



# Faith Lutheran School News & Views



## Stewardship Hours

The requirement for stewardship hours expected of Faith families each year is being suspended for at least the first half of this school year. Look for information pertaining to this requirement and opportunities to fulfill it as the threat of COVID-19 spread decreases.

## Visitors Policy

Mitigation of COVID-19 spread is, of course, a very high priority. For this reason, the Return to Campus Plan states, "Parents are encouraged to utilize virtual services to minimize risk of exposure. When absolutely necessary, parents may set an appointment to connect with staff on campus. Visitors to campus will be held accountable for adhering to physical-distancing guidelines, wearing a face covering and modeling safe health practices."

If you are new to Faith, you may not know that this policy may be more difficult for staff and faculty than it is for parents! We love having our student's family members engaged and involved in our community.

While this policy is important for the safety and well-being of the Faith community, there is also need for volunteers to assist with various activities throughout the year.

If you are on campus for any reason, please check in at the office to sign in and pick up a "Visitor" or "Volunteer" lanyard.

We'll even share a mask if you need one!

## Ready for the Year!

Has there ever been more uncertainty to the start of a school year? I certainly don't remember one. There are folks out there, older than me, who may have experienced one, but my guess is that even they would say this year "takes the cake"!

What will history books (or Wikipedia or whatever exists then) in the year 2120 say about the start of school 100 years earlier? How did parents work at home while their children attended school online? How did preschool children learn social skills when they couldn't play together? When people look at pictures, what will they say about the technology "back then"? Will there be volumes of information about how isolation from one another impacts people's ability to learn? Will there be a noticeable, documented difference in cognitive ability of students during the pandemic as opposed to students before and after?

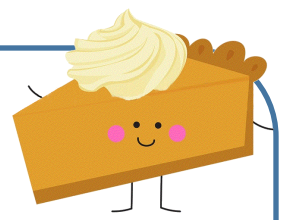
Will people say, "They were ready"?

I can't imagine anyone still living 100 years from now would remember "being ready" for the COVID-19 pandemic.

We at Faith Lutheran School are ready for this school year not because we are "completely prepared for immediate action" as the first definition listed in the dictionary defines "ready". Rather, Faith falls under the third dictionary definition: we are "willing". Willing to learn as we try new things. Willing to be available to one another and work together so we all improve. Willing to take care of one another by doing "new normal" things. Willing to forgive because we are forgiven.

We are ready for this school year not because of us and our abilities, though I trust you will all learn the staff is gifted with many varied abilities. No, we are ready because we are willing to trust the God who loves us. I pray history will remember that about Faith Lutheran School and people in 2021 will say, "Yes, Faith was ready!"

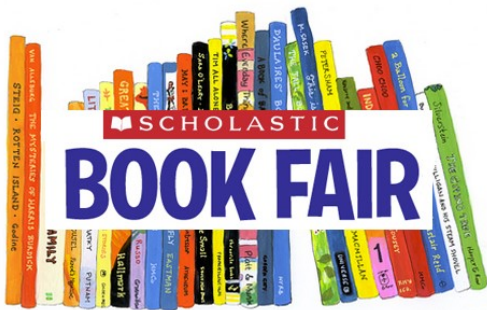
# Slice of P.I.E.



The Partners in Education Board (P.I.E) is a volunteer parent group that raises funds to support the school and teachers. The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, from 6:00 to 7:00 via Zoom. The current board members are TyeRae Guined, President; and Lisa Rowlette, Secretary. Volunteers are needed for Vice President and Treasurer. Nominations will be taken during the September meeting with voting at the October meeting.

P.I.E will be providing additional information in the coming weeks. Stay tuned!

If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact TyeRae at [tyejenjak08@gmail.com](mailto:tyejenjak08@gmail.com).



## Scholastic Book Fair

You are invited to shop at our online Scholastic Book Fair from September 13-26!

You'll love the NEW option to shop for Book Fair exclusives directly from the interactive booklist and enjoy these special online shopping features:

- Over 6,000 items, including new releases, best sellers, and value packs
- All orders ship to your home
- FREE shipping on book-only orders over \$25
- All purchases support our school and earn 25% in rewards

Visit our Book Fair homepage and click "Shop Now" to get started:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/faithlutherschooldc>

Happy reading!



## Spiritwear on Sale!

If you would like to order Faith Lutheran School spiritwear, follow the instructions below.



1. Go to [www.winningseasons.net](http://www.winningseasons.net)
2. Click on **Team Sales**
3. Click on **Faith Lutheran School**
4. Click on items to purchase and indicate size and color
5. Follow directions to pay with your credit card

**Order Deadline: Wednesday, September 16**

If you do not want to give your credit card online, click on the item(s) you want to order and note the SKU, then call Winning Seasons at 253-582-3585 during business hours to place your order with your card. For sizing information, click on the **Choose Options** button and scroll down to the red sizing link(s)—the sweatshirts and T-shirts have sizing information for both youth and adult (the ladies T-shirt only has sizing for adults).

Items will be delivered to the school 2-3 weeks after the deadline date.

## School Pictures

### Save the date!

School pictures are **September 29 & 30**.

September 29	Preschool T/Th (AM) Pre-k M/T/Th Jr. K Kindergarten—8th Grade
September 30	Preschool W/F Pre-k M/W/F (AM & PM) Any student that missed on Tuesday

Order forms will be going home soon.



## Childcare Drop-in Policy

For those families that don't normally use childcare, you may find using childcare helpful on occasions when you know you won't be able to pick your child up on time due to an appointment or other conflict. For students age 3 through age 11, Faith Lutheran Childcare Center has a drop-in option to help you in these situations. Students 12 and above may use Homework Club.

To maintain their license, childcare has a ratio of staff-to-children they must strictly adhere to. As a result, if you would like to use drop-in care, and your child is in preschool, pre-k, or Jr. K, **let childcare know a minimum of one day before you need care** so that correct staffing can be scheduled. The best method is to email the childcare director, Julie Miller, at [j.miller@faithcampus.org](mailto:j.miller@faithcampus.org). If you have a child in K-4th grade and find you need care after school, you may still call the school office the day of and have your child go to childcare.

If your child is in a morning half-day class (preschool, pre-k, or Jr. K), please make sure to pack a lunch for your child.

Billing for drop-in care is billed at the end of the month and will appear on your monthly statement.



## Passport Club

Parents of 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>

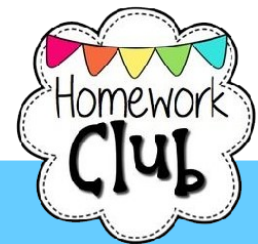
graders, your child will receive information about our Passport Club from his/her teacher this week. Please be sure to start studying right away!



1st-6th grade students will be quizzed:

***Tuesday, September 29***

**We need at least three volunteers** to be Passport testers the last Tuesday of every month (unless it is a holiday). You do not need to be a geography wiz—we give you the answers. Please contact the school office, if you can help.



What is Homework Club? Homework Club is an afterschool, supervised option for students that have aged out of childcare (age 12+)—generally students in 5th-8th grade. It runs from 3:30–6:00 pm. The cost is \$11.00 per day. **Homework Club is NOT offered on half days and 'no school' days.** Students picked up after 6:00 p.m. will be charged \$2.00 for each minute after 6:00.

To plan for staffing, we are asking students in 5th-8th grade during attendance if they will be going to Homework Club that afternoon. If we are not notified at that time that a student needs Homework Club that day, we will not be able to offer it that afternoon.

# Sycamore school

Sycamore School is an online Student Information System (SIS) that we have been working to implement over the last several months. We are very excited about the information you will be able to access in Sycamore, like your child's grades, missing assignments, upcoming school events, school calendar, photos, and much more!

Many of the features are ready for you to use right now, but there are some areas of the program that we are still setting up, like billing. When we are done, you will be able to add a payment method (i.e., credit/debit card or automatic bank withdrawal) to pay for tuition, hot lunches or other expenses.

We recently sent out an invitation to set up your login. If you did not receive that invitation, please let the school office know.

## Parent/Student Handbook

Parent/Student Handbooks will be sent home with students next Friday, September 18. Please read through the handbook and sign and date the acknowledgement (last page) and return it to school.

There are a few changes/additions to the handbook, so, even if you have read it in the past, please reread it before signing.

**If you registered online** for school this year, you have already acknowledged having read the handbook and do **NOT** need to turn in the signature page.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Over the years that Faith Lutheran School and Childcare has accepted credit cards for payment, we have absorbed the cost of credit card processing fees, which is anywhere from 3% to 3.5% of the charge. Each year, this has meant a considerable expense to Faith. To prevent having to raise tuition and other fees by a larger percentage to cover these increasing costs, the decision was made to pass this cost on to those who pay by credit card in the manner of a 3% convenience fee as of August 1, 2020. To avoid paying this additional charge, you may pay by check or cash.

## Chapel



**September 11** at 2:45 p.m.  
Mr. Neumiller

**September 23** at 8:45 a.m.  
Mr. Milnes—See You at the Pole

**September 30** at 2:45 p.m.  
Mrs. Elliott

## Hot Lunch Menus

If you are a new Faith family, hot lunch menus go home the middle of each month for the following month. An extra menu is included for you to record which lunches your child(ren) selected. Menus are due back with payment the next Thursday. If you have more than one student, **each student needs their own menu, but please write only one check for the combined total.**

The October menu, will go home on **Friday, September 18.** and is **due Thursday, September 24.**

At this time, **only cash or checks are accepted, no credit cards.** We are working on rolling out a credit card option soon.

No child will go hungry. If your child doesn't have a lunch, we will feed him/her, but all unordered lunches result in a \$5 charge.



**Please no late menus!**





## Absence/Tardy/Early Dismissal

### Absence

If your child won't be attending school due to illness or other reason, there are several ways to notify the school to excuse the absence:

- Email the teacher or send a Pass-a-Note through Sycamore
- Call the school office (360-491-1733)
- Go to [www.flschool.org](http://www.flschool.org), Parents, Report Absence—this emails the school office

If we (teacher/school) are not notified, the absence will be recorded as unexcused. If you would like to pick up homework toward the end of the day, please notify the school/teacher *before* lunch.

### Tardy

Students in grades K-8 who are tardy need to go to the school office to get a tardy pass **before** going to their classroom. If a student is later than 8:35, a parent needs to accompany the student to sign them in at the office. As noted in the Parent/Student Handbook, three tardies equals one absence.

### Early Dismissal

If your child will be leaving school early, please email the teacher or call the school office in advance so that we can make sure your child has his/her homework and other important items.



## Emergency Contacts / Pick Up List

It is important that Faith has an accurate list of emergency contacts and an up-to-date pick up list for your child(ren). In Sycamore, you are able to add and update these contacts. If someone comes to pick up your child and is not on the pick-up list, we will not release your child to that person, unless you have called the school office to inform us. **Please check to make sure your list is accurate.**

To add or edit contacts, go to [app.sycamoreschool.com](http://app.sycamoreschool.com) (our school ID is 4048), log in and select **My Family | Contacts**, and click the **New Contact** button (top right).

The only necessary information is the person's name, phone number, and relationship. Also, indicate if they are an Emergency Contact and/or Authorize Pickup. Make sure to click Add when you are done.

## Tuition Payment

When you bring your tuition payment to the school office, **please put it in the slot in the safe to the left of the school office window.** You no longer have to wait in line to place it in the in-box in the office.

**Please make sure you write your student(s) name in the memo line** so that it is credited to the correct account.

## Medication Authorization


If you would like to have medication kept in the office for administering to your child (i.e., Epi-pen, Benadryl, ibuprofen ,etc.), a medication authorization form needs to be completed each year. You may pick up a form in the school office or download one from the school website at [www.flschool.org](http://www.flschool.org), Parents, Forms.

## RUMMAGE SALE

**Help Wanted:** If you can offer your time, we need your help all day Thursday, October 1, beginning at 10:00 am to set up our huge rummage sale . We need muscle to move large items, set up tables, shelving and display items for sale. Even though the funds are allocated for "youth" everyone who is able is encouraged to help!

Contact Becky to volunteer at [churchoffice@faithcampus.org](mailto:churchoffice@faithcampus.org) or 360-491-3552.

# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	7	8	9 First Day of School	10	11	12
13 Scholastic Book Fair starts	14	15	16 Spiritwear order deadline	17	18 Lunch menus go home	19
20	21	22	23 See You at the Pole Book Fair Ends PIE Mtg 6-7p	24 Lunch menus are due	25	26
27	28	29 Picture Day Passport Testing 	30 Picture Day	31		

## Things to Remember

- Visit the online Scholastic Book Fair.
- Check out Spiritwear at WinningSeasons.net.
- If your child is in 1st—6th grade, study the Passport maps.
- Office@flschool.org to your e-mail safe sender list.
- When using a credit card to pay, a 3% convenience fee is added.
- Contact the school office, if you didn't receive an invitation to set up your login for Sycamore.
- Read the Parent/Student Handbook and return the signature page.
- Contact the school office or send the teacher a Pass-a-Note through Sycamore if your student will be absent or late.
- Lunch menus are going home September 18 and are due September 24.
- Add emergency contacts or people authorized to pick up your child to your family account in Sycamore.

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