



The Lion's Tale

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Open Enrollment

It is not too late to enroll for next year

Open enrollment has begun for the 2017-2018 school year. Applications will be taken for all classes until the class fills up. Each class has a limit of seventeen and some classes are already well on the way to meeting that limit. New families will be asked to fill out the application packet, interview with administration, and pay the registration fee of \$100.00. (Step Up students may turn in the SUFS award letter and no money is needed for enrollment.) From this point on, qualified applicants will be taken on a first come first serve basis.

High School

FCS adding 9th grade with plans for 10th grade

Students entering the 9th grade are now eligible for classes at FCS. We will be servicing 9th grade during the 2017-2018 school year with plans to roll in the 10th grade during the 2018- 2019 school year. Students that are currently enrolled at FCS are qualified for our high school program. Students who are not currently enrolled and want to participate in the high school program must undergo an admittance interview and test. Please be in prayer as FCS looks to expand our high school program even further during the years to come. We want all students with a desire for a Christ centered, challenging, college preparatory high school to be able to complete their education with FCS!



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Mission Emphasis

Blue Skies Ministry

Every chapel service we take up an offering. This is money collected by the kids from the kids. Each semester FCS chooses a worthy cause to donate the offering money brought in by the students, and allows the students an opportunity to hear from that ministry. In the past, we have donated to the FL Baptist Children's Home, built houses in Guatemala, given to Operation Christmas Child, assisted financially to local families in our community with great needs, and many more. This semester's mission emphasis is focused on **Blue Skies Ministry**.

The following is an excerpt from the Blue Skies Ministry website:

When a child is diagnosed with cancer, the entire family is impacted - parents grow weary; siblings take a "backseat"; finances are stretched; relationships become tense; faith and hope falter.

Blue Skies is a ministry that offers weeklong beach retreats to lift families above the clouds of childhood cancer.

Our mission is to bring the hope of Christ to families living through the challenges of pediatric cancer so that children who are sick will laugh and play and feel "normal" again; that siblings, who often compete with cancer, will feel cherished and get to have uninterrupted family fun; that moms and dads will grow strong and begin lifelong friendships with others on Kindred Journeys; and, most importantly, that everyone at Blue Skies will experience the love of our Heavenly Father.

These domestic mission trips are staffed by compassionate volunteers who share the love of Christ through caring for the families we serve.

Like so many, we pray for the day when there is no more childhood cancer, but, UNTIL THEN... there's Blue Skies.

<http://www.blueskiesministries.org/>

A representative from Blue Skies Ministries will visit our campus during chapel on Tuesday, May 2.



Annual Italian Dinner and Auction a Success!

Great fun for all

Everyone had a great time at the Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Auction on February 24. Because of the efforts of the PTO, this event was one of the most successful in FCS history.

The community came out by the hundreds to support the students and the ministry of FCS.

Local churches pitched in and cooked, businesses generously donated, parents and teachers did everything from design, decorate, solicit, cook, to clean-up.

The auditorium was transformed into an Italian restaurant and supporters of FCS enjoyed a delicious dinner while visiting, catching up with old friends, and bidding on some of their favorite auction items.

A special thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this year's auction awesome!



Words of Wisdom

Proverbs 20:11

Even a child makes himself known by his acts, by whether his conduct is pure and upright.

Stay in the Know...

Calendar Events

- Terra Nova Testing begins today! Testing will run from Monday, April 17, through Thursday, April 20. It is important for every student to be in attendance every day during this week of testing. **Remember to send in healthy snacks for your child's class and to get a good night's sleep every night this week.
- No Chapel Service on Tuesday, April 18, because of Terra Nova Testing.
- The Book Fair begins on Friday, April 21. All classes will have two scheduled visits to the fair. It will also be open before and after school for purchases. Parents are welcome to visit the fair between the hours of 7:45 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. The last day for purchase is Thursday, April 27.
- Grandparents Day! On Thursday April 27, at 8:00 A.M. the PTO will host a breakfast in the lunchroom for all grandparents. At 8:30 our special guests are invited into the auditorium for class presentations. If your child does not have a grandparent nearby, no problem, invite a special friend of your family to come and share this special time with you. The book fair will be open for purchases after the presentations until 10:00 A.M. Please see the Monday folder flyer for more information.
- May 1 – May 5 is Teacher Appreciation Week. Please let your teacher know how much you appreciate him or her. Teachers at FCS are hardworking, dedicated professionals who pour themselves daily into your children, their spiritual welfare, and education. Please don't forget to recognize these efforts during Teacher Appreciation Week.
- May 2, Chapel with a guest speaker from Blue Skies Ministry. There will also be a presentation of all the offerings our students have been giving during this chapel to this wonderful ministry. Everyone is invited to attend.
- May 17, Last day of Extended Day for all Students. If your child participates in the Extended Day program on the campus of FCS please take note of this date so you can make other childcare arrangements.
- May 18, Last Day of K3, K4, & K5. Regular dismissal times for all students.
- May 19, Preschool Program and K5 Graduation. Program begins at 6:00 P.M.
- May 25, Last day of school for grades 1-8. Award Program and 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony begins promptly at 8:30. Students will be dismissed for the year after this program. Report cards will go home on this day.
- Please visit our web page at www.faithchristiansj.net. A calendar of events is on our site and will guide you through the summer and the 2017-2018 school year.



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