



## Upcoming Dates

Dec 21: Last day before the break  
 Dec 22 - Jan 4: Christmas Break  
 Jan 5: First day of classes after the break  
 Jan 26 to 31: High School Exams

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## Donations

As we approach the end of the calendar year, please consider making a donation to the ministry of Faith Academy.

## Christmas Anticipation

Looking back on my childhood, I remember the excitement and anticipation as the Christmas season drew closer. I recall wrapping the gifts I had bought for my family and storing them safely under my bed. I would tell my mom, "Don't look under the bed because there's nothing there." Years later, my mom told me that when it was time to vacuum my bedroom, she would pull the gifts out, vacuum under the bed and put them back. It brings a smile to my face just thinking about it.

As an adult, I now know that there is so much more to Christmas than many people realize. The greatest gift of all was given to us 2000 years ago by God Himself, the Christ child lying in a manger. He was promised 4000 years earlier as the One who was the seed of the woman who would crush the head of Satan. His birth place, Bethlehem, was foretold in the book of Micah which was written 700 years prior to His arrival. The news that He would be born of a virgin, bearing the name Emmanuel, meaning God with us was spoken of in the book of Isaiah, also written 700 years before His birth. The promise that God had given to King David 1000 years earlier, about the forever King being part of David's family who would one day sit on the throne of David was repeated to Mary by the angel Gabriel. So many of God's promises were fulfilled with the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah who grew up to preach about God's kingdom, and who at the age of 33 was crucified so that through Him the world might be saved from their sins. As we think about all that we have in Jesus, we can anticipate and look forward to His return to earth one day. Imagine a world so very different from the one we now occupy; A world where there is no sin, no sorrow, no tears, no pain, no sickness and no death. Imagine an eternity with the One who came to earth as a baby, and who will return as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Now that is something to anticipate.

Janet Pledger, Kindergarten and  
 Bible Blast Teacher

## Mission 2 Team Quiz Night Back and Better than Ever

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, the Mission 2 team hosted Faith Academy's 16<sup>th</sup> annual quiz night. Well, almost annual. November 2019 was the last year we had one in person, and everyone was excited to be back for a night full of food, trivia, prizes, and an introduction to this year's team. The M2 team put months of preparation into the night, and it went off without any significant hitches.

Quiz night is a Faith Academy tradition; a night hosted to fundraise for the M2 team's annual trip. Sponsored by Danny's Barbeque and Smokehouse, it began with a delicious meal of pulled pork buns and pizza. Following the meal were 10 rounds of exciting trivia, during which each table worked together to try and earn the top score. In between rounds, attendees could grab coffee, chat with each other, or bid on the well-stocked silent auction.

This year, the team raised money for their trip with Operation Mobilization to Portugal. After a successful night full of laughs, food, and a baby gecko in the auction, the Mission 2 team raised over \$5700 for their trip – a record-breaking amount. Everyone went home with a full stomach, good memories, and many with hard-won prizes.

The Mission 2 team was proud of all their hard work and would like to thank all of those who showed their support. Please continue to pray for the team as they get ready to travel in February. Your generosity and prayers are greatly appreciated and will not be forgotten.

Rebecca Ringham, Grade 12

## High School Volleyball Season Comes to a Close

Our varsity volleyball teams had wonderful seasons and took big steps forward in their play. Both teams made it to the Zone 12 finals before seeing their seasons end. It was fantastic to see the support of students, staff, and parents at the final games. While we ended up coming up a bit short on the scoreboard, Faith Academy showed exceptional school spirit and incredible love and support for each other. A big shout out to Mr. Bobychuk who became the emergency replacement ref at the last moment so that the games could proceed.





## Ending the Calendar Year with Christmas Cheer!

It has been a very busy and festive December in the Elementary! The month was packed with special activities and Christmas treats. Students participated in Christmas scattergories, a Christmas Kahoot! and a candy cane scavenger hunt in the hallway. They enjoyed hot chocolate, snowman cheese, candy canes, and of course what could beat Mr. Leclair barbequing hot dogs outside for our hot lunch! We ended the month with an Elementary sing-a long (led by Ms. Libby) and a sing-a-long with the 'big kids' (High School students). We were also able to collect over 100 pairs of socks for UGM!

The highlight of the month for many was our grade 3 and 4 Christmas concert: *Who Is This Holy One?* (did you know that this was the first ever concert for our grade 3's?). Thank you so much Mrs. Pledger, Ms. Bergen, Mrs. Hogeveen, Mrs. Farebrother, Mrs. Siemens, Mrs. Gorospe, and Ms. Libby for organizing and leading such a beautiful event.

On behalf of the Elementary Staff at Faith Academy, we would like to wish our families a blessed Christmas season. *May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child.* -Mrs. Dyck



### Thank You!

Thank you to our families who purchased *Peak of the Market* vegetables and from *Three 6Tea*. Between the two fundraisers, Faith Academy was able to raise more than \$5000!

## Christmas Festivities

This eventful week has been filled with twists and turns of activities. Such as door decorating, the sock drive, the school canteen, and the 12 days of Christmas activities. Door decorating was a good way of getting the artistic expression of each class, to show how creative our school can be. During the week-long door decorating era, Mr. Pickel and Mrs. Mensforth picked the winners of the 5 day long competition. The winning classes doors were 6B and 7A; honourable mentions go to 6A, and 7B. Despite having the most experience in this type of competition, the Grade 8s were never mentioned. Although, all the classroom doors were well decorated and looked nice when walking down the hallways of the school.

Another thing we did during this week was the sock drive. We are in the process of collecting socks for the UGM. We do this on a yearly basis to donate socks to those in need; something as simple as socks can make someone's day better. You should donate to help us reach our goal of 400 socks. As of this writing, we are only 84 socks away from our goal! Furthermore, we have been doing the 12 days of Christmas. We have so far done Christmas hats, anything but a backpack and ugly sweater days. Shout out to Owen in Grade 7 for winning the ugly Christmas sweater competition. As this week comes to a close, we are excited to see what the next few days before winter break will hold.

By Faith, Akeisha, and Daniel (Grade 8)

## Moose Game Adventure

December 1st, the Moose game, a day students would never forget. Everything seemed like a different world. From the experience, to the fans, to food. The flash of a camera capturing a moment students would cherish. Deafening screams of the fans that rattled in our heads for the rest of the day. Thrill and excitement after each goal for our team. The wave started by all students working in unison. Friends fighting over if their favourite player or yours was better. Inside the arena was incredible.

The whole experience of actually being there was something else. When we arrived at the arena after what seemed like forever, our ears filled with excited murmurs. All students were checked in and that's when we finally felt the real thrill of being there. We were greeted with the sounds, smells and sights of restaurants, stores and the icy rink. Almost immediately after we found ourselves seated, we looked up to see our faces on the jumbotron! The Moose fought through the first three periods of an evenly matched game, but ended up losing 4-3 in a shootout. Even though we didn't end up winning, that didn't take away from an experience that created so many memories.

Mikyla Sirdar 7B

