



# THOUGHTS ON *FAITH*

## A Message From Head of School

November 22, 2016

Dear Faith Family,

Parent Teacher Conferences: it doesn't exactly evoke the same type of emotions as a wedding, a baby's birth, or a graduation. But, sitting in conferences with teachers and parents over the years, it's special to see how parents, even though the student isn't present, absolutely delight in viewing the work of their child: they marvel at the child's penmanship; they savor the "group leader" sticker on their child's desk; they shed tears pondering the tangible results of a Christ-centered education at Faith Christian School. The child does all of this work in the parents' absence; the parents rarely see their child performing these works. But the impact on them is there, even if the parents aren't. And I am struck with thoughts about the work of God all around us.

Our Father may be, for now, unseen to us, but He is very present. Always.

His works are all around us to leave us in awe of Him. They may be but a shadow of who He really is, but His works beg for us to look up and long for the One who casts that shadow. In a very real way, this is the purpose of a Christ-centered education: to constantly show our students all that God has done, so that they can share the Gospel and those awesome works of our great God with the world, all the while longing for the day when we will see Him face to face.

It's been a fantastic school year so far! God has blessed Faith Christian School with increased enrollment which currently stands at 169; He has blessed us with talented and passionate staff members to join an already gifted faculty; He has given us awesome students who joyfully receive a Christ-centered education each and every day; and God has given us a school family that truly cares about one another and loves Christ-centered education. As we rapidly approach the end of the calendar year, it's not too early to prayerfully consider plans for the 2017-2018 school year and beyond. More details will follow but for now:

- Save the Date for one of the most important events on the school calendar!

### **January 30 at 7pm**

- The State of the School Address from the Head of School.
- A showcase of the value of a Christ-centered education at FCS, highlighting our fantastic students and faculty.
- The announcement of the 2017-18 tuition rates and fees.
- The official kick-off of the re-enrollment and open reenrollment period for the 2017-18 school year.
- Early Re-enrollment fee of \$125\* [non-refundable] January 30-February 17.
- Regular Re-enrollment fee of \$200\* beginning February 18.
- This event replaces the Annual Parent Meeting on March 6

Faith Christian School is revising our practices as they relate to what has previously been referred to as financial aid but will now be referred to as Tuition Assistance. In short, so that we can increase our level of healthy stewardship, we are tightening up our practices while continuing to provide assistance to our families who have legitimate need. As a school body, we must begin to view the vast majority of the Tuition Assistance that is offered to our families for what it really is: tuition forgiveness. In the 2016-2017 fiscal year, FCS will provide over \$100,000 in Tuition Assistance. The leadership of FCS views this as a tremendous blessing and honor to be able to provide for our families; but, it also requires an abundance of both faith and responsibility on our part. FCS is determined to sustain a healthy level of generosity, trusting for God's provision and asking His blessing on the 2017-18 school year and beyond.

When the re-enrollment period begins on January 30, families may submit a Tuition Assistance application through FACTS with required documentation at any time during the re-enrollment or enrollment process, but consideration of the Tuition Assistance application will not occur until all requirements for admission have been completed including submission of the 2016 tax return. More details will be coming following the Christmas break.

Faith Family, we believe in Christ-centered education. The joy resulting from spending day after day loving, discipling, and teaching your children fuels the collective calling of our faculty and staff. It's our privilege to partner with you and we can't wait to see what God will do through Faith Christian School for years to come!

Respectfully in Christ,

Jim McCormick, M.Ed.  
Blessed to be Head of School



\*Per student; only one student needs to be paid for during the early re-enrollment period to lock in the \$125 per student rate regardless of the number of children enrolled. The student registration fee for each remaining student(s) in a family must be paid by June 15, the closing date of re-enrollment.

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