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Upcoming Dates

May 19: Victoria Day (no school)

June 23: Grade 8 Grad

June 24: Grade 12 Grad

June 30: In-Service Day (no school)

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French Language Instruction

Over the years, Faith Academy has worked to incorporate French Language instruction into our programming. This started in the elementary and eventually expanded into the middle school. For a number of years, we had a strong French program in grades I to 8 anchored by Mme Moreau in the elementary and Mme Roemer in the middle school. We even expanded the program to the high school for three years leading up to and during COVID.

Last school year (2023-24), we experienced some significant changes with Mme Moreau taking a leave of absence for the entire year before eventually moving on to other opportunities and Mme Roemer taking a leave of absence for the second half of the year before eventually moving to another part of Canada with her family. We have been grateful to have Mme Kochan take over the French instruction in the middle school, and the change in the elementary inspired us to consider introducing a music program which is now up and running and benefitting greatly from the passion of the talented Mrs. Pledger.

Now that we find ourselves in a situation where we are only able to offer French to middle school grades, we have spent time considering what other options might be beneficial for our middle school students. At present, we are actively exploring having a dedicated visual arts teacher that could work with students from grade 5 to 8 and relieve the classroom teachers from the responsibility of covering the arts curriculum that is required by Manitoba Education – whereas French language instruction is optional.

While we will be sad to say goodbye to French for the time-being, we are excited about pursuing other opportunities that will allow our students to develop the artistic gifts that God has blessed them with, and we will explore ways in which we may be able to reintroduce French Language instruction at Faith Academy at some point in the future.

James Harnett—Superintendent

Leadership Team Spends March Break in Moose Lake

This year, we were blessed to serve alongside Steeprock Bay Bible Camp once again to visit Moose Lake, a Northern Community just here in Manitoba. We strived to prepare for an exciting day camp program for children in the community! The week was filled with chapel, Bible stories, skits, singing, dancing, games, crafts, minute-to-win-it, cup stacking, and a scavenger hunt!

The theme of the week was miracles, and during the trip, each person was challenged in different areas, which gave us a constant reminder to rely on God. Despite some leaders getting sick, they still persevered and did their best to be present with the kids while they were there. It was beautiful to see the team's passion and dedication as we worked together, encouraged one another, and poured love and care into the children we met.

It was truly a humbling experience, especially as we got to know the children from the community. They could be difficult at times, but also incredibly sweet and appreciative.

As we grew more familiar with the community, our perspective changed and our minds were opened to a part of the world we had only heard about. We learned that experiencing something is extremely different from simply hearing about it. Overall, it was a memorable and deeply fulfilling experience.



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Totally Transformed

On April 10th, the K-2 students blessed approximately 500 family and friends with their Easter presentation: *Totally Transformed*. The message of hope, restoration, and victory over death was clearly evident through the students' songs and poems. A special "thank you" goes out to the K-2 teachers, and especially to Mrs. Pledger and Miss Libby for putting the concert together, to Mr. Leclair for helping with the set up, and to Eastview Church for allowing us to use their space. It was a wonderful and impactful evening!

"...just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too may walk in newness of life." –Romans 6:4







On the Elementary Horizon...

May 14th: Grade 4 Track and Field Meet

May: Gr. 2 Narcisse Field Trip (date to be determined)

June 3rd: Kindergarten Field Trip to Children's Museum

June 4th: Grade 3 and 4 Valour Soccer Game

June 11th: Kindergarten Graduation

June 13th(pm) Grandparent's and Special Friends Event

June 16th-20th: VBS (afternoons)

June 18th: Information evening for new families

*Other Field Trips and Events are being planned!

Fundraiser Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Kernels Fundraiser! We were able to raise over \$3000! A huge thank you to Mrs. Nicolas and the rest of the Parent Council for all of their hard work!

FAMS Kids Market '25

Many vendors and people who attended the market could agree that this was an amazing experience. For the most part, it was a learning experience but it was also really fun! The customers and vendors got a chance to interact with each other. Vendors tried persuading customers to buy from their stall and many people decided to support them. There were many time consuming and thoughtful things created by students throughout all grades. Personally, I suggest if you have a chance, you should try and apply to be a vendor next year or at least attend it. Overall, the market was a really fun and memorable event!

Aimee Kloe 7A



Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

Before March break, the Grade 8's organized a fundraiser led by Mrs. Regalado and Mrs. Pimentel. The goal of the fundraiser is for the Grade 8 grad and a final field trip together before they head off to high school. Before the fundraiser, the goal was to sell around 100 dozen Krispy Kreme donuts. Well, we weren't thinking big enough because many of you came through and we ended up having to get 3 vehicles to go pick up all the donuts! In the end, it was close to 400 dozen donuts sold! This will definitely help with their grad, a fun field trip and a chance to be able to give a gift back to the middle school. Way to go everyone!

