



FJS Quizzers Earn Trophy

by Gene DeCamp



Long rides to Pennsylvania, loud teammates and fierce competition is basically what you could call this year. 86 teams participated in MACSA Bible Quizzing this year. The junior high team, coached by Mrs. Gochnauer, earned 17th place out of 43 teams, which earned them a First Place trophy in the BB Division. The senior high team placed 14th out of 43 teams, earning 4th place in the A division, their highest ever ranking.

The students who participated in quizzing this year were Shani Abrahams, Christopher Gochnauer, Davy Oporta, Donovan Yoder, Elliot Yoder, James Edwards, James Charles, and Gene DeCamp. The students had to memorize about 300 verses. The team participated in four quiz-a-thons. The first three determine what division

the teams play in at the final, two day long Quiz Retreat at Black Rock Retreat in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

Both teams competed at a high level and did better than they thought they would. The senior high team benefited from some junior high



FJS Senior High Quiz Team (from left) David Graybill (coach), Davy Oporta, Chris Gochnauer, Shani Abrahams

quizzers that moved up to senior high this year, especially Shani Abrahams who was voted an All-Star Quizzer. Elliot Yoder was designated a junior high All-Star quizzer in his first year of participation! Head coach, Dave Graybill, was voted All-Star Coach in the Senior High A Division.

I enjoy quizzing because to me it is a way of getting away from the city, meeting new people, and spending more time with my friends. I think quizzing would be a great experience for FJS students to participate in, and every student could quiz if they would just put their mind to it.



FJS Junior High Quiz Team (from left) Ruthi Gochnauer (coach), Gene DeCamp, Elliot Yoder, Donovan Yoder, James Charles, James Edwards

Third Quarter

Honor Roll

Principal's List (97%-100%)

Angel Vasquez, Jr.

A Honor Roll (93%-96%)

George Aviles
Natan Bu
Sabrina Edwards
Ashly Gavin
Christopher Gochnauer
Karina Guerrero
Shianne Hartzler
Brianna Schwartz

B Honor Roll (85%-92%)

Dina Bu
James Edwards
Nickarel Forbes-Allen
Sarah Gavin
Emmeline Martinez
Yessenia Oporta
Emily Suarez
Jada Vick



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And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. 2 Tim. 2:2 (NIV)

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Principal's Corner

by James E. Gochnauer



Who are these people?

One of the most enjoyable aspects of serving God at FJS is the cultural and ethnic diversity we experience here. Our students and staff are a blend of white, black, Latino, native Caribbean, Guyanese and more.

Sure, we occasionally hear charges of racism and bias, and students know most of the ethnic slurs to get under each others skin. But, most of the time, the kids get along with each other and form strong friendships across cultural, ethnic, and national boundaries.

See how many of these descriptions you can match to a student or faculty member. The first three students to find a correct match to every description will receive a free lunch this Friday, June 8.

Family originally comes from, or has relatives in:

- 1) Barbados
- 2) Canada
- 3) Dominican Republic

- 4) Ecuador
- 5) Guyana
- 6) Haiti
- 7) Honduras
- 8) Kansas
- 9) Nicaragua
- 10) Ohio
- 11) Paraguay
- 12) Pennsylvania
- 13) Peru
- 14) Puerto Rico
- 15) Trinidad

- 16) Speaks three languages
- 17) Can trace their heritage to at least two different foreign countries
- 18) Not born in United States

The apostle John wrote, "After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude ... from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb" Rev. 7:9 (NIV). I pray that our student body would be present in that great multitude one day.

Science Fair Winners Visit Planetarium

The winners of the 2007 FJS Science Fair were rewarded with a trip to the Hayden Planetarium at the American Museum of Natural History in Manhattan.

In addition to the planetarium exhibit, the students enjoyed a newly

reopened exhibit on frogs.



7-12th grade winners: 1st place, Chris Gochnauer (left); 2nd place, Elizabeth Oporta and Nile Wallace (not pictured); 3rd place, Gene DeCamp (right).



5th-6th grade winners: 1st place, Emily Suarez (center) and Nickarel Forbes-Allen (right); 2nd place, Alicia Rodriguez (left)

1st-4th grade winners: 1st place, Brianna Schwartz; 2nd place, Natan Bu (not pictured)

Missions Week 2007 Celebrates Service Ministries

by Kimberly Arevalo



In Missions Week 2007, we had some people come in and show us what they do to help other people in need.

On Monday, Loreen Yoder, a medical missionary to Bangladesh, talked about ladies in that country who leave their husbands. If a lady tells her husband that she is going to leave him, he will throw acid on her face so that her face will be disfigured and no one will want to marry her again. She then is left with all her children to care for and, where they live, they are very poor so she is barely able to buy enough food for them. She will have to send her kids to the streets to earn money so that they can survive. Most of these kids get diseases and many of them die.

On Tuesday, a lady from Wycliffe Bible Translators described all the different people who help to get a Bible translator to the people in the village who need the Bible. Musicians to write songs in the people's language, teachers to teach the missionaries children, pilots and mechanics to get the translators to the village, and many other helpers are needed so that the people can have the Bible in their heart language.

James King had a couple guys help him put together a Choice Books book rack. He told about selling Christian books in stores around New York City and state.

On Thursday the CD didn't work in the computer, so we had to watch the video from Christian Aid Ministries the next week. CAM sends food, seeds, clothing, and medicine around the world to needy countries. Because they get lots of donations from big companies, \$1.00 buys and ships \$300.00 of

supplies to other places.

Boro Pregnancy Counseling Center in Queens, NY works with teens and women who have unplanned pregnancies. They share God's Word with them, and provide training in raising a baby and give them clothing and food.

Many of the people we learned about this week have very little and yet they are so thankful for what they have, when we on the other hand, have so much and we still want more. Those kids in Bangladesh would think they're in heaven to have three meals a day

and to have as many clothes as we do, and a roof over their heads. But we are always complaining that we don't have enough shoes or clothes or that we are still hungry and we are going to die because we are starving.

But what we don't notice is that we have more than enough and that we should appreciate what we have. We should give thanks to God for all we have and that we should think about the rest and do all we can to help them. I hope that we can all make a difference and do our best to help each other.

Spring 2007 PR Tour

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third performance. This was our most lively performance since the congregation sang along with most of the songs and were more participatory as an audience. We



The PR Team in Washington, D.C.
(from left): Davy Oporta, Joel Oporta, Chris Gochnauer, James Edwards.
(kneeling) Mr. Roth

ate lunch at the church and played some basketball at my grandparents' house for the afternoon.

At around four o' clock, we went to Mt. Airy Mennonite Church for our fourth and final performance. We enjoyed playing basketball with some of the people from this church as well.

That night we stayed at my grandparents' house and then went to Washington, DC to sightsee for the final two days of our trip.

On Monday we went to the Smithsonian Natural History Museum. The students enjoyed seeing the Hope Diamond, which one of them studied in a class. We then went to the different monuments including the Lincoln Memorial, the World War II Memorial, and the Washington Monument. On Monday night, we stayed with Racine Miller, Mr. Roth's fiancé. After spending the night there, we went sightseeing in Washington, DC on Tuesday. We went on a staff-led tour of the Capitol building and also went to the Air and Space Museum. After finishing this day of touring we headed back to New York City.

Coming Events

June 12 8th Grade Graduation and Awards Assembly.
10:30 a.m.

June 13-21 Regents testing for FJS high school students. Test schedule is on the school calendar on the web site.

June 22 High school graduation.
7:00 p.m.

Teachers Needed

FJS is looking for 2 or 3 teachers for the 2007-08 school term. At least one teacher should have experience with the BCE or ACE curriculum. The other should be a qualified high school teacher, subject area negotiable.

Applicants should be mature individuals of integrity and have a heart to work with urban youth.

Contact the school for more information.

PR Team Visits Delaware, Maryland, D.C.

by Chris Gochnauer

On March 30, 2007, four students and two teachers left Followers of Jesus around 1:30 p.m. for Central Mennonite Church in Delaware. This was the beginning of the 2007 Public Relations tour from March 30 to April 3. The four students were Joel Oporta, David Oporta, James Edwards, and Chris Gochnauer. The two teachers were Mr. Gochnauer and Mr. Roth. Mrs.

Gochnauer also went along to be the "mom" of the trip.

We arrived at Central Mennonite Church in Smyrna, Delaware after a four hour trip through New Jersey. Our first program was for the youth group of the church.

The program included several songs by the group, testimonies about FJS by a couple of the students, and a PowerPoint® presentation by Mr. Gochnauer. Mr.

Gochnauer also gave a different motivational challenge at each church.

We then participated in a basketball game with the Central



youth group. On Friday night, we stayed at different people's houses from the church. Then, on Saturday, we practiced some more and traveled farther south in Delaware to a beach about thirty minutes from Laws Mennonite Church. We flew kites at the beach and then traveled to Daniel Yutzy's home for dinner. Our second program was at Laws Mennonite Church, Milford, Delaware.



The PR Team presents a program to the youth at Central Mennonite Church, Smyrna, Delaware.

After hanging out with friends and spending the night at Yutzy's, we went to Wilkins Avenue Mennonite Church in Baltimore, MD for our

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