

EVENTS



Junior High Getaway / High School Retreat (August)

High school students will go on a 3 day retreat typically the week before Labor Day. The students will have times of worship and teaching on the year's spiritual theme and have activities that allow students to get to know each other and have fun together. There is not an additional fee for this event.

Junior High students will have a one day event off campus that allows them a similar experience in a shortened time frame. Typically this event takes place on Thursday and students will have a day off on Friday and have some reflective activities assigned to them. There is not an additional fee for this event.



Fall Formal (October)

A formal event is planned for high school students each October by our Student Leadership Council. It typically involves dinner and a trip to the theater. Junior High students will also have a fall event which may be more casual and fun. These activities will have costs to participate and there will be a sign up necessary. Be sure to note the deadlines for sign ups.



Musical Programs (Christmas and Spring)

There will be musical productions around Christmas and in the Spring at our Fine Arts night. Some of our junior high and high school classes will participate in these events. The teacher will communicate the details of what to wear and what time to be there. Participation is usually required for a grade.



Christmas Parties (December)

Student Leadership Council plans Christmas parties for 7-12th grade. Dinner, activities, and a gift exchange are typical. Sometimes they go to see lights or they may do something like ice skating or bowling. These activities will have costs to participate and there will be a sign up necessary. Be sure to note the deadlines for sign ups.



Falcon Fair (Saturday morning, end of School Choice Week)

The Falcon Fair event takes place at the end of January or beginning of February. This is our HUGE Spring Recruitment Event and includes games and activities for the whole family. We are always looking for more people to join the Faith Family, so we need your help to make this event a success!



Fine Arts Showcase (Spring Semester - including Spring Program)

The Fine Arts Showcase is our largest fine arts event of the year featuring our Elementary Music Program, K-12 art gallery and contest, and may feature performances from musical groups like Worship Team, recorders, Guitars, and Choir. This event is scheduled for a Saturday afternoon, so please make sure to get it on your calendar early.



Spring Trips (April)

High school students take a week-long trip in the spring. Two years will be a mission trip. The 9 and 10 grades will stay in Arizona and the older students may go a little further or out of state. One year will be a 9-12 grade trip to Washington DC. The other year is typically a science or arts trip that takes them into California for the week. Most of the trips are provided at no extra cost, but the Washington DC trip will require more significant fees.

Parents are welcome to chaperone. To be a chaperone/volunteer for field trips or in the classroom, family members are asked to complete the chaperone/volunteer forms that are located in the office or on the website under parent resources. There is a fee for the background check, this may be paid by check, card or cash.



Fundraisers

Faith Christian School is an independent, not-for-profit organization, and as such, depends solely on tuition and fees that our parents pay. We do not receive funds from the government, a church or any other entity. Since enrollment varies from year to year and costs don't fluctuate significantly whether we have many students or few, we typically hold two major fundraisers a year to help keep tuition affordable for parents. We hold one fundraiser in the spring, our auction/dinner, and one in the fall. It is very important that each family is a participant in and contributes to these two fundraising activities. Please be in prayer as to how you can support the important work of FCS by doing your part.



Service Projects

One of the missions of the school is to build hearts of service in our students and provide opportunities to serve those around us. Elementary students have a unique ability to touch others in a special way because of their innocence and child-like faith. In the past we have held service projects such as a coin drive, food drive, clothing drive, car wash, Santa for a Senior, card writing campaign, or acts of service in our community.



Family Association Meeting

Family Association Meetings (September and April)

FCS' Association is the official founding body of the school made up of all parents. We hold two meetings a year in the fall and spring to give reports of the business and ministry aspects of the school. We ask that every family be represented at these meetings which typically occur on Tuesday or Thursday evenings.



Parent Support Organization

Parent Support Organization (PSO)

The Parent Support Organization (PSO) exists to support the mission of Faith Christian School by building community, supporting teachers and staff and engaging families in a Christ-centered way. There are opportunities to be involved including class moms and spiritual and community events. Look for an invitation to your class's Group Me and get to know the other parents in your child's class.



Field Trips

We believe that learning can take place both inside the classroom and out. Field trips are designed to enhance the learning that is taking place in the classroom and to expose the students to varied experiences throughout the year. Parents are also encouraged to chaperone when communicated.

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Spring Fling (Spring)

Student Leadership Council plans this event in the spring. It will consist of an activity and dinner and is usually a Saturday afternoon. Students have gone to Castles and Coasters, bowling, or go-carting in the past. There will be one event for high school students where seniors are honored. There will be a separate junior high event that 6th graders may attend to help introduce them to junior high. These activities will have costs to participate and there will be a sign up necessary. Be sure to note the deadlines for sign ups.



Junior High/High School Awards (May)

The Awards ceremony will take place at the end of the year and it is a special time when every student is recognized and given awards for their character and their achievements. The award ceremony is held in the last week of the school year to present awards to students in the evening.

PROJECTS



Bible Truths and Memorization (weekly or quarterly)

It is our conviction that an understanding of the application of God's Word is essential to the life of every student to adequately prepare them to live and respond appropriately in the world He has created. It is our desire that every student hear and respond to the clear call of God presented in the gospel as contained in the scriptures.

SCIENCE EXTRAVAGANZA



Science Extravaganza (Fall, Bi-annually - on odd # years)

A Science Fair (Science Extravaganza) takes place every other year. (It rotates with a school-wide STEM Fair and Speech Meet). Presentations take place during the school day, and parents will be invited to attend.



STEM FAIR

STEM Fair (Spring, Bi-annually - on even # years)

Every other year (same year as Speech Meet), FCS puts on a STEM Fair to focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics driven projects. Students will work in assigned groups to complete this project. Projects are displayed and then presented to the whole student body during an afternoon assembly.



Speech Meet (Spring, Bi-annually - on even # years)

A school-wide Speech Meet takes place every other year. Students will present their speeches in small groups throughout the morning. An award ceremony and showcase will take place after lunch. This is typically a grade in the student's English class.



Standardized (IOWA) Testing (April)

We use the IOWA Assessments for our standardized testing which takes place in April. Testing take place the first few hours of the morning and is usually completed by Wednesday of the week. It's best to avoid appointments the first part of this week if at all possible.

Information about all of these events and projects will be communicated through the Faith Footnotes and through the classroom teacher. Keep an eye out for all of the details that will be coming your way throughout the year!