

## Upcoming Dates

Nov 10—Remembrance Day Campus Services  
Nov 11—Remembrance Day—**No School**  
Nov 20—Admin Day—No School  
Nov 27—First Report Card or Progress Report  
Dec 3—Parent-Teacher Evening  
Dec 4—Parent Teacher Conferences-no classes  
Dec 21—Dec 31 Christmas Break

### Pritchard:

- Nov 24—Hot Lunch

### Matheson Elementary School:

- Mondays Grade 3 & 4 Swimming (til Dec 7)
- Nov 24—Hot Lunch (order due Nov 19)

### Middle School:

- Thursday Grade 5 & 6 Swimming (til Dec 3)
- Nov 6 & 7 Girls Volleyball Tournament
- Nov 13 & 14 Boys Volleyball Tournament
- Nov 26—Hot Lunch (order due Nov 23)

### High School:

- Nov 21—Quiz Night 6pm (tickets \$15)
- Nov 30—Ignite 7pm



**Student Patrols** are at the cross walks to assist students and parents with crossing the street.



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The start of the new school year is a great time to introduce changes in the school. The Matheson Elementary campus has started some new leadership opportunities for their Grade 4 students.

If you have been around the Matheson campus lately, you might have noticed flashes of bright orange. Our **Faith Academy Patrol Program** was up and running within the first few weeks of September, and we have received positive feedback from parents and other community members about what a great job our Grade 4's are doing!

Another new leadership opportunity is our **Lunchtime Monitor Program**. They are less visible but also performing important tasks to help the younger students. Grade 4 Lunchtime Monitors help the Kindergarten to Grade 2 students warm up their lunches, open containers, and get ready for outdoor lunch recesses.

We are looking forward to the start of the **Recess Conflict Resolution Program**. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters as the program gets going and more information becomes available.



Thank you very much to all of the Patrols and Monitors! You are making a big, positive impact in our school and community!

### CAA has some driving tips for School Zones:

1. **Slow down:** Slow to a safe speed where you can. Carefully watch for kids crossing in between parked cars.
2. **Stop for buses:** When a bus's red lights are flashing, it means that children are getting in or out. Traffic must stop in both directions until the lights stop flashing.
3. **Put your car in park:** When dropping off your children, don't just come to a stop, but put your vehicle in park while they exit.
4. **Pick a spot:** Discuss with your child a designated pick-up and drop-off spot that is easily and safely accessible.
5. **Always signal:** Signal when changing lanes, turning onto another street or when moving from a parked position.

### Reminders:

Grade 3 & 4 students have swimming on Mondays until December 7.

Grade 5 & 6 students have swimming on Thursdays until December 3.

Packing your child's swimsuit and towel in their backpack the night before the lesson day will ensure they don't miss out in participating in their swimming lessons.

**Poppies** are available for students for a donation of 50¢.

**30 Day Prayer Challenge**—check it out on our website [www.fithacademy.ca](http://www.fithacademy.ca)

**Celebrate the Season** catalogue orders should be delivered the week of Nov 23.

**Parents, please be considerate to residents when parking around the school. When stopping in the back lanes, check that you aren't blocking driveways or garages, as we would like to be good neighbours in our community.**



## Grade 8 Retreat

Grade 8 students took time recently to go to Red Rock Bible Camp for their annual retreat. The retreat provided students with opportunities for fun, developing relationships and spending time growing in their faith. During the first evening session, the students were challenged to think about items and attitudes that were standing between them and developing a closer relationship with God. The fireside time was a great opportunity for students to write down these items or actions that they identified on pieces of paper and throw them into the fire as an example of giving these up to God. It was an amazing time for them to throw away things like, “procrastination” and begin making their devotions, and time with God, a priority.

Pastor Sumayod was a guest speaker for the second day. He spoke to the students about making Christ the Lord of their lives and encouraged students to follow Jesus—all or nothing. He then provided them with a challenge to choose to dedicate themselves and their lives completely. Many students went forward for prayer as a symbol of this dedication. This was a powerful time of seeing God move in the lives of students. It will be great to see how they will continue to grow in the coming year.

Attending the retreat also provided the students with opportunities to do outdoor activities such as hiking, canoeing and archery.



## Lunch Box Tips:

*Feel like all the healthy food keeps coming back home? It's important to keep offering your child healthy choices, as children will learn to eat what is familiar.*

## Device Tips for Parents:

*It can sometimes feel like time disappears when we are using technology. To help children/teenagers manage their tech time well, consider the following ideas.*

- Discuss time limits with your child
- Use a timer to keep track
- Discuss when a device is for homework and when its for pleasure—often these can overlap but not always effectively.



## Welcome Lynnette van Bruggen!

Ms. van Bruggen joined us last May in the 5A classroom when Mrs. van Zwol left for maternity leave. We are

pleased to have Ms. vB continue in 5A for this school year.

Lynnette grew up in a Christian home in St. Andrews, MB. She had the privilege of living in a home that loved Jesus and taught her faithfully about the Lord and she talks about how in High School God opened her heart to see His love for her and she committed herself to believe in Him.

This is Ms. van Bruggen’s first teaching job, she graduated with her Education degree from the University of Winnipeg and had opportunity to teach Champlain and Ralph Brown School during her student teaching.

She is enjoying teaching at Faith Academy and tries to encourage and inspire her students to embrace her love of learning. She also loves to play board games and go for nature hikes. **Welcome to Faith Academy!!**



High school students participated in a group leadership event.

Remember the **UGM Toss Box** when getting rid of clothing, purses, belts, shoes, jackets, hats, linens or towels.

