

# May 2017 Newsletter

*Heart of the Lion*



## Spring into Action

by Leeann Long, Principal

Springtime is a gift from God. After the dry cold winter, the earth awakens and refreshes through the rains and warmer temperatures. The budding trees grow into full blossom. Flowers stubbornly persist until they break through the ground and delight us with their beauty.

At Faith Christian School we see signs that the school year is drawing to a close. Spring marks the beginning of the end . . . the end of a specified course . . . the end of time at a given grade level . . . the end of a body of activities committed to this particular school calendar. As we move through the final weeks of the last marking period, student growth is unmistakably noticeable. Students look taller because they have physically grown over the fall and winter months. They also behave with an acquired wisdom from their months of learning together. More importantly, they are blossoming with a new energy to serve the Lord.

Some of our upperclassmen have recently volunteered time to serve in a food pantry at one of our sending churches. This was a ministry that they participated in as a group outside of school on a Friday night. Teachers offered the opportunity and students responded. They found the experience so rewarding that the students initiated the next service date.

Students also participate in ministry within the school neighborhood. On occasion, they have spent time with patients at Slate Belt Health and Rehabilitation Center up the road. Reading to patients, caring for people, connecting person-to-person is a testimony students give as they serve the Lord under the banner of our school's name. Groups of students have also taken trash bags out and picked up in the community of Roseto. It is a simple task but not a glamorous one; yet, it is done for our neighbors as service for the Lord.

Spring In is an offering of activities during several afternoons of achievement test week to lighten up the intensity of testing. The activities included were ping-pong, soccer, kickball, wrestling, drama, building self esteem/ art project, cake decorating, car care skills, therapy dog/ agility training, and ministry projects. More than half of our students chose a ministry project as their first or second choice for their activity!

Others of our students are serving individually through their own local churches. One of our young men has been given the privilege, as a student leader, to

## May Events

### May 1st-May 5th

Achievement Testing  
Senior Class Trip

**May 3rd** - ASVAB Testing  
Juniors

**May 4<sup>th</sup>** - National Day of  
Prayer

**May 9<sup>th</sup>** - RISE Concert Day

**May 10<sup>th</sup>** - Fox Gap to  
Delaware Gap on  
Appalachian Trail

**May 13th** - ACSI Track Meet

**May 14th** - Mother's Day

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** - MS & Varsity  
Sports Banquet

**May 16<sup>th</sup>**  
4th Quarter Progress Reports  
Exchange Club Dinner for  
seniors

**May 25<sup>th</sup>** - MS & HS Chorus  
**May 29<sup>th</sup>** - Memorial Day -  
No School

**May 30th-31<sup>st</sup>** - Senior Finals

prepare and deliver the message to his youth group on several occasions. Some of our young ladies are assisting in children's ministry in their church; some are in music ministry. There are many ways to pour into the life of another.

Why does Faith Christian School promote ministry participation? Because the mission of FCS is to raise up a generation of leaders who will boldly make a biblical difference in their society. We want to help students know God through education and serve Him for life. We are intentional about preparing young people to serve and impact the world for Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 4:2 tells us to . . . be diligent in season, out of season . . . 1 Peter 3:15 instructs us to . . . be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you.

If we look at the world around us as though we are looking through the eyes of Jesus, there is no shortage of needs. People need someone to come alongside and offer hope. And hope is found in Christ.

So keep your eyes open. Ministry opportunities come upon you quickly and you may miss out if you are not watching. Spring into action and be ready to share Jesus with others. Matthew 25:40 . . . Inasmuch as you have done it to one of the least of these my brothers, you have done it to me.

## Bearing Precious Seed

Thank you to everyone that participated in the KidStuff Coupon Book Sale, we raised \$625 for Bearing Precious Seed, our Bible making ministry. Throughout the year our students collect coins, have class lunch fundraisers and families like yours donate can tabs, all which fund our Bible Making Project. This year we raised \$3,195, which allowed us to make 19,000 bibles! These bibles are going to Sierra Leone, Africa. The government of Sierra Leone requested 1,000,000 bibles for distribution through the schools. FCS students are sharing the Word of God with thousands of students across the world! Thank you for your commitment to this project and spreading the Word of God to all.



# SOLID ROCK CAFÉ WAS A HIT!

Thank you to everyone that helped out with and came to our K-6<sup>th</sup> musical and to Mrs. Bailey for putting it all together!



*Brianna & Petra Filipkowski getting ready for the Solid Rock Café – they sketched on the design and painted it with kids paint.*

# SENIOR CLASS TRIP



**Class of 2017** has been enjoying their week together. Here (left) they are serving at a homeless shelter in Baltimore and (right) posing in front of the Capitol building in Washington, DC. Next, they are driving to Virginia Beach with class advisor and Bible teacher, Paul McMichael.





# “This Side of the Track”



It is TRACK and FIELD SEASON again and we have hit the ground running- literally! This year we have opened up the team to 5th graders and let me tell you - they have brought their "A" game. Also this year - we were able to negotiate with East Stroudsburg University to use their track on Fridays - this has had a HUGE impact on our training!

Our team is a mix of old friends and new ones, Boys and girls, middle school and HS. A major focus on our team is to allow each other to be vulnerable during practice so that we can grow and encourage without judging.

We work our weaknesses without fear of failure- and the results are AMAZING! This attitude has also fostered and nurtured new friendships that would not have been made otherwise. T&F is a sport where every single person may compete regardless of ability. There are running events, throwing events and jumping events.



We have had 3 meets so far, and the athletes have shown perseverance, strength, speed, grit and sometimes puke!

These athletes are coachable and work past their comfort zones and we are seeing personal records broken each week. This year we are a smaller team but we are no less fierce. GO LIONS!!

**Swing by and cheer these kids on-** We compete at Quakertown Community Freshman Center track almost every Saturday 8am-12pm. If that's too far - we have our ACSI meet at BANGOR TRACK on May 13th. This is a HUGE meet with a thousand people (athletes, coaches and family members) in attendance and FCS organizes the best concession stand this side of the tracks! Swing by, cheer these kids on and be INSPIRED.

- Coach Ali Cabrera

(Pics by Assistant Coach Nancy Peterson)

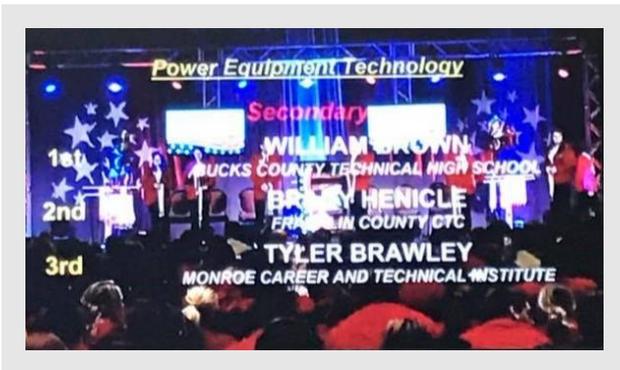


## In the Community

*Board members Eric Kimes & Janel Trout representing Faith Christian School at the Stroud Mall Community Day.*

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to FCS Junior, Tyler Brawley, placing 3rd in the Skills USA State Competitions for Monroe Career and Technical Institute (MCTI)!



Tyler Brawley is pictured here with his MCTI teacher (right), Ken Hart, and his employers (left), Ed and Antonia Shanley from Pocono Tractor and Equipment.

## Send us Your News!

We love hearing from you! Whether you are a student, parent, teacher, alumni or friend of the school – you can send us news or ideas that we may include in our next newsletter. Simply send an email to [news@fcsliions.org](mailto:news@fcsliions.org). To credit photos properly, please include your name with any pictures that are sent. Thank You!

# Adventure Aquarium Field Trip

Our elementary students had a great time visiting the Adventure Aquarium.



# Alumni News



Jonathan Snyder ('05) and Maria Rivadeneira wed on April 13th in Santa Marta, Colombia, South America.



Joel Snyder ('12) and Kennedy Perst will wed on August 20<sup>th</sup> near Tunkhannock, PA.

Lots happening with the Snyder family this year! Rebecca (Snyder '07) Lapp and her husband, Jeremiah, are expecting their third child in November. Their sons are Evan (4 years) and Collin (18 months). *Congratulations to all!*

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So thankful for FCS graduate and office volunteer, Chelsea Carver ('11), in the North Campus office. There is always lots to accomplish. Call the office to see what you can do (610) 588-3414.