

## Upcoming Dates

May 20: Victoria Day (no classes)  
June 27: Last Day of School  
June 28: Admin Day (no classes)  
Sept 3: First Day of School (2019-2020)

### Matheson Elementary School:

May 16: Lunch Menu On-Line  
May 24: Grandparents Day  
May 28: Hot Lunch  
May 29: Grade 4 Track and Field

### Middle School:

May 16: Gr 6 and 8 Immunizations  
May 16: Athletic Banquet  
May 23: Track and Field (gr 7&8)  
May 29: Track and Field (gr 5&6)  
May 30: Goldeyes Game (5-8)  
June 11: Gr 7&8 ELA exams  
June 13: Grade 7&8 Math exams

### High School:

May 16: Zone 12 Track and Field  
May 24-May 31: Grade 11 Ottawa Trip  
May 27-30: Gr 12 ELA Prov Stds Test  
June 11: Gr 12 PreCal Prov Stds Test  
June 17-20: Exam Week\*  
June 25: Graduation

\*The exam schedule is now online.



Congratulations to Jacob and Christian who finished second in boys doubles badminton at the Zone 12 tournament. With this great result, they will be heading to Thompson, Manitoba for the Provincial Tournament from May 3rd to 5th.

## School Contact Information:

### Pritchard:

Ph:204.589.6885

### High School and Elementary:

Ph: 204.582.3400

elementary.office@faithacademy.ca  
highschool.office@faithacademy.ca

### Middle School

Ph:204.338.6150

middleschool.office@faithacademy.ca

Website: [www.faitacademy.ca](http://www.faitacademy.ca)



## Middle School Flood

On the afternoon of Thursday, March 14, 2019, I received a panicked phone call from the piano teacher (Mrs. Harnett – my Mom) saying that there was flooding in the lower level of the middle school and that I needed to come right away. I made a quick call to Mr. Franczyk to ask him to come along, and within minutes we were on our way over to 600 Jefferson. As we entered the building and headed towards the lower level, I really had no idea what to expect, but it didn't take long to realize that we had a very big problem.

Mr. Franczyk and I arrived approximately 15 minutes after the flooding was noticed and there was already more than four inches of water covering the entire footprint of the lower level. Water could be seen gushing up from a trap door that leads to a crawl space under the lower level floor. As we watched, the water level continued to rise at a noticeable rate. Calls were placed to the city and the plumbing company that we work with – SS Plumbing. Our top priority was to determine what was causing the flooding. After several conversations with different City of Winnipeg departments it was our own Matheson Property Manager, Andy Leclair, who was able to point us in the right direction. A pressurized water line had sprung a leak and was flooding the school. We now knew that we needed to have the water service to the building shut off, and in the meantime we needed to try and get as much water out of the building as possible.



Soon, word spread that Faith Academy was in the midst of an emergency. Several people came to the school to offer their help and support including our Board Chair, Mr. Greg Stetski. With the help of SS plumbing, two large gas-powered water pumps were rented and we began pumping water out of the building towards Jefferson Avenue. It

took over four hours for the water service to be turned off by the city, and by that point the water was over three feet deep throughout the lower level. With the report that the water had been shut off, we expected to see the water begin to recede, but it continued to rise. We were perplexed and exhausted.

As we approached 10 p.m., the water level reached its maximum depth of just under four feet. However, despite having the water service turned off and running two large capacity pumps, the water level was barely receding. We decided to shut things down for the night and begin again in the morning. Early on Friday, March 15, Jefferson Property Manager, Ted Dick, and Andy Leclair noticed water forcing its way through cracks on Teakwood Avenue on the east side of the school. It turned out that the flooding wasn't being caused by our water service after all, but a water main break that had occurred across the street from the school. The water continued to rise after our water service had been shut off because the leak continued to pump pressurized water into our building. The flood waters eventually stopped rising because once the water reached a certain depth it began to rush out under the footing of our building. The city was contacted immediately and once the correct water line was shut off, the water in the lower level of 600 Jefferson receded at a noticeable rate.



The flooding that took place at 600 Jefferson on Thursday, March 14, 2019 was disastrous. I would like to thank everyone who was involved in addressing the flooding as it took place and working through the aftermath. I would also like to acknowledge the hardship experienced by all those staff members who worked out of the lower level of the building and the Faith Academy Middle School in general. By God's grace, we were able to be back in the building after only missing six scheduled school days. Thank you to each middle school family for accommodating the school closure. The damaged materials in the lower level of the building have been removed and the rebuild efforts are set to begin shortly. It is our hope and prayer that we will be able to have the lower level restored for the beginning of the 2019/2020 school year. Please continue to pray for God's favour and grace as we move forward in the process.

- Mr. James Harnett

## In the Spotlight: Mrs. Findlay

Many of us would think that Faith Academy is like a family. Growing and learning in an educational environment under the blessing of God. Emily Findlay joined this family in grade 7 back in the early years of the Middle School and stayed till her graduation in 2012. Since then she has gone to the University of Winnipeg to study film and has worked for her reserve, Lake St. Martin. During her summer breaks she has volunteered at Camp Cedarwood as both a counsellor and office admin. In 2016, she married her husband Jonathan whom she met at Faith and was also in the same graduating class.



Emily came to join our Faith staff as a part time Educational Assistant and later on became a full time one-on-one EA in the Elementary campus. She is now a part of the Middle School family. She is looking forward to seeing her one-on-one student through to the end of middle school.

In grade 8 Emily experienced a change in life when her homeroom teacher made Christ seem real and present. Most days would end in worship and prayer which was very important to her. It was here that she gave her life to Christ. Coming back to the place where she grew up is a humbling experience for Emily. "It's a strange feeling to be at the Middle School as a staff member. So much has changed, but Mr. Mensforth is a constant."

We are truly blessed and happy to have Emily as part of the Faith Academy Middle School family.

- Mrs. Connie Alecio

## Faith Academy Pritchard

For those of you who have been a part of the Faith Academy community over the years, you might be familiar or even had experience with our Pritchard Campus. In operation since 2005, the Pritchard Campus now serves 24 students from Kindergarten to Grade 4 who live in the immediate area of 220 Pritchard Avenue. From a humble beginning, the school has grown not only student-wise, but also in its programming. Pritchard now offers Gym and Bible Blast classes (thanks Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Pledger), and has a small "laptop lab". In 2017, we welcomed a brand new play structure that has brought much enjoyment to the students. Students begin at our Jefferson Campus for our Middle School program upon the completion of Grade 4 at Pritchard.



We want to thank the teachers; Ms. Labun (K and Grade 1), Mrs. Duguay (Grades 2, 3, and 4), Mrs. Anderson (Gym and Health), Mrs. Pledger (Bible Blast) and Mrs. Jacobson (Resource) for all of the hard work this year. We are extremely grateful for their dedicated hearts and willing spirits.

We are looking forward to next year, and seeing what great things that the Lord will do in the hearts of our students!

- Mrs. Laurie Dyck

## March Break in Fairford

This years Mission I trip during spring break was an amazing experience for the team. We were able to spend our time playing and interacting with the children in the Pinaymootang First Nation. The week was spent playing various games and sports, singing, making crafts, and most importantly sharing Jesus' love with the kids. The team was positively impacted by both the community and the believers in Fairford. The missions one trip was successful in helping the team grow and in sharing God's love to the children.

We had an unforgettable trip, and we hope for impact and successes in the following years as well!



- Kim Waldner