

The Patriot Press

Faith Academy Charter School: Creating Community-Minded Leaders

July 2024

Happy 4th

We hope all families had a safe and festive holiday! It was great to see many of you at the festivities. A huge shout-out to the staff, students and families that volunteered to serve food, sell tickets and t-shirts and ride in the parade. It is great to be part of such a patriotic and caring community.



Calling all Kindergarten Families

All Kindergarten students and their parents/guardians are invited to join us on July 26th for our first annual Kindergarten Camp. The 2-hour camp is designed to give students an opportunity to play and learn in the school environment, while providing the parents/guardians an opportunity to meet staff/personnel and have all of their questions answered. Families may choose to attend the morning session or the afternoon session. Use the link below to sign up for one session.

[Kindergarten Camp Sign Up](#)

New Patriot Night

On Tuesday, July 30, from 5:00-7:00 pm, all new families to Faith Academy Charter School (K-10) are invited to join us for our New Patriot Night. Visit both the Lower (K-8) and Upper (HS) Buildings to meet some staff and to get acclimated to the buildings. This is an opportunity for students and families to get to know each other and make new friends in our school community. Come out and join us for some fun!



Infinite Campus

Faith Academy Charter School, and NC Dept. of Public Instruction, will be implementing a new platform this school year. The platform will replace Powerschool as its Student Information System, Home Messaging system, and Learning Management system. The transfer to Infinite Campus has begun and soon it will be time for families to do your part. An email will be sent out to families in the coming weeks with a link and user code for each child. *We ask all families to use the information to create an Infinite Campus account and to verify your child(ren)'s information.* All students must have an account created by families prior to the start of school on Aug. 12. If you have any trouble connecting with Infinite Campus, please call the school office to speak with Mrs. Moore or Mr. Mitchell.

24-25 School Calendar and Attendance

The school calendar for the year is available on our school website (www.faithacademync.org) Please note that our **early release** day is now on **Friday**. Monday through Thursday will be full school days.

The instructional day for HS students will be 7:30-2:30 (M-Th) and 7:30-12:30 (F)

The instructional day for ES/MS students will be 8:00-3:00 (M-Th) and 8:00-1:00 (F).

Student attendance is required by law. Families will receive a letter when a child misses 3 days, 6 days and 10 days. After 10 days of absence, parents /guardians will be required to attend a conference with the Lead Administrator. Any student that misses 10 consecutive days of school will be withdrawn from attendance at Faith Academy Charter School.

Arrival and Dismissal Times

All families are asked to line up in the assigned areas between the times listed. No early line ups will be permitted. By adhering to the assigned times, traffic flow will remain constant.

HS Drop Off (Upper School Circle)- 7:05-7:25

ES/MS Drop Off (Lower School/Patriot Path)- 7:30-7:55

HS Pick Up (Upper School Circle)- 2:30-2:55

ES (K-3 and Siblings) (Patriot Path)- 3:00-3:25

ES/MS (4th-8th Gr.) (Front Parking Lot)- 3:10-3:25

Open House

All families (returning and new) are invited to attend **Open House on Thursday, Aug. 8th from 4:30-7:00 pm**. Open House is the time for students and families to meet the new teachers for the year, find your new classrooms, receive your schedule for the year, receive new car rider tags and bus information, visit former teachers/classrooms and connect with new/old friends.

Orgs Online

Your voices have been heard! Our lunch ordering system this past year was not user friendly. We have employed a new company that will make lunch ordering much easier. "Orgs online" is the system that will organize our daily menus. Families will be able to order lunches one month in advance. Our vendors will continue to be Debbie Suggs Catering, Pizza, El Patron and Chick-Fil-A. Be on the lookout for information on setting up a family account with Orgs Online.

HS BYOD Policy

High School students will be able to bring their own laptop this school year according to our Bring-Your-Own-Device policy (BYOD). Devices will be used daily to complete assignments. Students that do not have their own device will be provided a device from the school.

Students bringing their own device must meet the following requirements:

- Wireless Internet Access
- Keyboard
- Minimum 13" screen
- Minimum Intel i3 processor or AMD equivalent
- Camera and microphone
- Must be able to install and run software (iPads, and other tablets that cannot install and run software will not be permitted)

Bus Information

School buses will run two limited routes for ES and MS/HS this year. Families that have selected to ride the bus have received information regarding your student's bus stop and route. If you were put on the waiting list, you have also received an email.

School Improvement Team

Our School Improvement Team is in need of Family Representatives. We would like 2 representatives for each grade span (ES/MS/HS). Interested parents are asked to sign up on the attached link prior to July 19. A ballot will be created for parents to vote on representatives. The School Improvement Team will meet monthly on the 2nd Friday afternoon from 1:45-3:15.

[School Improvement Representative Link](#)

Scheduling for MS/HS

Students in Middle School are given the choice of Exploratory Classes. 6th-9th grade students are required to take one semester of Physical Education. They may choose from Visual Arts, Life Skills, Band, Theater Arts, Technology. When a child chooses Band, he/she will be assigned to Band for two semesters. Returning students selected their classes in the Spring. New 6th-9th grade students need to complete a selection using the following link. Please do not use this link if your child attend FACS in the 23-24 school year. Only 6th-8th grade students that will be newly enrolled for 24-25 should use this link:

[New Middle School Student Exploratory Choices](#)

Newly enrolled HS students will receive an email from Mr. Mitchell, HS Principal, to request their class choices.

Faith Academy Charter School Board

Our Faith Academy Charter School Board deserves all of the credit for the success of our school. The seven board members have been diligently working behind the scenes since 2020 to bring the school from concept to reality. We are extremely grateful to George Wilhelm, Gene Miller, Liz Morrow, Chris Sease, Nick Lefko, Janna Griggs, Tim Williams and former member Howard Torrence for their years of dedication.

At the end of the 23-24 school year, three members completed their first term of service. We are forever indebted to *Janna Griggs, Chris Sease and Tim Williams* for their countless hours of work in the planning and creation of our charter school. Kudos on a job well-done!! We look forward to having you in our school community for years to come.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our five new board members: *Mark Brinkley, Sherri Halpin, John Hudson, Robert Leslie, Somer Stanley*. We appreciate your willingness to serve our school community.