



**Upcoming Dates:**

December 2014 & January 2015

- Dec 4 evening Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Dec 5 morning Parent Teacher Interviews
- Dec 22—Jan 2 Christmas Break

**Pritchard:**

- Dec 3—Leadership Team at Pritchard
- Dec 17—Christmas Concert 2pm

**Matheson Elementary School:**

- Dec 8—Grade 3 & 4 Swimming
- Dec 15—Grade 3 & 4 Swimming (last day)
- Dec 15—Christmas Concert at Maples Evangelical Church 7pm

**Middle School:**

- Dec 4—Grade 5 & 6 Swimming
- Dec 11—Grade 5 & 6 Swimming (last day)
- Dec 18—Christmas Concert at Matheson

**High School:**

- Dec 10—House Potluck
- Dec 15—Ignite
- Dec 19—at YFC in Afternoon
- Jan 2-3—Missions I Retreat to Gimli
- Jan 26—Ignite
- Jan 27-30—High School Exams

# FAITH FAITH ACADEMY NEWS



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On Monday and Tuesday, November 3rd and 4th, the teachers of Faith Academy travelled to Gimli, Manitoba to participate in a 2 day staff retreat.

It was a time of worship, testimonies, reflection, and fellowship, as the 3 campuses came together to discuss some lighthearted, as well as some pressing issues which Faith Academy is facing today.

As a staff we reviewed our Respect for Human Dignity and Diversity policy that was recently approved by the school board. The policy was created in response to amendments made to the Public Schools Act through Bill 18 last year. These amendments gave us much to consider as we seek to create a caring, Christ centered school community.

A representative from Living Waters Canada offered much insight to how we can be better witnesses and mentor students who may be struggling with the issues of relationships and sexuality.

We discussed the importance of maintaining balance in our own lives as teachers - spiritually, emotionally, nutritionally, and physically—consequences which may occur when our lives are unbalanced, and ways in which we restore balance in our lives.

To conclude our retreat, each campus reviewed our Health curriculum (as outlined by the Government) and discussed ways in which we could improve the teaching of the curriculum while maintaining a Christian perspective.

The retreat served as an important time to relax and recharge, and we look forward to the next opportunity to fellowship together!



Congratulations to **Dana Knapp** (High School) and her husband Leighton on the birth of their daughter Helena Catherine. She was born November 29th at 11:04pm weighing 7 lbs 7oz. Mom and baby are doing well.



Congratulations to **Cathy Loeppky** (Pritchard) and her husband Merrill on the birth of their son Matthew Lyndon. He was born November 10 at 8:47pm weighing 8 lbs 1oz and 21 inches long. Mom and baby are doing well.

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**Reminder:**

**If your child is absent from school**, please call the office prior to 9:30am that day.

**If you have changed your address, phone number or email address** since registering your child for school, please call and inform the school office.

**Hoodie Orders (Grades 5—12)** Students can order a school hoodie. Money and order forms must be into office by December 5. (Order forms are available online or in the office.)

**Drivers Education Registration for April - June 2015 Course**

The course will run on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30pm to 7:30pm from April 7 to June 2, 2015. The cost of the course is \$50 and consists of 34 hours of class time, 8 hours of practice driving, and 8 hours of driving observation. Students must go to an Autopac office with a signed parent permission form and proper identification in preparation for registering for a course. *Enroll early to ensure you get a spot.*

More information can be found at : <http://www.mpi.mb.ca/en/DL/DE/pages/dr-ed.aspx>.



Now that winter has settled in I wanted to write this letter to all the families who are using the school bus service to transport their children to and from school. Please note the following:

With the temperature dipping to the minuses there may be a thought to keep your children inside until the bus comes. Please be aware that this does cause the bus some difficulty. Most of the bus routes are very full with the average route having at least 30 pick-ups. Even a 30 second delay at each of these stops could extend the drive time by 15 minutes not taking into account any traffic issues. Please make sure your children dress appropriately for the weather and have your children outside. This would be a great help to the drivers to keep the bus on time. Drivers are directed to wait no longer than 30 seconds if a student is not coming out or not at their pick-up point. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in this matter.



Faith Academy follows the protocol of the Manitoba Pupil Transportation Department in the event of bus cancellations due to extremely cold weather. The decision to cancel a bus this year will be based upon the wind chill reading at The Forks at 6:00 AM. School buses are cancelled when the wind chill reaches -45 degrees. An announcement will be made on CJOB 680 AM radio and CHVN 95.1 FM radio. The cancellation is also posted on the CJOB website. It is the parent's responsibility to keep posted to these media sources when the temperature reaches this level.



Finally, please be reminded that eating and drinking is absolutely prohibited on the school bus. It would be greatly appreciated if parents would ensure that each child had their breakfast at home before they have left for school.

Thank you for your cooperation in attending to the above.

**Chris Franczyk, Director of Student/Financial/Transportation Services**

### The Smiles of Christmas—Matheson K-4

Faith Academy Elementary students are wanting to put a smile on the face of others this Christmas. They are participating in Union Gospel Mission's (UGM) collection of items to hand out in their gift bags by collecting donations of toothpaste, shaving cream or adult toothbrushes this December.

Faith Academy Elementary will be collecting these items through the month of December. Children can bring them to school anytime throughout the month and they will be using them to decorate in front of the Elementary Office for Christmas.

UGM is collecting items to put into Christmas Gift Bags, which will be handed out to all inner city guests at their Christmas Dinner on January 1st. If you are interested in more information about this program see the UGM website at: [www.gospelmission.ca](http://www.gospelmission.ca)



The Nancy Family visited Grade 2-4 chapel to share about their experiences in Mexico.

Faith Academy High School students are putting 'Armour' on their team-mate during the first Leadership Chapel Games event for 2014-2015 school year.



**Faith Academy's Middle School** is busy practicing for their Christmas Concert which will be a special musical drama integrating their choir, a drama team and student artwork.

**December 18, 7pm at Matheson Chapel**

