

# THE SHIELD

May 22, 2009

## FAITH†

The mission of Faith Christian Academy is to provide a comprehensive education that equips students to:

- ✦ Discover truth through the lens of Scripture
- ✦ Develop their potential for further educational pursuits
- ✦ Become conformed to the image of Christ

## EVENTS:

**May 25:** No School- Memorial Day

**May 27:** Kindergarten Graduation and Elementary Awards at IBC at 8:30

**May 29:** All school picnic at Kennedy Park

**May 30-** FCA Graduation and Jr/Sr High Awards

**Aug. 31-** First day of school!

## Your FCA

### Last Shield of 2008/2009

As our school year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents:

- Thank you to all the parents who volunteered and gave us help when needed through planning class parties and events, school activities, committees, being on the Board, driving on field trips and to sporting events, coaching, preparing treats, and more!
- Thank you to all the parents who regularly looked through students' backpacks for notes and messages sent home
- Thank you to all the parents who called in when their child was ill and would be absent from school or late to arrive to school
- Thank you to all the parents who made sure their children spent time reading at home.
- Thank you to all the parents that helped to make sure that homework was completed
- Thank you to the parents that took time to practice spelling words and math facts with their students
- Thank you to the parents that drove their child to the library to do more research for a paper.
- Thank you to parents for picking up the supplies needed for a project.

And thank you for sending your child to FCA. It has been such a privilege to teach your child, and to get to know your family. We look forward to the coming school year, and pray that you have a wonderful summer!

*Mrs. Kornis*

## Firm Foundation of TRUTH

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever.” 2 Peter 3:18

## **Avoiding the Summer Slide**

Summer can be a season full of good times and fun memories, but did you know that kids may experience learning losses when they don't read during the summer? There's actually a name for it: the summer slide. So what can you do as a parent to help STOP the summer slide? Here's one simple solution! Studies show that children who read four or more books over the summer do better on reading tests in the fall than those who read only one or no books over the summer.

Motivating your kids to read doesn't have to be costly, and can even be free if you visit your local library. Here's how you can help your kids keep their reading skills sharp:

- Let your kids choose the books they want to read (with parent approval).
- Give kids access to a wide variety of age-appropriate books.
- Introduce your child to one book series and then another!

## **Additional Math Olympic Winners!**

Katie Whitaker - 1st place  
Luke MacDonald - 4<sup>th</sup> place  
Wyatt Jackson - 4<sup>th</sup> place  
Olivia Hutchinson 5<sup>th</sup> place

Congratulations to our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders!

## **End of Year Giving:**

Thank you to those that have given to FCA's End of Year Giving. We look forward to seeing how God will bless your generosity.

## **Kindergarten Graduation and Elementary Awards**

will be on Wednesday, May 27 from 8:30-10:00 in IBC's Fireside Room. Parents, Grandparents, siblings, and friends are invited to this momentous event. All students will be receiving a character award chosen specifically for each child. Our K5 students will also be officially graduating to 1<sup>st</sup> grade!

## **Graduation and Jr & Sr High Awards**

*The Faith Christian Academy Class of 2009 invites you to attend their graduation on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 at Wausau Alliance Church. We will be honoring our graduates as well as recognizing those Jr. and Sr. High students who will be receiving awards. A reception will follow the ceremony.*

## **End of the Year**

**Picnic** will be on Friday, May 29 at 9:00am at Kennedy Park (by Target). This will be a potluck meal. We ask each family to bring their own plates, silverware, napkins, drinks, and:

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- A-K- Main Dish (baked beans, casserole, cold cuts, etc). *There is VERY limited electricity, so please plan accordingly!*
- L-R- Salad (fruit, tossed, potato, etc)
- S-Z- Dessert

Please also bring your baseball mitts, bats, balls, etc. There is a skateboard park at the park. Those students with parents at the park will be allowed to go to the skateboard park with their parent's permission.

## **Info for next year**

We are currently putting together the class choices & class schedules for fall (Jr & Sr. High), school supplies lists, and other items to help you be prepared for school this fall. We will get these to you when they are completed. They will also be available on our website.

