



Upcoming Dates

- **Early Closing:**
Dec 20—3pm
- **Christmas Break—**
Dec. 21—Jan. 4
Back to School:
Thurs. Jan. 5
- **High School exams:**
January 25-28
- **High School Second Semester begins:**
February 1
- **Teacher In-Service:**
February 3
- **Teacher In-Service:**
February 17

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Faith Academy News

Making a Difference

The Grade 3A class at Matheson recently collected goodies for Samaritan's Purse shoe boxes. Each child went with his/her parent to the store to help pick out items that they could contribute to the box. "Their smiles were a mile wide when they came to school. They could hardly wait to add their items to the pile. It was amazing. We made 2 boy boxes and 2 girl boxes for a child between 5-9." Mrs. Beaulieu explained. This fits in perfectly with the social studies curriculum on communities around the world. "We really enjoyed preparing the boxes and it gave us a real joy to be giving to those less fortunate."

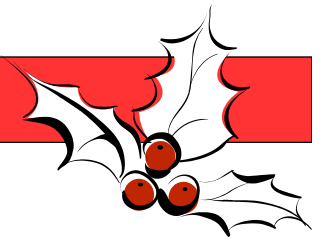
Both Grade 3 classes also had the opportunity to go and have a tour of the Legislative Building. The kids were very impressed by the building and also met the MLA from our area—Mr. MacKintosh.

The students had a great learning experience that they will not soon forget.



What Christmas Is All About

I love this time of year! My highlights are usually hanging around with family and friends and just enjoying what Christmas means. It's also a very busy time though with gatherings and shopping (on the 24th) and before I know it's all over and we're thinking about the plans we have for New Year's Eve. It's easy to get distracted during this Christmas season but my 3 year-old daughter reminded me the other day of the true reason for this time of year. As a family, we recently had the opportunity to see Bethlehem Live at a church in our city. We had gotten through the drama and at the end, the pastor was talking a bit about Christmas and getting to know Jesus. He asked the question to the children, "What was your favourite part of the drama?" Without hesitation, my daughter pipes out, "Baby Jesus!" She was right, that should be our favourite part of this Christmas time, remembering Jesus and why he came as a baby to this earth. *J.Pickel*



2011 Quiz Night

Every year, there is a quiz night hosted by the Missions 2 Team of Faith Academy High School. This year it was held on November 26th. Some words that could describe previous events would be “trivia, food and lots of fun.” Quiz Night of 2011 was a ton of entertainment and a huge success, with a record-breaking attendance of over 200 people. We had to squeeze 26 tables into our gym (not including the judges and silent auction tables)...It was a tight fit, but we made it work! We raised about \$3000 for our missions trip to Ukraine with ticket sales, silent auction and generous donations.

The silent auction included some items such as jewellery, art, nail sets, gift cards and even a brand-new queen-sized mattress! The trivia went extremely well, with some teams doing incredibly well, while others (like my family, for example) didn't do so amazing. Overall, everyone enjoyed themselves and there was a smile on everyone's faces.

We really appreciate all the support that's been poured into our team, whether it be financial, or through encouragement and prayer. Continue to support us as we prepare for our trip to this amazing country, with hopes to be used by God. Thank you and God bless!

Brianna Wiebe, Gr. 12

Cancellations

If schools or busses are cancelled because of winter weather, the cancellations will be reported on CJOB 680 AM and CHVN 95.1 FM radio and be listed on the community cancellation page at www.cjob.com. School busses will **not** run at wind chills of: -45 Celsius or below.



Exams...

The High School exam schedule is now online! If you want to know when your child's exam is then check it out on our website. There is a link at the bottom of the Faith Academy Homepage.

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Where are they now? Each month in the newsletter we are going to feature one of Faith Academy's former graduates to see what they have been up to and where they are now!

Tesha Joseph

Tesha was a graduate in the class of 2002 at Faith Academy. She went on to attend the University of Winnipeg, where she received both her Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degrees. Tesha is currently teaching Grade 5 at Faith Academy Middle School and has been for the past 5 years. She also provides leadership to the basketball and worship team at the Middle School. As well, she attends City of Refuge Church (located at the Faith Academy Matheson Ave. campus) where she plays piano.

We are glad to have her as part of the teaching team at Faith Academy.

