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## Four Decades of Faith

Did you know that Faith Mennonite High School opened forty years ago? On September 26, 2015, Faith Mennonite High School celebrated their fortieth year anniversary. The school sent out approximately six hundred invitations. It took a lot of preparation to get ready for the event. In the gym, they had most of the class pictures and the yearbooks from over the years. They also had time lines and different posters about several alumni. A PowerPoint was arranged about the first three decades of the school. Prior to the evening, an alumni choir practiced several songs that they presented at the celebration. Approximately two hundred people came out to support the event. The evening started out with Mr. Jim Cockenhower speaking about the first decade of the school. After he was finished, Mr. Raymond Harnish expounded on the second decade. Mr. Paul talked about the third decade of school. Randy Hoover, alumnus from 2001, then spoke about his memories and how Faith High School impacted his life. Wes Metzler spoke about various interesting facts about the school. Finally, Mr. Fox talked about goals the school has for the future. To end the evening, there was free ice cream for the people who came out to support the event. The school wants to thank everyone who came out and supported the event.



# Breaking the Ice

Stuco blasted an air horn and hurled candy off the roof at lunch time symbolizing the start of the annual icebreakers. This year we participated in a variety of competitive games and ended the day well with a successful tug-of-war match.

Stuco did an exceptional job coming up with creative and interactive games this year. The whole student body was split into teams and preceded to four stations throughout the afternoon. On the soccer field there was an intense and exasperating game of ultimate Frisbee. In the gym, blood sweat and tears were poured out while people fought for their rightful positions in human tic-tac-toe. Meanwhile in the parking lot people looked rather ridiculous as they pulled wagons full of people around a course while being blindfolded. In study hall a less active but very intense game of occupation was being played.



You never know how competitive and exasperating a tug of war game can be until the heat of the moment comes upon you and friends turn to enemies in an instant. After we had a tournament for the ice-breaker teams, all four classes took hold of the four-way rope and battled it out; beads of sweat dripped from foreheads as they mustered all of their strength, determined to be labeled as the “strongest class.”

Teachers watched the sidelines with much anticipation, excited to determine who would win. The freshman class had the advantage of new energy; the sophomore class had numbers, the junior class competitiveness, and the seniors, much confidence. After a little shady-dealing, the junior class pulled through.

After the activities ended we interviewed a few students about what they most enjoyed about the day. Twila said that her highlight was simply having off from the afternoon classes. Many of the students said they enjoyed the competition of the games while the players on the winning team all agreed that winning was the highlight. Ryan Lapp and Myron Stoltzfus enjoyed playing Frisbee football; while Arlin King and Danielle agreed that strategizing in human tic-tac-toe was exhilarating. The Junior class was unanimously convicted that winning tug-of-war made them the strongest and most strategic class in the school. Kara, along with the whole school expressed their joys of ending the exhausting day with refreshing ice cream and cold drinks.

# A “Grand” Evening

The 2015 Grandparents had a glorious beginning with a fantastic meal. The menu included: ham balls, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, apple sauce, and rolls for the main course. Also, for dessert there was some amazing cheesecake and pumpkin pie with ice cream.

After the delicious meal, large chorus sang two songs to the audience. When the beautiful songs were over, some of the teachers introduced themselves and the classes that they taught. Miss Scott introduced her art class by telling the audience some of the things that might be heard, seen, smelled, and felt in her art classes. After this, Tony and Tristen showed some of their handiwork from Mr. Sensenig’s woodshop classes. When they were done showing their works of art, Miss Meyers called forth her Spanish classes to speak some Spanish and sing the song Yo Tengo Gozo (I’ve got the Joy). After they all had the opportunity to show their extensive foreign language talent, quiz team was invited to the stage to demonstrate what it is like to be a quizzier. When they had finished showing their incredible memorization skills, Chorale sang “Blessed be the God and Father” and “Before the Throne of God Above”. After this there was a closing prayer and the whole school closed out the program with the song, “Now go in Peace”.

Overall it was a very successful program and the grandparents were greatly blessed. It was a great opportunity to show the grandparents what their grandchildren do in high school. There was a lot of effort that went into it, but it was all worthwhile.



# What are you enjoying your freshman year?



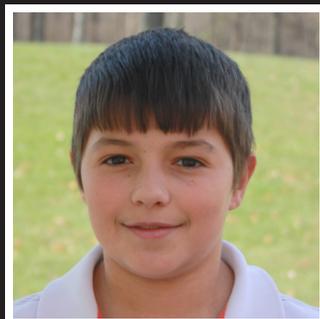
*The social life and the sports and the intensity of the classes.*

*Payton Fisher*



*The social life and the activities.*

*Ruth Fisher*



*The basketball.*

*Josh Lapp*

## **Announcement**

Alumni Basketball Tournament

Jan. 8-9

Get a team together and come out and have fun!

To enter a team contact Jesse Herschberger

717-598-5411

Deadline to Register January 1

### *Datebook*

*Dec. 10 Christmas Concert 7:30*

*Dec. 11 Basketball Game @Ephrata*

*Mennonite 12:00*

*Dec. 15 Basketball Game @Schaefferstown Mennonite High 12:00*

*Dec. 18 Basketball Game @ Fairview Christian 12:00*

*Dec. 23 Christmas Caroling Baltimore*

*Jan. 7 Basketball Game @ Terre Hill*

*Mennonite High 12:00*

*Jan. 8-9 Alumni*

*Basketball Tournament*

*Jan. 12 PTF 7:00*

*Jan. 15-16 Invitational Basketball Tournament*

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