



Kim Schelling

The Head Teacher's Office

Hello there!

I don't look like Mr. Staples very much, do I? We're sad Mr. Staples took a job to be closer to family, but thankful for the time we did have with him. We're in the search for a principal, but until then, I'll be head teacher.

I've been a part of FCS for 17 years and am excited to see all the behind the scenes work and help the school run smoothly. I'll miss interacting daily with my 2nd graders, but I know they'll be in good hands with Mrs. Gillming.

Some other exciting things for this year:

- Our theme this year is "God at work in our minds and hearts".
- All day kindergarten where the kids can enjoy more one-on-one time with Miss Young, and learn at their own pace.
- New teachers and staff! Stop in and meet some of our new faces.

I'd also like to take a moment to thank you. When you choose to be a part of FCS, you're investing in our students' characters, minds, hearts, and future. Since my daughters attended here as well, I know that you will never regret it. Your child will be loved, nurtured, taught, challenged, and changed here.

Please stop in and say hi. I'd love to get to know all of you better this year.

Sincerely,
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Crimson Gala

You're Invited!

October 12, 2019 Younes Conference Center
5:30 p.m. Doors open and silent auction
6:30 p.m. Program, dinner, and live auction
Call 308-236-8744 for tickets!

The Numbers of 2018/2019

\$29,743	RAISED at National Day of Prayer Fun Run
212	PARTICIPANTS at National Day of Prayer Fun Run
3	SNOW DAYS
4	LATE STARTS due to weather
105	GRANDPARENTS attended Grandparents Day
17	DIFFERENT CHURCHES represented at FCS

Important Dates

THURSDAY - FRIDAY
 September 26 - 27
No School

THURSDAY
 October 10
Pastor Appreciation Program

SATURDAY
 October 12
Crimson Gala

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY
 OCTOBER 16 - 18
No School

MONDAY
 NOVEMBER 11
Veteran's Day Program

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY
 NOVEMBER 27 - 29
Thanksgiving Break

TUESDAY
 DECEMBER 17
Christmas Program

MONDAY - MONDAY
 DECEMBER 23 - JANUARY 6
Christmas Break

All Day Kindergarten

This fall, FCS transitioned to all day kindergarten. Kindergarten teacher Casey Young explains, "Education has changed to what used to be taught in 1st grade has moved to kindergarten. We started the conversation about moving to all day when we realized that shift has caused an increase in academic stress and decreased social and emotional development." All day kindergarten will allow work to happen at an age appropriate rate, incorporate play, quiet time for reflection, and more teacher one-on-one time. Young expands, "It will allow the little brains of each student to process what they are learning and slow down a little, rather than just going full speed all the time without a moment to pause."

The 8th Graders Serve in Colorado

For the 8th grade mission trip, Lahe Schmidt, Noah Criffield, and Zoe Castillo and their sponsors connected with ministries in Fort Collins and Estes Park to serve those in need. They worked with Impact Colorado handing out popsicles and Bible verses to CSU students, put together picnic tables at the YMCA in Estes Park, helped at the Elizabeth Gould thrift store which assists people with medical bills and supplies, and served with Summit Church, a mobile church that sets up and tears down their church every Sunday.



New School Board President, Shawn Hagan

After three years of service, Dustin Hershberger stepped down as school board president and Shawn Hagan took his place. Shawn has been on the school board for 5 years and has a 5th grade daughter at FCS. He's excited to work towards the growth and health of FCS. He explains, "I feel like we have so many opportunities ahead of us. I just want to keep building on the great things the previous board has established!"

Meet the New School Board Members

John Keeney

As an FCS alumni, John believes strongly in the benefit of a Christ-centered education. He and his wife, Jalisa, have three daughters with his oldest in 1st grade at FCS. He is a Certified General Appraiser and president of Keeney Real Estate Appraisal, Inc. He and his wife are members of Kearney E-Free Church.

Nic Norton

Nic and his wife, Nicole, have three children, with his two oldest attending 1st grade and kindergarten at FCS. He appreciates Christ-centered education in how it lines up with the values he and his wife seek to instill at home. He is an attorney at Jacobsen Orr Law Firm enjoying a varied legal practice. He's a member of the Kearney E-Free Church and an official for Christians for Christian Education.

New Art Room

As the result of a generous donation, a new art room has been built in the lower level. After nearly 10 years of teaching art on a volunteer basis in temporary locations, art teacher Barb Schanbacher couldn't be more excited, "I'm looking forward to not having to move supplies in and out of the storage room, being out of the noisy hallway during class change times, and having a more private, controlled, and distraction-free environment. (And I imagine the nearby classes will be glad to get rid of our noise)." The new art room has cupboards, shelves, and countertops, in addition to pin boards, 2 sinks, and a large erase board.

Teacher Spotlight

This is the 2nd year for Miss Susan Christensen to teach our 4th - 8th grade math classes, but she's far from inexperienced -- this is her 39th year of teaching!



Miss Christensen

Why did you transition to FCS and what do you like about teaching here?

I was not planning to leave KPS at the time, but God opened all of the right doors. I got to discover what I knew deep down...God leads! I wasn't even nervous or sad.

There are soooooo many reasons I like teaching here. Christ is first and is in all things from start to finish. The staff is like family and fun to work with. Devotions in the morning and prayer to start the day with my class. Families that love on the staff. The ability to take field trips to practice math concepts.

What inspired you to become a teacher?

God! I knew from a very early age that I wanted to be a teacher. It is an amazing story of how God literally made me a math teacher! If anyone wants to hear it just ask me sometime :). God wanted me to be a teacher and has blessed me with gifts to be able to understand and explain math. It is not of my doing but rather all glory goes to Him!

What is your favorite topic to teach?

Probably to teach pi and what it means and decimals...and percents and short division, and algebra and how easy it can be! I also enjoy showing the connections that tie all of math together and how amazing it is. I also loved teaching Bible and spelling this past year.

What are some of the things you hope your students will have learned and hopefully remember forever?

One, that God fearfully and wonderfully made them and loves them. Two, to not let anyone look down on them because they are young but to set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. And three, that math is easy, and even fun, IF you understand it and try!!!

If you could only eat one type of ice cream the rest of your life, what would you choose?

I am not really an ice cream eater...I do like all spicy foods, though!

Where are they now?



John Keeney attended Faith Christian and Kearney Christian from 2nd grade to 8th grade, 1994-2002, and his daughter is among the first, repeat generations of FCS students! We caught up with him to see what he's up to now.

What keeps you busy?

My wife Jalisa and I have three children, Jovie, Damaris and Violet. I am a Certified General Real Property Appraiser in Nebraska and Kansas, and am the owner of Keeney Real Estate Appraisal, Inc. I specialize in agricultural, commercial and special use real estate. I am also currently a member of the FCS board.

In what ways do you feel FCS prepared you for what you do now?

A very large part of my business is writing documents for clients. I believe that FCS provided a very good educational background that had me ahead when I entered both high school and college, and provided a good foundation for continuing my studies after leaving FCS.

Your daughter is among the first, second generation FCS students! What motivated you to send her to FCS?

Jovie went to FCS for kindergarten is now going to start 1st grade. Jalisa and I were motivated to send Jovie to FCS due to the small class sizes, the quality of education and the fact that we believe her faith will be strengthened by a solid gospel based foundation that we cannot provide alone.



Ways to help

Save the following and drop off at the school:

- Receipts from Family Fresh and Grand Central Apple Market
- Our Family UPC's
- Best Choice UPC's
- Tyson A+ labels
- Coke lids and codes of the 12 and 24 packs

We need volunteers for:

Alumni Searching

We'd love help finding and reaching out to former Kearney Christian and Faith Christian School alumni. We hope to build a strong FCS community and know alumni are central to that.

PTO

Bless our teachers, staff, and students by helping to serve and organize special days throughout the year.

Crimson Gala Committee

Be a part of our biggest fundraiser of the year. From collecting auction items to planning decorations, we'd love your help.

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For every purchase you make on Amazon Smile, .5% is donated to the school. Login to smile.amazon.com and choose Faith Christain School as your charitable organization, then shop as normal.

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