



## Upcoming Dates

Nov 6: Picture Re-take Day  
 Nov. 10: In-Service (no school)  
 Nov. 18: Quiz Night  
 Nov. 23-24: Parent/Teacher Interviews  
 Dec. 23-Jan. 7: Christmas Break  
 Jan. 8: In-Service (no school)

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## Celebrating 40 Years!

The 2023/24 school year marks the 40th anniversary of Faith Academy! It is very encouraging to think back on the school's beginnings and the many ways in which God has blessed Faith Academy along the way. The picture to the right is all of the students and staff that were part of Faith Academy back in 1983/84. This year our total enrollment is 589 students from K to 12, and we have more than 80 staff members! Let's give God glory for the great things He has done and pray that He would continue to preserve the precious ministry of Faith Academy.



In honour of our 40th anniversary, we are going to be ordering special edition hoodies and sweat-ers. Please watch for a link to a google form that will be emailed in the next few days and will give you the opportunity to place an order for your children or maybe even yourself! A big thank you to Mr. Ringham, Mrs. Hodgson, and Mrs. Leclair for helping to put together the design.

James Harnett - Superintendent



## Seniors Get the Year Started

In September, the grade 12's spent three days at the Roseau River Bible camp where they spent their time doing a myriad of activities including hiking, biking, horseback riding, swimming, and bubble soccer. The highlight for many people were the chapels that Mr. Kroeker, Sophia and Ezra hosted.

The chapels were undeniably one of the best parts of the trip and provided opportunities for the students to open up in a safe spiritual, and emotional environment where they could talk about things that they normally wouldn't be able to. The first chapel was led by Mr. Kroeker and he talked about guarding your heart and how we should turn to the Lord in times of hardship. The discussion was opened to the students where stories of regret, shame and aspirations were told. The next day, the boys and girls were separated and had their own chapels led by students on the missions team. Chapel that night was held in front of the fire pit where students and staff shared final thoughts, feelings and hopes for the grade as a whole. The night finished with star gazing, conversations with friends, an intense ping pong match, and a special appearance from the Aurora Borealis. The final chapel featured letters from the seniors past selves that they wrote on the grade 10 Gimli retreat. Reading our old words were sentimental and amazing as we got to compare how we were then and how we grew to who we are today.

This retreat was an amazing way to begin our senior year. It gave us a wonderful opportunity to grow closer to God and to each other, and it will be something we remember for years to come.

Henni Biag, grade 12

## Faith Academy Dominates Zone 12 Cross Country Meet

Faith Academy High School put together a cross-country team this year for the first time in a long time and came away with a number of medals. Both boys and girls varsity teams won their Zone 12 competitions and are looking forward to hanging the banners. The boys team took the first four places in their race (Jagot 1st, Elliot 2nd, Ezra 3rd, and Gavy 4th), and the girls took four of the top five spots in theirs (Nicole 1st, Beth 2nd, Grace 4th, and Jenalle 5th). The team also included Daniel with the varsity boys, Micah, Taylor, and Shosha with the varsity girls, and Dominic and Asher competing with the junior varsity boys. Congratulations to Mr. Bobychuk and the team on a job well done!!

Beth Nicolas, grade 12





## Terry Fox Run

It was a beautiful afternoon, as 250 students from Kindergarten to Grade 4 participated in the Terry Fox Run on September 27<sup>th</sup>. This year, it was even more meaningful since many of our students dedicated their run to Mme. Moreau who is currently undergoing cancer treatments. A huge thank you to Mr. Hiebert for organizing the entire event, and to the teachers, parents, and grade 11 students for keeping our students safe and cheering them on as they ran! In total, Faith Academy Elementary \$1400 raised to support the Terry Fox Foundation and their ongoing dedication to cancer research.



## Welcome Mrs. Larson

Mrs. Larson has eased into her new role in KA as the classroom teacher with seamless effort and grace. After graduating from Faith Academy herself in 2018, Mrs. Larson attended Columbia Bible College in BC and received a Degree in Counselling. Mrs. Larson was very busy upon her return to Winnipeg; she was recently married and began working at Faith Academy shortly after. In her free time, Mrs. Larson enjoys spending time with her husband and checking out local coffee shops. Welcome to Faith Academy, Mrs. Larson! You are a wonderful addition to our team!



## Ms. Kaikai

Ms. Kaikai has been a wonderful addition to the Elementary Staff this year. As her first time teaching kindergarten, she has displayed a quiet confidence and showed love and compassion towards her students. Ms. Kaikai will be in KB until the end of December. In January, she will be travelling to Sierra Leone to visit the school that she helped establish. Thank you, Ms. Kaikai for all of the wonderful ways in which you have contributed to Faith Academy. You will be missed!



## In the EA Spotlight: Mr. Schulz

Faith Academy Elementary would like to welcome Mr. Schulz to the Elementary EA Team! Mr. Schulz hails from Saskatchewan and is a huge Roughriders fan (but we won't hold that against him). He recently moved to Winnipeg and is currently completing his Education Degree through the University of Regina. In his free time, Mr. Schulz loves to spend time with his wife, and play sports (you can often find him playing soccer with our students during recess). He is also very musical and plays a variety of different musical instruments.



## Cross-Country—FAMS with the results!

It's been an excellent start to the sports teams here at the Middle School, and for this time, I want to focus on the cross-country teams. Starting in September and finishing a couple of weeks ago, runners from all grades could participate in three meets, two in Bird's Hill and one in La Barriere Park. Runners would compete against their age and gender, and our results this year were great! We had multiple top-10 finishes in the three races that our middle schoolers ran, including Callum Harnett, who finished 2nd in the final race of the year. To everyone who ran, way to go on a great season!



## Camp Manitou—Grade 8 retreat

A few weeks ago, the Grade 8s went on a retreat to Camp Manitou for 2 days. Camp Manitou is a camp where you can do various activities and connect with others. The schedule at the camp consisted of a session of Chapel led by a speaker. For us, our speaker was Jared, a youth pastor who works at Camp Arnes, a Bible camp similar to Camp Manitou. In the Chapel, we talked about living a Christ-centered life and identity. The talks that we had were really enlightening and felt down to earth for most of us. Another thing that we do in the Chapel is games that are based around or represent the topic that you talk about; games like Would You Rather display that everybody has their own views in life, but those who disagree on one topic might have similarities with you in another topic.



After the Chapel, we went outside for outdoor activities. Some of these activities included ziplining, archery, rock climbing, and group-building activities. My favourite activity out of the four that we did was archery because it was the first time in my life to shoot a bow and arrow, which was really fun. When everyone was exhausted by all of the activities, we would take a break for lunch. There is an entire menu for the food there, and you take a survey beforehand to choose the food that you want to eat. Following lunch, the school chose to have a talk. One talk for the boys led by the male staff and a separate talk for the girls led by the female staff; the talks were about general questions we had that kept us curious. I really suggest that any future grade 8 student go to Camp Manitou because it is a good time to shut down, learn about God, and be around friends.



## Breaking News...

This just in! The boys divisional volleyball team just won the ICS tournament on Saturday! The boys did a great job of working together as a team and learning throughout the day. Nice job boys on a hard fought Saturday of volleyball!



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