



Tools for Success for Faith Academy Families

Free Tutoring: Secondary Math, Science & English

Take advantage of free tutoring for secondary math, science, and English. This service is available to every secondary student who needs focused, one-on-one assistance with a problem, technique, or skill. Students are asked to come prepared with questions and materials and to dismiss themselves upon successful completion of the instruction. This is not a study hall time period. Uniform must be worn.

Days:	Monday & Thursday	
Time:	11:00am to 1:00pm Before class is also an option with some teachers	
Subjects:	Math	Mrs. Puckett
	Science	Mrs. Benac
	English	Mrs. Cozby (by appointment, call or text 830.385.7142)

Setting At-Home Day Schedules

A base schedule for at-home days is essential for managing time and completing assignments on time. Incorporating at-school day **evenings** is especially important when students are involved in extracurricular activities. Take Monday evenings to review and discuss the Weekly Class Assignment Sheets with your students. See the attached Sample At-Home Day Schedules as a guide.

Parental Review of Weekly Class Assignment Sheets

Students may discourage their parents from reviewing the weekly class assignment sheets because they feel confident about managing the assignments. However, there is often information on the sheets that is specifically for parents' information. Please make it a point to carefully review these sheets each week to ensure you are up-to-date on things you need to know.

Planning for Major Assignment Due Dates

Panic over major assignments can be avoided with a little bit of planning! Most major assignment projects take several hours, and sometimes days, to complete. Start by discussing the entire scope of

the project with your student. Determine the key milestones for the project and plan them out up to the due date. Build in time for review and reflection of the project before it is turned in.

Communicating with Teachers

Teachers' contact information can be found in Canvas or in the School Directory in RenWeb. Do not hesitate to encourage your student to contact their teacher with questions about an assignment. Parents are also encouraged to communicate with teachers as your child's partner in education. Please be courteous about how late in the evenings you call or text a teacher and expect a response.

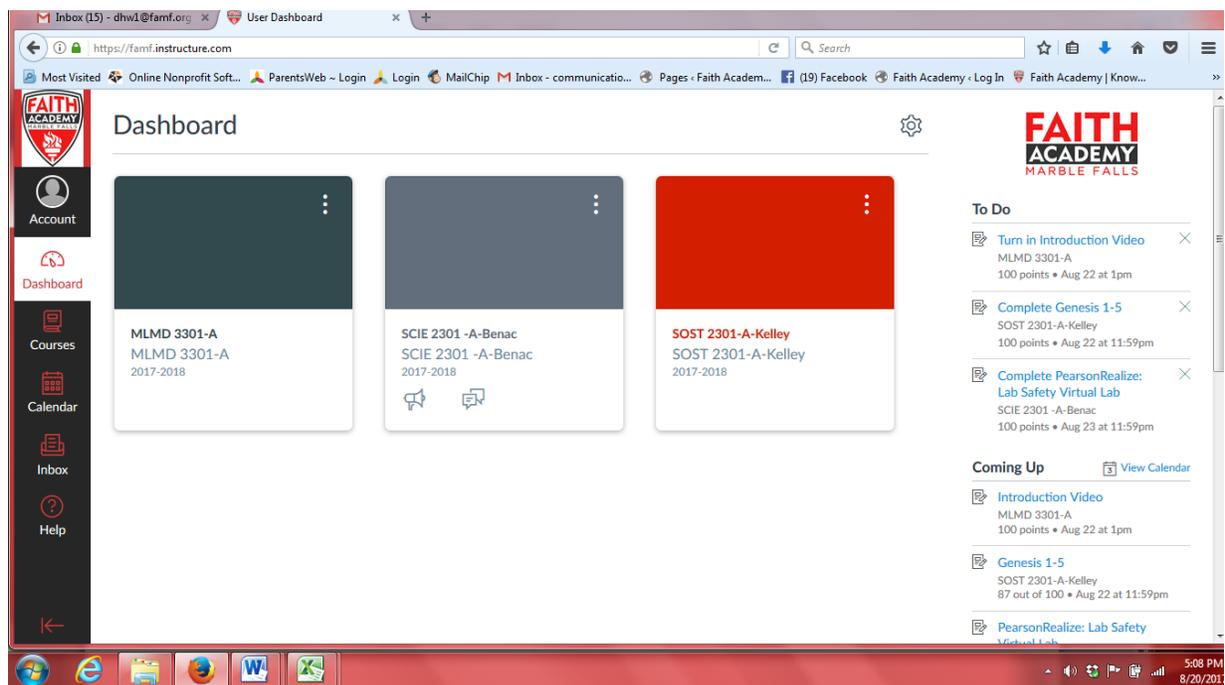
Utilizing Canvas

Canvas is the learning management system. It is the students' personal connection to each of the courses they are enrolled in. In Canvas, students will access all assignments, communicate with instructors, submit documents, view grades, and so much more.

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Be sure to download the Canvas app onto your smartphones and tablets. **Elementary parents of students (K-5th)** and **Secondary students (6th-12th)** will download Canvas. **Secondary parents** will download Canvas Parent. Both Canvas and Canvas Parent will require the student's login and password to access the account.

Elementary parents (K-5th) and secondary students (6th-12th) will need to sign-in to Google by entering their famf.org gmail account as their username and entering the password they created when they activated their account. Once they are signed in, open up a new tab and enter famf.instructure.com. This should take them directly to the Faith Academy of Marble Falls Canvas page.



The screenshot displays the Canvas LMS dashboard for a user. The browser address bar shows the URL <https://famf.instructure.com>. The dashboard features a left-hand navigation menu with icons for Account, Dashboard, Courses, Calendar, Inbox, and Help. The main content area is titled "Dashboard" and contains three course cards:

- MLMD 3301-A**: MLMD 3301-A, 2017-2018
- SCIE 2301 -A-Benac**: SCIE 2301 -A-Benac, 2017-2018
- SOST 2301-A-Kelley**: SOST 2301-A-Kelley, 2017-2018

On the right side, there is a "To Do" list and a "Coming Up" section. The "To Do" list includes:

- Turn in Introduction Video (MLMD 3301-A, 100 points, due Aug 22 at 1pm)
- Complete Genesis 1-5 (SOST 2301-A-Kelley, 100 points, due Aug 22 at 11:59pm)
- Complete PearsonRealize: Lab Safety Virtual Lab (SCIE 2301 -A-Benac, 100 points, due Aug 23 at 11:59pm)

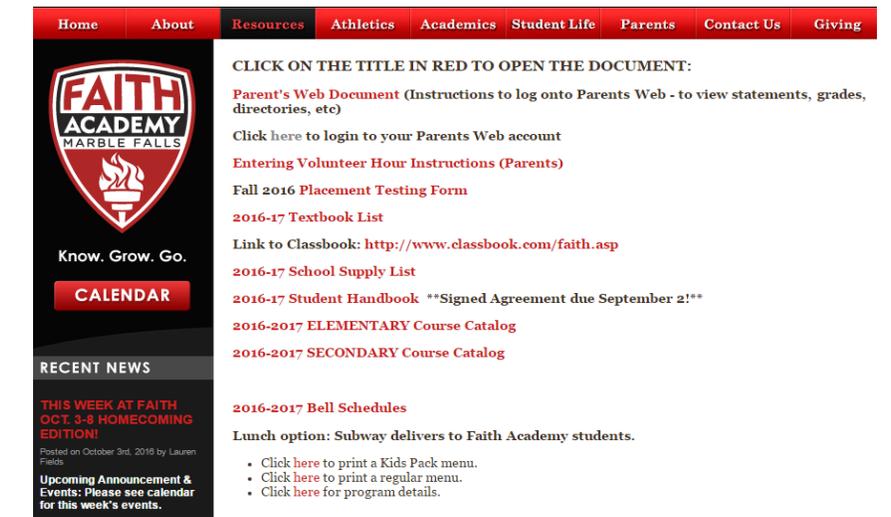
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- Genesis 1-5 (SOST 2301-A-Kelley, 87 out of 100, due Aug 22 at 11:59pm)
- PearsonRealize: Lab Safety Virtual Lab

The bottom of the screenshot shows the Windows taskbar with the system clock indicating 5:08 PM on 8/20/2017.

Utilizing RenWeb

RenWeb is also a school management system that provides a web interface for many common tasks done by Faith Academy. Features of the system include student information management, student attendance, student scheduling, resources, and logging student and parent service hours. There is a \$5 annual fee per family to use the mobile app.



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CALENDAR

RECENT NEWS

THIS WEEK AT FAITH
OCT. 3-9, HOMECOMING EDITION!
Posted on October 3rd, 2016 by Lauren Fields
Upcoming Announcement & Events: Please see calendar for this week's events.

CLICK ON THE TITLE IN RED TO OPEN THE DOCUMENT:

- [Parent's Web Document](#) (Instructions to log onto Parents Web - to view statements, grades, directories, etc)
- Click here to login to your Parents Web account
- [Entering Volunteer Hour Instructions \(Parents\)](#)
- [Fall 2016 Placement Testing Form](#)
- [2016-17 Textbook List](#)
- Link to Classbook: <http://www.classbook.com/faith.asp>
- [2016-17 School Supply List](#)
- [2016-17 Student Handbook](#) **Signed Agreement due September 2!**
- [2016-2017 ELEMENTARY Course Catalog](#)
- [2016-2017 SECONDARY Course Catalog](#)
- [2016-2017 Bell Schedules](#)

Lunch option: Subway delivers to Faith Academy students.

- Click here to print a Kids Pack menu.
- Click here to print a regular menu.
- Click here for program details.

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RenWeb ParentsWeb Login

District Code:

User Name:

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[Create New ParentsWeb Account](#)

Announcing RenWeb Home App Now Available for both Android and iPhone Users!

Provides Parents and Students Always-Logged-In Instant Access to Student Grades and Homework, School Announcements and Directories, and Much, Much More!

Now featuring Lunch Ordering & Online Payments at Participating Schools

RenWeb Home provides access to ParentsWeb information along with the conveniences of an Smartphone App for an annual subscription of \$4.99 per household. Features include:

- Always-logged-in instant access to ParentsWeb information anytime, anywhere via iPhones and Android devices.
- Smartphone integration with the School Directory, allowing you to Tap & Send emails or place phone calls instantly to School Directory listings for parents and faculty.
- Ability to import homework assignments, school calendar events and directory listing to Smartphone calendars and contacts.
- Online lunch ordering and online payments for lunch, miscellaneous charges and tuition fees at participating schools.

Utilizing Naviance

Naviance Family Connection is a comprehensive K-12 college and career readiness solution that helps districts and schools align student strengths and interests to post-secondary goals, improving student outcomes, and connecting learning to life. It is a one-stop resource and research tool for students and parents to find colleges, track application, request documents, and research careers (plus much more!). At the 8th grade Diploma Plan Meeting, students and parents are provided with instructions and log in information to begin utilizing this exciting tool for your student's long-term success!

Tapping Grade Level Parents, Mentors and Academic Counselors

Acclimating to the Faith Academy university model can be challenging for new families, especially during the first semester of school. Our grade level parents, mentors, and academic counselors are here to help you and your student ramp up and thrive in the system. Included in this packet is a contact list of parent and faculty veterans who are eager to help your family succeed! Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or a request for advice.

How Much Extracurricular Activity is Too Much?

The answer to this question is unique to every Faith Academy family. However, there are some indicators and symptoms that should prompt you and your student to carefully evaluate if you're at-home schedule is being compromised by extracurricular activity.

1. Is your student completing work after their normal bedtime on a regular basis?
2. Has the stress level for completing work on time consistently increased?
3. Is your student losing interest in their school work?
4. Does your student seem less concerned about making good grades?
5. Is there an increase in family disagreements over school work?

If the answer is yes to any of these questions, it's probably time to reconsider your student's commitment to excessive extracurricular activity.

Take Flight: A Comprehension Intervention for Students with Dyslexia

Take Flight: Comprehension Intervention for Students with Dyslexia is a two-year research based curriculum written by the staff of the Luke Waites Center for Dyslexia and Learning Disorders at Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children. Take Flight is multisensory and uses direct, explicit, systematic, and cumulative instruction. The two-year program is taught 4 days a week, 60 minutes per day and is designed for students 7 years and older. The classes will be limited to no more than six students in the group. Take Flight is a comprehensive Tier 3 intervention for students with dyslexia. More information about the curriculum and research may be found at: <http://www.tsrhc.org/dyslexia-take-flight> and <http://dyslexiacenterofaustin.org/>.

The first group of Take Flight students graduated from the program in December 2015. Our second group completed Take Flight in May 2017. We formed a third group that began in January 2017 and two more groups started in August 2017. Kari Steward is a Licensed Dyslexia Therapist (LDT), Certified Academic Language Therapist (CALT), and a Quality Instructor In-Training with the Dyslexia Center of Austin. Our on-site counselor can administer dyslexia testing on campus. Please contact Nicole Poage for more information at nfp1@famf.org or call the office at 830.78.1333.

Ensuring Your Child Believes You Are for Them

Partnering with your child on their education may require you to take a firm leadership role in setting schedules, mandating completion dates, and saying "no" to social activities. When tension rises, it is essential that your child believes that you are for them and not against them. Here are some tips to help ensure your child knows you have their very best interest at heart:

1. Give them a big hug whether they want to hug back or not.
2. Speak positive and encouraging words in the midst of a negative situation.
3. Write notes of encouragement and place them in your student's folders and books.
4. Write on a sticky note "I AM FOR YOU! LOVE, MOM" and stick it on their bathroom mirror.

Praying for Your Child and Asking for Prayer

One of the most important responsibilities we have is to pray for our children. Make a concerted effort to pray daily for God's protection, blessings, and favor upon your child. During times of difficulty or need, our Faith Academy families are here to share in your burden and lift up your requests to the Lord. Make your prayer requests known by:

1. Reaching out to our Prayer Team leader, Connie Klick at 830.385.6747 or twintow@hlit.net or a parent mentor
2. Writing a prayer request on the forms in the front office with Karen Mayfield
3. Participating in Wisdom Wednesday with other Faith Academy moms

All prayer requests are kept confidential.