

THE PATRIOT PRESS

K-12 Tuition - Free Public Charter School: Creating Community-Minded Leaders December

FAITH ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS PRESENTED "HOME OF THE BRAVE"

Students from grades 6, 7, and 8 honored Veterans with a performance of the short play, "Home of the Brave." This is the story of several military families and the feeling of displacement that military children often feel when having to move from place to place. Students auditioned for "Home of the Brave" after school in September. Once the cast was selected, students hit the ground running with several weekly rehearsals, character study, and line memorization. The cast represented their school proudly as they worked many hours after school and on weekends to make their production the best that it could be. Many of the students made their acting debut in this production! Congratulations to the hardworking students who made "Home of the Brave" such a success: Victoria Parker, Josilyn Rule, Cannon Causey, Rylan Haas, Carson Halpin, Macaela Dellinger, Faye Wright, Camden Woods, Balian Witt, and Kynnlie Miller-Barroso. Faith Academy is unique as it offers enhancement courses such as Theatre Arts, Life Skills, and Visual Arts at the elementary and middle school levels. Faith Academy's Theatre Arts Program will offer another public production in March of "Junie B. Jones is Not a Crook."

Inclement Weather & School Closing

Safety of students and staff is a top priority of Faith Academy Charter School. The decision to delay or close school during inclement weather is a difficult one and always made on the side of caution. It is important to note that FACS serves students from Rowan County and surrounding counties. The Lead Administrator will make all decisions regarding school delays or closures due to inclement weather. School cancellations or a delay of opening will be communicated to parents through SWIFT.

Power School is available for students and parents. Grades are updated weekly. Be sure to check regularly for student data.

*Basketball starts on December 7th for Girls and Boys. Come support our players and cheerleaders. **GO PATRIOTS....***



On November 14th, several Lions Club members came to our school and screened students who had brought signed vision screen permission forms back to school. The screening is done by a photographic process and they are able to determine the presence of many different eye disorders. 321 students were screened in total, and of those, 29 students were referred for further testing with an ophthalmologist. This service is provided to our school free of charge and we are very grateful to the Lions Club for taking the time to come to our school!



Life Skill Classes delivered 504 cans of food to Rowan Helping Ministries. RHM prepares over 8,000 meals and distributes over 50,000 pounds of food to individuals each month. Our students focus on ways to help our community and the importance of youth helping families in crisis. **Thanks, PATRIOTS!!!**

Why Reading is Important ?

- Expands vocabulary.
- Helps build independence and self-confidence.
- Helps make sense of the world around them.
- Leads to their future academics.
- Enhances their imagination.
- **READ WITH YOUR CHILD EVERYDAY**

“A book is a gift you can open again and again.” Garrison Keillor

Car Rider Parent Pick-up Tags

It is important that every student who is picked up in the afternoon **KNOWS** his/her number. Students who ride in car pools need to know the number of anyone who may pick them up. Two plastic rearview mirror hang tags were provided for each student. Additional blank cardboard tags are available in the front office at no charge if you need additional hang tags. Parents are responsible for providing a hang tag (plastic or cardboard) and the number to any other adult who might occasionally pick-up their child. This is for student safety and to expedite pick ups. **PLEASE DISPLAY THE HANG TAG ON THE REARVIEW MIRROR EACH AFTERNOON.**

NC Check-in Assessments

The Student / Parent Reports for the first NC Check-In Assessments in Grades 3-8 Reading and Math, and Grade 8 Science will be distributed before the Winter / Christmas holidays. These assessments are short, online classroom assessments that are aligned with the NC Standard Course of Study. They provide teachers and parents with a snapshot of how students are learning and performing at this point during the year. The information will help teachers to better plan, adjust, and differentiate instruction for students. As always, the professional staff at Faith Academy appreciates parent support as we work together to increase what your child knows and is able to do.

Dates to Remember for December

5	Early Release Day	1:00pm
7	Basketball - Grayston	5:00pm
9	Basketball - North Hills	4:00pm
12	Early Release Day	1:00pm
13	Basketball - Salisbury Academy	4:00pm
15	Basketball Statesville Montessori	4:00pm
16	Quarter Two Ends	

Wishing all the Patriot Families a Christmas full of celebrations and festivities. May this season brighten each and every day for you.

