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A Message from the Head of School

*As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,
summer and winter, day and night
will never cease.*

- Genesis 8:22

Just as the seasons consistently change, God's steadfast love never changes. God is faithful to accompany us through another year full of challenges, celebrations, and growth. As we pass through winter, we have successfully completed half of the school year. We have celebrated Christ's birth in our Christmas concert and all-school chapel. We have also seen growth in our student body and anticipate even more growth based on the large turnout from our Open House Showcase. We can echo the prophet Isaiah's words that "God has done wonderful things, things planned long ago" (Isaiah 25:1).

One such wonder is the inception of Flushing Christian School over 70 years ago. God planned a haven in New York City where children could receive a stellar education based on the truth of a biblical worldview. They would flourish in a safe environment of care and support, while learning from godly role models.

God's plan continues today, as we see children continuing to grow strong and wise. We allow Scripture to direct every aspect of our tremendous experience, from extracurricular programs to discipline and resolving conflicts.

God's plan includes partnerships with the Children's Scholarship Fund (CSF), a private organization that helps to keep our education affordable for families in financial need. Since 2016, CSF has provided scholarship funds to hundreds of FCS students.

Recently, some representatives from CSF visited with students who receive their awards. They encouraged the students and explained their efforts to stay connected with each recipient throughout their whole school career, including college.



Ms. Nelson with some of the CSF team.

God's grace spreads to us directly and indirectly and He is faithful to complete the work He has started. As you peruse the highlights of our school year so far, I hope you experience a glimpse of the faithfulness of our loving Father.

- Chantal Nelson
Head of School

Christmas Festivities

Christmas Concert

What better way to celebrate the coming of our Lord than by singing together about His birth? Hosted at First Baptist Church of Flushing, our annual Christmas concert featured songs from the elementary classes and a musical drama presented by the middle school grades. Students praised Christ and told the *full* story of His birth, death, and resurrection.

The evening also included instrumental numbers and performances by several electives (liturgical dance, ASL, and band). It was a memorable occasion for all!



Watch the concert here: fcsnyc.org/christmas2023

See more pics here: fcsnyc.org/pictures

Christmas Chapel

The all-school Christmas chapel brought all grades together for a time of fun singing and reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas.

Pastor Mark Perri of Immanuel Community Church spoke, considering the gift of the Messiah from the shepherds' perspective. Several student groups also offered musical specials.

Since this chapel was held on the day before Christmas break, it was a great way to head into the holiday break!



Teacher Feature: Mrs. Feld

When our alumni test into advanced math classes, they attribute their success to the high standards of our math curriculum. More importantly, though, they point to the godly persistence of the middle school math teacher, Mrs. Maryann Feld.

Mrs. Feld has been teaching at FCS for decades. She combines many of her loves by teaching *students* about the glory of



God using the tools of *math*. Whether coaching a student through a difficult problem or offering personalized attention in an after hours tutoring session, Mrs. Feld refuses to allow a student to fail.

We praise God for using Mrs. Feld to model His own glorious grace to the whole school community. We love you, Mrs. Feld!

Learning In Class

Core Lessons

After Christmas break, students work to regain positive momentum in their different studies. While elementary students focus on reading and writing, middle school students give attention to midterms. This process is challenging but rewarding for each.



5th grade gives a dramatic reading.



Electives

Besides our core classes, middle school students expand their horizons through electives. Some legacy electives like ASL, chorus and film have been offered for years. Others like blogging, financial literacy, and liturgical dance are relatively new. Each option gives our students a more comprehensive educational experience.

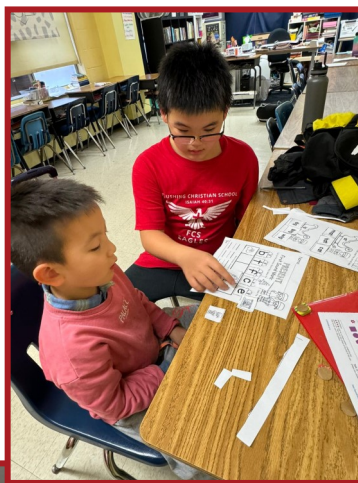


A journalism student holds an interview for the "Eaglets' View."

Living Outside of Class

Afterschool Experiences

The FCS experience continues after school is dismissed. Depending on the day, you will find students competing in extracurricular sports, collaborating as peer tutors, or reviewing homework in our after



school program

Each activity cultivates teamwork and a selfless ethic, important character traits for fruitful kingdom citizens.



Service Opportunities

Most important to our education is helping our students embrace God's heart of love and compassion for others. Our students take action to benefit others around the world through Operation Christmas Child; this year we collected



210 boxes (a new school record!). Students also develop compassion for those around them, whether mentoring younger students or writing notes for senior citizens living in an assisted living home.



As our faculty model God's contagious love, students absorb that love and reflect God's concern to those around them.



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Fresh Enrollment

The open house held on January 27th introduced our school to many prospective families from the community. Demand for our kindergarten is tremendously high, and we anticipate enrolling another full class this fall.

Student volunteers helped in tremendous ways, from hosting guests to taking photos and assisting with childcare. Multiple people testified to God's active working through FCS.

