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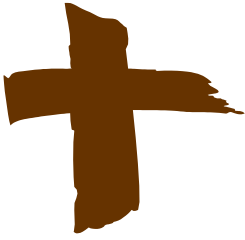
## June 2024 Parent Newsletter

**THANK YOU PARENTS-** Once again, I cannot begin this newsletter without thanking each of you for a great year. We appreciate our parents more than we can express. We realize that it is rare for teachers to have such involved and supportive parents. We are all here to help each other train our precious children to be established and rooted in the saving grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for valuing Christian Education and for raising your kids to know deep down that the Bible is true and that God loves them. Thank you for your financial sacrifices, may the Lord bless you for the decision you have made to provide a Christian Education for your children.

**Devotions and Reading-** This summer, I would encourage you to remind your kids to take time with God daily. That will look different for different age groups, but whatever it looks like for your kids, please remind them that it's very important to have a personal relationship with God. Also, please encourage your kids to read throughout the summer. You will notice a big difference in your children's academics during the school year if they are reading regularly throughout the summer.

**Parent Survey and Dress Code-** Thank you to all parents who returned a parent survey for the previous school year. We value your input and will be making some changes based on the survey results. One change that we will be working on this summer is the dress code. Most parents support the goals we want to achieve with a dress code, but have concerns about a dress code that might be too extreme. We will take all of your thoughts into account as we work on a dress code update over the summer. At this point, we can say for sure that we won't expect you to purchase an entire new wardrobe. So as you are school shopping, just keep in mind the general modesty guidelines for now. We will update you on any dress code changes as soon as they are established.

**Attachments-** Attached you will find a 2024-25 school calendar, school supply list, and Iowa Basics test scores. These scores are only attached if your



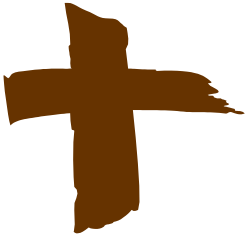
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child took the tests and was in 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2023-24 school year. If you would like help interpreting the scores or have other questions, please email me at [fcsthorson@arvig.net](mailto:fcsthorson@arvig.net) We would like you to bring your school supplies on the back-to-school night, so please keep that in mind when you see school supplies out at the stores. You will notice on the supply list that all PreK-Kindergarten students should bring a change of clothes in a gallon size zip-lock bag labeled with a name. We will keep this at school in case of an accident. Also keep in mind that there are few days on the school calendar that differ from the Detroit Lakes Public Schools. This is to accommodate our Parent/Teacher Conference Schedule, and to provide a longer Easter Break.

**Water Carnival Parade-** The Water Carnival Parade Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 1pm. We would like to do a float again this year and will be emailing you at the beginning of July to see if you would like to participate. We are looking for students, parents, and/or other family members who would like to wear a school shirt and walk with the float. You would pass out candy or promotional materials along the route too. Please think about if you could help with this. If you don't have a school shirt, we do have some for purchase, or you can just wear our school colors which are blue and white. New families, we'd love to have you join us! We will also be decorating the float on Saturday, July 20 at 7pm at school. Please join us to help decorate the float whether or not you can walk in the parade.

**Becker County Fair-** The fair is August 7-10 this year and we are looking for parent volunteers to take shifts to sit at the fair booth this year. The shifts are for 2 hours on Wednesday-Saturday. The booth will be all set up for you, we just ask that you try to talk to people who come to the booth to let them know about our school. Even new families can take a shift as we will provide all the promotional information that you would need. New families in fact, are encouraged to take a shift and no one should feel like they have to "know everything" about the school to sit at the booth. If the public has questions that you are unsure of the answer, you can give them a brochure and direct them to email Anita with questions. This is just an opportunity to let the public know that there is a Christian School in our community. Please email Lauren at [fcslarson@arvig.net](mailto:fcslarson@arvig.net) if you can help at the booth.



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**Parent Meeting-** We will host a parent meeting on Wednesday, August 28 at 6pm. This meeting will include any changes to the student handbook, procedures for drop off/pick up, how to contact your student or the school during the school day, lunch storage, and general procedural information. We hope you can attend, but if not, we will get all the information to you at a later date.

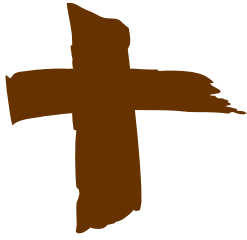
**Back-to-School Night-** Back to school night is on Thursday, August 29. It's an open house style event, so drop in anytime between 4:00-6:00 p.m. Your children can meet their teacher and see their classroom. Please bring in school supplies at this time too.

**First Day of School-** School starts on Tuesday, September 3 for 1<sup>st</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade, and Wednesday, September 4 for PreK and Kindergarten. If you would like to have your children ride the bus through the Detroit Lakes Public Schools, please make arrangements with them by calling the Detroit Lakes Public Schools Administration Building at 218-847-9271 and let us know the details.

**FCS Rummage Sale-** Our annual rummage sale will be September 6-7 and September 13-14 at the Becker County Fairgrounds. For now, please consider keeping your gently used items for a rummage sale donation. We are looking for a co-chair to help Sue plan the sale. Please email her at [swanstroms@yahoo.com](mailto:swanstroms@yahoo.com) if you are interested. Otherwise, we will be looking for volunteers to help with set up, help during the sale, and with tear down. We will keep track of your hours that you worked to help with the sale, then all money raised will be divided according to how many hours you worked and put directly toward your child's tuition. There will be more information to come about signing up to help, and how to drop off donations.

**Long Term Sub-** We currently have a long term sub position open for January-March 2025. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please have them contact the school for an application.

Sincerely,  
Anita Thorson,  
Faith Christian School Administrator



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**Mark your calendar:**

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| July 20-             | Decorate Parade Float at School 7pm                        |
| July 21-             | Water Carnival Parade- 1pm                                 |
| August 7-10          | Becker County Fair   |
| August 28-           | Parent Meeting 6pm   |
| August 29-           | Back to School Open House 4-6pm                            |
| September 3-         | First Day of School 1 <sup>st</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Grade |
| September 4-         | First Day of School PreK and Kindergarten                  |
| September 6-7, 13-14 | Rummage Sale   |
| October 1-           | Bike-a-thon  |
| October 3-           | Bike-a-thon Rain Make up Day                               |
| October 16-          | 1:45 Early Dismissal (Staff Meeting)                       |