



FAITH
CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL

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Faith Footnotes

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Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2

WELCOME TO THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR!

We are excited to see what God has in store for Faith Christian School this year!

Fees



If you have not paid your child's fees for the year, please do so as soon as possible. A fee sheet was included in your orientation packet.

Orientation Follow-up (Paperwork Needed!)



We really enjoyed getting to meet with you all at orientation last Friday night and we look forward to getting to know you better throughout the year. If you missed orientation, your orientation packet has been sent home with your child today. The packet includes very important information that should be reviewed thoroughly.

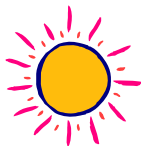
New handbooks were given out at orientation for elementary and secondary students. All students and parents should become familiar with the new and updated policies in the handbook.

Please return all forms to the office as soon as possible including the handbook acknowledgment form. We are working to make sure that all student files are complete. Your child must have the following information in their file by the end of the week, or a notice will be sent home: birth certificate, current immunization record or waiver, permission/authorization/medical history form, and handbook acknowledgement form. Elementary students must have an Individuals Approved for Student Pickup form in the file and secondary students wishing to play sports must have completed all sports paperwork.

All hardback textbooks should be covered. This will help to keep the books in good condition. Please have all books covered by Monday, August 24th.



30-DAY FORECAST ~ Mark Your Calendars ~ Future Events



Mon	Aug 17 th	First day of school
W-F	Sept 2 nd - 4 th	JH and HS Retreat
Mon	Sept 7 th	No School - Labor Day
Thu	Sept 10 th	Secondary Parents' Meeting 6pm
Thu	Sept 10 th	Association Mtg 7pm
Fri	Sept 11 th	Elementary Adventure
Fri	Sept 11 th	12:30 Dismissal (K-6 only)

Elementary News

Attention Volunteers!

Parents, please return your parent volunteer forms if you are willing and able to help out this year. Within the next week or so, the information will be compiled and you will be notified of volunteer assignments based on what areas you were able to help. There are many opportunities to help. If you are in need of another form, please see Mrs. Oliver in the office.



STUDENT PICKUP

We want to make sure that the sign-out process is working efficiently, with the utmost safety of the children in mind. For this reason, students will only be released to the first car in line. If parents are quick to pull forward, the process should continue to work smoothly. Please do not hold up the line by getting out of your car or parking in the line. Be sure to watch for traffic coming behind you on your left when pulling away



Make sure to check your student's homework folder every day for important teacher and school communication. Students will be rewarded for having their homework sheet (K) or planner (1st-6th grade) signed by the parent each night.

Elementary Adventure

Each year we plan an elementary adventure day, where the students can have a great time getting their faces painted, playing games, eating yummy food, doing crafts, and learning about the year's spiritual theme. It is always a BLAST and an event that the students remember for years to come. This event will take place on Friday, September 11th. This is a half day (12:30 dismissal) for elementary students.



The students, teachers, and parent helpers will spend several hours doing a variety of really fun things, and then the students will be ready at 12:30 to go home.

The fee for the elementary adventure was included in the field trip fee for the year. This covers the cost of the theme T-shirt, pizza, crafts, and other activities. Students are asked to bring a snack to share.

Parents, you are more than welcome to come and help out. Please let Mrs. Borta know if you will be available or leave a note for her in the office.

WELCOME NEW AND
RETURNING FAMILIES!



Junior High and High School News

Monday Envelope

Parents, please sign the front of the Monday envelope below your student's name and return the envelope on Tuesday. This will tell us that you are aware of the information that has been sent home.



Junior/Senior High Retreat Prescott United Christian Youth Camp

We are busy planning for this year's Junior/Senior High Retreat and are looking forward with great anticipation to the exciting events that will be taking place. The retreat this year will be September 2nd through September 4th. The cost is \$115 per student and covers food and lodging for 3 days and 2 nights.

This is a valuable time for students to get to know each other and to grow in the Lord. If students are unable to attend, they will be assessed absences as these are considered school days.

If you are interested in being a chaperone, or have any questions please contact Mrs. Smith. Permission slips and other information will be sent home next week.



With a new school year starting, now might be a good time to assess ways to help your student achieve. Why not try some of the suggestions listed below?

Set aside a family quiet time each school night. During this time, the television is off and the whole family is involved in "work." While the older students are doing homework, younger children can read (or be read to), mom and dad can work on bills, correspondence, or their own reading. Even if there is no specific homework for the next day, the time can be used for general studying or reading.

Know what is going on. Read the *Footnotes* and other communications in the Monday envelope. Ask to see daily planners so you can be aware of homework loads. By the way, if homework is consistently over three hours, talk to your child's advisor to discuss strategies to lessen the time.

Organize. Pack the backpacks at night. Be sure all homework and books are in it.

Encourage your student to treat Fridays as a school day. Do homework that afternoon rather than waiting until Sunday night.

Last and most importantly – **PRAY.** Pray with and for your child. Pray for the teachers. God is listening.

Sports Extra

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Practice begins tomorrow (Tuesday) for the Girls' volleyball team. All 7th-12th grade girls are invited to join. Students are to wear PE uniforms, and should bring the following items to the first practice:

- ~black knee pads
- ~water bottle (the practices will be outdoors)

Students may be picked up at the school at 4:30pm.



BOYS' SOCCER

Practice begins tomorrow (Tuesday) for the Boys' soccer team. All 7th-12th grade boys are invited to join. Students are to wear PE uniforms, and should bring the following items to the first practice:

- ~cleats
- ~shin guards
- ~water bottle (the practices will be outdoors)

Students may be picked up at the school at 4:30pm.

If there is any parent willing to help coach, please contact Mr. Buckingham.

If you have not yet turned in the sports paperwork (parent or guardian's permit, emergency medical consent form, health history, and athletics physical form), please do so ASAP. Documentation of a physical examination must be on file before the first game.