



Faith Christian School
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March 2021 Parent Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Thank you for continuing to be so involved in your children's education. We know that many of you make financial and time sacrifices to be able to send your children to a Christian school, and we appreciate it very much. We believe that the Lord will honor your commitment to provide your children with a quality Christian education. There doesn't seem a time more vital than now to reinforce with them how God made them to be exactly who He meant them to be, and He doesn't make mistakes. You are giving your kids the most important gift you ever could by making sure that they are rooted in their faith from childhood. If the truth of God's Word is being poured into them at school, church, and home, they will have a firm foundation when they grow up.

After the launch of our new assignments policy, there have been a few questions about several items that we want to clarify. When a student has something written in red in his/her planner, that is a missing assignment. We tell the students that they must bring anything written in red home for you to physically look at to make sure it is done, even if they got it done in school. Sometimes we will have a chance to check it at school, and will initial in the planner if we have done so. Also, the main point with the new policy is to place the responsibility on the students, not on teachers or parents. The students' grades will be affected by missing assignments instead. A question also came up about "redos." We allow kids to do redos if they have several wrong on a paper. It could be that a student does a redo after getting several wrong and then gets 100%. There are some students who try hard the first time and get, for example, an 85%, those students would not be eligible for a redo. Parents have brought up that it may not be fair to the ones who tried hard the first time. We are considering allowing a max grade of a B on redos emphasizing the importance to the students of trying hard the first time. We would appreciate your input on this matter. Let us know what you think.

We have a calendar change to make you aware of. Conferences have been rescheduled to Wednesday evening, March 31, and Thursday, April 1 during the day. **THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, APRIL 1** for parent/teacher conferences. Essentially, Easter break will be April 1-April 6. School will resume Wednesday, April 7. Attached is the conference schedule. Let us know if you can make your time.

Iowa Basics testing will be for 3rd-7th graders the week of April 19. These standardized tests will help us to see how the students are doing academically. Please make sure that your child is well rested that week, gets a hearty, healthy breakfast, and pack an energizing morning snack. Thanks for your help.

Conditions on our playground in March can be very wet. We try to keep the kids out of the water, but socks sometimes get wet. It can be very uncomfortable to sit in



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class with wet socks. Please consider packing a dry pair of socks in your child's back pack in case he/she needs them after recess.

At conferences, or prior to them, we will ask you to return the re-enrollment form for next year. Please start thinking now about your plans for the 2021-22 school year. We would like to know if you plan to re-enroll so that we can start making plans for staffing, book orders, materials, and supplies. We need to know our future numbers to make these decisions. We are excited about the reopening our Pre-Kindergarten program for next year! We are planning to offer Pre-K for 4 year-olds this fall. Please spread the word in the community, and consider enrolling your own 4 year-old in Pre-K at Faith Christian School!

We try to always have the current spelling lists and memory verse up on our website in case kids come home without their study sheets. Please go to faithlutherandetroitlakes.com and click on the Faith Christian School tab, then spelling, for the information that you need.

Mark Your Calendars:

Every Monday-	Library Day, return books to school
Every Wednesday-	11:00 Chapel
March 12-	No School
March 26-	End of 3 rd Quarter
April 1-April 6-	No School- Conferences, and Easter Break
April 7-	School Resumes
April 19-23	Iowa Basics Testing for 3 rd -7 th grade
May 3-9	Screen Free Week
May 28-	Last Day of School