

# THE PATRIOT PRESS

WE ARE PATRIOT STRONG

FAITH ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

MAY 1, 2023

## PATRIOT FAMILIES,

As the second year of Faith Academy Charter School draws to a close, we have so much to be thankful for at this wonderful school. It has truly been an amazing year with eager students, dedicated educators, parents, and a supportive community. When you enter the building, you feel a sense of Patriot Pride!

This year we celebrated by receiving an award from the NCDPI for achieving and exceeding expected academic growth under North Carolina's accountability program. We were honored to have been voted the BEST Elementary and Middle School in Rowan County. Twenty three students received recognition for Service Above Self Youth Awards along with our middle school won overall first and second place. Seventh grade students, through a school-wide penny challenge, raised an incredible \$3,567 for Hurricane Ian Disaster Relief. Our contribution was sent to hard-hit Lexington Middle School in Lee County, Florida, where Hurricane Ian made landfall on September 28, 2022.

We added grade eight, a Student Council, Co-ed Cross Country and Co-ed Golf to our existing sports program, and an impressive van for transporting our teams. Two outstanding productions, *Home of the Brave* and *Junie B. Jones is Not a Crook!* were presented by the Theatre Arts Department and we had our first middle school dance. We were able to provide off-campus extended learning experiences for every grade. This was the first time many of our elementary students had experienced this type of learning due to the pandemic. It's been an outstanding year and we continue to grow.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Sarah Hensley*

Lead Administrator



## Faith Academy's Patriot Palooza Two Scheduled for May 1 and May 22

Last year, Faith Academy students took a break from studies and testing to celebrate the end of the year with a day of outdoor games, fun, and fellowship. It was the grand beginning of Patriot Palooza and was a roaring success!

On Monday, May 1, our kindergarten through second grade students will enjoy Patriot Palooza Two with games and activities from 9:00-11:30. Mrs. Bradshaw, our physical education teacher for grades K-2, has planned an exciting morning of games and activities for all to enjoy. Enhancement staff and volunteers will man the stations and the Faith Fire Department will provide and host "a cool, relaxed break" between activities for students.

On Monday, May 22, students in grades three through five will enjoy their own Palooza from 9:00-11:00 and students in grades six through eight will have their own version of Palooza from 12:00 until 2:30. These two events are being planned by Sharla Drury and the Enhancement Team with similar activities tailored for their age group.

Many thanks to all who are making this day of fun and celebration possible. Patriot Palooza Two promises to be a day with just as much excitement as Palooza One. Parents are welcome to join us on the field for the festivities. We hope that students will remain after Palooza until the end of the school day, however, if a student leaves before dismissal, he/she must be signed out from the office. A photo ID is required.

## Kindergarten Year-End AGS Screening

During the first days of school last August, all kindergarten students were screened using the *American Guidance Service Early Screening Profile*. This screening uses a battery of tools to assess the developmental levels of students from age two to age seven. Fine Motor and Gross Motor Development is assessed along with Cognitive and Language Development, Logical Reasoning, Visual Discrimination, Basic School Skills, an Articulation Survey, and Social-Emotional Development. The results of this screening give kindergarten teachers guidance in planning instruction to address specific areas of strength as well as areas of need for each child. At the end of the kindergarten year, the Cognitive-Language, Logical Reasoning, Visual Discrimination, and Basic School Skills are reassessed to show student growth after a year of instruction. This is always an exciting time to see the amazing skills shown by our students from the first days of school in kindergarten to being on the road to first grade. What a dramatic year of change for these young learners!

### End-of-Grade Tests Scheduled for Students in Grades 3-8

The end of the year means it is time to provide our students with an opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned, know, and are able to do. The word “test” makes some students nervous, but students will take all kind of tests throughout their life. Please encourage your child to relax, follow directions, and read each question carefully. Our students and teachers have worked very hard this year. Good teaching and a lot of learning has occurred. We feel that our students are ready to perform their best. Students will take the EOG tests on computers this year. Here is the End-of-Grade test schedule for our school.

Thursday - May 11	Grades 3 and 4	Reading Test	8:15 am - 11:00 am
Friday - May 12	Grades 3 and 4	Math Test	8:15 am - 11:00 am
Monday - May 15	Grades 5-8	Reading Test	8:15 am - 11:00 am
Tuesday - May 16	Grades 5-8	Math Test	8:15 am - 11:00 am
Wednesday - May 17	Grade 5 & 8	Science Test	8:15 am - 11:00 am
	Grade 3	Read to Achieve Test (if necessary for some students)	

### Car Rider Hangtags Keep Over the Summer!

Please **KEEP** the plastic car rider rearview mirror hangtags over the summer. We plan for students to use the **same number** for the 2023-2024 school year. Please put your hangtags in a safe place where you can find them in August when school starts back!

**We would like for all students to be present and on time each day they will take an EOG test.**

Make-up tests, if necessary, will be administered on these days (and May 18-19).



### Reminder

The last half-day of school will be on Monday, May 8.

**May 15 and May 22 will be full school days (8:00 am - 3:00 pm).**



### Report Card Distribution

Report cards will be available for pick-up on Thursday, June 1 and Friday, June 2 between 8:00 am - 3:00 pm in the front office.

**Report cards will be given ONLY to a parent or guardian. Photo ID is required.**

### Dates to Remember for May

1-19	Fountas-Pinnell Reading Assessment Window—Grades K-5	
1	Patriot Palooza—Grades K-2	9:00 am - 11:30 am
1	Early Release Day	1:00 pm
2	Soccer @ American Renaissance	4:00 pm
5	Last Day for Book Checkout—Grades K-8	
8	Muffins for Moms—Grade K	8:30 am - 9:00 am
8	Early Release Day	1:00 pm
9	Spring Sports Celebration for Golf & Soccer	6:00 pm
10	Lazy 5 Ranch—Grade 2	8:30 am - 2:00 pm
11	Patterson Farm—Grade K	8:30 am - 2:00 pm
11	EOG Reading—Grades 3-4	8:15 am - 11:00 am
12	EOG Math—Grades 3-4	8:15 am - 11:00 am
15	EOG Reading—Grades 5-8	8:15 am - 11:00 am
15	EOG Makeups—Grades 3-4	8:15 am - 11:00 am
15	Spirit Night @ The Soda Shop	11:00 am - 9:00 pm
16	EOG Math—Grades 5-8	8:15 am - 11:00 am
17	Read to Achieve Testing—Grade 3	8:30 am - 10:30 am
17	EOG Science—Grades 5 & 8	8:15 am - 11:00 am
18	EOG Makeups—Grades 5-8	8:15 am - 11:00 am
19	EOG Makeups—Grades 5-8	8:15 am - 11:00 am
22	Patriot Palooza—Grades 3-5	9:00 am - 11:00 am
22	Patriot Palooza—Grades 6-8	12:00 pm - 2:30 pm
23	Yearbook Distribution—Grades K-8	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
23	Donuts for Dads—Grade K	8:30 am - 9:00 am
24	Closing Ceremony—Grade 8	9:30 am - 10:30 am
24	Last Day for Students—Grades K-8	