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Monthly Newsletter



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Head of School Update

By Dr. Justin Mitchell

Greetings, First Baptist Community!

As we step into November, this verse from 1 Thessalonians continues to echo in my heart: "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." What a powerful reminder, not just to feel thankful when things are easy or joyful, but to choose gratitude as a way of life, no matter the season or situation. As a school, this kind of thankfulness is the

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foundation we strive to build in the hearts of our students: a posture of gratitude that shapes not only how they learn, but how they live.

It's hard to believe we've officially begun the second quarter of the school year. The weeks have flown by, filled with meaningful work and memorable moments. I want to take a moment to sincerely commend our students and teachers for the dedication they bring each day. Their perseverance, creativity, and pursuit of *Academic Excellence with a Christian Perspective* have been nothing short of inspiring. Whether it's through rigorous academics, artistic expression, acts of kindness, or spiritual growth, we are seeing the fruit of their labor, and we give thanks. October was rich with highlights. Our Grandparents Day celebration on October 24th was a beautiful reminder of the legacy and love that surrounds our students. Watching grandparents walk the campus, engage with classrooms, and share in pride and laughter was a joy for us all. We ended the month with an incredible Homecoming Spirit Week from October 27-31, which filled our campus with colorful dress days, games, and joyful school pride. That celebration carried right into November 1st, when our high school students danced the night away at a festive Homecoming Dance. It was a wonderful evening of fun, community, and memories made. We are especially grateful for the way our community came together to support the Lowcountry Orphan Relief clothing drive. Your generosity has made a tangible difference in the lives of children who need warmth and care this season.

Looking ahead, November brings even more opportunities for our students to grow, explore, and give thanks. Our fifth-grade students will embark on their overnight trip to Camp Leopold, and our sixth graders will travel to YMCA Blue Ridge, both from November 5-7. These trips provide more than adventure; they create space for reflection, team-building, and new perspectives that deepen learning beyond the classroom walls. We're also counting down to one of our most cherished traditions: the First Grade Thanksgiving Play, taking place on November 20th. This beloved performance reminds us of the simple joys of the season and the powerful lessons that can come from our youngest learners. It is always a heartwarming moment that brings smiles and sentiments of thankfulness. And while Thanksgiving is a time for gratitude, it's also a season of looking ahead, especially for our seniors. There is a growing sense of excitement as college acceptances begin rolling in for the Class of 2026. We are so proud of them, not just for where they're going, but for who they've become. Their hard work, resilience, and faith are shining through, and it is a joy to watch their futures begin to unfold.

In this season, may we all be reminded that gratitude is not only a response; it is a choice, a discipline, and a calling. As we reflect on all that God has accomplished through this community and anticipate all that is still to come, may we continue to give thanks, not just for the blessings we can see, but also for the growth that happens in quiet, steady ways. Thank you for the many ways you support, serve, and speak life into this school. It is a joy to walk this journey together.

We invite you to stay up-to-date with current events by following First Baptist School's social media and our school webpage. #WeAreFB

Be blessed,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2025

4	Conference Day - No School for Students
24-28	Thanksgiving Break



[View Athletic Calendar](#)



IN THE KNOW

school happenings

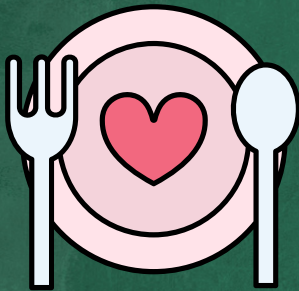


Gobble & Gather Thanksgiving Break Camp

Join us for the Gobble and Gather Camp, a two-day camp for currently enrolled FBS students in grades K3-4th. Held on November 24th & 25th, 2025, from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm, the camp will feature seasonal crafts, outdoor games, and hands-on projects. It's a great way for kids to have fun and enjoy their Thanksgiving break. Register [here](#)!

Lessons & Carols Service

Our annual Lessons & Carols service will take place Sunday, December 14th at 5:00 pm in the First Baptist Church sanctuary. We hope you can join us for this special Christmas service!



December Family Friday

Our next Family Friday on the Downtown Campus will be Friday, December 5th! More details to come!

FIRST BAPTIST SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow along with our daily happenings on our social media pages! Below are the official school social media pages.

SCHOOL



FINE ARTS



ATHLETICS



WANT TO SHARE YOUR PHOTOS WITH US? BE SURE TO TAG US AND USE OUR SCHOOL HASHTAG!

#WeAreFB



Second Grade Service Project

Calling all pop tab collectors! Our 2nd graders are collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. We're gathering them in gallon Ziploc bags, which can be dropped off in the black trash can located to the left of the printer in the library. While our visit isn't until May, we encourage everyone to start collecting now – the more, the merrier!

FIRST BAPTIST SCHOOL
OF CHARLESTON

12th Biennial Live & Silent Auction

Save the Date

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026

HARBOUR CLUB AT WESTEDGE
22 WESTEDGE ST. SUITE 700
CHARLESTON, SC 29403

TICKETS ON SALE EARLY 2026

BUSINESS SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE



Just *one month* away!

Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with fun, food, and community spirit!

Enjoy an Oyster Roast, Chili Cook-Off, Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, and more—all in support of the First Baptist Baseball program.



When: December 6, 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM



Where: Truluck Island



Who: Everyone is welcome! We'll also have the Championship football games playing during the event.

Tickets

- Oyster Tickets: \$40.00
- Non-Oyster Tickets: \$25.00
- Kids: \$5.00

Don't miss this amazing evening that supports a great cause—we can't wait to see you there!

[GRAB YOUR TICKETS](#)

Have you been...



Holiday Festival of Lights

The Holiday Festival of Lights is back at James Island County Park this holiday season from November 14 – December 31, 2025! We're excited to show off this year's holiday greeting card design for the annual Greeting Card Design contest by our high school art students!

Be sure to stop by and check it out! Share any pictures with photos@fbschool.org!





First Baptist School

Auxiliary Programs

Our students have truly enjoyed this semester's fall enrichments. Get ready for more! Registration for Spring 2026 Enrichments opens on **January 6th**.

Check out our spring schedule [here!](#)

Upcoming Holiday Camps



Gobble & Gather

We are excited to host a two-day Gobble and Gather Camp for currently enrolled FBS students in grades K3-4th! This fun-filled camp will be packed with engaging activities designed to entertain and inspire. Campers will enjoy a mix of seasonal crafts, hands-on projects, outdoor games, and interactive learning experiences. It's the perfect way for kids to have fun with friends, explore their creativity, and have an unforgettable Thanksgiving break!

November 24 & 25th, 2025
7:30am-2:30pm

[Register Here](#)

Registration for 2026 Summer Camps will open to FBS families on **January 26th!**



Parent Teacher Organization



Here come the holidays!

FBS families,

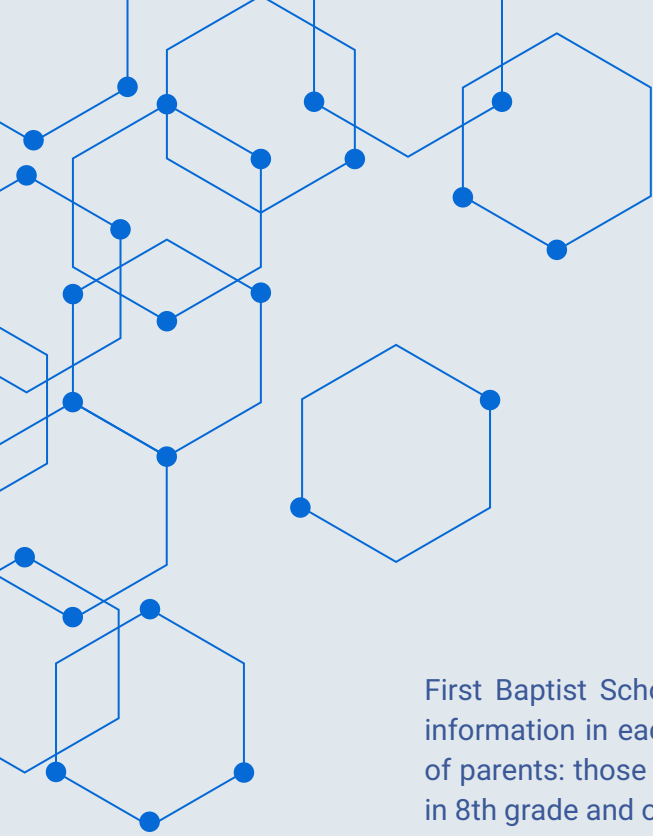
As the holidays quickly approach, I want to ensure that all families have access to the lists of Favorite Things for our amazing staff and teachers! You can find their lists of "Favorite Things" through the following [Google Drive](#)

The next Dress Down Day is scheduled for **November 21st!**

Please don't hesitate to reach out to the PTO if you have any questions!
pto@fbschool.org.

Lindsay Loewer

PTO President



TECHNOLOGY TALK

FROM THE FBS TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

First Baptist School's Technology Committee highlights important trends and information in each newsletter. This installment speaks to two different groups of parents: those with children in 7th grade and younger and those with children in 8th grade and older.

In recent years, the movement "Wait til 8th" has gained traction and First Baptist is proud to encourage parents and students to join. If you are unfamiliar with the concept, "Wait Til 8th" helps students and parents alike remember one simple fact: kids don't need smartphones to thrive. Parents who choose to join the "Wait Til 8th" group pledge to delay giving their children a smartphone until at least 8th grade, allowing children more time to develop social skills, self control, and confidence without the constant pressures of social media and group chats. By waiting, families can protect kids from distractions, online risks, and the mental health struggles that often come with early exposure to digital life. Many parents find strength in joining the movement together—removing the pressure to "keep up" and helping kids just be kids a little longer.

For parents of older students (8th–12th grade), one of the healthiest tech habits you can encourage is keeping phones out of bedrooms at night. Late-night scrolling can rob teens of sleep, increase anxiety, and make it harder for them to focus at school. Charging phones in a central spot—like the kitchen—sets a clear boundary while modeling balance and self-control. It's a simple change with a big payoff: better rest, more meaningful conversations, and a calmer, more focused start to each day. Of course, it's difficult to convince a teenager to relinquish his or her cell phone at the end of the day. Often, students remember last minute assignments and complete them on their phones while in bed - but it's hard for teenagers to stop scrolling once they start (just as it is for adults!). Cells phones are neither good nor bad; they are neutral. But our use of (and how we teach our kids to use phones) can be positive or negative, and putting phones away at night is the first step in teaching positive habits, which will travel with your teen throughout his or her life.

College Counseling

CHRIS CHAMBERS
COLLEGE COUNSELOR

As we move into this season of gratitude, I want to take a moment to celebrate our seniors and all the hard work they've been putting in this fall. A big shout-out to those who have completed their college applications or are in the final stages of submission, and congratulations to those who have already received acceptance letters! I know this process can feel overwhelming at times, but please remember that you are not alone. Stay focused and finish strong; each step brings you closer to exciting new opportunities ahead. As financial aid and scholarship applications begin, I encourage you to stay organized, meet deadlines, and reach out to me with any questions along the way. You're doing great work, and your persistence will pay off.

For our freshmen, your time is **now**! You will soon be directed to sign-up and attend an Individual Career Planning meeting with me. These meetings with your counselor will happen every year, and will always be focused on developing the future you want for yourself. During this first session, we'll take a closer look at what's included on a high school transcript, why it matters, and how it plays a role in future opportunities. We'll also talk about the habits that make high school students successful and begin exploring each student's strengths and career interests. Freshmen should come prepared to reflect on their goals and the unique gifts they bring to the classroom and beyond.

For our sophomores, this season is a great time to continue building strong academic habits and to start refining thoughts about future careers. Think about the kinds of jobs that excite you and what type of education or training those paths may require. We'll begin formal Individual Career Planning meetings in the spring, but this is the perfect time to start exploring possibilities and dreaming big!

For our juniors, we'll begin Individual Career Planning meetings after we return from Winter Break. Right now, the most important thing you can do to keep future options open is to stay focused and do your best in your current courses. Strong grades this year make a big difference when it comes to college and/or career opportunities. A special shout-out to those who have taken advantage of recent college visits... keep exploring! Don't forget about our upcoming Junior College Trip on February 25 - 27. We'll host an informational session about the trip on the James Island campus on November 10, and I hope to see all juniors and their families there.

I am so thankful for the opportunity to work with such a motivated group of students and supportive families. Wishing everyone a restful, joy-filled, and gratitude-centered Thanksgiving season!

Warmly,

Chris Chambers

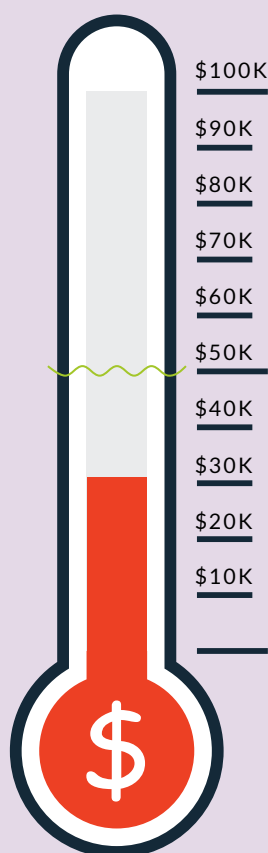
College & Career Counselor
First Baptist High School

ADVANCEMENT

UPDATES

Mr. Jimmy Crook
Director of Advancement

Loyalty Fund
Thermometer



Help us meet 50% of
our \$100,000 goal by
the end of 2025!

A huge thank you to all our confirmed sponsors for the upcoming auction! While all sponsorship spots have now been filled, we are still welcoming contributions for our auction items. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you'd like to donate.

For our room parents, it's time to start planning your Class Baskets. Consider creative themes and the items you'll include. In previous years, popular themes like "Best of Charleston," "Wake up and Golf," and "Fireworks and Freedom" have made collecting items a fun and engaging part of the event. Once you've chosen a theme, please email it along with your class name to Jimmy Crook at crookj@fbschool.com.

Finally, as the holidays and the end of the year approach, we kindly ask for your consideration in donating to our Loyalty Fund. We are well on our way to reaching our \$100,000 goal. These unrestricted funds allow us to address the school's immediate needs without impacting the operating budget. Every gift, regardless of size, makes a positive impact on our school and students. Together, we can create greater possibilities for First Baptist School.

Jimmy Crook
Director of Advancement
crookj@fbschool.org

GIVING
TUESDAY

is Tuesday, December 2nd!

As you plan your holiday giving, we'd love you to consider First Baptist School! Gifts to our Loyalty Fund bridges the gap for items tuition may not cover.

Admissions Updates



Hello First Baptist Families,

Applications for new students for the 2026-2027 school year, including siblings of current students, will open on November 10. All individuals who submitted an inquiry for the 2026-2027 school year will receive an email with details about the application process. Furthermore, re-enrollment for current students for the 2026-2027 school year is scheduled to begin in January.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out!

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Around Campus



FIRST BAPTIST SCHOOL

RESOURCES



FACTS
LOGIN



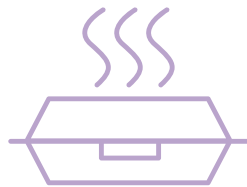
STUDENT
HANDBOOK

PTO

PARENT TEACHER
ORGANIZATION (PTO)



SMART TUITION
LOGIN



SCHOOLHOUSE
FARE LUNCH



DRESS CODE



FACULTY/STAFF
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ONLINE
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These resources can always be found on the [Resources](#) page of our website.