Columbia

Dance ~ and of course, there are many, many more here in the greater Vancouver area and Portland Metro Area.

SUMMER INFORMATION

Summer Notes will be posted online at www.ffcs.org July 17th with school supply lists, class placement lists & other info.

Report cards and SAT results were mailed home mid-June. If fines or tuition is due, report cards and SAT result were held until accounts are current. Overdue fines and unpaid tuition may also delay the transfer of records to new schools, if applicable.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS or PHONE



If your address, phone numbers, email address or emergency contact info has changed since your 2009/10 registration forms were filled out, please contact the office to update your information.

HIGH SCHOOL LOUNGE HELP NEEDED



If any high school students would like to help paint the lounge this summer, please contact Mrs. Rachel Olin at 360/798-3586.

Support FFCS when shopping for back to school!

- Purchase scrip cards to do your shopping at places like Fred Meyer (school supplies, shoes, socks, backpacks) and give back 4% to FFCS
- Purchase Lands' End cards to purchase uniforms and give 4% back to FFCS.
- JCPenney (4%), Macy's (10%), TJ Maxx (6%), Payless Shoe Source (12%), Nike (12%), Staples (4%) and more are available.
- For those summer home improvement jobs, we also have Home Depot (3%) and Lowe's (4%) available.



If you have questions or need help, give Jenny a call at 687-8382.