

## Upcoming Dates

June 29—Last day of Classes (2:30pm dismissal)

June 30—Admin Day (no School)

### Pritchard:

- June 17—Field Trip to Kildonan Park
- June 20—24—VBS—Cave Quest

### Matheson Elementary School:

- June 16—2016-17 Grade 5 Orientation (Grade 4 students going to Middle School)
- June 20—24—VBS—Cave Quest
- June 27—Grade 1 and 2 Field Trip to Morning Sound Farm
- June 28—Grade 1-4 Awards Night

### Middle School:

- June 15—2016-17 New to High School Parent Orientation
- June 15—Grade 6 Legislative Building Tour
- June 16—Grade 7 & 8 Math Exams
- June 17—Grade 6b Skyzone,
- June 17—Grade 8 Lunch & Bowling
- June 23—2016-17 New High School Student Orientation
- June 23—Awards Night
- June 24—Grade 8 Field Trip to the Museum
- June 27—All day at Birds Hill Park
- June 28—Grade 8 Graduation (1pm)
- June 28—Grade 1-4 Awards Night

### High School:

- June 14—Gr 12 Provincial Math Exam
- June 20—23 High School Exams
- June 27—Grade 12 Graduation
- June 29—Year End Awards and Barbeque



Check out Canadian Cancer Society's  
Tips for a Safe Healthy Summer:

<http://www.cancer.ca/en/about-us/news/on/2014/july/summertips/?region=mb>

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### Year End Transitions

Being a Kindergarten through Grade 12 school provides us with many unique opportunities. It's not unusual to see older students reading to younger students or to see high school students helping out in elementary classrooms. Every year, we enjoy watching students who started out at Faith Academy in Kindergarten, walk across the stage and receive their high school diplomas. It is an honour to be able to play such a significant role in the lives of young people.

Each year, students need to make the transition from one grade to the next, and in our three campus structure, students move from one building to another. These bigger transitions can be the cause of some excitement, but it can also cause some nervousness in some students (and even some parents). To help students (and families) make a smooth transition from Elementary to Middle School and from Middle School to High School, we put together orientation sessions for both students and parents. These sessions give families the opportunity to see the buildings and classrooms they will be attending for the next phase of their educational journey. They will be able to meet teachers and get information about what to expect at the next level. While we are all Faith Academy and teach from a Christian worldview, there are important differences between Elementary, Middle, and High School. We invite all parents of current grade 4 and grade 8 classes to take advantage of the opportunities that are offered to make the transition to the next level as smooth as possible.

We look forward to finishing the race of the 2015-2016 well and look forward to seeing everyone again as we start a new year in September.

- Mr. Warkentin

### Reminders:

**High School** is preparing for Christmas Shoeboxes early by collecting items each month. Students will be collecting writing utensils in June. This includes notebooks, pencils, erasers and highlighters. Please drop your donation of these items at the High School Office.

**Grade 9 Parent Orientation (for all new High School Students)** will be on **June 15, from 7-8pm**. Join us to hear about details of transitioning to high school, including expectations and credits.

**Grade 5 Student and Parent Orientation** will be on June 16. Students will start at 1pm and parents are welcomed at 2:00pm at the Jefferson Campus, 600 Jefferson Ave.

**Middle Schools Awards** night will be held on **June 23 at 7pm** at the Maples Evangelical Church. All Middle School students and parents are welcome to attend.

**Grade 12 Graduation** will be on **June 27**. The ceremony will start at 1pm at Eastview Church and the dinner will start at 6pm at the Hilton Airport Hotel. Tickets will be required for both and are available from the High School office.

**Grade 1-4 Awards Night** will be **June 28** at 7pm at Eastview Church, 3500 De Vries.

**Grade 8 Graduation** will be on **June 28**, 1-2:30pm at the Matheson Chapel, all parents are welcome.

## Grade 11 Ottawa trip (as told by the students)

The Grade 11's recently returned from a trip to Ottawa and some students wrote about their experiences.

The Ottawa trip provided us with a chance to grow closer as a grade and learn a lot about our country.

The travel to Ottawa included a 30 hour bus ride with a chance to stop at a few spots on the way. Once in Ottawa, we stayed as groups in cabins. This provided great opportunities for reinforcing relationships and bonds and developing new friendships.

The trip provided an opportunity to experience the history that we have been learning about. To be able to walk on the same tiled floors as the many prime ministers and to sit in the couch the Governor Generals sat in, is one of the coolest experiences ever. The history of our country is important to know and learn about it because it lays the foundation for the next generation to build the future of our great nation.

Highlights of our Ottawa experience included a visitation of the picturesque Gatineau (QC) Park, the Parliamentary buildings, as well as the magnificent home of the Governor General, Rideau Hall. We attended the Metropolitan Bible Church on Sunday morning.

When we were at the Parliament buildings we went for a tour of the buildings and were able to sit in on Question Period, and then a few of us got to go back inside to meet James Bezan, MP Selkirk/Interlake.

This year was the first time a Faith Academy group included a stop to see the Diefenbaker Bunker. It was very interesting, and surprisingly big and cold. In fact, it would be easy to get lost in. It was a great display of cutting edge technology for the time period, and as well an interesting insight into the historical context.

We never went a day without Mrs. Ingels' exemplary cooking, as she kept us full, and never dissatisfied. I also very much enjoyed the sleepless nights, either playing Capture the Flag, swimming, or having meaningful conversations with our cabin members. Overall, the Grade 11 Ottawa retreat was downright splendid, as we visited amazing sites and created new lasting bonds which had an impact on us as a grade, and each of us as individuals as well. Through the Ottawa trip, I was able to discover more of who I really am.



Middle school students enjoyed a day at the Goldeyes Game on June 2. The Goldeyes played the Sioux Falls Canaries.

### Summer Tips for Devices:

An increase of free time in the summer can often mean relaxing rules and increased use of devices. Here are some tips to help you and your child with device/screen use in the summer.

1. Set a routine for each day, include specific times and length of time for device use
2. Consider limiting screen time in the morning and encourage outside or creative activities before device time is allowed.
3. Make one day or week 'device free'.
4. Role model the attitudes and use habits you want to see in your child.