

Faith Christian School
24688 Co. Hwy 6
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

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Newsletter March/April 2024

We have many important events coming up, so please read the newsletter carefully.

The last day to turn in reading challenge slips is Monday, March 25. If we work hard, we can make it halfway around the gym!

All parents and students; when you come to school in the morning, please walk all the way to the gym and enter the kitchen that way rather than cutting through the church sanctuary. Thank you for your cooperation.

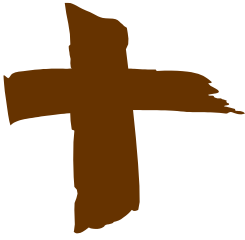
At this week's special board meeting, the board decided to begin a separate high school class for 9th grade students in the fall of 2024 and continue adding grade levels from there. We are excited to begin the process of opening a separate high school class. Please see the attachment for the details of the classes that the 9th graders will take. These classes are subject to change depending on the teacher that we hire. The board also decided to open a PreK class for 3 year old students this fall. Our 3 year old class will be two half days a week and the 4 year old class will be three full days a week. We will be looking at using the Abeka phonics curriculum for these classes along with Kindergarten, which will flow easily into the 1st-2nd grade phonics classes too. We are hopeful and excited about these new opportunities at our school!

It is important that you let us know if your child will be absent for the day. You have several options for letting us know. If it is a planned absence that you know about ahead of time, please write a note in your child's planner. If your child is sick, or has another unplanned reason for the absence, please call the school office at 218-847-7375. We will check the voicemail messages every day. You can also email your child's teacher. Anita- fcsthorsen@arvig.net Allison- fshochstetler@arvig.net Lauren- fslarson@arvig.net Brenda- fcsbrook@arvig.net as teachers check their emails each day before and after school.

We are looking forward to our **burrito bar fundraiser coming up fast on April 7 from 4-6pm.** This fundraiser helps to keep our tuition costs low, and we need your help! Please post the flyer, that is being sent home today, at your church or around town. Invite your family and friends to attend, share the Facebook post about it, and see the attached letter for other ways you can help. We really appreciate anything you can do to support this fundraiser. Thank you!

Parent/teacher conferences are April 11-12. Please return the slip that was sent home with your time slot to indicate if you can make your scheduled time. School will be dismissed at regular time on Thursday, April 11, and there will be no school on Friday, April 12.

Remember that we are not making up our snow days, so it's important to work on the "snow day activity ideas" list that was sent home with the kids and is also posted on the website at



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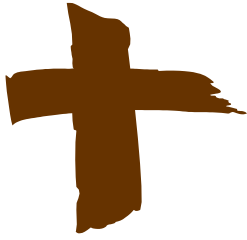
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The weather in spring can change so quickly, so we'd like to remind you to make sure the kids have a jacket and other appropriate outdoor gear for each day.

We appreciate all of our parents. You are all so supportive and involved in your children's education. You make Christian education a priority, and we recognize that it can be a huge sacrifice for families. **We want you to know that we are thankful for all of you, and we pray that God will bless you.** We hope that you see the value in Christian education too, and that you will consider making it a priority again next year. Please return your re-enrollment forms if you haven't done so yet, so that we can begin making plans for next year. Also, we would appreciate you letting others know about our school as we are looking for new students as well. You could also mention to them that we are having an **open house on April 29 from 4-6pm** if they would like to check things out.

You may have noticed on your re-enrollment form that the school board decided at their last meeting to increase tuition for next year by 5%. The board wants you to know that they do everything they can to keep costs low while also keeping in mind our fiscal responsibility too. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Anita who can put you in contact with a school board member. Thank you for your understanding.

Iowa Basics testing for all 3rd-9th graders is scheduled for April 22-26 this year. We need help from you during that week. Please make sure that your kids get to bed on time or even early that week so they are ready for testing each morning. Also, make sure they have a very hearty and healthy breakfast and morning snack for brain fuel. We have noticed in the past that rest and hearty eating really do make a big difference for testing week. These tests are important for many reasons. They help us determine if we need to make any curriculum changes, or any areas of weakness that we need to address in academics. They also give us a great picture of how your child/ren are doing academically. Testing will take place each morning of that week from 8:40-11:00 with appropriate breaks when needed. We will try to make sure that the students don't have homework to do during that week so that the evenings can be spent relaxing and playing in preparation for the next day.



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Mark your calendars:

Every Wednesday-	8:30 Chapel
March 22	End of 3 rd Quarter
March 25	Parent Class- Supper 6pm, Class- 6:30
March 26	Band Concert, Library Club 2:00
March 27	Early Dismissal 1:50
March 28-April 1	No School- Easter Break
April 2	School Resumes
April 7	Burrito Bar Fundraiser 4-6pm
April 9	School Board Meeting 5:30- parents always welcome
April 10	Mrs. Larson's class to do chapel
April 11	Parent/Teacher Conferences
April 12	No School/Conferences
April 22-26	Iowa Basics Testing for all 3 rd -9 th grade students
April 22	Parent Class- Supper 6pm, Class- 6:30
April 24	Mini Recital for chapel- all piano students from both teachers will perform a selection on the piano
April 29	Open House- invite perspective families to come check out our school. 4-6pm
May 23	Last Day of School, Awards Program 11am and then please join us for an all school picnic. School is dismissed for summer afterwards, please plan to pick up your child by 1pm