

Lions Roar 2-24-21

A Message from Mrs. Stout

We just received word from ACSI (Association of Christian School International) that very soon our congressional representatives will be voting on HR5, the Equality Act. This proposed law could threaten the freedom of both individuals and religious organizations to exercise their religious convictions, endanger the safety and privacy of individuals, jeopardize the opportunity for women to access athletic and scholarship opportunities they enjoy now, and violate the rights of conscience for health care providers.

The US House of Representatives is expected to vote as soon as **Thursday, February 25**. Below you will find suggested language for an email you can send to your elected U.S. Representative urging them to vote no on this bill. You can find an action link at the following URL: <https://www.voterveice.net/ACSI/campaigns/66075/respond>

This is very easy to do. I went to the link and within a couple minutes my email was on its way. Thanks for your help with this very urgent matter.

Dear Legislator:

I am part of the Christian school community and am writing to ask you please to vote NO on HR 5, the Equality Act. The legislation mandates a single government-approved view of human sexuality and is so extreme that it forbids even an exemption for faith-informed alternative views. A government mandate of this kind poses a threat to the diversity of viewpoints, including religious conviction that is so necessary for American political and cultural debate.

Christian schools teach a consistent message about human flourishing that focuses on God's love for every person. When any person lives by God's loving standards, that person can flourish! This legislation poses a serious threat to our capacity to share this Good News and to live according to God's loving standards. Our concern is real: some states have already banned faith-based adoption agencies from performing their calling based entirely on their faith-informed view of marriage. The Equality Act imposes a similar threat to faith-based entities based on sexuality issues. Please don't let the Equality Act sacrifice the common good on the altar of government-imposed viewpoints.

The Equality Act deliberately excludes any religious exemption - unlike dozens of state and local laws on sexual orientation and gender identity which overwhelmingly include such exemptions. It combines this threat with an explicit rejection of recourse to the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) when government policy and religious faith are in conflict. RFRA merely gives a religious entity its day in court; it does not guarantee the outcome. By explicitly rejecting even this safety valve, the Equality Act effectively imposes a draconian approach that brooks no objection.

Auction News

The auction invitations are in the mail! The online bidding site is live and there are some amazing raffle items available now!

If you have auction items to donate, please turn them in to the office. Let's make this the best auction to date!

SALT Hour Opportunity – Lunchroom Help

Do you love lunch? If so, this may be the perfect opportunity for you to earn those SALT hours. We are so very grateful for all our new families this year. With the increase in student numbers we find our lunchroom a very busy place this year. We could use your help with supervising students as they enjoy their lunch time. We are looking for 5 people to take a day of the week (i.e. Mondays or Tuesdays or Wednesdays etc.) to help our amazing lunchroom lady, Mrs. Mullin from 11:00-12:30. We would give you all the training needed. This could be a fun time of getting to know the students as you help them with opening milk cartons, heating lunches and cleaning tables. If this could work in your schedule, please give the office a call.

Passport

Passport Check Day is tomorrow!

Calendar

February

- 24 Health Day
- 24 Volleyball 5:00 @ Centralia
- 25 Passport Check Day
- 26 Staff Day – No School

March

- 3 Volleyball 4:00 @ home
- 6 Cross Country Meet @ Borst Park
- 8 Volleyball 5:30 @ Hoquiam

- 10 DC Dogs
- 10 Volleyball 4:00 @ Centralia
- 13 Cross Country @ Stan Hedwall
- 15 Yearbook Orders Due
- 15 Volleyball 4:00 @ Shelton
- 17 Volleyball 4:00 @ home
- 19 Professional Day – No School
- 20 Auction
- 26 Staff Day – No School
- 30 Passport Check Day