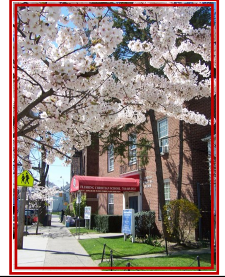




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## **A Message from the Head of School**

*"To everything there is a season,  
a time for every purpose under heaven"*  
- Ecclesiastes 3:1, NKJV

The end of the school year is often bittersweet. There's a sense of accomplishment as another year successfully closes and we celebrate achievements through graduations and awards ceremonies. We taste sadness as we part for the summer and say farewell to those who do not plan to return in the fall. We sigh in relief as the year is over and we look forward to summer plans of rest and recreation, yet there's also anticipation as we think ahead to the preparations for another busy school year. **Yes, the year ends with a flurry of activity and foreshadows the arrival of yet another season.**

Life cycles in continuous events that mark beginnings and endings. As you read inside about the many exciting events that mark the end of the 2022-2023 school year at FCS, our office staff is in the middle of preparations for a new school year due to begin in a few short weeks. **Time seems to race by like a freight train** that slows down just enough for us to jump on board.

Because this rapid, never-ending cycle can overwhelm us at times, we may feel like the skeptical speaker in Ecclesiastes. He observes life from the outside and wonders if there is any reward or meaning to this cycle (2:17, 3:9). Yet it is a comfort to

know that God is not an impersonal force who sets things in motion and then steps back to watch the confused world spin haphazardly away. God is not an aloof, absentee God. **Instead, God made each of us personally and has a plan and purpose for everything**, shown most clearly through His plan of redemption through Jesus Christ. The great milestones of graduation are a part of His plan, the painful separations are a part of His plan, and the seemingly mundane cycles of daily life serve a worthy purpose, too.

We finish another successful school year grateful that **God's faithful, mighty hand has sustained us each**. We are proud of our graduates who are moving on to another stage of their lives. We regret the loss of staff who are leaving FCS and moving onto other endeavors. We anticipate welcoming new families and staff into our community this coming year. **We look forward to another successful year as we trust in the same faithful and mighty God.**

We are grateful for each of you, the friends and supporters of FCS who enable us to continue God's work. **We do all this confident in the God who makes everything beautiful in its time (Ecclesiastes 3:11).**

- Chantal Nelson  
Head of School

# Memorable Experiences

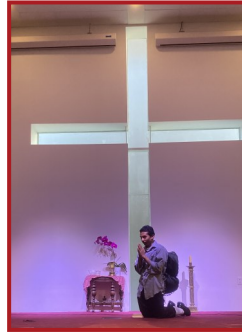
## Spruce Lake Retreat

For the first time since the COVID pandemic, our oldest two grades took an **overnight trip to Spruce Lake Retreat Center** in Pennsylvania. The trip will no doubt be one of their favorite experiences at FCS.

Whether developing deeper relationships outside of school or giving more attention to God's Word, each student was **powerfully impacted by the time away**. Being disengaged from technology and surrounded by God's glorious creation also played key factors!



## Spring Concert



The student body of FCS produced a historic spring concert, **presenting John Bunyan's classic *Pilgrim's Progress***. They used music, art, Scripture recitation, and drama to depict Christian's pilgrimage through many challenges and obstacles to the Celestial City. Held at a new venue (the new sanctuary at First Baptist Church of Flushing), **the performance was a truly memorable one.**

You can find pictures of this event on our website and watch a video recording on YouTube. Scan the QR code or visit [fcsnyc.org/pilgrimsprogress](https://fcsnyc.org/pilgrimsprogress) to watch!



Scan above to watch *Pilgrim's Progress*!



## Subject Spotlight: English & Language Arts

As image-bearers of God, humans have the unique capacity to communicate deep truths using the gift of language. Since Christians are commissioned to share the life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ, **we especially aim to help our students become excellent communicators.**

The ELA classroom serves as the perfect laboratory to hone these skills.

Students grow more adept at **reading**



**6th grader Olive presents her original story to a captivated 1st grade audience.**

**and comprehension** while also discerning and analyzing different worldviews. They develop their own **writing and speaking tools**, using both powerful imagery and logical precision to share their own ideas. As a result, they will emerge as **careful and critical thinkers.**

By God's grace, we can expect every student to become a more insightful, compelling communicator.



# Proud Celebrations



## Kindergarten Graduation

As the kindergarten class celebrated the end of their first year at FCS, they exhibited the high energy and the potential to make a positive impact on their generation.

Mrs. Fiore again planned a wonderful ceremony and delightful venue to match. Congratulations to all!



## Awards Ceremonies

We gladly celebrated students who met high standards for academics, behavior, and attendance. In a special tribute (pictured below), students transitioning from elementary to middle school received a special recognition for their significant step forward.



Interested in seeing more pictures? Visit our website: [fcsnyc.org/photos](https://fcsnyc.org/photos)

You can also scan to find us on Flickr!



## 8th Graduation

Having completed their career at FCS, our 8th grade class celebrated their accomplishments with a sense of great satisfaction. Full of talent and youthful enthusiasm, this class will need divine wisdom and courage to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

May God strengthen and empower them to shine as bright lights for His name!



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## Alumni Connections

### Calling all alumni!

We are eager to connect with you! Please be on the lookout for an **alumni survey** that will allow us to grow as a school and serve you better as your alma mater. You will also want to stay in the know about some special **FCS family activities** we have planned for the fall.

If you don't already receive our emails, kindly share your email address with [info@fcsnyc.org](mailto:info@fcsnyc.org).



## Jogathon Results!

With an unprecedented goal of \$30,000, we trusted God to help us promote our tuition assistance fund at the annual jogathon. Our generous impulse to provide help is worth the effort. The only question was how much God would exceed our expectations.

Praise the Lord for bringing in over \$40,000, **135% of our original goal!** Let's expect God to continue providing for our school and our families!

