



Upcoming Dates

March 18: In-service Day
 March 28 to April 1: March Break
 April 14: Parent Teacher Interviews
 April 15: Good Friday - no school
 April 18: Easter Monday - no school

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Technology Upgrades

This is a picture of 48 Chromebooks that Faith Academy was able to purchase using funds received from Digital Manitoba Initiative's PowerUP program. Thank you very much to Mr. Elias for pursuing the grant and taking care of all the details. With



these chromebooks, we now have 131 devices in the HS, 100 devices in the MS, 92 devices in the ELEM, and 12 devices at Pritchard. Please join us in thanking God for this blessing!

COVID-19 Update

Manitoba Public Health recently announced the gradual loosening of restrictions with all restrictions set to be lifted by March 15, 2022. Manitoba Education has indicated that schools will mirror what takes place in the rest of society, but it is not clear if schools will follow the same timeline. For now, it is important that students continue to stay home when symptomatic. If a student tests positive for COVID-19, it is important that they isolate for 5 or 10 days - depending on vaccination status. We are grateful that we seem to be nearing the end of the COVID-19 pandemic. Please join with us in thanking God for seeing us through the last two years.



Basketball Season Once Again

As the basketball season nears the end, it is good to reflect on the journey the Faith Academy varsity boys basketball team has taken. At the beginning, with Covid-19 still around, we were afraid that we wouldn't be able to have a season. Despite the controversy and the uncertainty, we still put in the work through our practices at the school and at home. At the end of the day, we are fortunate and grateful that we were able to have a season. Our first game was at Linden Christian School, and we were very excited to play against them. The game was very well fought from both sides, but we fell short. Due to COVID, there hadn't been high school games for almost 2 years, and we did an excellent job, doing our best. The game was a huge stepping stone for us, and it motivated us to get better each and every practice and game. As we had a few tough losses and a few great games, we got better each time. Our attitudes and team environment were always positive, and we were always pushing and motivating each other to do better, and most importantly, to have fun. Every game was fought better than the last one, and we did it for our school and for God. I would like to thank Mr. Bagay and his brother for coaching us throughout the season and Patrick Emeka for helping manage the team. As we wrap up the season, it was a great time fighting the battle with God and for our school on the court.

- Kyle Dayanghirang





Elementary Activities in February!

Despite the somewhat frigid and snowy days, we had a fabulous month of February in the Elementary! The students and teachers all 'Went for the Gold' as we celebrated 'I Love to Read Month'. We kicked off the festivities with our own opening ceremony, and wore red and white to support our Olympic athletes. Throughout the month, classes competed against each other during Book Trivia, dropped everything and read, and participated in an Olympic Scavenger Hunt to find a variety of Olympic sports pictures that were hidden all around the school. We even had a mystery reader (Mrs. Dyck dressed up as a crayon box) who went into each classroom to read the students a book (or two).

The month wrapped up with an award ceremony of sorts where each student was awarded with an edible "medal" for their hard work during reading month, hot lunch (thank you Mrs. Ingels), and the much anticipated 'Festival du Voyageur' where students learned more about the fur trade, ate yummy bannock, pea soup and maple syrup, and learned the Red River Jig. Students were invited to dress up as Voyageurs as they participated in the events of the day. A special thank you to our Grade 9 Home Economics class for making fresh bannock for our students to enjoy and Mme. Moreau for planning and coordinating the events! Our Grade 10 Phys. Ed. class did a great job offering assistance to our teachers for the afternoon.



"I Love to Read" Month

Faith Academy Middle School provided a fun and creative way to take part in I Love To Read Month for its students and teachers. There were challenges to complete as classes and as a whole school. Students were also given the mission of reading 1000 books by the end of the month in order to greet Mr. Mensforth and Mr. Harnett with a little friendly *pie in the face* (which should take place in the near future).

We were also given time to read during our 15 minutes of 'stop, drop, and read' every other day. In which students would stop what they were doing, grab the book of their choice and read for 15 minutes (which is also why a few people in grades 7 and 8 hoped that we'd be given that time during our midterm exams but, unfortunately, we went through our exams interruption -free).



There was also a cozy reading day, when we dressed in our coziest clothes and were given stop, drop, and reading time during the day. Each class also took time to decorate their door, using the theme of a book of their choice in a very creative challenge. Each class followed all of the requirements within the rubric for scores of 100% so teachers had to change things up a bit in terms of the judging! Though all classes did an amazing job, 6B took home the crown with their "Hunger Games"-themed door (see photo; btw - how appropriate to have a fire extinguisher located right outside the door!)

Overall, Faith Academy had such an exciting month with fun opportunities which were enjoyed by all.

By Hosanna Tamene ~ 7B

FAMS Boys' Basketball Overview

Despite our unsuccessful time on the court, so far without any games won, we have bonded as a team and we're having fun. We've also improved throughout the season in our basketball skills so from my perspective the season has been a "win" (although, technically, we've been losing).

The greatest basketball player of all time, Michael Jordan, once said, "I can accept failure. Everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying." We have certainly tried our best so what more can you ask for? Considering this past year's pandemic with all its restrictions, I think I can speak on behalf of the entire team to say we're all grateful that there was a season at all.

We want to especially thank our coaches, Mr. T, and Mr. Alexander, for helping us improve along the way while making it a fun experience for us all. They've done a good job of keeping the mood light during the games, regardless of the score.

Next year is a new year. We have the opportunity to get better at basketball. Perhaps, most importantly, we can get better at representing Jesus - whether we win or lose - to students at other schools who don't know him because in terms of promoting Christianity... that's a "win".



By Jack Miller ~ 8A