



## Upcoming Dates:

### June 2015

- June 8—3:15pm dismissal begins
- June 29—Last Day of School (2:30 dismissal)

### Pritchard:

- June 11 —Kindergarten Grad
- June 15—19 Everest VBS
- June 22—Grade 1-3 Closing Program
- June 24—Chapel at Matheson

### Matheson Elementary School:

- June 5-Kindergarten to Children's Museum
- June 11 —Kindergarten Grad
- June 12— Kindergarten Orientation, no school for current Kindergarten classes
- June 15—19 Everest VBS
- June 22—Grade 1-4 Closing Program
- June 24—Grade 1-3 St-Jean Baptiste
- June 26—Grade 1-2 at Morning Side Farm

### Middle School:

- June 2—Grade 5-6 Track and Field Day
- June 4—Grade 5 UGM and Fort Whyte
- June 17— At the Goldeyes Game
- June 25—Grade 5-8 Closing Program

### High School:

- June 17—22—High School Exams
- June 24—Grade 12 Graduation
- June 29—Ignite 7pm



Louise Van Zwol (5A) is leaving for maternity leave effective May 29. Lynette van Bruggen has been hired as her replacement.

For one week each June, the K-4 students from Matheson and Pritchard participate in a Vacation Bible School (VBS) week. It's a week where the students gather in multi-grade groups and participate in different activities to learn about God and have fun together. This year the theme is **EVEREST Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power**.

This year during **VBS Week** students will be collecting **LOONIES of LOVE for Nepal** in support of relief work due to the recent earthquakes. Please send a loonie with your child and help them create a mountain of loonies.



Also, please watch for ways you can help with their **Mountain Top Treats**. Notes will be sent home soon with requests for donations for the snack.

### Reminders:

**June 4** is the **Piano Recital**, 6:30pm for Elementary students and 7:30pm for Middle and High school students.

**June 8** is the start of 3:15pm dismissal and shorts are allowed in the dress code, they must be knee length and school shirts are still enforced.

**June 11** is the **Kindergarten Grad at Maples Evangelical Church**. Doors open at 6:30pm, graduation will start at 7pm.

**June 12:** No school for current Matheson Kindergarten students as it is **Kindergarten Orientation** for incoming students.

**June 17-22:** High School Exams, the exam schedule is available on the website. Reminder that school uniform is required for students taking exams.

**June 22** is the **Grade 1-4 closing program**. It will be held at **7pm at Eastview Church**, 3500 De Vries Avenue. Please note the new location.

**June 24** is the **Grade 12 Graduation**. Seating is limited and tickets are required. Please call the office for details.

**June 25th** is the **Middle School Closing Program**. It will be held at **Maples Evangelical Church**, 1575 Inkster Blvd.

**June 29th** is the last day of school and dismissal will be at 2:30pm.

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### Starting to think about summer? Here are some ideas of things to do:

Free	\$5/person	\$10/person	\$20/person
Go to the Forks	Bird's Hill Park/Beach	Bowling	Visit the Zoo
Hike Assiniboine Forest	Farm & Food Discovery Centre	Visit a Farm	Prairie Dog Central
Millennium Library	Visit Fort Whyte	Golf Dome	Visit Tinker Town
St. Boniface Walking Tour	Oak Hammock	U Putz	Speedway
Visit Grand Beach	Living Prairie Museum	Goldeyes Game	Fun Mountain
Biking	Visit the Mint	Laser Tag	Skyzone

## Grade 11 Ottawa Trip

I don't know of a word that can fully sum up this year's grade 11 Ottawa trip; the experience could be told in words, but experiences are worth much more. For anyone who may not know, the grade 11 class gets to go on a 9-day trip to the city of Ottawa. We were able to see Parliament in action, visit a number of museums and historical sites, and discover more about our great nation's story.

Our trip included hiking at Pink Lake, visiting museums like the Natural History Museum and the Canadian War Museum, meeting with Members of Parliament, and visiting historical buildings like Rideau Hall. It has been a great time to learn, and also to build community within our grade. The time we have spent together gives us an opportunity to learn about each other in ways we don't normally get from our interaction at school. Through the ups and downs that describe a long trip with a large group of people, the atmosphere was overwhelmingly upbeat and edifying. A beautiful sense of community (not entirely new, but certainly replenished and renewed) has been placed by God over our group.

The trip itself was very well done, and I wish to extend thanks to all the people involved in setting it up. Thanks to Mrs. Ingels and Mrs. Meister, our cooks at camp, and to the teachers: Miss Fehr, Mrs. Lenaghan, Mr. Elias, and especially Mr. Ingels for all of his work in coordinating the trip. To the rest of my grade, it is my sincere hope that we will keep growing and building this atmosphere of community and of God-fearing faith through all things, and that the bonds between us will last long after we graduate. - Jake Warkentin



**Grade 8 students visited the Winnipeg Art Gallery.**



**High School Leadership Class went to the zoo with Pritchard students.**



Photo Credit: Sarah Griffin

## A Past Graduate:

Connie (Toruno) Alecio graduated from Faith Academy in 2008 and is glad to be back at the school working as an Educational Assistant in Elementary (Matheson). She really enjoyed her years while she attended school and has great excitement to see how the school has continued to grow.

One of her favorite experiences as a student attending Faith Academy was going to Ottawa. She went the year the Grade 12s joined the Grade 11 class because their trip had been cancelled the previous year due to a bus driver strike. Another thing she appreciated from her educational experience was the way she feels that the teachers challenged her to keep doing better,

Connie participated on the mission team while in Grade 12. The mission team that year went to New Orleans to help out after the flood, but she wasn't able to go because of passport issues. She was very disappointed at the time, however, looking back she realized that it taught her much including the concept that missions includes work done locally, and that her service on the mission team wasn't just about going on a trip, but about growing spiritually herself and helping others do the same.

Since graduation, Connie married Aroldo Alecio and has a daughter, Ariana (1 1/2 yrs). She worked a variety of jobs, including Boston Pizza and previously as an EA in our Pritchard campus. She took the Educational Assistant course at Red River before coming back to Faith Academy. She loves being back at the school and especially working with children and is looking forward to returning in the fall.

