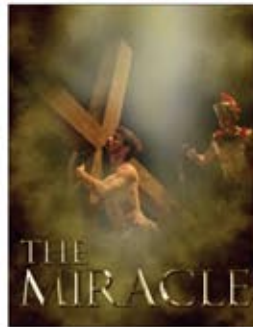
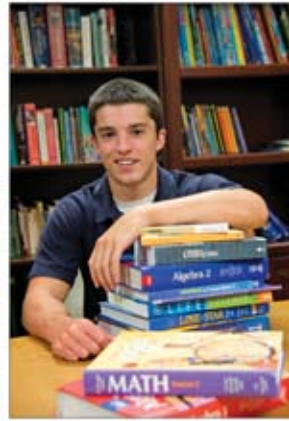


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Many of us are familiar with the concept of the Three Rs. We have been told that the Three Rs were the most important part of education, and that they were reading, writing and arithmetic. But the basic Three Rs have gone missing from our schools. Schools no longer instill reverence for God; respect for ourselves, others and authority; and responsibility for one's actions. Yet Faith West Academy (FWA), Katy's oldest and largest private school, continues to uphold these core values and has done so since 1982. "Our mission is Excellence Without Compromise that enables our students to achieve God's purpose in their lives," says Principal Mary Strickland. "We take pride in the academic achievements of our students, the skills of our teachers and the involvement of our parents."

Located on 42 acres just east of Katy, FWA provides a safe, Christian environment for preschool (starting at age 3) through high school. As an extension of the preschool, FWA hosts a popular Mother's Day Out Program that enrolls students as early as 15 months old. Faith West serves a growing number of international students seeking studies in America by providing them with on-campus boarding facilities. Faith West Academy has a current enrollment of 600 students; the senior class of 2013 has 45.

The teaching staff is fully degreed in academic disciplines from elementary through high school. The teaching faculty in the secondary department

has 35 members, with an average student-to-teacher ratio of 15 to 1. Advanced Placement (AP) and Pre-AP and courses are offered in all major core subjects. The school operates on the principles of the Christian faith and incorporates these principles into its purposes, goals, procedures and operations. The faculty members are caring, committed Christians, and the student body is interdenominational. The academy is accredited by the International Christian Accrediting Association and by AdvanceED, organizations both approved and recognized by Texas.

From academics to athletics, missions to music, chapel to clubs, students are encouraged to express their uniqueness. A competitive athletic program is available for junior high and high school students as are fine arts (such as band and theatre), agriculture sciences (Future Farmers of America) and cheerleading. The high school students compete with other schools through the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS).

The 2012 graduates are enrolled at the following institutions of higher learning: Colorado School of Mines, Southern Methodist University, Texas A & M University, Baylor University, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Houston Baptist University, University of Houston, Dallas Baptist University, Union University, Liberty University, University of Mississippi, Lone Star College and Houston Community College. ■