



Welcome to the New School Year

Welcome

2016-2017 school year

Welcome Back! The staff and administration of Faith Christian School are extremely excited to begin our 44th year, and it promises to be filled with wonderful opportunities for all of our students as we strive to find ways to be even better than ever! As this new school year begins, our teachers know that this will be a year of engaging, rigorous academics and most importantly, each and every classroom will be God centered. We are continually working to build upon and enhance our proven foundation of good work, respect, and continued *excellence in education*.

Again, welcome to FCS and to our awesome learning community. 2016-2017 is going to be a great year as we work together to make our school a wonderful place to work and learn!

Invitation to all Parents

FCS invites all of our families to join school activities and events as often as possible. Your participation is vital to the success of your star student during his/her elementary and middle school experience and your child will benefit greatly from your support and participation.

Volunteer. FCS sponsors special events that enhance the learning environment of our children. Some help funding (spring auction), some promote physical fitness (field day), and others make learning come alive (Fabulous Friday).

Your involvement in these events makes our school better and is beneficial to all students!

Be sure to talk to your child's teacher about being an active part of campus life at FCS.

Please remember that communication between home and school plays a vital role in each student's success. We encourage you to contact us if/when the need arises, and to always stay well-informed of your child's assignments, assessments, and activities.

Classical Corner

Classical learning made simple

Taken from an article by Caroline Nixon

<http://www.carolinenixonsblog.com/about/>

Classical Education puts more emphasis on how to learn rather than *what* to learn. Using this method, we are doing more than just providing information for the student. We are **practicing a method that can be applied to anything** needing to be learned in life: riding a bike, driving a car, cooking a meal, mechanics, becoming a doctor, etc...

Gathering information, or the *grammar stage*. This is when we gather, and store facts. But we don't want to just pick up some facts here and there. We need to be able to retain our facts. This first step uses the **tool of memorizing** to pound in the facts for long term use. We work on memorizing facts, and then review these facts so that years down the road the facts are still there *ready* to be used.

This process takes time—expect the child to forget, and have to be reminded; that's part of the process. This stage does not focus on understanding because it's not always necessary. Although, it's not forbidden either! Children like to explore their facts, and what's the fun in learning if you can't play with your information? However, a child can (and should) still memorize facts even if he doesn't know what it means. That can come later.

Remember, we're not spending just today learning. We're spending a **lifetime of learning**, and we get to spend many years focusing on academics with our children. Simply stated, this is a time of memorizing facts; and in general targets preschool-elementary years.

To be continued...

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Schoolworx

Schoolworx is an on line tool that parents may use to keep track of students' progress. Keep track of grades by logging into ***myschoolworx.com***. You can log in with your email address and if you do not already have a password use **parent@2016** to enter this portal. Progress reports come out in the middle of the quarter but you can keep track of your child's grade more frequently by using this convenient and easy tool. Remember, parental involvement make for a more successful student!

New Staff Member

Faith Christian School welcomes Mrs. Joan Townsend to our staff. Miss Joan is teaching second grade and she loves reading and gardening. Miss Joan currently resides in Wewahitchka with her husband Captain James, and is an active member of St. John's Episcopal Church. She has 3 children Craig, Troy, and Travis, four grandchildren and one great grandchild. We are so happy that Miss Joan has chosen to use her gifts and talents for the Lord at FCS, and we are looking forward to a productive and exciting school year.

Scripture Memorization

Every day during Morning Meeting K-5 through 8th grade students will learn scripture. This semester will begin with II Peter 1:3-11.

3His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. 5For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.



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8For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins. 10Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, 11and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

A Note from the School Board

Dear Parents,

We want to welcome you and your children back to an exciting new year at Faith Christian! We as Board members are all parents (or strong supporters) of current and previous FCS students. We love this school and believe in the teaching of a biblical worldview through the Classical approach we have adopted. We also believe that our current staff is loving, dedicated, and excellent at teaching and leading by example, which will prepare our children to not only meet their future educational goals, but more importantly impact the world for Christ. We welcome your support through volunteerism in the school, through your prayers for our teachers and administration, and we value your input. You will see notifications by email and in your child's take home folder of upcoming open board meetings where we invite constructive input from you as a parent. Together we hope to have a great year, meeting both educational and spiritual goals with your family!

In His Service,

FCS Board
Michael Chisholm, Chairman
Charles Costin, Kay Geoghagan,
Sherry Herring, James Wiley



Words of Wisdom

Proverbs 4:13

Always remember what you have learned. Your education is your life – guard it well.

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