

## Upcoming Dates

**Nov 25: First Report Cards go home**

Dec 1: Parent-Teacher meetings (4pm to 9pm)\*

Dec 2: Parent-Teacher meetings (9am to 12pm)\*

\* Call now to book your appointments.

Dec 22: Final Day of Classes before break

Jan 9: First Day of School after break

### Pritchard:

Nov 29: Hot Lunch

### Matheson Elementary School:

Nov 25: House Group Activity

Nov 29: Hot Lunch (orders due Nov 24)

Dec 20: K, I, & 2 Christmas Concert (2pm & 7pm  
at Maples Evangelical Church)

### Middle School:

Dec 15: Christmas Concert (7pm at Maples  
Evangelical Church)

### High School:

Jan 31 to Feb 2: Exams\*\*

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



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## A Time to Remember

On the Wednesday and Thursday before Remembrance Day, students at each campus took time to remember the sacrifices of those who served and those who continue to serve our nation.

November 9<sup>th</sup> was a day of reflection as our Pritchard and Matheson Elementary Campuses gathered together for a time of remembrance. Led by Mr. Ingels, students were reminded of the symbolism of the poppy and the importance of remembering those who had fallen and those who are still fighting for our freedom today. Students shared their own poetry, read "In Flanders Fields", prayed for peace and observed two minutes of silence as we reflected on how fortunate we are to be living in a peaceful country.



The high school students held their observances a day later. During the ceremony, Mr. Ringham highlighted the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, a battle that took place during World War I and was one of the bloodiest battles in human history with over 1 million people injured or killed. Mr. Ringham drew students' attention to the staggering number of people killed in the battle and in wars over the past century and the significance of each of those lives, and our own, in the sight of God.

- Mrs. Dyck and Mr. Warkentin



Remembrance Day bulletin boards in the elementary school.



## Staff Retreat in Gimli, Manitoba

On October 24th and 25th, the Faith Academy staff enjoyed some time in Gimli for the bi-annual staff retreat. This year's theme was Stewardship, and the two days were filled with testimonies, worship, fellowship, and stimulating discussion topics. David Ingels began by discussing economics and being grateful givers, and he also focused on being conscientious with our finances. David Meunier discussed being stewards of time and gave helpful suggestions to use our time wisely and to rest. Andy Porter from Nassau Street Church was invited to discuss "Stewards of Spirituality". He gave a challenging and inspirational talk about how we need to stop relying on our own strength and turn back to God's strength. He reminded us that we can do nothing of kingdom value without God; faith is not living a good life but living in accordance to God's will. The final topic, one that is often overlooked when discussing stewardship, was our own health. Glynis Ringham provided resources and an insightful look at how



being nutritionally conscientious is also part of God's calling. Our health and what we eat will affect our mood, learning, and our spirituality, for "your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit Who is in you" (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

- Mrs. Van Zwol



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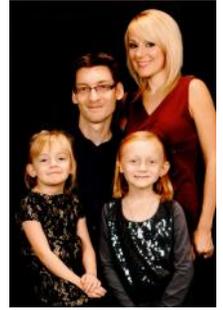
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## Welcome Back Mrs. Duguay

Faith Academy is once again pleased to welcome Victoria Duguay to our teaching staff. Mrs. Duguay is a fantastic addition to our Pritchard family where she is currently teaching the Nursery/Kindergarten class.

Mrs. Duguay graduated from the University of Winnipeg in 2005 with her Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degrees. She spent the next two years subbing in the public school system until she was hired to teach Grade 4 at Faith Academy in 2007. In 2008, Victoria and her husband, Dominique welcomed their first daughter, Arianne into their family. After spending two years at home raising their daughter, Victoria returned to teaching part-time at the Faith Learning Centre where she taught English Literature and Computer to adults. Dominique and Victoria welcomed their second daughter, Amelie in 2011 and Mrs. Duguay spent the next four years periodically teaching Adult Education.



After taking a year off to spend time with Amelie, Mrs. Duguay decided to come back to teaching full time and she hasn't looked back! Her kind and compassionate heart make her the perfect addition to the Pritchard Campus and her students are truly blessed to have her as their teacher.

In her free time, Victoria enjoys going for walks, biking and watching movies with her family. She loves to travel and explore new places and was able to spend May of 2016 in eastern Europe visiting relatives. She has recently taken on the art of painting and loves to cook, visit with friends, and shop around for that perfect bargain!

- Mrs. Dyck

## Middle School Volleyball

This year we had two girls volleyball teams at the middle school.

The grade 8 team consisted of six grade 8 girls and 4 grade 7 girls.

The grade 8 team competed in the Seven Oaks Divisional League and was coached by Melody Nicomedes and Jenny Roemer.

The grade 7 team was made up of ten grade 7 girls and competed in the Seven Oaks Recreational League. Both teams competed in a two-day tournament at Immanuel Christian School near the mid-point of their seasons. In the end, the grade 7 Faith Academy team defeated the grade 8 Faith Academy team to claim third spot.



As a result of the tournament, both girls teams showed major signs of improvement and took that level of play back to their respective leagues. The grade 7 team finished their season on a winning note, while the grade 8 team finished the season at a tournament at Red River College.



All of the coaches at Faith Academy Middle School are excited to see how our volleyball teams will do in the coming year, as no doubt many of our grade 7 girls will play again next year on our divisional team.

- Mr. Stetski

## Student Council at the Middle School

This year's student council is on its way! There are students from each class representing their own classroom and the student body. They are in charge of planning activities and carrying out different tasks above and beyond their normal classwork. Along with planning, they are expected to inform and motivate their classmates. They, along with Miss Esselink and Miss van Bruggen are planning many exciting events for the coming school year. We started this year with Spirit Week and a Gym Blast., where House groups competed against each other in activities for points. The gym was loud with excitement and cheering; teachers were sporting Kleenex in their ears. The goal was to get maximum participation, and there were activities for everyone. We are looking forward to many more events. They are a fun way to show school spirit and bring the student body together.

-Miss Esselink

## High School Volleyball

It was a season of growth for the high school volleyball program this fall. Three teams, junior varsity and varsity girls and varsity boys, took to the court to represent Faith Academy High School this year.

This was the first time in 10 years that a varsity boys team was established. There was interest and enthusiasm from the boys, and a decision was made to put a team together that would focus on practicing and entering a couple of tournaments. Coach Jeremy Hodgson and captains Evan Krahn and Carlitos Benasa led the team into two tournaments where they were able to test their skills. After a year of growth, the boys look forward to an expanded program next year with the potential of league play.



Like the boys, the junior varsity girls focused on building skills through practice and league play. The team, coached by Stephanie Hodgson, was made up of twelve grade 9 and 10 girls who entered three out of town tournaments. The girls hard work was rewarded with a second

place finish in one of the tournaments where Sarah Nebres and Aliyah Pudwill were recognized as valuable players.

The varsity girls team, coached by LaVonne Leclair, once again competed in zone 12 league play. The girls finished with 3 wins and 5 losses in league play and finished third in the two tournaments they entered. The team will miss the contribution of graduates Aina Ramos and Kaeziah Bobier who were key leaders and important players for the team.



-Mrs. Leclair and Mrs. Hodgson