

# **FAITH ACADEMY NEWS**

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## **Upcoming Dates**

September 5: First Day (5-12)

September 5-6: Student/Teacher (K-4)

September 7: First Day (K-4)

October 3: In-Service
October 9: Thanksgiving

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### **Another School Year in the Books**

2022-2023 was a wonderful school year with things being as close to normal as they have been for the last number of years. Our students were able to take part in their regular field trips, our sports teams were able to have regular seasons, and our students were able to be in class form the first day of school to the last. I hope that the disruptions that we faced over the last number of years have given us all a greater appreciation for all of the small elements that make up a complete and full school year. Please join in me in thanking God that we can be back in a position to make the most of all that Faith Academy has to offer.

I want to thank all of our wonderful families for your support. It was amazing to see our elementary teachers experience not one, but three teacher appreciation days through the month of June. I also want to thank all of the teachers, EAs, support staff, and principals for all of the hard work that they have put in throughout the school year to ensure that our students are cared for and growing.

Things are looking very good for next year with many of our classes at or near capacity. We may have a few spots for new students, so if you know of families looking to have their children in a school that is Christ-centered and Biblically-based, encourage them to give us a call.

Faith Academy is hiring! We are still looking for a grade 8 math and science teacher as well as a half-time teacher in the high school. In addition, there are two EA positions open at the middle school and we would like to hire two new bus drivers before the start of the school year. If you know anyone who might be interested in one of these positions, please encourage them to visit the website and apply.

Have a safe and relaxing summer, and we will see you in September!

James Harnett - Superintendent

#### Ottawa 2023

Our grade II students enjoyed 9 days away from school as they ventured to Ottawa for the annual grade II Ottawa trip. Mr. McGraw, Mr. and Mrs. Hodgson, and Mrs. Feakes led the trip which covered many miles by bus. The group took in many sights, explored many museums, and enjoyed fun times at the camp and around Ottawa. Thanks to the leaders and to Mrs. Stetski and Mrs. Elias for keeping the group well fed.

















#### **Graduation 2023**

We enjoyed celebrating the Class of '23 at the graduation ceremony and banquet on June 27th. This talented and fun loving group have led the student body well, and we look forward to seeing what the future holds for each of them. Noryn De Guzman was the valedictorian and spoke on behalf of the graduating class. She also walked away with the Governor General's medal along with a few other awards. Congratulations to all of the grads on completing high school. We pray that you follow Jesus as you pursue life after graduation.









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# Saying Goodbye to the 2022-2023 School Year!

June in the Elementary was nothing short of busy and exciting. In addition to the Field Trips that were planned to places such as Lower Fort Garry, The Assiniboine Zoo, and Morning Sound Farm, and our 3rd Elementary Talent Show (which was a huge success), all students participated in our VBS program *Steller* which focused on teaching students to shine Jesus' light in all circumstances in life. Students participated in a variety of different activities such as The Imagination Station, Games, KidVid Cinema, Bible Adventures and of course...ate some out-of-this-world snacks!

A huge thank you to all of the teachers for leading the events, and especially to Mr. and Mrs. Leclair for turning our lobby into a galaxy and organizing all of the stations and events. The students had a blast!

Our students will be seeing some new faces on staff in the Elementary beginning in September. We would like wish Mrs. Espiritu and Ms. Rachel all the best, as they begin a new chapter in their careers!









Mr. Hiebert appreciating Teacher Appreciation Lunch! Thank you!!!

Bible Adventures

**Outdoor Games** 

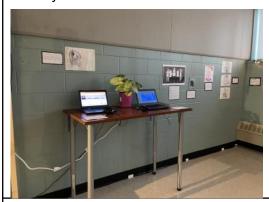
KidVid Cinema

## **FAMS Got Art**

June was a busy month with many field trips across the school to places like Bird's Hill Park, a Goldeyes game, Activate, Harbourview park, and the list goes on. Many great memories were made and it ended the school year off well! Besides all the fun that happened and places seen, my best memory of June was our 2nd annual FAMS Got Art evening fundraiser.

Led by Miss Esselink and Miss vanBruggen, our teachers really came together and pulled off an incredible evening. Students were able to showcase their skills and abilities in the arts as well as live performances by a number of students.

It was great to see such a high turnout of students, families and friends as they were treated to such impressive talent through music, digital art and other forms of art media. The fundraiser was such a success that we will look to build upon it for next school year.







# **Goodbyes**

There are always goodbyes at the end of the school year and we said good-bye to some amazing staff. Staff that are moving on to other ventures are: Ms. A and Miss Miriam. They did such a wonderful job in the EA department!

Blair and Kim Mensforth have now officially retired. Blair was on staff here at Faith for 30 years while Kim was here for 21 years. Thank you for all your work and dedication here at FAMS – you will be greatly missed!