

Upcoming Dates

Feb 3: Teacher In-Service (no classes)
Feb 20: Louis Riel Day (no classes)
Feb 21: Teacher In-Service (no classes)

Elementary School:

Jan 31: Hot Lunch
Jan 31: National Backwards Day
Feb: I Love to Read Month
Feb 10: Grandparents Day (2:30-3:30)
Feb 17: Gr 3&4 Online Safety Presentation
Feb 22: Gr 4 Field Trip - Festival du Voyageur
Feb 24: Festival du Voyageur House Group Activity

Middle School:

Feb 7: Gr 5&6 at Harbour View
Feb 9: Gr 7&8 at Harbour View
Feb 9: Hot Dog orders due
Feb 14: Grade 7 & 8 ELA exams
Feb 16: Grade 7 & 8 Math exams
Feb 16: Hot Dog Lunch
Feb 22: Gr 5&6 at Adrenaline Adventures
Feb 23: Gr 7&8 at Adrenaline Adventures

High School:

Jan 31 to Feb 2: Exams**
Feb 6: First Day of Semester 2
Feb 11 - 22: Mission 2 team trip to Albania
Feb 22 - 24: Rome Week

**Please consult the high school exam schedule posted on the Faith Academy website.

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Article from Mr. Cavey

In September 1992, I left a position in the Federal Government to take the role of Principal of Faith Academy. There was a long decision making process involved but I felt confident at the time that this was the direction of God for my life. Initially the school was much smaller and yet issues and concerns in the first couple of years often tested my faith. II Chronicles 6:1 (King Solomon speaking) became very meaningful to me – “the Lord hath said that He will dwell in the thick darkness”. God was there.

My role and function has changed over the years – no longer Principal, now Executive Director. The time required to do things has changed as the school has become larger. And, funny enough, I find I am getting older. I have felt for some time that change need to be made. A start to this was made last summer when we re-organized some of the administration by having separate Principals for each part of the school. Another change will happen this summer as we replace my position with that of a new Superintendent of Faith Academy.

You may have heard or seen advertisements looking for a new school director – I have been asked often about this and felt this note was overdue in informing you of this change. I believe the Lord is leading me in another direction right now and have informed the School Board of my retirement effective June 30 this year. I am actively looking for His leading for Nancy and I as we consider what might come next. In the meantime, yes, the search for a new school leader is on. Please pray with us that that God will direct the right person our way. Spiritually, the world we face is as difficult as ever and the foundations of our faith are literally under attack. Jesus calmed the storms with just a word and our faith needs to continue in him, not in new leaders. Nevertheless, we need a man of God that will not waver as the storms hit. I am extremely thankful that I can leave with the mission of the school still intact.

I am thankful to so many who have supported Faith Academy over the past 24 years. Many parents and staff have become friends in the work and that will be hard to leave. But, I am as confident now as I was when I came in that this is the right time. Continue to pray. – our hope is in Him alone.

-Mr. Bill Cavey

Off to Albania!

The Missions 2 team is just a few weeks away from a highly anticipated trip to Albania from February 11-23. This will be the first time that a team from Faith Academy has travelled there. Including 9 grade twelve students, Cam Kroeker (counsellor) and Lynnette van Bruggen (Middle school teacher), the team hopes to make an impact in Albania while visiting schools, churches and homes while partnering with Operation Mobilization and Campus Crusade for Christ.



Back in November the team put together a Quiz Night for the 12th year in a row and recently held a couple of pancake breakfasts in the Elementary and Middle School campuses and a Danny's Whole Hog Lunch. Over 160 people attended the Quiz Night which raised over \$3000, about \$1000 was raised in the breakfasts which fed about 300 students and the Danny's Whole Hog Lunch raised about \$500 in October. Thank you to all who contributed and attended these events!

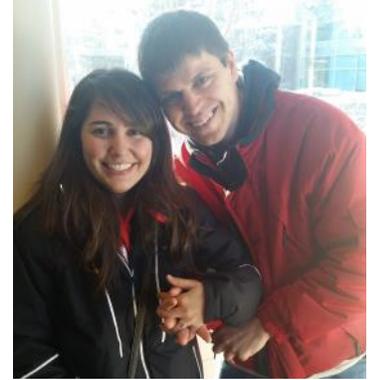


Please pray for the team during the upcoming trip, that they can be a support to the local missionaries there, inspire and motivate children & teens as they present the gospel and return with blessings to share with the school for the remainder of the year.

- Cam Kroeker

FAMS Welcomes Mr. Stetski

Faith Academy is very thankful to be able to welcome back one of its own alumni in the role of 5-8 P.E./Health teacher at the Middle School. Mr. Nathan Stetski attended Faith Academy as a student from gr. 1-12 before moving on to other studies and other endeavours. Along the way he was led to minister in Uruguay for a short term, about nine years ago, at which time he met his now-fiancé, Silvana. Over the next several years, as Nathan worked back in Winnipeg and attended university, They corresponded with each other and remained good friends. It wasn't until last year, though, when each of them had the opportunity to visit the other – he in the summer and she just recently, in December - that the relationship grew to become what it is today. Just before Silvana was to return home last month, the pair were engaged to be married, and all of us here at FAMS couldn't be happier for the two of them! No date has been set yet but we anticipate that Nathan's first summer break as a new teacher might just be one that is a little extra special and eagerly looked-forward-to.



In the meantime, when Nathan isn't busy teaching and/or coaching on behalf of the school, he can be found playing the piano in the resource room before the start of the day, serenading the students with his guitar as they enter the school in the morning, and generally being a blessing to all as he shares his love for the Lord as well as his love for people with everyone he comes in contact with.

Nathan Stetski ... welcome back! It's great to have you on board!

- Mr. Mensforth

Movie Night in the Elementary School

On Friday, January 20th, Faith Academy Elementary School hosted their first Movie Night of the 2016-2017 school year. We had a fantastic turn out with approximately 90 parents and children attending. For a loonie, attendees were treated to a bag of popcorn and a Veggie Tales short feature film.

A BIG thank you goes out to Miss Libby and to everyone who came out to support our Movie Night! It was a success and we are looking forward to our next evening sometime in the month of April.

- Mrs. Dyck

Hockey Fights Hunger at FAMS

On Dec. 16, FAMS played host to its second annual "Hockey Fights Hunger" floor hockey tournament. Throughout the day classes competed against each other in a round-robin competition that saw the 6B and 7B classes each crowned champions of their respective levels (5/6 and 7/8).



In addition to all the fun and festivities, a donation of several hundred tinned food items and other assorted dry goods was made to the Union Gospel Mission – the result of a food drive that had taken place throughout the week leading up to the tournament. Boxes upon boxes of donated items were picked up by a representative of the UGM after the conclusion of the tournament.

In all, the estimated value of the goods that had been donated by students and staff alike was in the vicinity of \$700. There is no doubt that many families were able to be helped by the UGM this past Christmas season and it's nice to know that at least a small part of that was made possible as a result of the charitable spirit shown by the people of the FAMS community!



- Mr. Mensforth

Ready...Pull!!

It was a fun day for all on Friday, January 27th, as the Elementary House Groups took turns competing against each other in a fun game of Tug-a-War. The weather was beautiful, and everyone was able to be involved. A few members from each high school house group came out to cheer on their younger house buddies. Festivities were followed by a hot cup of Hot Chocolate.



- Mrs. Dyck