



9 September 2016

FJS Turns 20!

This week we begin the 20th year of school at FJS! The year begins with many changes, and with many things which stay the same.

Miss Rodriguez and Miss Detweiler are not here this year and we already miss them! However, we welcome Miss Linda (Herschberger) and Mr. Allert in their place. Mr. Allert teaches both high schoolers and middle schoolers in the morning, while Miss Linda teaches middle school in the afternoon. We welcome them and wish them the best.

In the lower school, we do not have a 1st and 2nd grade for the first time, probably since the first or second year of school. On the other hand, at 20 students in the upper school (grades 6-12), we have nearly as many students as we had last year.

One thing that has not changed and will not change is our commitment to introducing students to Jesus and teaching and modeling for them what it means to be a follower of Jesus. We are also strongly committed to give to your children the best academic education we are able to provide. Even with reduced staffing, the classes which students were able to take when we had twice as many students they are still able to take this year.

We celebrate God's goodness to FJS and our families over these 20 years. We celebrate the students who have successfully completed their work last year and have moved up to the next grade. We celebrate our graduates who have completed college and are now working good paying jobs. We celebrate committed Prayer Warriors and donors who make it possible for us to provide a Christian education to Cypress Hills families. But most of all, we celebrate students and graduates who have committed their lives to Jesus and are being used by him to build his kingdom in their classrooms here at school, in their colleges, in the workplace, and in the various churches which they attend in our community.

Praise God with us for all of his goodness as we enter into this 20th year of school!

Notes for a new year.

- 1) This envelope will come home every week. **If you don't see it, ask for it!** These letters contain important information week-by-week about upcoming events and important announcements. Hopefully, they will also be available on the web site each week at www.fjschool.org.
- 2) So far I have only received one Tuition Assistance application. If we do not have your application by the middle of the month so that we can schedule a Tuition Assistance Interview by the end of the month, you will be charged full tuition in October! Please see Miss Jen for an application if you do not yet have one.
- 3) We missed seeing many of you at Parent Orientation last week. Miss Jen has sent home the papers which were distributed there, some of which need to be signed and sent back. Please do so quickly, so that we can have complete and current records for your family.

Have a great school year!
James E. Gochnauer, Principal

