

THE CARDINAL

Wisdom begins with respect for the Lord.



5 Great (Local) Summer Road Trips

Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C., have so many destinations available to visit that the hardest part can be deciding where to go. Here are five places for families who want both enjoyment and education.

1. Mount Vernon

Visiting George Washington's home is a must for anyone interested in history, but this is much more than just an historic house. It has farm animals, demonstrations of how farming worked in Washington's time, gardens to walk through, video presentations about Washington's life, and even a rebuilt distillery and gristmill nearby.

2. Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center

Although the Air and Space Museum in D.C. is also great, the Udvar-Hazy Center's collection of aircraft is arguably more impressive. Highlights include the Space Shuttle and the Concorde.

The museum also offers an IMAX theater and several flight simulators for those who want more intense experiences.

3. The National Zoo

This is one of the best places in

daily demonstrations allow people to talk to zookeepers and meet certain animals up close.

4. Great Falls

This set of waterfalls is fairly close to D.C., but a world away from the traffic and noise. It offers many scenic views and hiking trails which are a great way to experience the natural beauty of the area. The park also offers a junior ranger program for kids to enjoy.

5. Manassas

National Battlefield

Two important Civil War battles took place at

Manassas, and there is no better way to learn about them than by going to the battlefield itself. In addition to hiking the battlefields, you can see a film at the visitor center and tour the museum on site. As with Great Falls, kids can take part in a junior ranger program during their visit.



the region for elementary-aged children. Everyone loves watching the pandas, as well as the many other animals on display, but there is more to do than just watch. The kids' farm allows younger children to pet tame animals, Amazonia puts you in the rain forest, and various

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Open House

Do you know anyone who would make a good FCS student? Tell your friends, family and coworkers about our upcoming event! Prospective students and families are invited to the Fairfax Christian School for an Open House event on Saturday, June 11th, at 10:00am at our Vienna campus.

Come learn about our academic programs and student life, tour our campus, meet faculty and explore the Fairfax Christian School. No RSVP is required.

For more information or to request a personal education consultation, call 703-759-5100 or email us at admissions@studyfcs.com.

Music in the Parks



The FCS Concert Band once again participated in the “Music in the Parks” competition at Hershey Park this year. After an outstanding performance, students had the opportunity to enjoy the amusement park before the awards ceremony.

FCS took home the Second Place trophy for the 2016 competition. Well played, Concert Band!

Graduation: Class of 2016



Teacher Feature: Mr. Eric Duncanson



and History, as well as Sixth Grade History.

As leader of the Drama Club, Mr. Duncanson is responsible for the Spring Musical. His students in the Colonial Fife and Drum Corps and in the A Cappella Choir perform at many school events, and patrons of the Reston Town Center hear them caroling near Christmas every year.



Mr. Eric Duncanson has taught at the Fairfax Christian School for nearly seven years. He earned a bachelor's degree in music and a master's degree in education from Southeastern University.

Mr. Duncanson teaches most of our music courses: Lower School Music, the Colonial Fife and Drum Corps, A Cappella Choir, AP Music Theory and Music Ensemble. Additionally, he teaches Fifth Grade English, Math

Mr. Duncanson's primary teaching method is example, especially in music. He challenges his students with questions and scenarios which encourage them to think for themselves. He makes each subject relevant to his students.

One thing which sets FCS apart from other schools is the prevalence of highly motivated students. Our

rigorous academics and enduring commitment to excellence draw in students who are diligent and driven to succeed. Mr. Duncanson enjoys teaching students with a strong desire to learn.

Mr. and Mrs. Thoburn's support for the fine arts programs at FCS is very important to Mr. Duncanson. He looks forward to fostering students' passion for learning and musical expression for years to come.

