

Upcoming Dates

April 14: Good Friday (no classes)
April 20: Parent -Teacher interviews (4pm-9pm)
April 21: Parent-Teacher interviews (9am-12pm)

Elementary School:

April: Elementary soccer program Mondays and Wednesdays (see calendar for details)
April 11: Spring Concert 2pm and 7pm at Matheson (tickets are needed for entrance)
April 13: Kindergarten Grad Photos
April 25: Hot Lunch Day
April 28: House Group Activity

Middle School:

April: soccer program Tuesdays and Thursdays (see calendar for details)
April 13: Grade 8 Grad Photos
April 27: Croissant Lunch Day

High School:

March 26 - March 31: Mission I trip to Fairford
April 13: Grade 12 Grad Photo Re-takes
April 13: High School Report Cards
April 24 - 28: Spiritual Emphasis Week

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New Superintendent

The Board of Faith Academy is pleased to announce that a Superintendent has now been hired to replace Mr. Cavey. Beginning July 1, Mr. James Harnett will take over this role. Mr. Harnett is a former High School teacher who taught here for three years from 2010 to 2013 and then spent two years at a mission school in the Philippines. He is a married man (wife Arlie) with three young children.

Starting in early April, Mr. Harnett will work with Mr. Cavey on a part-time basis to learn and get a feel for the responsibilities of this role. This mentoring will continue until the end of June when the transition will then be completed. This will also be a time to get fully acquainted with the staff and start the new school year off being fully prepared. The timing of the change will work out well for everyone.

The School Board is grateful to God for the supply of this need. Much time and prayer has been taken in the search and we are thankful to find a replacement that has demonstrated both a commitment to Faith Academy and one that also shows genuine faith in the Lord for His direction. Please join us in thanking God and in welcoming Mr. Harnett to Faith Academy.

- Mr. Cavey

High School Boys Basketball Season Comes to an End

The boys' varsity basketball team started the season winning the consolation side of 2 tournaments in Sanford and Steinbach Christian High School. From there the team felt confident in their ability to compete but were not able to do as well as they hoped in league play. The team had key injuries at different times and were not able to play with a full lineup until near the end of the season. The boys finished the season with a league record of 2-6 and lost in the first round of the playoffs.



Even though they had not done well as they hoped, the team demonstrated a great attitude, worked hard, and really cheered each other on. There were also different people that stepped up in different games to make contributions. The boys' varsity team will be missing 3 graduating seniors from this year's team but will also be looking forward to the next few seasons when the younger players from this year will hope to build on their experiences and assume more responsibilities.

High School Girls Basketball Season Recap

The varsity girls' season started with hopes of competing in the zone 12 tier 1 division but lost their captain and lone senior to injury on the first game. The team struggled to win any games during league play but had 2 wins came from tournament appearances. The girls took advantage of the opportunity to learn and grow from the competition this year, and are looking to keep improving and build a team that would compete in the next few seasons. Graduating this year will be Aina Ramos who has lead her Varsity and Junior Varsity teams to zone championships in the past.

- Mr. Bagay

Focus on Nutrition

The month of March was an exciting one, as students in the Elementary focused on healthy eating during Nutrition month. Each class competed against each other as they recorded the healthy foods that they brought to school.

Every Friday, students received a visit from 'Jean Bean' (a.k.a. Mrs. Pledger) who reinforced the importance of choosing healthy foods and the benefits we receive from those nutritious choices (as well as the effects of unhealthy foods on our body).

Students also received a healthy snack each week. They expanded their palate as they enjoyed "veggies in quicksand" (carrots and hummus), "sub-zero heros" (frozen grapes), and "ants on a log" (celery, cream cheese, and raisins).

The month wrapped up with a special visit from "Supercado" (Mrs. Dyck dressed up as an avocado) who read them a delicious tale: Broccoli Brad Goes Completely Mad.

Take the time to plan a meal and go grocery shopping with your child! Encourage your child to try new foods (did you know it takes 10-15 attempts at a new food to decide whether you like it or not?) and remember to EAT A RAINBOW!

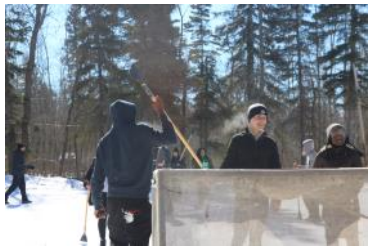
- Mrs. Dyck

Grade 12 Camp Arnes Retreat

From March 13-15 all of the grade 12 students went on the annual Camp Arnes Retreat. While there, we enjoyed lots of free time, great food, group games and activities, and chapels led by Mr. Kroeker, Mrs. Doroshuk, and Mr. Hoogerdijk. A few highlights from the retreat



were the daily games we played as a group because it created time for bonding and a little bit of competition. It was fun to get to know my good friends even better, and start new friendships with people who I don't get to talk to as often. For many, free time consisted of going on walks around the camp, sledding down the toboggan slide, or hanging out in Poplar Grove listening to music or playing guitar. Worship times were also shared and it was amazing to be able to share this with the people I love and be in the one place I love the most. During these three days I definitely feel like I connected with everyone in a



different way. This retreat provided plenty of opportunity for us to hang out as a whole grade outside of school one last time before we graduate and go our separate ways. We definitely got to know each other and ourselves better through sharing what we learned and challenging each other, as well as sharing with everyone what we will be doing after high school. As a grade we also came up with ways that we can leave a lasting impression on Faith Academy even after we've graduated. Overall this was a great time and was enjoyed by all.

- Hannah Coburn, grade 12

Ancient Rome

This year's special high school week was Rome week. We only had three days to do some special events so we planned three exciting, participatory, action-packed games. Each activity took place at lunchtime in the



gym. Our first event was Greco-Roman wrestling, where participants battled each other in gruelling shows of strength. Mats were provided for safety. On the next day the Circus Maximus was re-created in the gym as contestants raced around the track in their best Ben Hur re-enactments. Finally, in front of a spectacular Caesar's throne prop, students fought each other in the colosseum as gladiators with shields, helmets and "swords." All who participated felt the spirit of SPQR. Google it!

- Mr. Ingels

Miss Barkman's Chapels

In Miss Barkman's gr. 7-8 chapels I've learned so much about all the characters of the Bible. Most of the characters I've learned about were teens, just like me, who learned so much about God through their experiences. Although these teens lived thousands of years ago their trials and lessons still relate to modern-world kids. There are dozens of important things to learn from these characters, but it's easy to learn them all. Miss Barkman simplifies the lessons she teaches to make them relate to us, and she teaches them passionately with so much wisdom, helping all of us to fully understand them.

-By Crissa Laudato, Grade 8

Grade 7-8 Ski Trip

My day started at 4:00 a.m. We reached the school at 5:30 and boarded the bus at about 6:00. It took 2.5 hours to reach Holiday Mountain so we arrived at approximately 8:30 a.m. Our host showed us to our section of the lodge and after that we were directed to go and get our equipment for skiing or snowboarding (our choice).



When we first went outside to the ski hills we had to report as a group to the instructors who showed us how to ski and snowboard. Many students, including me, began the day snowboarding but later switched to skiing because snowboarding was pretty hard to master.

Although there were two students who suffered minor injuries and needed to be sent to the hospital to get checked out, everyone had fun and was glad that they went. Thankfully the two students who got hurt turned out to be okay and didn't have any serious injuries – just minor pains or sprains.

It was a great day and I can't wait to do it again next year!

- By Amoi Hamilton, grade 7