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Family Here, Family There, Family Everywhere

This year many of the staff and students are immediate family members and see each other every day at school.

Mr. John Lewis Lapp calls it a privilege to be teaching the History classes at the same school as his sons: Jonathan, Joshua, and Daniel. He enjoys building relationships with the peers of his sons. He gets to see them work, relate, and grow in their school world. There are moments that Mr. Lapp needs to ask his sons why they did not study for their test, when they clearly had time. Mr. Lapp says, "It can teach my sons accountability but it can also get awkward." Jonathan likes when his dad is at school because when he needs a parent signature, his dad is available to sign it.

Kelvin and Mr. Troy Stauffer are brothers who are 2,910 days apart. Both enjoy sports and competition, and neither have been struck by lightning. Kelvin is a more extroverted person, while Mr. Stauffer is considered more of an introvert. Mr. Stauffer is 1 inch taller and 4 inches fatter than Kelvin. Kelvin enjoys having his brother as a coach because he can ask questions without it being awkward, but sometimes Mr. Stauffer is not as lenient towards Kelvin because he is just his little brother.

Mindy Beiler and Austin Beiler also share a sibling/teacher relationship. They would both consider themselves organized, people-oriented, and detailed. Neither of them can handle starting a project without finishing it, and they both enjoy their peach tea. Usually they do not see each other unless Mindy needs to take pictures in the shop.

Austin and Jesse Herschberger are brothers who never dreamed they would teach in the same high school where they graduated. They both agree that high school is a pivotal time in a teenager's life, as they seek to prepare their students for life after high school. Austin, who teaches the business classes is a more logical person while Jesse, who teaches Evangelism Team, prioritizes relationships. They love to learn and to discover new things, and

that is why they love to teach.

Makayla and Austin Ressler both have fond memories of having their dad, Larry Ressler, at school. When a student was too scared to ask a question, Makayla would be the "middle man" between the teacher and student. Austin enjoyed teasing his dad for watching ESPN during class, talking with him during his lunch break, and getting to see the "teacher" side of him.

Mr. Willie Stoltzfus is the father of John. John enjoys his dad as a teacher because his dad knows how he learns and can explain concepts in a way that he can understand. Willie enjoys seeing his students' interest in the engine technology and he loves telling his students stories.

Mrs. Cheryl Stoltzfus is the mom to Duane. She enjoys watching him get fully involved with quizzing and basketball. She occasionally brings his forgotten lunch to school or allows him to mark items on her snack shoppe tab.

Dericka's mom, Miss Jewel Stoltzfus, teaches Home Ec classes at FMH. Due to class schedules, they do not get to spend a lot of time together. Miss Jewel loves to see Dericka interacting with her friends and teachers. Dericka's favorite part of having her mom at school is seeing her at lunch time.

Mr. Mike Fox, principal, and his wife, Miss Becky, feel it is a privilege to have the opportunity to work together. Teaching at the same school helps them to see a glimpse of what each one of them gets involved in at FMH. Mike and Becky enjoy learning to know the students through the Bible and Art classes that they teach.

Earl Harrison enjoys seeing his grandpa, Mr. Harrison, and his uncle, Mr. Paul, every day at school. He now sees them daily, instead of just over the holidays. Earl cannot wait to have Mr. Harrison as an Old Testament Survey and Biology teacher next year. He is Mr. Harrison's first grandchild to attend FMH.

Brooklyn Horst

Ohio Bound

The FMH varsity basketball and volleyball teams were thrilled to have the opportunity to play in the annual Gospel Haven Tournament this year. The teams started out early Friday, February 10, and even a few students and parents made the long 6 hour drive to watch the 2 teams compete. The FMH girls volleyball team played better than

they have all season and gave their rivals strong competition, but unfortunately did not place in the tournament. The FMH guys basketball team played exceptionally well. They were happy to represent FMH and to bring home the second place trophy!



Chefs In The Making

Cabin living – A class in which senior guys attempt to cook things and to sew stuff. Cabin living is an amazing opportunity to learn how to bake, to cook, and to fry great food. As guys, we are not focused on how much of this or that goes into a meal, but we are more focused on whether or not we are able to EAT it. Mrs. Cheryl teaches us how to cook everything, how to clean up, and how to properly store our food. We get to use knives, flames (propane burners on the oven), and a dangerous food processor. Some of the 5 star dishes we have produced are the following: egg benedict, stir fry, egg rolls, empanadas, BACON, soup, bread, rice, and shrimp. All the guys in cabin living love cooking and eating food. It is a super chill class and makes it possible to live independent lives on the mission field or elsewhere.

Drew Martin

Your Song

Think with me of a time in your life when your soul was refreshed and encouraged by a simple song. Now picture with me a group of dynamic, focused choir members who are refining their musicality by beating out rhythms, tempos, and singing solfege. Thirdly, imagine with me, standing around the throne of heaven, worshipping the King of Kings in song.

What do these things have in common, you ask? As believers, our goal is to glorify our Heavenly Father. Singing is a non-threatening, unobtrusive channel to share the gospel, because songs have a way of meeting people in their present circumstances.

A few weeks ago Faith Chorale started sharing hope, redemption, and joy by beginning their program season. Conveying this incredible message through song required that each person learned their own part well, and harmonized with the rest of the group. It meant personal discipline outside of school, choosing enthusiasm when apathy wanted to dominate, and learning the deeply rooted meaning of the text they wanted to portray. This in itself is a testimony of what God can do with a group of believers who are committed to personal growth, and to team unity. Just like an orchestra includes many different instruments and players to create a beautiful symphony, so will heaven be filled with many diverse people groups, all unified in their worship.

There's a good chance Faith Chorale will be singing in their dapper uniforms near you soon. When you go, your cup will be full to overflowing as you let the words of their repertoire sink into your heart and mind. In the meantime, the world needs a song. It needs YOUR song, whatever that may be. So live a life of joy in the midst of your present circumstances.

Miss Metzler

Editorial

Habits. We all have them, whether we like to admit it or not. During our high school years, we form habits that will affect the rest of our lives.

Many of us have said the words, "I just got home; I don't want to start homework yet!" We've all procrastinated on assignments, some of us more than others. However, the reality most of us know and simply refuse to admit is that we are forming habits that will affect our lives out of high school. When we face a tough situation out of high school, will we push off making decisions and facing consequences until it is too late? Have we convinced ourselves that as soon as we graduate we will be able to immediately break all our poor habits, including poor time management?

Not everyone in high school has poor time management and study habits. It is possible for those who do to change that after they graduate. However, it is important for us as high school students to realize that these are formative years. The question is not whether our habits will affect us after we graduate. Rather, we should be asking ourselves if the habits we have now are good habits. If we don't have good habits, now is the time to change them. We will not receive a new set of habits upon leaving high school.

Kristal Bange

Students Speak Out

Which country would you want to visit this summer and why?



Freshman - Deanna Miller

I would go to Europe to meet new people, to experience a different culture, and to expand my knowledge of the world.

Sophomore - Maria Groff

My first choice would be Chile, because my cousins live there and it would be fun.



Junior - Ryan Kauffman

Argentina, because the wild life is legit! I want to see the red stags and pudu (world's smallest deer).

Senior - Marcus Kauffman

Definitely Canada, so I could go goose hunting.



Calendar

March	6	Job Fair
	7-9	Quiz Retreat
	24-31	Senior Trip
April	2	Snow Make Up Day
	8	Chorale Program at Bethel Christian Fellowship 6:30pm
	15	Chorale Program at Lichty's Mennonite Church 7pm
	17	Jr/Sr V-Ball Home Game with Schaefferstown
	20	Freshmen V-Ball Home With Schaefferstown

Alumni Feature

Ever since he was 14 years old, Andrae has been working in the market industry and it has always been a dream of his to run his own market stand. Almost a year ago, he had the opportunity to accomplish his dream when a donut stand came up for sale. We purchased a donut and bagel stand, Dutch Country Donuts & Coffee, where we make the donuts by scratch every Friday and Saturday. We fill and top them with several varieties of toppings including: glaze, chocolate, peanut butter, bacon, M&M's, and much more. We make



and sell about 40 different varieties. While Andrae takes care of the scheduling, ordering, and managing, I take care of the bookkeeping. I use QuickBooks and Excel to pay the bills and to do the payroll. I am very glad for the accounting class I took while at Faith, even though, at the time, I wasn't planning on having a job that would require those skills.

Jessica Graham

Andrae Graham & Jessica Olweiler Graham graduated in the Class of 2013, and were married in 2015.

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