



Upcoming Dates

March 13: Teacher In-Service (no classes)
 March 20: Early Registration Deadline
 March 30 to April 3: Spring Break
 April 10: Good Friday (no classes)
 April 16: Parent-Teacher evening (2:30 dismissal)
 April 17: Parent-Teacher (no classes)

Matheson Elementary School:

March: Nutrition Month
 March 26: K, 1, & 2 Spring Concert
 March 27: Kindergarten Grad Photos

Middle School:

March 2: Gr. 6 & 7 Curling
 March 9: Gr. 5 & 8 Curling
 March 12: Gr 7 & 8 Holiday Mtn Ski Trip
 March 27: Grade 8 Grad Photos
 March 27: March Madness
 *Indoor soccer takes place in April. See schedule for dates.

High School:

March 9 - 11: Gr.12 Camp Arnes Retreat
 March 20: M1 Movie Fundraiser
 March 26: Gr. 12 Grad Photos
 March 29 to April 3: M1 to Fairford, MB
 April 15: Balloon Hunt at KP
 April 20 to 24: Fearless Week Part 2



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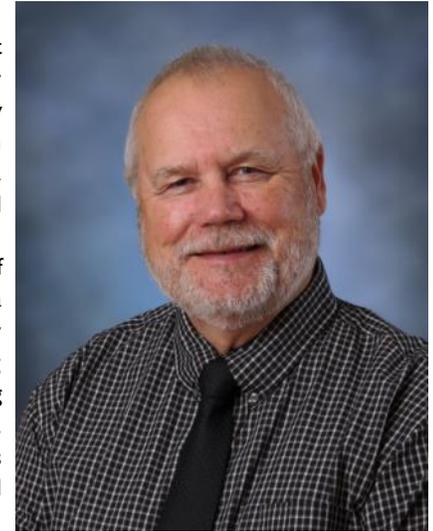
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30 Years of Service at Faith Academy

The 2019/2020 school year is Mr. Chris Franczyk's 30th year at Faith Academy. He started at the school in June of 1990 after being invited to become the Director of Public Relations by Pastor Gary McLeod who was serving as the Principal of Faith Academy at the time. Mr. Franczyk's initial role only lasted for a few years, but he went on to embrace new responsibilities and roles - eventually becoming the Director of Student and Financial Services in 1995. Since then, he has interviewed thousands of families that have applied to Faith Academy and has become a very well known member of the school community. In the early 2000s, Mr. Franczyk took on the added responsibility of heading up the transportation services offered by Faith Academy. During his time at the school, he has also coordinated swimming lessons, organized the spring soccer outings, and driven the school bus for countless field trips. Faith Academy has certainly been blessed to have Mr. Franczyk on staff for 30 years!



Mr. Franczyk's connection to Faith Academy has not only been related to his work life - he has also been the parent of Faith Academy students. In fact, Mr. Franczyk was a part of the group of parents from Faith Baptist Church that pursued the creation of the school, and his son, Craig, was a K4 student in the very first year of Faith Academy's existence (1983/84). The rest of Mr. Franczyk's children (Kelly, Amanda, and Eric) are also alumni of Faith Academy. Mr. Franczyk's commitment to the Christ-centered education provided at Faith Academy has been evident both professionally and personally.

I want to thank Mr. Franczyk for his many years of committed service to Faith Academy. When I took on the role of Superintendent a few years ago, it was very comforting to know that I would have someone with his heart for ministry and depth of experience to work alongside and turn to with questions. It has been a pleasure to get to know him better as a colleague and friend.

Thank you Mr. Franczyk!

- James Harnett, Superintendent

Registration Season

On January 13, 2020, Faith Academy began another registration season with the release of the 2020/2021 application package. (You can access the application package [here](#).) This year, the early application deadline is set for March 20, 2020. Families with students already enrolled at Faith Academy will secure their spot for 2020/2021 if they apply before the early application deadline. After March 20, 2020, we will begin to accept new students if there is space in any particular grade. If you have a child at Faith Academy and you are planning that they will return for the 2020/2021 school year, please apply as soon as possible to ensure that there is room for your child and to help us have an accurate picture of what our enrollment looks like for next year. Applications received before March 20, 2020 require a \$30 application fee. Applications received after the early application deadline will require a \$60 fee.



Our wonderful office staff will be happy to help you with all of your application needs!

We are anticipating another year of being at full capacity from kindergarten to grade 8. Our grade 12 graduating class for next year is also likely to be full. Grades 9 to 11 may have some room for new students. Please feel free to let others know about our high school and the opportunity that students have to learn in an environment that is Christ centered and biblically based.

NEWS FROM THE ELEMENTARY

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Festival du Voyageur Day at Faith Academy



On Friday, February 28th, Kindergarten to Grade 3 students and the Pritchard campus enjoyed a fun afternoon filled with numerous activities that taught them about the importance of the fur trade in Canada's history.

Students learned about the important role that Indigenous peoples played in the fur trade and with the help of Mrs. Pledger, Mrs. Gorospe, and Miss Labun, made their own necklace art. They studied the beaver and significance of the animal in the 18th century with Mrs. Siemens and Miss Evans, and Mr. Hiebert and Mrs. Loeppky taught the students a jig. Students built their own popsicle stick boats with Mrs. Enns, Miss Giesbrecht and Mrs. Ringham and learned about the Voyageur's role in the fur trade. They were treated to maple syrup on ice cream and bannock and pea soup.



Thank you to all of the Elementary teachers who led the stations and the grade 9 Nutrition class for baking the bannock. Most of all, thank you so much Madame Moreau for all of your hard work in making this event such a huge success! Hey-Ho!

February: I Love To Read Month

Throughout the month of February in the Elementary, Faith Academy students were "Hungry for a Good Book!" Every minute counted, as each class competed against each other for the most minutes read at home. The competition was fierce, but at the end Mrs. Peters and Mrs. Loeppky's class were victorious and will celebrate their accomplishment with a class pizza party in the coming weeks.

At school, students periodically dropped everything and read and guessed quotes from books to win caterpillar candies. Students participated in "read my shirt day" and we welcomed parents and guardians into our Chapel for our first annual Read-a-Thon.

Thank you very much, Mrs. Gorospe and Mrs. Bueckert for planning such fantastic activities and teaching our students about the importance of reading every day!



If you have ever been in or around Faith Academy Elementary at the end of a school day, you will have recognized what a busy place it can be. We strive to ensure the safety of our students, whether they are being picked up or going to the After Care Program or home on the bus. Please keep the following items in mind to assist us in keeping our students safe:

- Communication is everything! If there are any changes to your child's end of the day routine, please make sure that you clearly communicate the changes to the Elementary Office as soon as possible (preferably before 3:00) either by phone or email. Clearly state your child's **first** and **last** name.

- If someone other than yourself or an approved family member or guardian is picking up your child, the Office must be notified immediately. Students will not be permitted to go with adults whom the Office does not recognize or know (even if your child seems to know them).

- We are pleased to announce that After School Care workers now have access to the school phone line from 4-5 p.m. If you are needing to contact the Program, call 204-582-3400. We ask that only concerns regarding the After School Care Program be made between 4-5pm. Any other concerns will not be addressed during this time as the Offices are closed for the day.



Winter Olympics a Big Hit

~By Angela Herrera (5B)

We had a lot of amazing activities for our Winter Olympics at the end of January. One of them was a snowball fight in the gym. It was house group versus house group. The snowballs were not actually made of snow; they were dodgeballs. It was really fun, though.



I also liked the four-man ski race. If you don't know what four-man skiing is it's done with a long piece of wood and ropes for people to slip their feet in. Once again it was house group versus house group, racing to the finish line. This was fun but it's not as easy as you think it is.



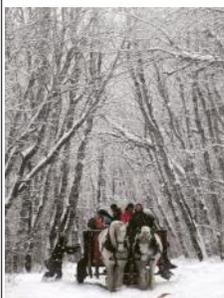
We also had a sled race which was extremely fun - especially when you're the one being pulled on the sled. And to be honest this was my favorite part just because I loved being pulled on it.

Finally it was time to play "Catchphrase". This game is similar to the game, "Headbands". You start with a person at

the front, and whatever word pops up on the TV you all have to explain to the person at the front until they know what the word is. Thank you to Mrs. Leitao and Ms. van Bruggen for setting all of this up for us kids to enjoy!

We the (Great White) North

~By Emily Mann (7A)



During January and February, students in all grades got to embark on a horse-drawn sleigh ride at Birds Hill Park as well as engaging in the activity of snow tubing at Springhill Winter Park. On the day of the sleigh ride it was fairly cold, but tolerable, which made for pretty much the perfect weather for that kind of activity. Everybody pushed each other off, all in good fun, which made it a little more rousing. It was also interesting to see horses up close, in person, which isn't exactly a common sight when you live in the city. Watching up front behind the person who was directing the horses

was almost calming. I enjoyed spending time outside with my friends. After the sleigh ride, we boarded our buses and returned back to the school. Our day was complete and everybody went home safe and sound.

Snow tubing was, in my opinion, even more fun. This was my personal favourite. I remember at the beginning of the year recalling having gone tubing last year and was super excited for winter to come so I could go tubing with my friends again. Once more, we were blessed with good weather. It wasn't very cold at all, which made the outing 10 times better. Going down was exhilarating - the snow blowing in your face; it was all very exciting. The folks at the hill allowed us to go down with multiple people at the same time, which is always fun. About midway through our time a good portion of the students went inside for a break, with a handful of people still outside. The majority of us bought something small to eat, sat down at a table, and socialized until we felt we were ready to go back outside. Overall, it was a fairly relaxed day. The annual winter activities are easily some of my favourite events of winter. I'm very glad to have the opportunity to go on these events. Both activities were really great and they definitely made for some good days.

Introducing Mrs. Espiritu

~By Kim Mensforth (staff)

Introducing Ghia Espiritu – our newest addition to the FAMS family. Mrs. Espiritu began working at FAMS in Sept., 2019, as an EA with our gr. 5&6 students. She first became aware of Faith Academy through friends who have students enrolled here. Her son, Caleb, began attending our school in kindergarten and is now in gr. 3. She and her husband have another son, Noah, who is 3 years old. Her husband is currently the lead pastor at Every Nation Church in Winnipeg so many hours are spent assisting him in their church activities. One of her favourite ministries is discipling young women.



Mrs. Espiritu and her husband arrived in Canada 9 years ago from the Philippines and their children were both born here in Canada. A family pastime that they are passionate about is watching basketball. They are all big fans of the sport! Another one of her main interests is reading – particularly the classics (Sherlock Holmes and C.S. Lewis' books top her must-read list). Still another interest of hers is musical theatre. Rainbow Stage productions are an annual tradition and she already has plans for the next play to watch this summer.

As Mrs. Espiritu only works half-time with Faith Academy, she leaves the school each day at noon to travel to her other job with the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority. She assists families as an intake assistant in their Language Access/Interpretive Services department. This department is able to support speakers of thirty-one different languages through face-to-face assistance.

Mrs. Espiritu enjoys learning about other countries and is exposed to many cultures from around the world. As a result she has lots of fun sampling all sorts of food and recipes from other places. With such a warm, kind, and friendly disposition it is no wonder that our students and staff, along with her clients at the WRHA, enjoy getting to know and work with her!

Gr. 5's attend Festival du Voyageur

~By Mariela David (5A)

The grade four and five classes went to Festival du Voyageur on Feb. 20. It was so fun! When we arrived we saw the different snow sculptures. Then we made jigging dolls and were told that they were used by the voyageurs to keep in time with one another when they were paddling their canoes. For free time we explored the activity tent; there was so much to do. I made a paper bead bracelet and a wood necklace which I got to stamp animal prints on. The animal paws had symbolic meanings. For



example, the beaver meant wisdom and the turtle meant truth, and there were many more. For a snack, I enjoyed something called beaver tail; it tasted so good. The souvenir tent had such cool things with decent prices.

After lunch we learned how to folk dance. It was so much fun. We got to go sledding and do other outdoor activities, too, such as throwing rings on sticks, group snowshoeing, sitting by the fire, and going on slides. If you ever come to the middle school, visit Madame Roemer's class and see the wood carving made with a chainsaw.



Faith Academy Missions Team in Panama

This year, the missions two team was blessed to be able to go Volcan, Panama on the annual missions trip. Led by Mr. Cam Kroeker and Mrs. Junia Plett, we were privileged to be able to work with the local ministry in that community called Casa De Luz, or The Lighthouse. This ministry works to both be a light in the community by spreading the gospel and unity among believers, but also by feeding and ministering to the children and youth as well. They have a program called Pan de Vida, Bread of Life, which helps both feed kids in their community and mentor them in useful life skills. We were honoured to work alongside the wonderful volunteers, and they enabled us to do a great deal of worthwhile and eye-opening activities. We held a three day kids program in the church, where we played games, did crafts, performed skits, and shared the love of Christ with the kids that took part. We were also able to visit and do programs in David, a neighboring city. We were able to go to an indigenous village to meet and perform for local adults and kids. We also did four programs in a male



youth prison, which was a both blessing and a heartbreaking experience for our team. We were even privileged to perform our program for members of the Casa de Luz Church and took part in their monthly prayer summit. All in all, this year's team left Panama with our hearts full, ready to share this passion and love with our own community. We feel so encouraged and thankful for Casa de Luz, and the people we worked alongside, for inviting us into the beautiful community they call home. We also would like to thank all of our families, friends, and teachers who prayed for us and supported us through the entire journey.

- Kimmy Waldner



Firefighting Across the Globe

Matt Wollman was recently in the local news as he travelled to Australia to help fight the massive bush fires they were experiencing. Matt was part of our grad class of 2016 and attended both our high school and Stonewall campuses during his school years. After graduation, Matt's family moved to the Dauphin area, and after working for awhile he took a Natural Resource Management Technology program through the University of the North in The Pas, Manitoba. Last summer, Matt was involved in fighting forest fires here at home, so when the opportunity came to apply his skills in Australia, he was interested and experienced. Now that the fires have calmed down, Matt is involved with forestry maintenance work for the Forestry Corporation of New South Wales which is responsible for managing the health and growth of pine plantations in the state. He plans to head back home on May 31st.



It's no surprise to find Matt in the forest or to see him use his skills and abilities to help others. Through his experiences this winter, Matt saw God orchestrate every part of his journey and provide for him repeatedly. When asked how his faith has grown through his work and travels, he responded that the important lesson "is one that I learned while I was at FA and it has served me well in every part of my life. God Will Provide." Please pray for Matt as he finishes up his work and finds his way back home. To read more about his experiences, click [here](#) to go to a CBC article that includes a Skype interview with Matt and [here](#) to read a CHVN article written by Abby Pudwill (another former grad who was part of the FA class of 2014).