



Upcoming Dates:

October—November 2014:

- Oct 13—No School—Thanksgiving
- Oct 17—Picture Retakes
- Nov 3 & 4—Staff Retreat—No School
- Nov 11—Remembrance Day—No School
- Nov 27—Report Cards/Progress Reports
- Nov 28—Inservice—No School

Pritchard:

- Nov 5—Leadership Team at Pritchard

Matheson Elementary School:

- Swimming starts in October
- Oct 2—Gr. 4 Vaccinations
- Oct 28—Hot Lunch (order due Oct 23)

Middle School:

- Oct 1-3 Grade 8 Retreat
- Swimming Starts in October

High School:

- Oct 27—Oct 31—Leap of Faith Week
- Oct 27—Ignite 7pm
- Nov 24—Ignite 7pm

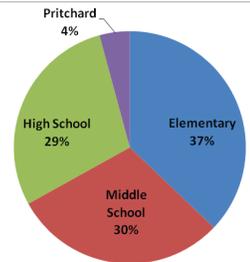
As I write this, the school is quiet and the sun is streaming in the open window. This is creating the wrong impression as within the walls we have just over 590 very energetic students – and cold days are coming! If you haven't noticed, the school is very full this year and there is a lot going on. It is exciting to be a part of – it is very ALIVE.

The first semester is well underway and we have settled into our routines fairly well at this point. Almost all staff returned this year and although we have two ladies soon to go on maternity leave, we anticipate a very stable environment for your children. Mission trips, local outreaches, Chapel and Bible Blast programs are part of our freedom in expression of spiritual emphasis of this school. In High School, student-led Bible Studies have already started. One fall retreat for Grade 12 has already finished and one for Grade 8 occurs this week. Take a look through this newsletter to see all that is going on.

It is my pleasure to welcome you here this year. We thank you for the trust you display in registering your children here.

Bill Cavey, Faith Academy Executive Director

2014/15 Enrollment
 Elementary—221
 Middle School—176
 High School—169
 Pritchard—25
Total 591 Students



Congratulations to Louise VanZwol (Grade 5) and Ansel Vyrauen on their wedding this summer.



Congratulations to Melody (Grade 6) and Steven Ni-comedes on their wedding this summer.



Welcome back to another school year. After the first month, things are well under way, and students and teachers are hard at work. With the fall colours and cooler temperatures, summer is a fond but distant memory. If you are new to Faith Academy (whether student, parent, or staff), I hope you are having a great start and that you are already feeling at home.

In the high school, the theme of the year is *Kingdom*, and we are exploring what it means to “seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness” (Matthew 6:33). On the first day of school, I encouraged students to make seeking the kingdom of God their first thing. There are many important things that go into and that happen during a school year. It is easy to run around from one important thing to another, but it is vital to seek Christ and His kingdom first. When we put Him first, we learn to trust Him and walk with Him through everything else. I look forward to the year ahead as we learn to seek the kingdom together.

Trevor Warkentin, Principal

Reminder:

If you are picking up or dropping off children during school hours go to the office first. If your child is a bussed student but will not taking the bus on a certain day, please call the office by no later than 3:00pm.

Elementary Fundraiser:

Elementary will be starting their next fundraiser soon. “Snow Fun” Catalogues will be sent home soon and orders will be due back on October 21.

Future Newsletter Distribution:

This is the first edition of our 2014-2015 Newsletter. Our goal will be to send it out monthly, but to save on postage (and a trip to the superbox), we will be distributing newsletters via e-mail, beginning with the next issue. This will be sent to all parents and/or guardians according to the e-mail addresses on file. Please ensure the address we have for you is correct.

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School has begun for another year and school buses are rolling once again. This year the enrollment has climbed to another all-time high of about 590 students. We certainly praise our great God for that. About 350 of those students ride a school bus to and from school each day. We have eight full bus routes this year.

The school has invested greatly to provide safe, road worthy vehicles for our students to ride in. The Lord enabled us to purchase a new bus (Bus #17) in December of 2013. This bus was immediately put into service to replace Bus #12 which unfortunately caught fire and was extensively damaged. An insurance claim was made and thankfully the school was able to put the settlement money toward the purchase of another new bus (Bus #18). In addition to those brand new buses the school was able to purchase an older school bus from the Seven Oaks School Division which has been added to the fleet as a spare bus (Bus #19).

Since Faith Academy is an independent school it is not funded for operating school buses like Manitoba public schools are, and the school is not subject to all of the same requirements. However, the school chooses to operate under the same regulations as public schools for its vehicles, including the implementation of a thorough preventive maintenance program, and all the Faith Academy school bus drivers have obtained and maintain their school bus certificates and are registered with the Manitoba Pupil Transportation Division. Recently, on September 22, all the drivers participated in a training session entitled School Bus Driver Development taught by a retired Winnipeg Police Officer with 25 years of service.

We covet your prayers for the safety of our students and drivers. The bus drivers and the buses that they drive are as follows: Bus #6 (Chris Franczyk AM/Ted Dick PM); Bus #11 (Cindy Kratz AM/PM); Bus #13 (Randal Moroski AM/Andy Leclair PM); Bus #14 (Randy Wynne AM/PM); Bus #15 (Gary Bakker AM/PM); Bus #16 (Marie Lewis AM/PM); Bus #17 (Kathy Bernas AM/PM); Bus #18 (Margaret Bakker (AM/PM).

Chris Franczyk, Director of Student and Financial Services



MASS FLU CLINICS:

WHERE: North End Wellness Center @ 363 McGregor
WHEN: October 22nd & 23rd from 12:00 PM – 7:00 PM

ADDITIONAL FLU CLINICS:

Oct 15 Turtle Island CC– 510 King St 2:00 – 6:00
Oct 16 St. Andrews St Family Centre 11:30 – 1:30
220 Andrews
Oct 17 Sinclair Park Rec. Centre 2:00 – 6:00
490 Sinclair St.
Oct 28 Vineyard - 782 Main St. 10:00 – 1:00
Oct 30 Springs Church 9:30 – 12:00
648 Burrows Ave.

Faith Academy Staff:

Changes:

Teachers:

Christine Farebrother—Matheson
Amara Koop—French, Middle School

New:

Educational Assistants:

Margaret Bakker— Matheson
Josiane Wall—Matheson
Connie Alecio— Matheson
Julia Meister— Matheson
Gwen Sharp—Middle School

Faith Academy French Program—Expands

The French program that started at Faith Academy last year has grown this year. Katia Moreau will be teaching Grades 1-4 at the Matheson and Pritchard Campus and this year Amara Koop has been hired to teach French at Faith Academy Middle School. This means that Grade 5 will have more French time and Grade 6 will also be receiving French classes.

Part of Amara's focus this year will be on developing students' speaking and listening skills. You may not see a lot of homework come home, but make sure you take some time to ask your child what they are learning. Encourage them to repeat the sentences they need to know. Developing their speaking skills will improve with practice. The curriculum will cover topics such as My Life, My School, Food and Health, and Canada and the World. These topics will give you some ideas of questions to ask.

Included in this newsletter are some tips to help you support your child in learning a new language. Take time to encourage your child, and you may even learn a little yourself.

Tips to help your child with learning French:

Practice Speaking:

- Ask your child a sentence they are learning.
- Have your child teach you words or sentences.
- Take time to speak French together.
- Learn together, check out www.duolingo.com

Practice Listening:

- Turn on French radio
- Watch familiar movies, but in French
- Borrow Audio Books from the public library
- Listen to French Music, look for French Christian music

Scholastic Book orders will also be sent home so you can order French books for home. Please choose carefully.