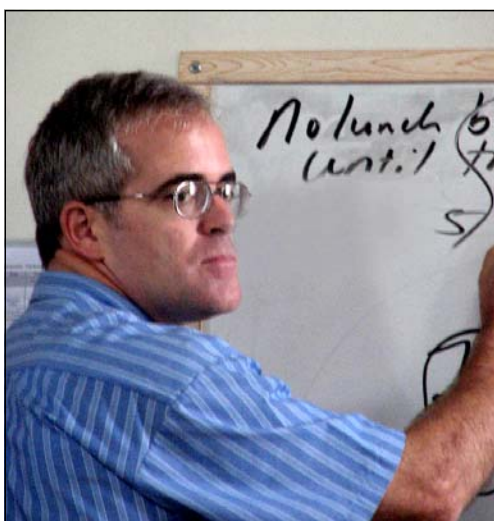




Mr. Petre Returns

by Nicole Vasquez

As the school year began, students came to school ready to learn and saw some familiar and not so familiar faces. The biggest surprise was Mr. Allen Petre's return after two years of absence. The Petre family moved from Pennsylvania back to New York to help in a church planting in Corona.



Mr. Allen Petre

When Mr. Gochnauer learned that Mr. Petre was returning to the city, he invited him to fill the position left by Mr. Roth in the high school. I guess he missed FJS so much he couldn't stay away.

Mr. Petre believes that, if the students he teaches each day accept the Lord and apply themselves diligently to school, they have a unique potential to impact their communities for God in ways that he himself never could.

Another familiar face is Mr. David Graybill, who is well-known as the

Quiz Team coach. This year he took on an additional title. Mr. Graybill is now the gym teacher for the upper school boys. He is teaching them how to play football, and, hopefully, there will be a game coming up soon.

Two other teachers are volunteering part-time in the high school. Mr. Richard Schwartz, the former principal, is teaching English Literature, and Mrs. Carolyn Roth is teaching Spanish.

Miss Jamila Abrahams is also new to the school this year. Miss Abrahams replaces Marvin King as the bookkeeper for FJS. In addition, she helps out in the office on Wednesdays. Students may see her answering the phone and doing other office jobs. Miss Abraham's assistance at school each Wednesday has enabled Miss Miller to spend more time in her evangelistic ministry. So if you hear a pleasant, unfamiliar voice around it is probably Miss Abrahams.

The last of our new volunteers this year is Mrs. Erika Phillips. She is the mother of three FJS students and is known for her lovely smile. Mrs. Phillips is sharing some of her spare time helping out in Mr. Nisly's classroom. She assists the children with their work and does any work for which Mr. Nisly is too busy.

If you've ever heard the saying "It takes a village to raise a family," it has certainly come true in our school this year. God has blessed us with these teachers and volunteers for whom we are very grateful.

Fall Fund-raiser Scheduled

FJS is partnering with Current, Inc. for the fall fund-raiser. Current has a variety of Christmas gifts, cards, and candy.

School families will be able to take orders from relatives, friends, and neighbors.

Other friends of FJS can order online directly. Log into CurrentFun.com. Click on "Start Shopping Now" toward the bottom of the left-hand sidebar. At check-out, specify "New York" as the organization's state and "Followers of Jesus School" as the organization. Current sends FJS a quarterly check for 50% of the total of all items ordered online.

Proceeds from the promotion will help pay for special student activities and field trips.



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If your Box Tops are going into the trash can, you



can help

FJS by saving them for us. Better yet, get a Sunday School class or youth group to make it a group project.

For a complete list of qualifying food items, go to www.boxtops4education.com and click on "All About Box Tops" and "Participating Products."

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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



What may FJS look like on its 20th Anniversary in 2017?

If the building renovation plans are approved by the city, we will have enjoyed eight years in a totally remodeled building.

At my previous school, it was my privilege to teach with at least three of my former students. I wish the same for FJS. In 2017 I would love to see one or more of our graduates teaching here full-time.

Last year, in our 10th year, our enrollment was 54 students, our highest ever, with seven teachers. In another ten years, I would love to see another 50 students, putting our enrollment over 100, with ten teachers. Classrooms through grade six would have two grades and about 15-18 students per classroom. Students in grades 7-12 would go to a different

room for each class with most subjects taught by a teacher trained in the specific subject area. Students would begin in Kindergarten rather than Grade 1. Anyone experiencing trouble in a class would be assisted by a full-time Resource Room teacher or student tutors from the high school.

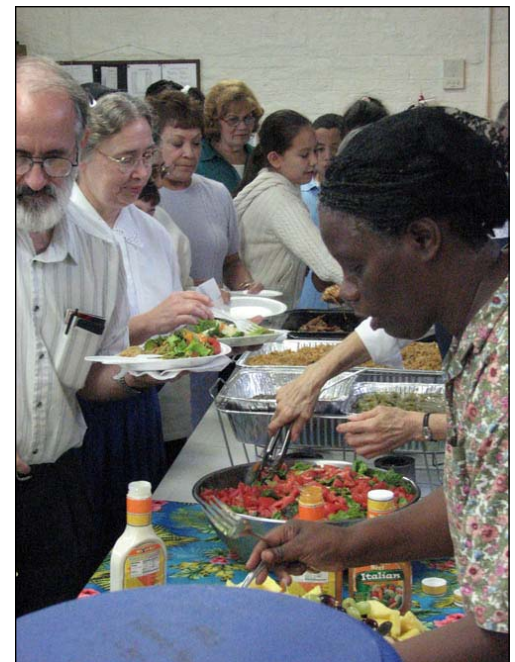
Our Pending Registration with the NYS Department of Education will have been upgraded to full registration with the addition of a science lab and expansion of the library.

But most important of all, FJS grads will be young men and women who enthusiastically embrace Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of their lives, trained and equipped to serve him in many different areas of service and as godly fathers and mothers of the next generation of FJS students.

Grandparents' Day

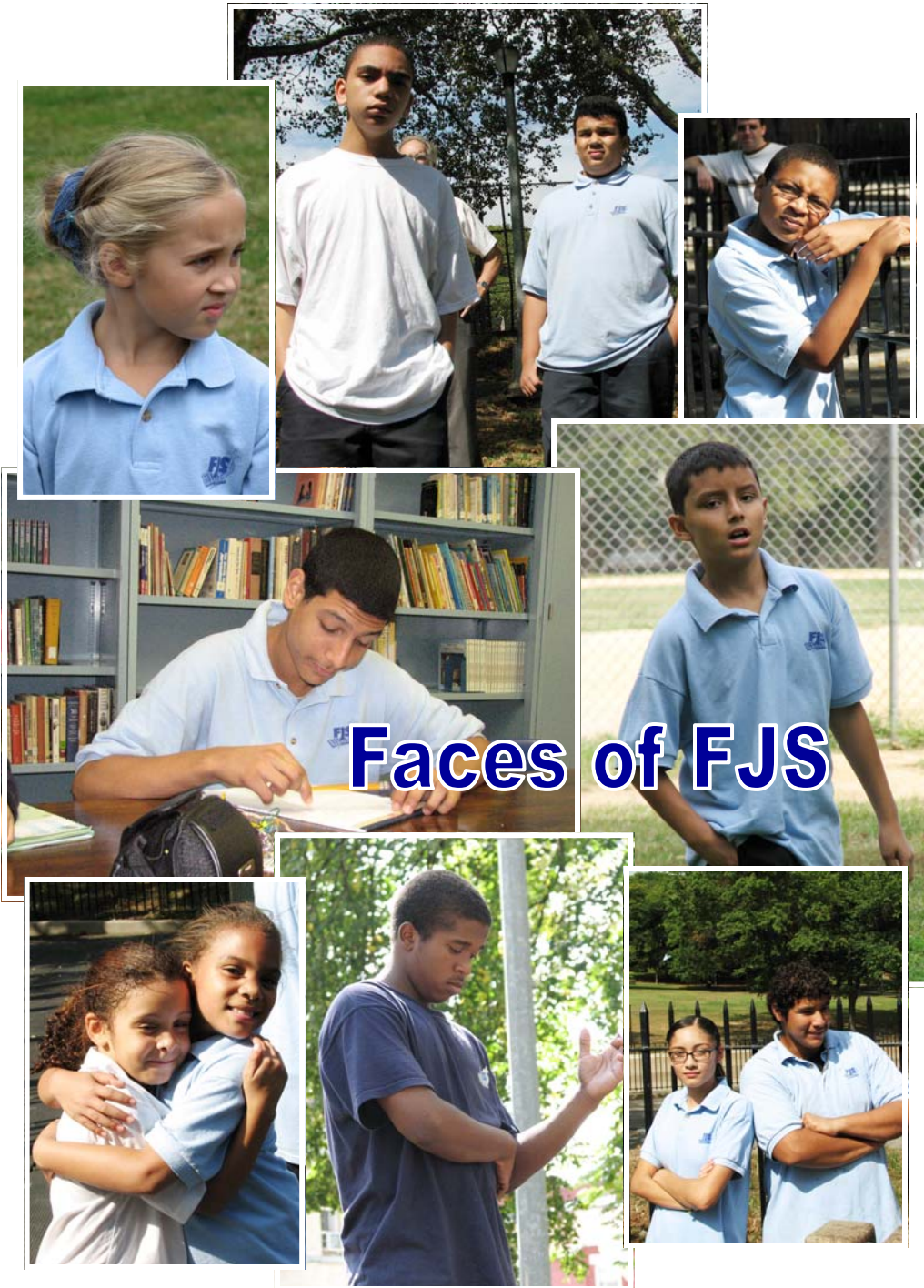
by Chris Gochnauer

An older generation crowded some classrooms on October 24 as students' grandparents, or older friends substituting for grandparents, were invited to join their grandchildren. The grandparents went to class with their grandchildren in their classrooms around 11:00 that morning and



enjoyed that time with them.

After this time in the classrooms experiencing what the students did in a



Faces of FJS

Grandparents' Day, cont'

day, the grandparents and students headed downstairs for a hot lunch and a short program about the school. Students who had grandparents were allowed to sit with them at assigned tables and other students sat as classes. Everyone enjoyed a great lunch of chicken, rice, green beans, salad, fruit, and cupcakes prepared by the librarian,

Mrs. Gochnauer, and Mrs. Oporta.

After the meal a few students gave short presentations, and Mr. Gochnauer gave a PowerPoint Presentation featuring special events at school.

A grandparent commented, "This is best Grandparents' Day that I have attended," and she said she had come to quite a few!

The "Future" Staff

by Chris Gochnauer

In previous years, students have written articles for the "Future," but the principal or one of the teachers edited these articles and placed them in the newspaper. Never before was there a newspaper staff consisting of students.

Last year four students completed Mr. Gochnauer's Graphic Design elective. This year, those four students – Kimberly Arevalo, Gene DeCamp, Christopher Gochnauer, and Nicole Vasquez – are on the "Future" staff. They decide which events will go in the newspaper and assign someone to write the articles. The staff then edits these articles and places them in the newspaper. Two of the students also take pictures for the newspaper and other promotional uses. Mr. Gochnauer serves as advisor to the staff.

Mr. Gochnauer appreciates the interest and initiative the students have taken in the project and states, "These students' work will help us meet our goal of five issues of the newsletter this year, and will provide the staff with valuable experience in journalism."

The students enjoy this task and like that the newspaper is now done by the students.

Coming Events

- November 3** – FJS 10th Anniversary Celebration at FJS. 2:00 p.m.
- November 6** – Football game against Choice Books fellows. Highland Park. 1:00 p.m.
- November 9** – End of 1st Quarter.
- November 15-16** – Parent Conferences.
- November 16** – Early Dismissal. 1:30 p.m.
- November 20** – Picture Day. 1:00 p.m.
- November 21** – Thanksgiving Feast. 10:30 a.m.
- November 21** – Order deadline for Currents fund-raiser.
- November 22-23** – **NO SCHOOL.** Thanksgiving Vacation.
- December 7** – **NO SCHOOL.** Arlin Roth Wedding.
- December 18** – FJS Christmas Program. “The Best Christmas Pageant Ever.” 7:00 p.m.

Students Enjoy Fall Celebration

by Gene DeCamp

On September 28, the school had its annual Fall Celebration in Highland Park.

Students headed to the park around 12:00. First, everyone ate their lunches which they had brought with them. After lunch, Miss Detweiler divided the students into groups with high schoolers as leaders for a scavenger hunt. It was an adventure looking for different things such as leaves and other articles.

The main activity of the afternoon was Human Croquet with two teams. In this game, students had to run through human arches which were set up throughout the field. Each team started at opposite ends, with students running in pairs through the

arches. To finish the game, the entire team had to join hands and run the course.



Students eating their lunches in the picnic area at Highland Park

To conclude the day, students chose one of three activities: playing basketball or football, or playing in the playground. Most of the students went to the playground to play but some played basketball and football.



A team runs through an arch in Human Croquet.

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