

Upcoming Dates

Oct 20: Staff In-Service
Nov 8: Admin Day - no school
Nov 17: First Report Card or Progress Report
Nov 24: Parent Teacher conferences (evening)
Nov 24: Parent Teacher conferences (morning)

Matheson Elementary School:

- Oct 17 - Dec 19: Grade 3 & 4 Swimming
- Oct 28: House group activity
- Nov 25: House Group activity
- Nov 29: Hot Lunch (orders due Nov 24)

Middle School:

- Oct 19: Lunch orders due
- Oct 19 - Dec 7: Grade 5 & 6 Swimming
- Oct 23 - 27: School Spirit Week
- Oct 26: Thanksgiving Lunch

High School:

- Oct 30: Ignite 7pm
- Oct 30 - Nov 3: Week of Victory

2017-2018 Enrollment

Elementary - 224

Middle School - 173

High School - 162

Pritchard - 29

Total 588 Students

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New Year Begins

Faith Academy is a special place. I first learned that many years ago when I had the opportunity to spend one morning a week in Mr. Hiebert's grade six class during my first year in the University of Winnipeg's education program. A few years later I was back at Faith Academy – this time in the high school teaching a variety of subjects from Math to Food and Nutrition. Today, I have the incredible opportunity to use the gifts and abilities that God has given me as the Superintendent of Faith Academy. Each opportunity I have had to serve at here has made it clear to me what an incredible blessing it is to be able to work in a school that seeks to love and honor the Lord.

This year, 588 students will come to Faith Academy each day and experience the love of Jesus while they learn and grow. Each day, over seventy staff members will work together to ensure that each student can learn in a safe and caring environment striving for excellence in everything. God has done great things in and through Faith Academy for many years and I am confident that He will continue to do so in the future as we seek after Him. Faith Academy is a special place indeed!

James Harnett, Superintendent

Grade 12 Roseau River Retreat

On September 13th, 2017, the grade 12's of Faith Academy went on a two night retreat to Roseau River. From personal experience, the trip was a good way to spiritually set the tone for the long school year ahead, especially as one of the leaders and older students of the school. We arrived at camp early afternoon and were allowed some free time to explore a little. As we settled into cabins, some decided to release some extra energy by playing basketball, others were given an opportunity to go swimming and others decided to try something new by taking the chance to go horseback riding.



The times when we weren't doing different activities or scattered around the camp grounds, we were inside the chapel playing games that helped us bond or we were singing songs and worshipping together. It was nice to be able to sit together and learn outside of a classroom setting and to focus on things not usually covered in class. We learned the importance of guarding our hearts and how it goes beyond superficial, relational things. It also deals with anger or bitterness and hatred. When Mr. Kroeker opened up the floor for anyone to share any experiences about guarding our hearts, lots of people shared about their personal experience and it was very uplifting. It takes crazy courage to share some of the things that were shared, and I'm so proud of all of them for taking that step!

As we closed off the retreat, I think it's safe to say that we all somehow stepped out of our comfort zones and got to know some different people. We talked to people we don't normally talk to, we spent hours without our phones and we definitely learned to keep on guard when it comes to our hearts.

Marienn Saria (grade 12)



Meet Mrs. Siemens

I was born and raised in Winnipeg, MB. I grew up in a non-Christian home and became a Christian at youth group when I was 14. I graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in 2011 and a Bachelor of Education in 2015. As a young adult I spent time working with YWAM (Youth with a Mission) in Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Haiti which impacted me greatly. It was during this time that I began to recognize how much I loved working with children and took the leap to go back to school to pursue teaching.



I live in Winnipeg with my husband TJ in our almost 100 year old house which we are working on restoring. We attend Anchor Point Church (on Pembina Hwy) and I teach the grades 5-8 Sunday School Class (which is really fun and challenging). I enjoy cooking, working on house projects, painting, and spent a lot of time this summer trying to figure out how to garden. I love working with young children and feel very privileged to be working at Faith Academy this year.

Welcome to the Faith Academy Team, Mrs. Siemens! It's wonderful to see the exciting things that are happening in your classroom and we wish you God's richest blessings as you continue your year in grade 3!



Grade 10 Trip to Gimli

This year at the annual Grade 10 outing to Gimli, the grade 10s enjoyed each other's company as they played games together on the bus, took part in a fun swim, walked along the pier, and wrote letters to themselves. As the day progressed, the hearts of the students opened towards each other. They enjoyed conversations, the making of memories, and the building of strong friendships. To top it all off, God's love could be felt around the students and teachers all through the day.

Bianca Taylor (grade 10)

FAMS Gr. 8 Retreat, 2017

When you think of the retreat coming, before actually going, it's hard not to think about the as-

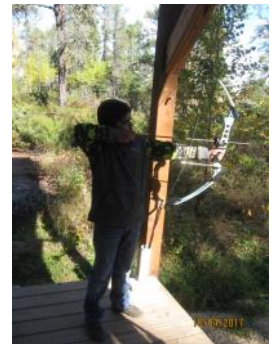


pect of missing three days of school. That may be a pleasant thought however there is so much more to the retreat than just missing those three days. Those days will change your life by challenging you to learn certain skills that you may



not have ever thought of learning before: things like archery, rock climbing, arts & crafts, and canoeing.

But there's also more than just these physical skills that we had to accomplish. During the bonfire times we engaged in something that was a real life changer for a lot of us. We had to learn to let go and pour our hearts out to God by opening up about things that had been haunting us, and holding us back, for years. It was very emotional, with many heartbreaking stories and statements of regret shared with God, and with each other. This occurred on the first night and already many people were showing signs of changing or wanting to change; our thoughts had changed and God was moving us in a direction of caring for each other more deeply. In our chapel times we heard many important messages urging us to pursue God with more intention and accept the opportunities He gives us to restart. There is a lot more to discover, too, about how wonderful God's power is as it changes people in ways I never thought possible.



When you get to grade 8 and are able to go on this retreat make sure you enjoy every moment, just as I did, and appreciate what it can do for you. If you do, your life will change.



Adriel Cabontog (8B)