

Upcoming Dates

Dec 22: Last day of school before Christmas

Elementary School:

Dec 1: Red Apple Day - wear red
Dec 8: Making Christmas Cards - wear green
Dec 15: Christmas Sweater Day
Dec 18: Hot Chocolate/Cookie Event
Dec 19: Gr 3/Gr 4 Christmas Concert
(2pm & 7pm)

Middle School:

Dec 6: Choir field trip to CHVN
Dec 7: Final Gr 5 & 6 swimming lesson
Dec 14: Christmas Concert at Matheson 7pm

High School:

Dec 11: Christmas Cheerboard (Mission 1)
Dec 13: House Potluck
Dec 22: Leadership Event and YFC



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Faith Academy Family Experiences Fire

In the early morning of October 26th, the Zuniga-Guzman's home was badly damaged due to an electrical house fire. The fire severely damaged the attic and second floor leaving the home uninhabitable.

The Zuniga-Guzman family has been a supportive part of our school community since 2009. Their five children, Alycia, Tirza, Nathan, Amos, and Asael, range in age from elementary to high school. Because of the tremendous loss they have recently encountered, the Faith Academy community has looked for ways to give back to the family.

The Middle School held a pizza lunch on Tuesday, November 27th. In total, students and staff raised \$1100. All money raised will go towards house restorations.

The Elementary School held a food drive during "Kindness Week" (November 13th – 17th). All non-perishable food items collected were donated to the Zuniga-Guzman family to help lessen some of the cost of their food bill in the coming weeks.

The Zuniga-Guzman family is optimistic that they will be able to return to their home by the end of December. We wish them God's blessings during the restorations and pray that everything will run smoothly.

The needs the Zuniga-Guzman family face are still substantial. Please visit the link below to find out more about the situation and about how you can help.

<https://www.gofundme.com/operation-esperanza---zuniga-fire>

- Mrs. Dyck

High School Families Check Progress Online

During the month of November, parents of high school students were sent information about using Maplewood for Parents. Maplewood connectEd is a Canadian web based school information system used by Faith Academy to keep track of school data. Teachers at Faith Academy have used Maplewood for a number of years to record attendance and grades. We are now opening the parent portal to the parents of high school students so that they can log into the system to view information about their children. We hope that having access to this information will help students manage their courses and help parents become better informed and involved.

The middle school will be the next group to open Maplewood to parents and plan to have things ready to go sometime in 2018.

Any parents of high school students who have not received their log-in information or who have questions about how to use Maplewood for Parents should contact the high school office.

- Mr. Warkentin

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Driver Education

Faith Academy High School will be hosting a Driver Education class beginning in February. Students who are 15 and a half years old by February are eligible to enrol. Families who are interested should visit a Manitoba Public Insurance office for more details.



On November 16th, our elementary students celebrated National Button Day. Each class had the opportunity, to glue their button(s) to our giant mural throughout the day. The students had a fantastic time, and the end result looked impressive.

Thanks to all the students and parents for digging deep into their sewing kits and drawers to find the perfect buttons for our display!

FAMS Welcomes Ms. Mansilla!

Faith Academy is excited to welcome a new teacher to the middle school! Ms. Julliene Mansilla is a recent graduate from the University of Winnipeg who began teaching the 5A class in September. She is a fun, energetic teacher who believes in hands-on learning and letting students express themselves through their work.

As a child, Julliene grew up in a Christian home, and attended the Filipino Evangelical Church with her parents. She attended Sisler high School as a teen and graduated in 2007. From there she went on to the Academy of Broadcasting where she studied until 2008.



Julliene has a heart for mission, and this is evident in the many ways she works to serve God. For two years she served with Beautiful Unique Girl (B.U.G), where she went across Canada, and even spent time in the Dominican Republic, working with girls and young women who needed the love and truth of Jesus in their lives. She has also served as a youth leader for the past eight years in both her former church and her current home fellowship, Riverwood Church. It is here that she also serves as a worship leader.

Outside of school and church, Julliene is very involved in her Filipino community and has volunteered with folklorama for many years, even travelling for competitions! In her free time she enjoys, singing, painting, knitting, spending time with friends, and cuddling with her dog, Maddie. She loves working with children and youth as they are our future!

- Mrs. Leitao

Varsity Volleyball

For the first time in a number of years, Faith Academy entered boys and girls teams at both the junior varsity and varsity levels. The varsity girls, coached by Lavonne Leclair and Stephanie Hodgson, have grown tremendously and have developed their skills since they started on the JV team. They participated in Zone 12 divisional play and competed in a couple of tournaments. A highlight was the two-day tournament in Steinbach where the team bonded with a sleepover.



Our boys varsity team also played a number of divisional games and tournaments and were coached by Jeremy Hodgson and Jeremy Bagay. The boys improved with each game and were able to devise new strategies as they played each new team. They used their combined skills to the best of their abilities. Thank you to our captains Micah Herrera, Kendra Olojan, and Carlitos Benasa who provided leadership on and off the court. We will be sad to say goodbye to our graduating team members which include our captains, Abby Warkentin, Sarah Ruitter, Marienn Saria, Elisha Ordonez, Jared Olojan, Evan Krahn, Michael Hofer, Sam Cruz, and Luigi Llanes.



- Mrs. Hodgson

Collecte de nourriture

During Spirit Week, the Grade 7 French classes coordinated a school-wide Food Drive, with all donations going to UGM. The students counted, recorded, and discussed the food brought in using their *alimentation* vocabulary. In total, FAMS students donated more than 1900 items! We are grateful for the generosity from the families who participated and praise God for His faithful provision. *Goutez et voyez que l'Eternel est bon! (Psaume 34:8)*



- Mme. Roemer

Junior Varsity Volleyball

Faith Academy had a fantastic season in volleyball. Both junior varsity teams showed perseverance and maintained a fighting spirit until the end. All players worked hard to develop their skills. Through the time, patience, and dedication of the coaches, Jeremy Bagay and Hannah Van Egmond, the teams grew and progressed throughout the season.

Girls

The junior varsity girls team's biggest accomplishment, besides our first win at Linden Christian School against Red River, was coming in third in our tournament at Carman. Most of the team did not expect to come in third but we were very happy with our performance. Not only did we play well, but we also bonded a lot more than we thought we would, which really encouraged our whole team. Though we didn't win too many games, we left feeling satisfied with the time and effort we invested.



-Elaine Chua

Boys

It had been quite some time since Faith Academy had a junior varsity boys team, so we were really excited for the season. Most of us were inexperienced in volleyball, but we had a lot of potential to become excellent volleyball players. Our coach, Jeremy Bagay, really took the time to focus on each individual's skills and development. The boys did well throughout the season and learned to work as a team. We are already looking forward to the next season.



-Jacob Seraspi