

Upcoming Dates

March 24—Report Cards for Grade 1-8
March 25—Good Friday—No School
March 28—April 1—Spring Break
April 21 —Parent Teacher Interviews, evening
April 22—Parent Teacher Interviews, morning
- No school
May 16—Victoria Day— No School

Pritchard:

- April 7—Soccer
- April 19—Hot Lunch
- April 21—Soccer

Matheson Elementary School:

- Monday—Soccer for Gr 3 & 4
- 5 weeks from April 4 to May 2
- Wednesday—Soccer for Gr 1 & 2
- 5 weeks from April 6 to May 4
- April 6—Jersey Day
- April 8—Movie Night, 6:45-8:30pm
- April 14—Soccer for Kindergarten
- April 19—Hot Lunch (order due Apr 14)
- April 21—Kindergarten Grad Pictures
- April 28—Soccer for Kindergarten

Middle School:

- Tuesday—Soccer for Gr 6 & 7
- 5 weeks from April 5 to May 3
- Thursday—Soccer for Gr 5 & 8
- 5 weeks from April 7 to May 5
- April 21—Grade 8 Grad Pictures
- April 28—Hot Lunch (order due April 21)

High School:

- March 27-April 1 Missions I in Fairford, MB
- April 15—Progress Reports go home
- April 21—Grade 12 Grad Pictures
- April 25—29—Spiritual Emphasis Week
- May 26—June 3 Grade 11 Trip to Ottawa

**Enjoy Spring Break—
March 28 to April 1.**



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Romania Mission Trip—

The Missions 2 team spent ten days on a trip to Romania where they worked with Reinhard and Darcy Neufeld, a Winnipeg couple who have been missionaries in Romania for a number of years. They spent much time with local children and had a chance to encourage and support the Neufelds.



Each day three individuals from the team visited abandoned babies in a children's hospital. They would hold and take care of 4 babies, Georgiana, Christian, Iwana, and Daniel, whom each had problems. Baby Iwana cannot walk due to a surgery that affected the nerves in her leg. Georgiana has Down Syndrome, Daniel has very weak legs, which makes it hard for him to walk, and Christian is malnourished. Please keep the babies, and the people who take care of them, in your prayers.



The team also visited three orphanages, handed out food bags in villages, and spent a day with youth in a church in Chirnogi. The youth night was a lot of fun. They played games and sang songs and four members of the team shared testimonies. They helped in preparing food (500 chicken wings, fries and vegetables) which they all ate together, and were introduced to the Romanian way of worshipping God. They were hoping to bless the local people, however they left feeling like they were the ones blessed.

The days also included playing football (soccer) with some kids at a local soccer ministry, doing crafts, braiding hair with the children and performing a set of skits and songs for them.

They also had a chance to visit a Gypsy market and attend a Sunday morning service at an Orthodox church and Sunday evening services in either Soldanu or Bogata.

All in all, it was an amazing trip. They saw how the people literally live by faith everyday and are satisfied with the little things they have. They also learned to value the people in their lives.

Reminders:

Grade 11s are selling chocolate bars as a fundraiser for their Ottawa Trip. There are a variety of tasty options to choose from for \$3 each.

Remember that applications are overdue for next school year.

Missions I team are on their way to Fairford for Spring Break. They will be hosting a daycamp for children. Please keep them in your prayers.

Grade 1-8 Soccer program starts the week the students return from Spring Break. Remember to ensure they have proper clothes and shoes.

Happy Easter—remember no school on Good Friday, March 25.

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Faith Middle School: 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

The middle school is having a 3 on 3 basketball tournament on Thursday, March 24. It's an all-day tournament that aims to bring our school together through friendly class on class competition. The students will make signs, advertise, and wear class-chosen colours on that day. Activities will also include a Free Throw Challenge at lunch for those students who are interested.



Varsity Basketball Team members will referee the games; they put on a Free Throw Challenge display at the kick off assembly



March is Nutrition Month

The Faith Academy Elementary campus has been celebrating Nutrition Month with healthy snacks and lots of focus on what healthy eating looks like in their daily life.



Carrots and dip

Instead of a hot lunch this month, every Wednesday was healthy snack day. These snacks included: Carrots and dip; cucumbers, celery and hummus; Apple Slices, blueberries and sweet potato crackers. This week's snack included mini Bagels.

Congratulations to the Faith Academy Varsity Basketball Teams!

Boys Varsity Basketball Team:

What a spectacular year for both Varsity Basketball teams. The Boys Varsity team finished 1st, 2nd and Consolation winner in their three tournament appearances. They finished the season in second place, and lost by one point in the finals to the Gray Academy Radiers—Great Work!!

Girls Varsity Basketball Team:

Congratulations to the Girls Varsity team on being Zone 12 champions. They finished first in the season and won three out of four tournaments and entered the Provincial Championships in Virden, MB at #3. The team proved to be among the best as they took R.D. Parker (the eventual champion) to overtime in the semi-final game.

Special congratulations to Jenny Christian with the Athlete of the Week Award from MHSAA earlier in March and to Aina Ramos for being chosen among 5 players for the Player's Choice Award at the provincial tournament.



Mr. Leclair does a great Big Bad Wolf impression as he reads to students at Pritchard.



Pritchard Students Love to Read!

Matheson and Pritchard campuses celebrated February's *I Love to Read* month with the theme, "Catch the Wave".

Each week of *I Love to Read* month, the students at Pritchard read over 100 books—wow, what an accomplishment! They also had Andy Leclair and Gilbert Plante come in as guest readers and celebrated reading with a tropical cool drink!

They had theme days like *Beach Towel Day* and a *Writer's Celebration* to celebrate their own writing and published their own books. They even had a chance to read their own books to each other in class. Sounds like a great month of reading—keep reading!!

Device Tips for Parents:

Another tip from the Office of Privacy Commissioner of Canada:

- Stress the importance to your kids about the difference between real friends and digital friends.
- We can't be 100% sure of who people are online so they should never accept friend requests from people they don't know in real life.
- Online friends can end up accessing photo albums, reading personal comments, copying and pasting information and knowing where they are or what they are doing.

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