

## FAMILY GUIDE

# A Year of Community at Faith Heritage School

*2026–2027 major events and celebrations*

**Welcome** We look forward to sharing another school year with your family. These events give us time to welcome one another, celebrate student learning, explore what may come next, thank the people who support our students, and enjoy favorite Faith Heritage traditions. Please save these dates, and watch for additional details from the school as each event approaches.

## Save the dates

| Date           | Event                              |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| September 3    | PreK–12 Back to School Celebration |
| October 2      | Open House / Alumni Event          |
| October 3      | Homecoming                         |
| October 8      | NACCAP Christian College Fair      |
| November 7     | Holiday House                      |
| November 13–14 | Fall Play                          |
| January 28     | Career & Trades Fair               |
| February 3     | Pastors' Day                       |
| February 10    | National Honor Society Induction   |
| March 12–13    | School Musical                     |
| March 24       | Academic Showcase                  |
| April 28       | Grandparents' Day                  |
| May 27         | Spring It On                       |
| June 4         | Blue/Gold Day & Sports Banquet     |
| June 12        | Senior Commencement                |
| June 14        | Kindergarten Graduation            |
| June 15        | 5th Grade Graduation               |

## Fall 2026

### **PreK–12 Back to School Celebration • September 3**

New Student Orientation will be held from 3:30–4:00 PM, followed by Back to School Celebration from 4:00–6:00 PM. The Back to School Celebration event is for both new and returning families. You can walk through the building, visit classrooms, meet teachers, practice locker combinations, and help your children feel ready for the first day. Families may come at any point during the two-hour event, and food will be available outdoors to enjoy before heading home. It is a relaxed way to take care of first-day details, reconnect with familiar faces, and help new families begin to feel at home at FHS. We are excited to welcome everyone back and begin another school year together.

### **Open House / Alumni Event • October 2**

New this year, Open House brings current families, alumni, friends, and prospective families together for an evening at Faith Heritage School. Families can visit classrooms, talk with teachers, and learn more about the routines, expectations, and resources that shape the school day. The evening is also a chance to ask questions, meet other members of the FHS community, and reconnect with alumni and friends. We hope these conversations help families feel informed, supported, and connected as the school year gets underway.

### **Homecoming • October 3**

Homecoming is a favorite Faith Heritage tradition and a time for students, families, alumni, and friends to enjoy being together. During the week, students can take part in themed dress-up days, friendly competitions, and a pep rally. The celebration continues with varsity soccer games, time for alumni to reconnect, and a Homecoming Dance for students. The Athletic Department and Student Government work together to plan the week and create plenty of ways for students to participate. Whether your family joins a spirit day, cheers from the sidelines, or comes back to see old friends, Homecoming gives us a chance to celebrate the people and shared memories that make FHS feel like family.

### **NACCAP Christian College Fair • October 8**

The Guidance Department coordinates this college fair for students in grades 9–12. Representatives from Christian colleges across the country will be available to talk with students about programs, campus life, admissions, financial aid, and other questions that matter when choosing a college. Students can visit several booths, compare options, collect information to take home, and begin—or continue—thinking about what they may want after high school. Even students who are early in the process can benefit from meeting representatives and learning what questions to ask.

## **Holiday House • November 7**

Holiday House is a long-standing Faith Heritage tradition and a warm start to the Christmas season. Families and community members can browse decorated vendor booths filled with handcrafted items, gifts, books, baked goods, and other holiday favorites. Food will be available, and guests can take part in the silent auction while supporting school programs and initiatives. One of the day's highlights is a performance by our elementary choir. Whether you come to shop, share a meal, hear the children sing, or simply spend time with friends, Holiday House offers an easy and festive way to enjoy the season together at FHS.

## **Fall Play • November 13–14**

The Fall Play gives students a chance to bring a story to life through live theater. Students also contribute behind the scenes through set and prop work, costumes, lighting, sound, stage management, and other technical roles. Unlike the spring musical, this production centers on spoken dialogue, acting, and dramatic storytelling. Families, friends, and community members are warmly invited to attend on November 13 or 14 and encourage the students who have worked together to prepare the production. Performance times and ticket information will be shared closer to the event.

## **Winter 2027**

### **Career & Trades Fair • January 28**

The Career & Trades Fair gives students in grades 6–12 a chance to learn about many different kinds of work and consider how their interests and God-given gifts might be used to serve others. Professionals from construction, healthcare, public service, culinary arts, cosmetology, technology, and other fields will talk about what they do, how they were trained, and what their work is really like from day to day. Interactive exhibits, demonstrations, and one-on-one conversations help students see that there are many good paths after high school. Some require a four-year degree, while others begin with technical training, certification, an apprenticeship, or another form of hands-on learning. Our hope is that students leave with new ideas, useful questions, and a clearer sense of the possibilities ahead of them.

### **Pastors' Day • February 3**

Pastors' Day gives Faith Heritage families an opportunity to thank the pastors and church leaders who care for and encourage our students throughout the year. Guests are invited to campus for conversation and fellowship, including time with Dr. Samuelson, a student-led chapel, lunch with students, and a tour of the school. The day allows pastors to see more of their students' daily life at FHS and gives students time to welcome them personally. We are grateful for the steady partnership of home, church, and school as we work together to disciple and support the next generation.

## **National Honor Society Induction • February 10**

The National Honor Society Induction recognizes high school students who have met the society's standards for scholarship, leadership, service, and character. During this formal ceremony, new members are welcomed into the Faith Heritage chapter in the presence of their peers, teachers, and families. It is a time to celebrate strong academic work as well as the ways these students lead, serve, and contribute to the life of the school. Families of qualifying students will receive ceremony details from the school.

## **Spring 2027**

### **School Musical • March 12–13**

The annual school musical is one of the highlights of the spring semester. Middle and high school students spend months rehearsing and preparing with the guidance of the performing arts team. The production brings together acting, singing, dancing, stage design, costumes, lighting, sound, and technical support, so students can contribute both onstage and behind the scenes. Families, friends, and community members are warmly invited to attend a performance and encourage the students who have worked so hard to bring the show to life. Performance times and ticket information will be shared closer to the event.

### **Academic Showcase • March 24**

The Academic Showcase invites families into the school to see what students have been learning across grade levels and subject areas. The evening begins with a welcome and school update from our Head of School, followed by an encore from the spring musical. Families can then visit classrooms and look through student projects, writing samples, science work, artwork, and other examples from the year. Students and teachers will be available to talk about the work and the learning behind it. We will finish with a reception in the Commons, where families can enjoy refreshments, visit with one another, and celebrate the progress students have made.

### **Grandparents' Day • April 28**

Grandparents' Day is our chance to welcome and thank the grandparents and special family friends who are such an important part of our students' lives. Guests will spend the morning on campus with their students and enjoy refreshments in the Activity Center, a chapel service, interactive activities, and time for conversation. Students love sharing their school with the people who encourage them, pray for them, and cheer them on. The morning also gives guests a closer look at daily life at Faith Heritage School and creates time for families to make a few new memories together. More information about arrival, parking, and the morning schedule will be shared as the date approaches.

### **Spring It On • May 27**

Spring It On is a school-wide celebration that gives students and staff a full day to enjoy being together. The schedule includes lunch, games, demonstrations, and athletic activities, with teachers supervising and helping students move through the day. Spring It On also gives us a chance to thank God for His provision and to recognize the donors who invest in the future of FHS.

## Blue/Gold Day & Sports Banquet • June 4

Blue/Gold Day, organized by the Guidance Department, brings the high school year to a close with recognition, reflection, and familiar FHS traditions. The day includes an all-school awards assembly, a “passing the torch” ceremony in which seniors hand leadership to the junior class, and a closing chapel led by the seniors. High school students dress up for the occasion and are dismissed early. Together, these moments give the school community time to recognize students’ accomplishments, thank the senior class, and pause before everyone heads into summer. Specific dress and dismissal information will be shared with high school families closer to the event.

## Graduation celebrations

We look forward to celebrating three meaningful milestones with our students and families:

1. Senior Commencement — June 12
2. Kindergarten Graduation — June 14
3. 5th Grade Graduation — June 15

**Please note** This guide offers an overview of the year’s major events. The school will share event times, participation details, ticket information, dress expectations, and other practical information as each date approaches. We hope this guide helps your family plan ahead and look forward to the year together.