



FCA Bugle



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JUNE

- June 4 Field Day
Casperkill 9am-2pm
- June 6 8th Grade
Graduation Sunday
Faith Assembly of God
11:00am Service
- June 10 Graduation
Ceremony Night
6pm-7pm PreK - Grade 5
7:30pm - Grade 6-10
- June 11 Splash Down Day
10am - 2pm
Tickets Available
- June 14 - 15 8th Grade Trip
- June 14 Splash Down Rain Date
- June 17 NYS Social Studies
Assessment Grade 8
- June 21 - 22 Early Dismissal
11:45
- June 22 Last Day of School

Congratulations to the Student of the Week

Pre - K
Thelonius Lucien

Kindergarten
Timothy Post
Lance Mackin
Darren Hoffmann

2nd grade
Tiffany Balsamo

3rd grade
Brooke Fail

4th grade
Matthew Barry
Xavier Mayo

Family Referral Award

*Refer New Families to Faith Christian Academy
and you will receive a \$100.00 credit upon completion of the new
family's first semester with Faith Christian Academy!*

Pre-Kindergarten

May is an amazing month of growth in Pre-K! There is growth in the children and growth all around the classroom. The children planted



seeds and watched them sprout, and they have also watched as caterpillars have been busy at work eating and making cocoons. We are now waiting for them to hatch. As the children watch growth all around them, I watch growth in them. I can see them maturing and "preparing" for Kindergarten, and I marvel at how much they have learned and absorbed. This was evident as they sang and performed for their moms at our Mother's Day Celebration. Ladies, you are truly loved. Your children are good friends, considerate students, and productive citizens of our classroom. I am very proud of them!

Mrs. Garcia

Kindergarten

I Corinthians 12:18 says "But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be." That has been our theme verse in



Kindergarten this month as we have been learning all about how God made our bodies. Each child has been doing a research presentation about one particular part of the body. Big kids... do you remember which part you taught us about when you were in Kindergarten? Nurse Joy came into our class too to let us listen to our hearts and to tell us how to take care of cuts.



Mrs. Colsey

1st Grade

Tweet! Tweet! 1st graders have been learning about birds. Do you know what the largest bird is? How about the smallest bird?

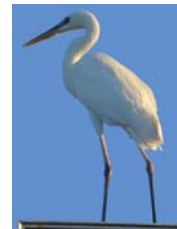


We have learned that God created specific beaks/bills and feet for each bird based on where they live and what they eat! The eagle needs to have curved talons and upper beak because it needs to snatch its food in mid-air and tear its food to eat!

The chickadee needs to have a strong, small, pointy beak to eat seeds. The woodpecker needs to have a very strong



longer pointy beak to get through the bark of a tree to find bugs to eat. And herons need very long pointy



beaks to spear fish and spread out feet with a balancing toe in the back for wading in water. Isn't God amazing? He had a plan for each animal as He cre-

ated them!

Food for thought: "Look at the birds of the air, they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"

Matthew 6:26-27

Blessings,
Cindy Beverley

2nd Grade

2nd grade is *more fun than a barrel of monkeys*. We learn a lot in our class, but we like to *monkey around* too from time to time. Come to our room and you will be greeted by a room full of monkeys and some of our favorite idioms (sayings that don't mean exactly what the words say.) Students have enjoyed learning the meaning of different idioms, illustrating literal as well as figurative meanings and finding them in the stories/poems that we read. We are realizing how much fun playing with words can be!

Our lessons in Bible this year have focused on a Bible hero and a character trait. We will conclude our year by learning about how Paul shared his faith with others and how we need to do the same. We will review the character traits learned and discover that when we live by those traits, we **SHOW** Jesus to those around us. The best witness we can give is to be like Jesus!

June 14 is approaching quickly and the 2nd grade will be celebrating Flag Day by singing some patriotic songs to honor the flag and our country it represents. We appreciate the many blessings God has given to us this year and are thankful for the freedom we have in this country.

Happy Flag Day!

Mrs. Jones



3rd Grade

WOW! Are we really at the end of May already? This month has been filled with lots of learning and fun. We finished up our last science unit on Matter. We had fun playing with goopy stuff to try and figure out if it is a solid or a liquid. We also looked at chemical reactions and saw that if you mix some solids with liquids they will make a gas.

We also have been working on a group project in class. Students were given a problem and they had to come up with ways they could solve this problem. The point of the project was not so much solving the problem, but working in cooperative groups. The students learned that there is no "I" in team and they must listen to other group members. His or her idea is not the most important, everyone's idea is equally important.



It is crazy to think this school year is coming to a close. We have had so much fun this year and have grown in many different areas. I cannot wait to see what God has planned for these students in the years to come!

Miss Loiacono

4th Grade

We can hardly believe that next month school will be out for summer vacation. This month has been very busy with New York State testing. The fourth graders were busy taking a math, science, language, and two field tests. They are really glad that they will not hear the word test for awhile. The fourth graders recited Matthew 5:1-16 in Chapel and did a fantastic job. They were each individually tested also for their own grade. We are now preparing our class Bible studies that each student will be presenting. Each student will prepare a lesson which will include a worksheet and handouts. I will be a student for that period as they take on the role of the teacher. This has always been a great experience for the students. We will continue to enjoy our final days as a class as vacation is fast approaching. It has been a wonderful year and I know there is a part of each of us that does not want it to end.

Blessings,

Mrs. Behr

Art	Math 6th - 10th Grade	7th & 8th Literature
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Wow!!! Where has the year gone to? Well, it's that time again...end of the year Art Contest and Art Festival. Students will be awarded first, second, and third place ribbons and prizes for each grade level. Artwork will be judged by creativity and by the amount of different art terms they incorporate into their work.

Upper grade students have been working on optical illusion art projects. Their work will be displayed on the bulletin boards; please come by and check out their cool work. Fifth graders have finished their owl drawings, and they are displayed on the bulletin boards as well. This was a joint project with Mr. Scheff and his fifth grade computer class.

With summer soon approaching, be sure to keep up the good art work. Do some drawing and painting at home or while on vacation. Remember practice makes you better!

God's Blessings for you,
Mr. Philipbar



I want to wish all of you a happy, healthy, fun summer! A special warm goodbye to the graduating class of 2010. May your dreams become realities as you stay on His path. Keep your eyes on Him always.

I love you all.

Mrs. Wise



Physical Education

I am thinking about next year FCA's sports teams, and we are looking for some HELP.



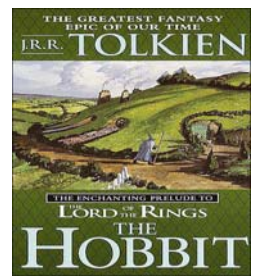
Looking For:

- Van Drivers**
- Soccer & Basketball Coaches**
- Intramural Coaches**
- Cross Country Coach**

Have a wonderful summer!

Love
Mr. Meyers

The 7th grade is reading The Hobbit. They are working on riddles, maps of Middle Earth and even their own Hobbit breakfast. Fantasy novels are the best! The 8th graders are reading short stories. They were a little freaked out by Edgar Allen Poe's story; I can not imagine why! :)



Mrs. Ackerbauer

5th & 6th Grade Bible

The 6th grade class is reading Revelation. Wow! They have some amazing questions! Did you know that the book of Revelation is the only book in the Bible that promises you a blessing if you read it?

The 5th grade is learning about the Kings of Israel. Do you know who they are? If not, ask a 5th grader!



Mrs. Ackerbauer

6th - 10th Spanish

It is hard to believe we are in June already; this year certainly flew by quickly!

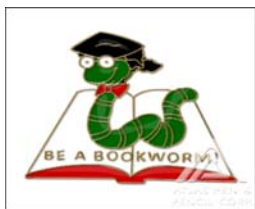
The **seventh grade** has come a long way, and I am very proud of them. They have learned how to conjugate present ar- er- and ir- verbs in the present. We have covered adjectives and possessive adjectives, and so much more! They have also studied Spanish culture and its diversity. I will be collecting textbooks and workbooks very soon, as they will be using the same workbook next year.

The **eighth grade** did amazingly well this year. They learned about direct object pronouns, indirect object pronouns, how to conjugate verbs in the past tense, and much more! They've learned where the nineteen Spanish-speaking countries are located on the map, and they each chose a country to research. It has been a good year and much has been learned. Your children are wonderful! They will be taking the written **Proficiency Exam on June 21st at 9:00 am**. We've just recently started on the oral portion of the exam. Please have your child at the school promptly on that day and encourage them to study.

The **ninth and tenth** grade worked very hard this year and did very well. The tenth grade will be starting the oral portion of the **NY State Regents Exam very soon. The written part will be given on June 22nd at 1:00 pm**. Study! Study! Study! ¡Estudien!

I hope and pray you will have a happy and healthy summer! May the Lord bless you and protect you always.

Señora Cappo



6th - 7th, Earth & Biology Science

6th grade - The class has done a great job learning about the oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico. They have posed many thoughtful questions and practical solutions. This insight will prepare them to help solve global environmental problems in the future.

7th grade - The class will be designing and running a variety of experiments. They will collect and analyze their data to draw conclusions.

8th grade Earth Science - The class is concluding the years content with geology. They are sequencing the rocks to determine a timeline of events. The Regents Lab Examination will be on Wednesday, June 9th. The Regents Examination will be on Tuesday, June 22nd. All students are encouraged to come to the Regents Reviews.

9th & 10th Grade Biology - The class is completing the ecology unit and will soon begin review for the Living Environment Regents. The examination is on Wednesday, June 16th. All students are encouraged to come to the Regents Reviews.

Mr. Henkels

5th - 10 Grade Chapel


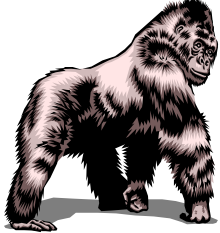

And you think OUR economy is bad? Jeremiah prophesied over and over again how the Babylonians were going to come in, destroy Judah and anyone who didn't go over to the Babylonian side, and then exile the people of Judah to Babylon. Then Jeremiah turns around and buys a piece of land in Judah, signs the deed, and makes sure the deed is placed in a clay jar for safe, long term keeping. Why would he buy land in a nation that was going to be destroyed? Jeremiah was a prophet, not an economist or realtor, one might be one answer. But the real reason is that Jeremiah knew that God promised restoration to His people. They would one day return from exile. God promises restoration. All of us can use that lesson, can't we? You can read it in Jeremiah 32, and while you are reading, take extra note of Jeremiah 32:39 - one of my favorite passages in all of Jeremiah. God bless you with a safe, and restorative, summer.


Blessings, Pastor Linda

PreK - 4th Grade Chapel

We have had a VERY successful year - with all of our Seeing God Through Goggles, we didn't even blow up, burn down, or flood the sanctuary during Chapel! Like I said, a VERY successful year! I hope that you were able to read our weekly Chapel newsletter that went home each week. The Faith Lab had all sorts of interesting and "how did she do that" moments over the course of the school year, but the most wonderful times have been when a student would all of a sudden "see" God and His ways in a new, real way. Our theme verse this year has been 2 Corinthians 4:18 "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." May the truth that God is more real than anything or anyone we can "see" with our natural eye continue to become more in-focus to each of us! God bless you with a safe and faith-filled summer.

Blessings, Pastor Linda

Fund Raising Programs	Computer	Music Grade 1-6
<p>We would like to thank everyone that participated in the A+ bonus bucks program. Out of 20 local schools, FCA earned the most with \$806.00.</p> <p>Much appreciation to all that purchased flowers! We raised \$1,400.00.</p>  <p>Thank you again for your support to Faith Christian Academy.</p>	<p><u>6th Grade Computer Class</u></p> <p>The sixth graders are currently working on a project where they are learning some basic facts about the continent of Africa. This will hopefully support part of their Social Studies curriculum. The students used the Internet to research basic information about politics, geography and environment. Did you know some of the smallest countries have the largest populations? How could that be? For the final part of this activity each student has selected an endangered animal to research. Each student will produce a page that will appear in a book. We are currently learning to use a program called Creative Writer to design a cover for our book. Be sure to ask your child about the animal they have been learning about.</p>  <p>Mr. Scheff</p>	<p>We have been having fun reading mystery music, playing and singing from the board and from our Silver Burdett Books an sight reading books in several of our music classes this month. Students love it when they can figure out a mystery piece or read with accompanying harmony in various styles! Students in grades 1 - 4 are preparing to sing "By Faith" for graduation. Grade 5 will be accompanying singers on recorder and Grade 6 will be playing a different harmony on glockenspiels. Congratulations to Isaiah Kostyal, our newest Black Belt! Special Congratulations to 4th grader Michael Averin, who not only got A plus on his recorder for NYSSMA, but also earned the highest belt in the school so far: Deep Purple! Many 4th and 5th graders have moved up a belt or more this month. 6th graders are exploring glocks and comparing playing them to their experience with recorders. Glocks are similar to piano keys. Using them makes understanding sharps and flats and scales easier. Younger grades have also been singing several different Bible songs, and will soon be putting scripture to music. I am excited to see and hear them progress.</p> <p>Instrumental Notes: Notes have been sent out regarding instrumental lessons for next year. If your student is interested, be sure to fill out a preliminary permission slip so we can plan. Final scheduling takes place in the fall. We will be expanding our band in the fall as well.</p> <p>Congratulations to the many students who performed in our recent recital!</p> <p>Have a wonderful summer! Love, Mrs. Turner</p>
<p>9th & 10th Literature</p> <p>The 9th graders are reading <u>The Odyssey</u>. What an adventure that is! The 10th grade is reading <u>Julius Caesar</u>. "E tu Brute?" Ask a 10th grader if you do not know what that means! They are also reading <u>Of Mice and Men</u>. John Steinbeck is a fabulous author.</p> <p>Mrs. Ackerbauer</p> 	<p>Mr. Scheff</p>	<p>Mrs. Turner</p>

5th & 6th Graders	5th - 10 Social Studies	Bible 8 th ,9 th & 10 th Grade
<p><u>5th Grade Math</u> We are on track to finish the math curriculum prior to the end of the year. There are two tests left. Review of the material for the test takes place the day before. We completed a "practice test" that contains the type of problems that will appear on the actual test. Students should actively participate in this review.</p> <p><u>5th Grade Science</u> We have only two science tests left this year. All information that is included on the science tests is written on the board or dictated to the students for them to copy into their notebooks.</p> <p><u>5th and 6th Language Arts</u> In reading class, we are returning to grammar and writing. Language Arts grades will be based on frequent writing (both first and final drafts), spelling, grammar activities, and small group activities. All writing must be neat and organized.</p> <p>Thank you for your continued support. I have enjoyed working with the 5th and 6th grade this year. Have a blessed summer, and I look forward to seeing many of you next year!</p> <p>Mr. Smith</p>	<p><u>5th Grade:</u> Students will begin a small group in class special project on the geography of Mexico and Latin America.</p> <p><u>6th Grade:</u> Students are studying the various cultures of Africa.</p> <p><u>7th Grade:</u> We are learning about the War of 1812</p> <p><u>8th Grade:</u> We are reviewing for the 8th grade NYS exam.</p> <p><u>9th Grade:</u> We are discussing the origins and beliefs of Islam and how it effects the world today.</p> <p><u>10th Grade:</u> We are learning about the Mexican revolution and studying for the NYS Global II exam.</p>  <p>Mr. Quartuccio</p>	<p><u>Bible 8</u> In our journey in Acts we have seen the 1st Gentiles receive Jesus Christ as Savior and receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Glory to the Lord that salvation is available to all. We must share this free gift with all.</p> <p>I have enjoyed the 8th grade class. They have grown in their knowledge of the Lord and the plan of salvation. We had many interesting biblical discussions. I am looking forward to seeing many next year in Bible 9. Those that are going to other schools the Lord has planned for them, Best Wishes. Remember Jesus is Truth, keep that Truth within your soul. Congratulation Class of 2010. You will be missed.</p> <p><u>Bible 9/10</u> This year we surveyed several books of the New Testament. The classes biggest interest seemed to be the 2nd coming of Christ. We have discussed current events and identified what could be the birth pains Jesus warned us about. It is comforting in knowing that Jesus will be coming for His church to spend eternity with Him. In the meantime we must share the good news with others and be sure our souls are ready for His coming. As a class we watched <u>Left Behind</u> and discussed what seems accurate according to scripture. No one knows for sure how things are going to be. But we can be sure that the Lord's prophecies will unfold.</p> <p>Have a wonderful summer! See you next year.</p> <p>Mrs. Vargas</p>