

The Patriot Press



CREATING COMMUNITY-MINDED LEADERS

February 2025

Welcome Mr. Jeff Street!

We are very excited to welcome Jeff Street to FACS as the new K-4th grade principal. Your leadership will undoubtedly bring great things to our school and community, and we look forward to working together to make FACS even better.

Lunch Orders

Don't forget to order lunches for March!

Menu changes beginning March 1

On Tuesdays no more extra hot dog orders
On Fridays there will be no more extra pizza slice orders

*Congratulation to our Middle School
Girls and Boys Basketball Teams!
Both Conference Tournament Champions!*

*Congratulations to our High School Boys Basketball
team for completing their first season!*

*Thank you Coach Davis, Coach Gurly, and Coach
Bradshaw for your dedication to our students!*

Dates to Remember...

- February 28** - Lottery closes
- March 3** 8th Grade High School Visit
- March 10-14** - Spring Break
- March 17** - Teacher Workday & Lottery Drawing
- March 19** - Student Led Conferences & Report Cards
- March 21** - Middle School Career Day

Spring Sports Tryouts

Middle School 3:30-5:00

Softball 2/24

Soccer 2/24

High School 5:00-6:30

Baseball 2/24

Mark Your Calendars!
FACS Theater Arts Presents
Death by Dessert
by Nathan Hartswick
April 11 and April 12

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Hi FACS Families!

February is a month when we tend to talk about love, friendship, and caring. We make cards for family, friends, and others that mean a great deal to us, and try to make sure that we are being kind with our words and actions. This is such a great topic to keep in mind every month of the year! We are all so different and unique, which is something that we celebrate at Faith.

Realistically, it can be difficult to always use kind words and actions when we experience difficult to manage emotions, such as frustration, anger, or loneliness. We all experience challenging situations and sometimes forget to pause before we react unkindly to others. When we let our emotions take over, sometimes inappropriate words are used towards others. Insults, name-calling, racial slurs, and other vulgar terms are not tolerated at Faith.

Everyone that walks into our building belongs here and deserves to be treated with respect by all students, staff, volunteers, and other families.

I encourage all students to use a simple calming strategy such as deep breathing, counting, tensing then relaxing muscles, and thinking of calming spaces to help them stay in control and not allow their emotions to run the show. These strategies, among a plethora of others, are helpful in assisting us all in making better choices in how we use our words, but they must be explicitly taught. Just as we are not born knowing how to read, we are not born knowing how to calm ourselves. Teaching these strategies explicitly is something that we must all band together to do so that our children are learning how to better stay in control of themselves and treat others with respect.

Here are some helpful resources for you to share with your children to help them learn about using kind words and actions with others and about those who are different from themselves. I hope you all have been having a wonderful February and please never hesitate to reach out to me, your child's teacher, or our administrators with any questions or concerns. We value all of our children and families and look forward to working together to maintain a safe and calm learning environment while growing, learning and exploring together.

<https://copingskillsforkids.com/calming-anxiety>

<https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/>