

# **FAITH ACADEMY NEWS**

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### **Upcoming Dates**

May 20: Victoria Day (no classes)

May 23 to 31: Ottawa Trip

June 17 to 21: Elementary VBS

June 17 to 20: High School Exams

June 24: Grade 8 Graduation

June 25: High School Graduation

June 27: Last day of school

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### Faith Academy - Christian Ministry, Charity, and Non-profit

Faith Academy is a very special place. Our school is, in many ways, very similar to other schools across Winnipeg and Manitoba, but in many important ways, we are different. At Faith Academy, we take every opportunity to teach students about Jesus and the Bible in order to establish a Biblical worldview that will impact their learning in every subject from kindergarten to grade 12. We recently updated our Mission and Vision statements to make our purpose very clear.

**Mission** - To provide an excellent, holistic, Bible-based and Christ-centered education program to K-12 students for the glory of God.

**Vision** - To see our students know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and grow socially, emotionally, academically, and spiritually in relationship with Him and others – equipped to live lives of faithful service for the glory of God upon graduation.

Faith Academy is a Christian ministry focused on glorifying God by offering an evangelical education program. Faith Academy is also a registered charity and non-profit. Over the years, we have purposefully kept our fees low in order to be accessible to as many families as possible, and in addition, we offer reduced tuition fees to families with financial need. This approach has meant that, in general, we have less funds available to support our programming than other schools.

Would you consider partnering with our ministry by committing to regular prayer and financial giving? We need and would be greatly blessed by your support. All regular financial gifts (monthly or quarterly) will be eligible for a tax receipt each year, and these funds will help us to expand the impact of our ministry. If you would like to partner with us in this way, please send an email to finance@faithacademy.ca to make the arrangements. Thank you!

James Harnett - Superintendent





### Leadership Travels North

The Leadership team was blessed to get the opportunity to go to Moose Lake, a Northern Manitoba Community just north of the Pas. The team was made up of 3 Grade 10 students, 8 Grade 11 students, the team's senior leader who is in Grade 12, as well as a Grade 12 chef who cooked delicious food all week long. We were led by Mr. Kroeker, the High School Counsellor, and Mrs. Elias, an EA at the school and our "Trip Mom"!

The team ran a Day camp program from Monday to Thursday during Spring Break, and some activities or events they ran included cup stacking, a photo scavenger hunt, minutetonwinit games, chapels, and skits.

Some of the trip's highlights for the team included growing in their relationships with each other but also getting to know some of the kids from the community. While they may have been difficult or hyper, they were all very sweet kids who really appreciated the extra attention and love they received while the team was there.

All in all, the Moose Lake trip that the Leadership team got to go on was an impactful experience, in which the team learned to rely on God and one another when they were tired, as they also grew closer together as a team.



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# What's Going On at Faith Academy Elementary?

It has been a busy few months in the Elementary. Along with regular classroom activities, our Elementary students focused on nutrition during Nutrition Month in March. Students tried different nutritious snacks and learned about the importance of making good food choices through lessons and activities. The Elementary also held our very own STEAM afternoon, where students spent a few hours learning about melting and freezing points, and how Arctic animals are able to stay warm in a cold climate. And there was no better way to prepare our hearts and minds for Easter, than to watch our Grade 3 and 4 Easter concert "Is He Worthy!" What a beautiful reminder that yes, He is worthy!

We didn't slow down in April. At the beginning of the month, the Elementary hosted it's very first Book Fair which was a great success. Thank you to everyone who purchased products from the Fair in total we sold almost \$4500 in products. Proceeds from the Fair will go towards building a bigger library in your child's classroom. Students also had multiple opportunities to play indoor soccer at the Seven Oaks Soccer Complex - an activity that students thoroughly enjoy year after year.

I can't forget to mention some other fun moments (some planned, some spontaneous) that our

students enjoyed, such as a very successful "walking taco" Hot Lunch, and a "white out" day to support our Winnipeg Jets in the Playoffs!

We are looking forward to the last few months of school - we know that they will fly by!





## **Meet Azula!**

4A is pleased to welcome their new class pet: Azula!

Azula is a beautiful bearded dragon who loves basking in the sun (or under her heat lamp), relaxing on her log (or on Mrs. Hogeveen's shoulder), and fine dining (she is able to devour up to 20 crickets in one sitting).

Welcome to 4A, Azula! You are a great addition to the classroom!



## Farewells and Hellos

We want to say a big farewell to Miss Esselink! She has been a part of our teaching staff for the past 13 years, all in 6B. She came to Faith Academy as a new teacher but now leaves us as one of the veterans on the staff. While she was teaching in 6B, she was also a coach, helped start FAMS Got Art, the FAMS market and the list goes on. We continue to pray for God's guidance and leading in your life and she will be greatly missed by her many students and the staff at the Middle School.

In her place, we want to welcome Ms. Riehl. She will be finishing off the year with the 6B class. She has recently graduated and is very excited to teach the 6B class.

# Track & Field—Coming soon

There are multiple track meets coming up in May for our students, including a meet that will just be our own school. Stay tuned for these events coming up in the first few weeks of May.

# **FAMS** Art shows

"Art is not a thing it is a way",and F.A.M.S Got Art is a platform that shows Faith Academy's way.

Every year we work together to display our talents. You can let your creativity shine by placing your work in an exhibition or you let your emotions run wild by performing. You can do things like, dancing, singing, you can even play an instrument. F.A.M.S Got Art is not the only opportunity to express yourself. This year we had our event on March 7 and it was a huge success once again.

Faith Academy also hosts things like the Vendor's market. The vendors market is where the students put up stalls to sell stuff that they made. There are a variety of things such as jewelry, crochet stuffies, stickers, baked goods, bubble tea, and much more.

Avinaaz Sandhu 6A

