



Upcoming Dates

Nov. 8: In-Service (no school)
 Nov. 16: Quiz Night
 Nov. 21-22: Parent/Teacher Interviews
 (no school - Nov. 22nd)
 Dec. 23-Jan. 3: Christmas Break
 Jan. 6 In-Service (no school)

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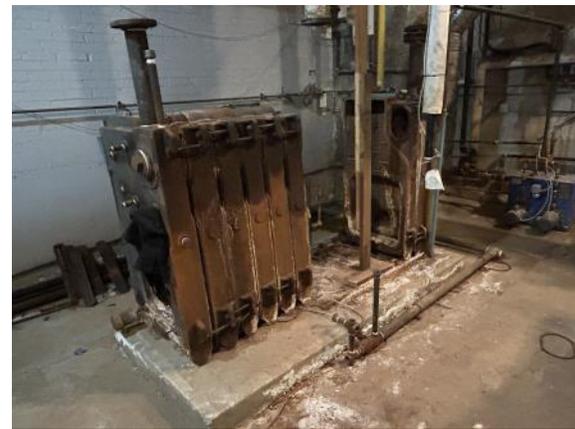
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The Matheson Building

I am very excited to report that after a lot of hard work over the summer, the high school staff members now have a lovely staffroom in which to have meetings and their lunch. A big thank you to our Property Manager - Andy Leclair - for managing the project and putting on the finishing touches himself. I'd also like to thank Cam Kroeker for being willing to move into a smaller room to facilitate the change. And thank you to all those who gave donations to this project last school year.

Earlier in the fall after a biannual City of Winnipeg inspection, we were informed that the elementary boiler would need to be repaired before being used this winter. We then had it disassembled by a heating company (pictured to the right) to assess the extent of the repairs needed. Taking into account the cost to repair the boiler and the time needed to get the parts, the Faith Academy Board of Directors decided to replace the boiler with a new unit. Unfortunately, boilers are quite expensive, and we are now facing an unexpected expense that will be over \$100,000 once it's all said and done. In addition, we will need to have a temporary boiler installed to keep us warm until the new unit is ready. Please pray that all of the necessary elements would come together quickly, and if you are able to provide a donation to help us cover the cost of the boiler, we would be very grateful. A donation receipt will be issued for amounts over \$20.

James Harnett - Superintendent



Grade 12 Roseau River Retreat

It is a tale as old as time. Friendships forged, loud, long laughter, and mellow, meaningful moments. The grade 12 retreat was filled with all of these things. The idyllic location: Roseau River Bible Camp welcomed us with open arms. We arrived at noon and quickly accustomed ourselves to the surroundings. Jubilant cries and laughter filled the air. After we settled, the events began. First was a hike. A small, winding path pierced through the thick, green, foliage. The suspension bridge lay overtop the coursing river. After the hike, some of our group went horseback riding, whilst the rest of us swam and relaxed in our rooms. Continuing on from a hardy dinner, the evening was filled with games and relaxation. In the evening, a chapel was held. Jared, Josh, and Iain led us in worship, and Mr.K gave us a much needed message. Afterwards, some stayed for a prayer meeting, some played board games, and the rest went to bed.

The next day went incredibly. Sports and games filled the camp. The ropes course, zipline, archery, BMX, and the pool were all used and loved. We had a split chapel in the afternoon. While the boys primarily argued about fruit, the girls shared and grew closer than ever. After another lovely chapel in the evening, we all met at the campfire. At the campfire, people shared and talked till past midnight.

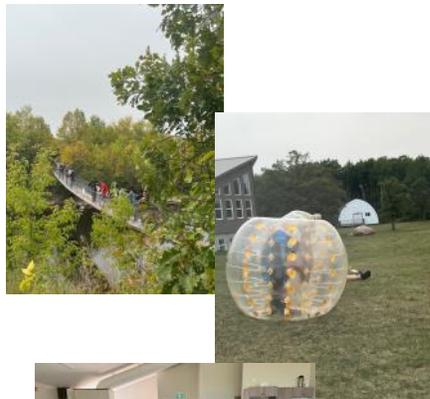
The day afterwards, we embarked home, forever changed and closer knit. The retreat was a success on all counts.

Malakai Pops, grade 12

Grade 10's Day Out in Gimli

The first word I think of when I hear the words 'Grade 10 Retreat' is lively. Perhaps that is because of the competition to finish the large servings of food prepared for each individual, the rush to complete as many tasks for the scavenger hunt before the other teams, or even just strolling down the boardwalk admiring the painted stone borders and their stunning cultural diversity. The life and energy of partaking in this year's Gimli retreat was so fulfilling and honestly brought the class of 2027 closer together. The bus ride there had even struck interesting conversations, not to mention the devotional. We got to better understand who we are as individuals and the importance of acting in unity after hearing the message prepared for us. It was interesting to hear about how we as teenagers are so inexperienced yet also able to accomplish great things within ourselves and the people around us, challenging us to spread our wings a little bit farther and focus on the pleasures of God and not that of the world. Not only that, but the game of charades was also a blast! We had the opportunity to get a bit more competitive, laugh at our mistakes, and take a chance at shouting out the wildest guesses. So yes, the Grade 10 Gimli retreat was one of the best examples of a lively environment, the least of that being saying goodbye.

Hosanna Tamene, grade 10





Runtember

The wonderful weather in September was a great reason to get outside and be active! Elementary students used some of their Gym time to run in the park and it was soon obvious that we have some very capable runners in our elementary! We took 12 dedicated grade 4 runners to the Cross Country Championships in La Barriere Park. The 2 km race featured some of the best runners in our province and we were very proud of our students for giving their best effort and finishing the distance in impressive fashion. This years' Terry Fox run on September 27th was an incredible community building event! We invited the Middle School to join us, and high school students cheered on our runners and partnered with our younger students for safety. The students demonstrated passion for physical activity and a desire to inspire others with their efforts. Many thanks to those who supported the future of cancer research by purchasing Terry Fox shirts, donating, and volunteering! We were able to raise \$784!



Mr. Hiebert

Music

In the summer of 2024, Faith Academy was presented with an opportunity to purchase a variety of musical instruments to expand our elementary Music classes. In October, we were blessed with glockenspiels, metallophones, xylophones, hand drums and many other instruments! These new additions have greatly enhanced our Music classes and have greatly blessed our students by exposing them to so many more different aspects of music! Our intention is simply to Glorify God's Name with what we have, and with His help and guidance, that is what we are doing!



Meet our Patrols and Lunchtime Monitors

The Elementary is very excited to introduce our grade 4 patrols and lunchtime monitors to our school community! Our patrols have been working very hard every morning and afternoon to ensure the safety of our students while crossing the street, while our lunchtime monitors have been helping to supervise and assist our younger elementary students in their classrooms during lunch! Thank you patrols and lunchtime monitors, for your dedication to keeping our students safe and cared for!



Time to FLEX!

Being able to express your talents and creativity while engaging with others that share the same passion, that is the definition of Faith Academy Middle Schools FLEX program.

FLEX is something that is held every Wednesday. People from different grades come together to take part in something they are willing to give time to. Some of the FLEX programs are Advanced art, photography, sports and leadership, broadcasting and live announcements, outdoor education, woodworking and missions.

The missions team (also known as the service team) has done some really great things for our community. They have been putting smiles on kids faces by playing games while preaching about why we should give thanks to the Lord. So far they have raked many leaves off of lawns. The elderly citizens of the neighborhoods have been tremendously grateful for the actions of our service team. They are also going to be running Operation Christmas Child this year. This act is to fill up shoe boxes full of hygiene products, little toys and school supplies and ship them off to less fortunate children who might not be receiving a present this year.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." - Matthew 28:19

That is the way for our service team and school.

Avinaaz Sandhu—7A



Roseau River—Grade 8 retreat

There were many parts of the retreat that I loved but my favourites were the following. Zip lining! I loved this and not only was it fun, but it was also an amazing way to face a fear and be reminded that God is with me always. Something else I loved was playing around with my friends and classmates - it was an amazing bonding experience. One last thing was the chapel times and message. The worship was an amazing time with the glow sticks and how everyone was involved.



There were a few times that I felt close to God at the retreat. The first time was in worship. It reminded me of a youth group that I go to - it was such a powerful spiritual connection. Another time was in the cabin where I led a devotional, I felt so filled with the Holy Spirit that I didn't even have to think and the words flowed out of me. I felt so at peace during this time. Overall, a great time for us as Grade 8s.



Abby Loudon