

# Story Time!

Loretta focused and gently slid her hands across the strings of her harp. As she closed her eyes the music came naturally to her hands and the complicated song emanating from the instrument impressed the large audience of business moguls and aristocrats. As the music began its crescendo Loretta thought over her mission once more. She and her accomplice Georgia were sent undercover to find and detain a woman named Sierra Nox, involved in a string of crimes across the state of Michigan. Loretta was undercover as a performer so she could have a clear view of everyone in the audience. The last note rang out in the large ballroom, and as an applause erupted, she spotted her target. Standing near the side exit door was a tall woman with short blonde hair and an emerald Dior dress that silently flaunted her vast wealth. Sierra Nox.

Loretta bowed towards the audience and walked backstage, where she donned her second disguise. A classy, and expensive black gown to blend in as she entered the thick crowd. Loretta was chasing Nox toward the back of the room. She radioed Georgia, "I'm pursuing Nox, she's wearing an emerald dress, we're going towards the back left door."

"I'm heading over there now." Georgia replied. Loretta and Georgia weaved through the crowd and burst through the back door of the ballroom into the dark alleyway and the brittle December air. There Nox stood, dagger in hand facing the two detectives. Georgia took out her wallet and showed her badge, "Stop right there, you're under arrest for the murder of Lucy Gray and Naomi Park!" Loretta glanced over at Georgia, and before she knew it, Nox lunged at her-

Loretta jerked awake, and picked her head up groggily from the notebook on her desk as the school bell echoed through the classroom. She threw her backpack over her shoulder, grabbed her notebook, stood and sluggishly walked out of science class.

- with Melinda J.

# Ask the Eaglets

Dear Eaglets,

I'm a little nervous about the concert. I have a speaking part, but I'm not very comfortable speaking in front of strangers. And someone even suggested I sing a solo! This is really increasing my anxiety. I am both excited and nervous at the same time.

Sincerely,

Frustrated in Fresh Meadows

Dear frustrated,

I can assure you will do great. Even if you mess up your part, just keep going. Even if you have this anxiety, you can use that energy and adrenaline to project your voice.

If you ever feel this way again, remember Psalm 46:1-3, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear... " No matter what you face, God is there for you, and he gave you that part because he knows you will execute the gospel to others.

- Advice from Siri T.

# The Eaglets' View

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## FCS SCHOOL LIFE

### Christmas Concert

The 2023 Christmas Concert was held Dec. 14th at First Baptist Church. It was a jolly, wonderful time for the FCS family to gather and watch students display their talents in a way that glorifies God.



Throughout the concert, elementary students recited several Bible verses and sang festive songs. The ASL and liturgical dance electives also performed.

The middle school presented the musical "A Christmas Tale," which communicates the true story about Christmas: the birth of Jesus Christ.



All in all, the Christmas Concert was a joyous time for everyone to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

See more pics here:

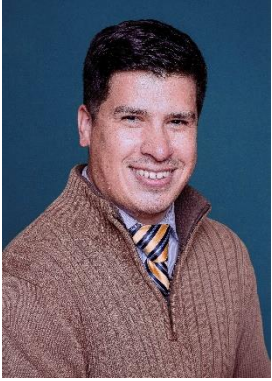
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- Contributed by Claire L. and Sa'Niyah T.



# Personal Spotlights

*Mr. Vladimír Vallejo*



**Mr. Vladimir Vallejo** is a teacher at FCS. He teaches 7th grade homeroom, 7th grade bible, 7th and 8th grade social studies, middle school music, and 2 electives which are chorus and band! He was inspired to teach by other teachers, youth pastors, and influential mentors. Youth pastors inspired him to teach the Bible. Even camp counseling inspired him because you don't only have fun, but you also teach them life skills.

Mr. Vallejo enjoys teaching because he can see his students expand their knowledge in that certain subject. He also enjoys expanding his vocabulary with his students. He likes joking around with his students but at the same time learning. He wants his students to use their basic understanding but then grow in their analytical thinking.

Some interesting facts about Mr. Vallejo is that he took gymnastics class for a few months. His favorite childhood show is Shining Time Station. He went skydiving three years ago, and that was his first and last time. He made his own costume that were supposed to be a cow but looked like a Dalmatian.

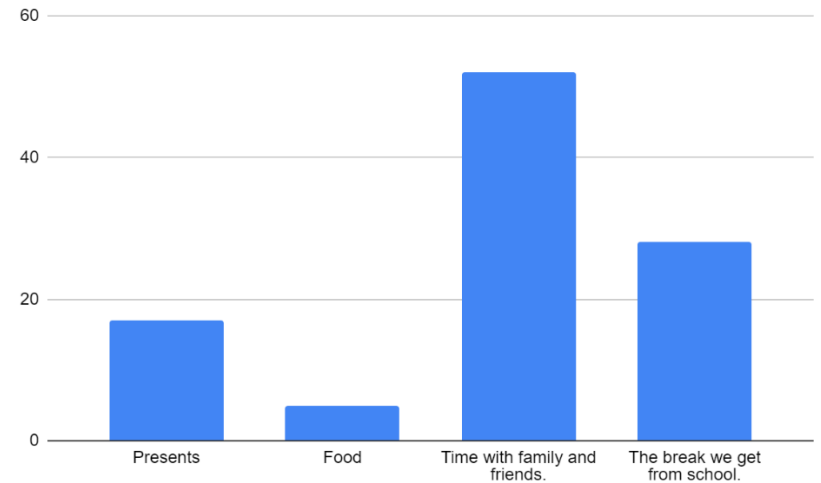


*Mr. Vallejo poses with another serious teacher.*

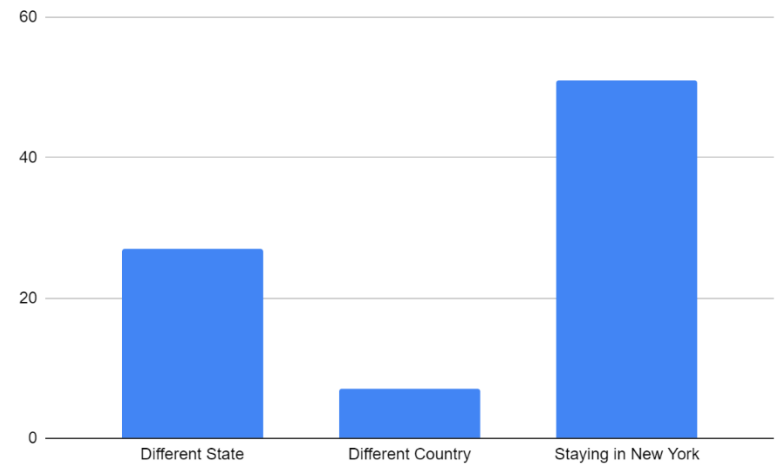
Lastly, outside of school he teaches choir, orchestra, private music lessons, and runs the whole choir of his church.

- Contributed by Olive F. and Hannah F.

## Poll: What is your favorite part of Christmas?



## Poll: Where are you going for Christmas?



- Compiled by Kaleb B. and Elliani M.

# Extras!

## 🎁👤 Birthday Shoutouts: 🎁👤

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| • Chris Huang (6 <sup>th</sup> )      | Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | • Aeneas Du (4 <sup>th</sup> )      | Dec. 4 <sup>th</sup>  |
| • Eliana Jung (6 <sup>th</sup> )      | Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>  | • Jonathan Caal (8 <sup>th</sup> )  | Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup>  |
| • Meredith Suh (1 <sup>th</sup> )     | Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup>  | • Charlotte Dunca (K)               | Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup> |
| • Sara Vasquez (8 <sup>th</sup> )     | Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup> | • Emilio Naula (5 <sup>th</sup> )   | Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup> |
| • Niara Walker (6 <sup>th</sup> )     | Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup> | • Fredrick Sears (5 <sup>th</sup> ) | Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup> |
| • Andrew Chung (3 <sup>rd</sup> )     | Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup> | • George Dunca (2 <sup>nd</sup> )   | Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup> |
| • Karis An (2 <sup>nd</sup> )         | Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup> | • Simeon Gill (4 <sup>th</sup> )    | Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup> |
| • Claire Bankston (1 <sup>st</sup> )  | Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup> | • Timothy Chan (K)                  | Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup> |
| • Maya Johnson (6 <sup>th</sup> )     | Nov. 22 <sup>nd</sup> | • Sawyer Troche (6 <sup>th</sup> )  | Dec. 22 <sup>nd</sup> |
| • Aiden Choi (8 <sup>th</sup> )       | Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup> | • Noah Nisly (K)                    | Dec. 27 <sup>th</sup> |
| • Juliet Rodriguez (1 <sup>st</sup> ) | Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup> | • Gabriel Silva (8 <sup>th</sup> )  | Dec. 28 <sup>th</sup> |

## 📖 Bible Verse

### 2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.  
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

## 🧩 Crossword Puzzle 🧩

Across:

- Who brings presents to children on Christmas?
- Christmas \_\_\_\_\_

Down:

- What do kids like getting on Christmas?
- What rings and makes a sound?
- What does a Santa Claus ride on?

Courtesy Aiden C. and Meredith K.

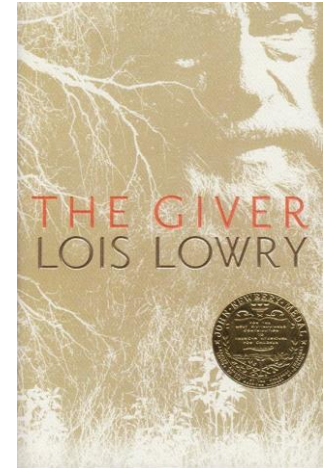
## Academic Book Review

### The Giver

**Preview:** In this dystopian book, 12-year-old Jonas receives a challenging job assignment with unique rules. He must work with the Receiver of Memories to develop wisdom and experience as he advises his community.

Over time, Jonas raises questions and experiences enough challenges to want to bring change to his community. However, he must risk everything to see it happen. Will he succeed?

**Analysis:** In my opinion I think the best part of *The Giver* was when Jonas had to make a courageous stand to help his community. I like that this book allows enough cliffhangers to keep it mysterious and engage the reader's imagination. I didn't appreciate learning about the dark secrets of the community.



The story made me appreciate our real world and God's answers for life's questions. I definitely recommend this book!

- Contributed by Elisha J. and Niara W.

### Trivia

Q: Who invented the color wheel?

Q: What is the name for an insect expert?

Q: Are there more red or white stripes on the American flag?

- A: South Dakota
- A: Ped
- A: Entomologist
- A: Sir Isaac Newton
- Answers

