

## Upcoming Dates

Nov 22: Parent Teacher conferences (am)  
Nov 23: Parent Teacher conferences (pm)  
Dec 22 to Jan 6: Christmas Break

### Matheson Elementary School:

Nov 30: House Group Activity  
Dec 20: K to grade 2 Christmas Concert  
Dec 21: Pritchard Christmas Concert  
(2pm)

### Middle School:

Dec 13: Final Swimming for gr. 5 and 6  
Dec 18: Christmas Concert 7pm  
Dec 20: Choir and concert cast pizza party

### High School:

Dec 12: House Group Potluck  
Dec 17: Ignite 7pm  
Dec 21: YFC afternoon

## 2018-2019 Enrollment

Elementary - 222

Middle School - 178

High School - 157

Pritchard - 24

**Total 581 Students**

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## Grade 12 Roseau River Retreat

The Grade 12 Roseau River Retreat was truly an unforgettable experience. The three days we spent together became a time of growing a deeper appreciation, not only for each other, but for God and His beautiful creation.

I had already felt the excitement that loomed in the air during our bus ride to the campsite. We practically sang together at the top of our lungs



for that hour and a half (likely to the dismay of anyone trying to sleep). Upon arrival, there was no time to waste. The days were filled with a variety of exciting games and activities. A few to mention were archery, horseback riding, BMX biking, rope courses, and bubble soccer. It was, at first, intimidating to see people knocking each other over in bubble soccer, but it proved to be a fun highlight for many. In between our planned schedule, there were long hours of free time filled with impromptu games of volleyball, extra-competitive games of pool, spontaneous singing sessions, and of course...nap time. Aside from all the recreational activities, there was a lot of time spent digging deeper into scripture and reflecting upon our own personal relationships with God. I'll always remember how everyone worshipped so freely during our chapels there. I can still envision everyone's raised hands and closed eyes as we sung some of our favorite worship songs. Following the singing was our sharing time. This is a memory that I'm sure will stay with all of us. Many people were very vulnerable and honest in sharing their personal struggles. However, in that vulnerability, there was so much love and comfort that filled the room. After we intently listened to each other's stories, we all embraced and encouraged one another. The days that followed were spent uplifting and getting to know each other more. Our laughter filled each passing day, and tears were welcomed almost every night. Coming into the retreat, our class was pretty unified, but this experience made our bond even stronger.

In revealing our brokenness to one another, God brought healing to so many hearts in those three days. I feel so blessed and thankful to be a part of such a special group of people. I can't wait to see what God has in store for us in our final year together .

- Natasha Purificacion

## Volleyball at FAMS

On Oct. 19 we had a volleyball tournament out in Steinbach. It was one of the greatest experiences, ever! Most of us rode out there in one vehicle and stayed overnight in a hotel, while others stayed at a house nearby.

Our first tournament game as a team was not the best but not the worst either as it ended in a tie. Our next two games, though, were difficult ones which resulted in two losses for us. Even though we didn't have the best day we still celebrated at Boston Pizza. I also prayed to God for more strength for the next day and a better outcome for our team.

The next day we played in the B bracket, which is also known as the consolation side. Even so, the games were still a challenge but we won both of them to advance to the championships! It was very nerve-wracking because we didn't know how good the other team was but at the end of things we pulled out a win and celebrated our championship victory by going to Dairy Queen.

Even though we didn't do as well as we expected on the first day I'm thankful that we had the chance to play volleyball in this tournament in Steinbach. Thank you to Faith Academy and to Mr. Stetski for giving us this opportunity. We really appreciate it.

- Kyle Dayanghirang (8B)



## Terry Fox Run

Our 2018 Faith Academy Terry Fox run was special for two reasons.

Firstly, and for the first time, we were able to do a combined event along with the middle school. This allowed those students with siblings in a different location to be together. It had the added benefit of creating a little sibling rivalry as the elementary students ran hard to keep up with the middle schoolers. Many middle schoolers were motivated to pick up the pace as they noticed their younger sibling trying to pass them. Secondly we had the Terry Fox Run in Kildonan Park which was a first for the elementary. It made for a much safer event as the students were not required to cross streets or run right beside busy roads. The weather was cool and great for physical activity. All together the elementary and middle school students raised \$263.50. Thanks for your donations in support of The Terry Fox Foundation. Special thanks to Chris Franczyk for arranging the required ten buses just to get all the students there safely!



- Brent Hiebert

## Nutrition Wise

On October 10<sup>th</sup>, the Elementary and Middle School campuses joined together in welcoming Ms. Sofia Faria for an evening of information on Nutrition (and snacks).

Topics included: making good food choices, eating on a budget, and important nutrients in your child's diet.

Thank you Ms. Faria for a fantastic presentation!

## Socktober

The month of October became "Socktober" in the Elementary! Students were encouraged to bring new, unused socks. In total, we were able to donate over 560 pairs of socks to UGM!

Thank you parents and students for your overwhelming support! You have helped those in need and made their Christmas just a little bit warmer.

- Mrs. Laurie Dyck

## Grade 8 Retreat 2018

This year's annual Grade 8 retreat to Red Rock Bible Camp was a life changing experience. When we arrived at school, we could instantly see the happiness and



excitement on everyone's faces. After a chapel that felt like an eternity, we boarded the bus and prepared for the two-hour long drive. On our way there, many people slept and talked to each other and the teachers.



When we arrived, we unloaded our luggage and were divided into our assigned teams for our activities, which were canoeing, archery, rock climbing, and arts and crafts. On Wednesday, it was snowing so some of the activities

were cancelled. We all then came together and ate our first meal. After dinner we walked to the chapel and played a game called *Never Have I Ever*, which was very entertaining to watch. Then came chapel. We started by singing many worship songs led by the worship team. Mr. Kevin Woytowich, our speaker, told us many stories from the Bible and did some really impressive paintings. After our chapel, we all sat around the campfire and let go of our troubles to God. It was really nice to see everyone comforting each other but also really sad to see everyone crying.



The next day we went on a morning hike, which was very beautiful but very wet. We then enjoyed free time and different activities that took us beyond our comfort zone. Our second group game was a scavenger hunt around camp.

On Friday morning we had our last chapel and our last hike on a different trail. We packed all our stuff and boarded the bus to head back to school. Although we were sad to leave, we ended the retreat with a new knowledge of the Bible and how there is more to it than just the words; we learned that you should lay down your burdens and trust that God will fix them all.



## Grade 10 Trip to Gimli

The trip to Gimli was truly worthwhile and enjoyable! The students walked along the pier, wrote letters to themselves, ate lunch and swam together. There was also a lot of in-depth interaction as well (in rather odd places). The activities were simple, but the bonds and memories made during them were not. In short, this trip acted as a good reminder to cherish and be grateful for one's peers, teachers and God!

- Adrianna Mempin (grade 10)

- By Udayveer Singh, Callum Dyck (8B)