

## Upcoming Dates

Oct 24-25: Staff Retreat - no school  
Nov 11: Remembrance Day - no school  
Nov 14: Admin Day - no school  
Nov 25: First Report Card or Progress Report

### Pritchard:

- Nov 2: Leadership Team at Pritchard
- Nov 29: Hot Lunch

### 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 20 - Dec 8: Grade 5 & 6 Swimming
- Oct 31 - Nov 4: School Spirit Week
- Nov 17: Pizza lunch (orders due Nov 10)

### High School:

- Oct 31 - Nov 4: Spiritual Emphasis Week
- Oct 31: Ignite 7pm

## 2016-2017 Enrollment

Elementary - 223

Middle School - 177

High School - 167

Pritchard - 25

**Total 592 Students**

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### Giving Thanks

Throughout the month of Thanksgiving it has been easy for me to reflect on all of the blessings that God has showered upon Faith Academy. Once again, we are operating 2 full elementary campuses with 223 students at our Matheson location and 25 at Pritchard. The elementary students have settled into their routines nicely and as I roam the hallways, I hear and see active learning taking place all around me.

We are looking forward to the future and what God has in store for us. In addition to our Patrol and Lunchtime Monitor programs, we anticipate getting our Conflict Manager program up and running next month. We have already been busy with events such as the Terry Fox Run and an Open House and are also planning a Movie Night, and more House Group Activities in the coming months.

The elementary staff and I would like to sincerely thank you for your continuous support and encouragement. We look forward to working together with you to help your child reach their fullest potential.

Laurie Dyck, Elementary Principal

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### Middle School Off and Running

The FAMS year has gotten off to a very nice start. There is a positive atmosphere in the school and we have seen lots of good things happening so far. We've welcomed many new students and a few new staff members as well. Together, we are all looking forward to working to achieve the most and the best that we can this year.

In terms of the goings-on around the school, the running clubs started very early in September and continued all the way until last week. Students in all grades had the opportunity to run for pleasure and exercise as well as to take part in competitive cross country runs. The volleyball season is also under way now.

Finally, the gr. 8 students recently came back from their retreat at Red Rock Bible Camp. A good time was had by all (see p.2 for more).

Well, that's it from the middle school for now. Until next month, God bless!

Blair Mensforth, Middle School Principal

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### A Year to Grow in the High School

The first month of the new school year has come and gone quickly. Along with the start of new classes, a number of other groups and activities are in full swing. Leadership teams, small groups, student led Bible studies, intramurals, worship teams, chapels, and volleyball teams have begun, and two high school retreats have already taken place. There is a lot going on, and there are many opportunities for students to grow - academically, physically, and spiritually.

Our theme in high school this year is "Alive", which fits well with this idea of growth. Paul explains in Ephesians 2 that those who put their faith in Christ have been made alive with Him through God's grace (because of His great love for us). Growth should be natural for anything that is alive! Those who are alive in Christ will grow in their relationship with God and bear the fruit that He produces in them. Our aim is to create an environment and provide experiences that give students the opportunity to grow in their learning and understanding of the world and, more importantly, grow in love for their Saviour and for others around them.

Trevor Warkentin, High School Principal

## Elementary School Takes Part in Terry Fox Run

God blessed us with beautiful weather on the afternoon of September 29<sup>th</sup> as Faith Academy participated in its 6<sup>th</sup> annual Terry Fox Run. Students and teachers ran or walked for half an hour to celebrate cancer survivors as well as raise awareness of cancer research for those still battling this terrible disease.



Students were encouraged to bring a loonie or toonie to support the Terry Fox Foundation. In total we raised \$280.00.



We want to sincerely thank all the parent volunteers, and Mr. Bagay and the 22 students from the grade 10 Gym class for making our event run so smoothly!

- Mrs. Dyck



The new senior class of Faith Academy began their year with a retreat at Roseau River Bible Camp from September 14-16. Away from distractions, the grade 12s had plenty of time to interact with one another, not only in their cabins, but during meal times as well. They participated in numerous activities, such as swimming and BMX cycling, but were also challenged in chapels and during the campfire to faithfully face the problems that hinder quality leadership and unity.

- David Laudato



September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 was an eventful day for the grade 10s. We sang, shared laughter, played games, and took part in many activities which gave us the chance to rekindle and revive the spirit of our little family. Our retreat to Gimli consisted of a trip down the pier, writing letters to our future selves, sincere reflections, good food, a spiritual challenge, and pool fun. All in all, everything that we took from the trip is certainly something we, as a grade, will remember as we spend and make more lifelong memories.

-Hallyana Cadalig

It was quite evident that "God was on the move" at the gr. 8 retreat which took place at Red Rock Bible camp earlier in October. Many students shared things from their hearts and found themselves wanting to walk more closely with God as a result of having gone on this retreat. Praise God! What more could we want or ask for?!

- Mr. Mensforth



It's "Socktober" in the Elementary! Our goal this month is to collect 100 pairs of new socks to donate to UGM for those in need. Thank you for all of your donations so far. To date we have collected 70 pairs of socks! Keep those socks coming!