



Upcoming Dates

Nov. 10: In-Service
 Nov. 11: Remembrance Day
 Nov. 19: Quiz Night
 Nov. 24-25: Parent/Teacher Interviews
 Dec. 22-Jan. 4: Christmas Break

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Exciting Green Space Additions

It's taken some time to complete, but Faith Academy is very excited to have an updated green space across the street at Clara Hughes Park. The east side of the park is now a mini soccer field with a crowned playing field, drainage, and nets. The west side of the park benefits from approximately 50% more play area due to the removal of the wading pool and includes two play structures, swings, benches and picnic tables, and a good amount of grassy play space.

We remain very grateful to the City of Winnipeg for taking on this update project and allowing us to use the city park on a daily basis. Please join me in thanking God for this incredible blessing.

James Harnett - Superintendent



Retreats Are Back On!

Last month, the grade 12's were given the opportunity to spend three days at the Roseau River Bible Camp. The Roseau River retreat is one of two grade 12 retreats and took place on September 14, 2022. The retreat promised to be three days filled with adventure and fun that included events such as hiking, archery, and horseback riding. Each day brought something new and exciting for us to do and see. These activities were some of the best parts of the retreat; however, the highlight of the trip would undoubtedly have to go to the chapels.

The chapels were a really good opportunity to grow in our faith and bond with our friends. Our first chapel took place on our first night where Mr. Kroeker shared a heartfelt story about regrets and missed opportunities. Claudia's chapel focused on our insecurities and how we are never alone in our struggles. This chapel got us to open up and be vulnerable, forget about the drama and really connect. Overall, it gave us a chance to get to know each other and was a great time. Gamaliel Tapia and Chiebuniem Emeka co-lead the boys chapel with an emphasis on progress. We had discussions about the paths we had taken to get to where we were and our future plans for our lives; furthermore, we brought up our former regrets and mistakes which helped us understand and sympathize with each other in new and profound ways. It was a chapel where all felt comfortable to be vulnerable with each other, and it helped strengthen our relationship with each other like never before. The final chapel featured letters that we had written our Grade 10 year during one of our retreats. Understanding the change and progress we had made to get to where we are today was amazing to see come to life through the letters we had written. We were also given the opportunity to write letters that we would receive come graduation. After each person took time to write something for themselves, we moved towards the fire pit. We all talked and spent time with each other which was a perfect way to end the retreat.

Overall the retreat was an absolutely amazing experience to have. The way it could bring together the most unlikely people and how we became so comfortable with each other, was truly the Lord working in us. Those three days felt like an eternity. The memories made there have been engraved in our minds. As our final year will eventually come to a close, it's these memories of frog pranks and worship nights that our grade will remember forever.





Grade 4's Make their Mark

After a 3 year interlude, Faith Academy Elementary is pleased to announce the re-introduction of the Patrol and Lunchtime Monitor Programs. Our grade 4 students have been hard at work; keeping our parents and students safe while crossing the street before and after school, as well as helping to supervise our younger students during lunch. Thank you grade 4's for your leadership and commitment to our school. You are all doing an outstanding job and setting a wonderful example for our younger students! Congratulations on a job well done!



Welcome Back Mrs. Hogeveen!



We are excited to welcome Mrs. Hogeveen to our Elementary Staff. Mrs. Hogeveen is not a stranger to Faith Academy. Her first experience with our school was 24 years ago, when she taught in a 1/2 split class. After taking time off to raise her 3 children (with subbing and a few term positions in between), Mrs. Hogeveen joined the Elementary team and began teaching in Grade 4 in September.

Mrs. Hogeveen was born in Winnipeg and grew up in Fort Richmond. She attended CMU after graduating High School and received her degree in Theology. After attending Bible School in England, Mrs. Hogeveen returned to Winnipeg and pursued her degree in Education.

Mrs. Hogeveen has been married to Mr. Hogeveen (the Middle School counsellor) for 28 years and enjoys horseback riding, scrapbooking, reading, and going out for dinner with friends in her limited free time. Welcome back, Mrs. Hogeveen to the Elementary Staff!

Goodbye Mrs. Elias!

We are saddened to announce that Mrs. Elias finished her term position in the Elementary at the end of October. Thank you Mrs. Elias for the love and care you have shown to our students, the dedication you have exhibited toward our school, and for always being willing to go above and beyond! You will be greatly missed!

Welcome back Mrs. Franczyk, from your maternity leave!



Welcome Mrs. Stetski and Mrs. Wiebe!

Faith Academy Elementary welcomed two new faces to our EA Team! Mrs. Stetski spent the last few years working at the Middle School, as well as the High School before making her way to the Elementary. She is a mother to 4 (3 of which are Faith Academy graduates) and her youngest son is set to graduate this year! Mrs. Wiebe is no stranger to our school either. Her 4 oldest children are also Faith Academy grads and her 3 youngest presently attend our school. Mrs. Wiebe splits her days between the Matheson and Pritchard Campuses. Thank you, Mrs. Stetski and Mrs. Wiebe for all of your hard work!



Gr. 8 Retreat Refreshes



A lot happened over the span of two days at Camp Manitou. We had a guest pastor, Kevin Lariviere, who came and talked to us four times in all. The first day he shared his testimony and spoke of how he got to where he is in life now. After that we split off into our groups and did our activities. Each group did different things at different times including rock climbing, zip-lining, team building, archery, and field games. One of the favourite field games that we played was capture the flag. Everyone enjoyed it a lot and the competitive side of people emerged.

After the first few activities, we ate lunch. The servers were extremely nice and the food was really good (pizza one day and chicken the next). After lunch, we were able to go outside for free time. There was a play structure and a huge toboggan slide but there weren't any toboggans so people pulled themselves down the slide. After this pastor Kevin taught us some more to put a wrap on our first day. The second day repeated the same sort of schedule.

We were encouraged to take notes during chapels so good job to those who did. Upcoming Grade 8s - we hope you have as much fun next year as we did!

~ by Mahalia Hailu (8B)

Spirit Week - Fun; Schoolwork - Not So Much

During spirit week, I noticed there was a lot of personal representation this year. Student council did a great job, and it was easily notable that everyone had a fun time dressing up.

Twin day and career day had a lot of matching going on throughout the Grades 7-8 level, as a large group of students had decided to match clothing, and dress up as business professionals. My personal favourite was cultural day, where students dressed up in their traditional clothes and enjoyed ethnic food from a diverse range of cultures. Friday was pajama day, where students could truly express their laziness by waking up, and going to school in those same clothes. One routine out of the morning schedule, hooray! There was also a Disney Day, midweek, along with a very challenging and enjoyable scavenger hunt which we engaged in toward the end of the day. It was great fun! Thank you, Mr. Pickel and student council!

Spirit week this year consisted of fun, community bonding, and overall it was highly enjoyable. Unfortunately, though, classes continued as usual throughout the week and we weren't given any relief in this area (this is my attempt at getting our principal to cancel all school work for a week to accommodate our already fantastic activities). Maybe next time. Right, Mr. Mensforth?! :-)



~ by Hosanna Tamene (8B)