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Head of School Update

By Dr. Justin Mitchell

Greetings, First Baptist Community!

As we continue through this beautiful spring season, we are grateful for all that God is doing within our school community. April is always a special time on campus, filled with meaningful celebrations, exciting opportunities, and continued growth for our students. This week, we have been celebrating Easter through special chapel services across all divisions.

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These gatherings have provided a time for reflection, worship, and renewed focus on the hope we have in Christ. As we celebrate the resurrection, we are reminded of the truth found in Scripture: "He is not here; He has risen, just as He said." Matthew 28:6 It has been a joy to see our students engage in these meaningful moments, and we pray that this message continues to resonate in their hearts.

Looking ahead, Spring Break is just around the corner. We hope this upcoming time allows your families to rest, recharge, and enjoy meaningful time together. Whether traveling or staying close to home, we pray it will be a refreshing pause before we enter the final stretch of the school year. We look forward to welcoming students back to campus after spring break with renewed energy and focus.

We are thrilled to share that our FBS Biennial Auction was a tremendous success! This event is such an important part of supporting our school, and it would not be possible without the generosity and commitment of our families, donors, volunteers, and staff. Thank you for coming together to make this such a memorable and impactful evening. Your support directly benefits our students and programs, and we are incredibly thankful. Another exciting development on campus is the progress of our new weight room. Assembly is complete, and we are working to have it completed soon. This new space will be a valuable addition to our students and athletic program, providing our students with enhanced opportunities to train, grow, and develop both physically and mentally. We will be sharing more updates once it is fully ready for use.

Last week, our high school students participated in our school's renewed tradition of Christian Focus Week. For three days, we had a local pastor, Joel Delph, as our guest speaker. We held chapel services on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. The time was well spent on our students' spiritual growth. Some of our high school students are also preparing for an unforgettable experience as they get ready for their trip over Spring Break to Edinburgh, Dublin, and London. Our Middle School students will be heading on trips from April 14th to 17th. Our 7th Grade is going to Camp Kanuga, and our 8th Grade is going to Washington DC. Educational travel offers such a unique opportunity for students to expand their worldview, deepen their learning, and create lasting memories. We are excited for all that they will experience and kindly ask that you keep our students, faculty, and chaperones in your prayers as they prepare for safe and meaningful travels.

We are proud to recognize and celebrate our Teachers of the Year: Mrs. Julie Kroeger, Mrs. Sally Rhodes, and Mr. Dane Clark. Each of these individuals demonstrates academic excellence in the classroom, a deep commitment to our students, and a heart for serving the Lord through education. We are incredibly blessed to have them as part of our faculty, and we thank them for the impact they make every day!

In addition, we recently celebrated a wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week. It was a special time to honor the dedication and hard work of our entire faculty and staff. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our PTO for their outstanding efforts in making the week so meaningful. From thoughtful gestures to organized events, their support helped ensure our teachers felt valued and encouraged.

Spring is always a busy and joyful time at First Baptist School, and we are thankful for the continued partnership we share with each of you. Your support, involvement, and prayers make a lasting difference in the life of our school. Thank you for being such an important part of our community. It is truly a blessing to serve alongside you as we seek to educate and disciple our students. 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!

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CALENDAR

APRIL 2026

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| 3-10 | Spring Break - School & Offices Closed |
| 14-17 | 7th Grade to Camp Kanuga
8th Grade to Washington, D.C. |
| 20-24 | Scholastic Book Fair |
| 27 | NJHS Induction 7th-9th Grade |
| 28 | First Baptist Night at Riverdogs |



[View Athletic Calendar](#)



IN THE KNOW

school happenings



Spring Break: April 3-10

School and offices closed! We hope you have a safe and fun spring break and a blessed Easter!

Spring Into Fun Camp: April 6-7

Get ready to "Spring Into Fun" this spring break! Registration for our Spring Into Fun Camp is open for students in K3 through 4th grade. Campers will enjoy a variety of seasonal crafts, fun activities, and much more. [Sign up](#) today—we can't wait to see you there!



First Baptist School Spirit Night at the Joe

April 28th Riverdogs Baseball 7:05pm Discounted tickets for FBS students. We will honor our Teachers of the Year, Varsity Girls Basketball team, throw out the first pitch, and our MS Choir will sing the National Anthem! [You can purchase tickets here!](#)

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

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



1st Grade



WALK FOR WATER

HFBS Helping Hurricanes raised \$1,140 for Water Mission! We are grateful and blessed to be part of the solution to the global water crisis.



Rita's Roots

Spring planting with Rita's Roots! We planted cucumbers, tomatoes, bush beans, scallions, a variety of lettuces, a variety of peppers, snapdragons, borage, dill, basil, fennel, strawberries, and a variety of flowers.





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!

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

June 22 – 26



9 am – Noon

SHINING A LIGHT ON
WHO JESUS REALLY IS

ILLUMINATION
STATION

JOHN 8:12

MORE INFO
AND RSVP





Thanks to everyone for helping to make our 12th Biennial Auction another great success! The list of individuals who helped put this event together is too great to list, but if you contributed by offering a business service, donating a vacation home stay, or putting together a class basket....please know that we all appreciate your commitment to First Baptist School. It was a memorable night for all.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

First Baptist School

*Varsity Letter
Ceremony*

APRIL 26, 2026, AT 2:00 PM

JAMES ISLAND CAMPUS

AUXILIARY GYMNASIUM

HOSTED BY

THE FBS HURRICANE ASSOCIATION

Reception to follow

PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 17TH

PLEASE DRESS IN CHURCH ATTIRE



First Baptist School

Auxiliary Programs

Spring Into Fun Camp registration is open now! For students in K3 through 4th grade. Campers will enjoy a variety of seasonal crafts, fun activities, and much more.

Sign up today—we can't wait to see you there!



FIRST BAPTIST Summer

DAY CAMPS *w* CHARLESTON, SC

New SEAS THE DAY camps added!

Discover our weekly specialty camp offerings taking place on our James Island campus this summer! We've recently added Basketball and Volleyball camps to the lineup in addition to our already awesome offerings!

Learn more and register at firstbaptistsummer.org!

Registration for 2026 Summer Camps is NOW Open!





Parent Teacher Organization



Happy April, FBS Families!

FBS families,

We wrapped up the month of March with a Teacher Appreciation Week celebration from March 23-27!

Thank you for your incredible generosity throughout the year—it truly allows us to celebrate and spoil our amazing teachers and staff during this special week in the most meaningful ways! I want to highlight just a few of the many thoughtful contributions:

A heartfelt thank you to First Baptist Church for hosting a wonderful Chick-fil-A breakfast on Tuesday!

I want to extend a special thank you to two FBS Moms, Susie Cheung and Stephanie Johnson, for graciously preparing and delivering Vietnamese style spring rolls to both campuses for the teachers and staff to enjoy!

We are so appreciative of Justin and Lindsay Gonzales, owners of JustFit Kitchen, for organizing a fantastic lunch on Wednesday, generously sponsored by the First Baptist School Board!

I am grateful to Alicia Faia, owner of Ashley Bakery, for her generous donation of the most delicious cinnamon rolls on Thursday morning!

And I want to extend a sincere thanks to Jonathan Kish, owner of 82 Queen, for his incredible coordination in preparing family meals for 90 employees last week. These take-home dinners are truly a highlight each year and mean so much to everyone! I want to provide a special shout out to Sissy Stoughton, Lea Lempesis, Laura Lempesis, and Danyelle Blitch for jumping in Thursday afternoon to help sort and distribute the dinners!

I'd also like to thank Brooke Floyd, owner of Five Eighth Seams, for helping me identify the perfect fabric for the ladies custom shirts, and for helping sort and deliver the FBS teacher and staff swag to the high school campus!

The PTO is proud to support and partner with local First Baptist School family businesses whenever possible, and we are deeply grateful for each and every one of you. Your kindness and generosity make a lasting impact, and we couldn't do this without you! If you have a business and would like to partner with us for future events, please reach out to me through the PTO e-mail account.

Next up: **Field Day for K3-K5 has been rescheduled to the morning of May 1 on the James Island Campus.** The 1st-8th graders will celebrate Field Day on James Island on May 8. Thank you to all of our generous Field Day t-shirt sponsors, who help make this day possible! Please mark your calendar and plan to join us! Stay tuned for more details and opportunities to volunteer!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail pto@fbschool.org.

Wishing you all a blessed Easter!

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

PTO President

ADVANCEMENT

UPDATES

Mr. Jimmy Crook
Director of Advancement

We are happy to report that after expenses we will have raised between \$107,000 to \$110,000 in support of First Baptist School. These totals include a number of “Paddle Raises” for specific project: Baseball Lighting- \$8,000, Playground Improvements- \$1,500, Weight Room Upgrades- \$12,500, and Tuition Assistance- \$11,500

Board of Visitors- April 22nd, Harbour Club

The First Baptist School’s Board of Visitors is a select group of individuals who are the key to the success of our annual Tuition Assistance Fund, allowing us to reach even more students who seek the opportunity for academic growth within a Christian framework. On April 22nd the BOV will gather to hear from the school leadership and discuss the long-term plans for our school, and to hear directly from some of our students on what the First Baptist School experience has meant to them over the years. If you would like to be a part of this important collection of individuals, please go to the link below to learn more about membership levels and to RSVP your attendance.

Save-the-Date: May 1st Legacy Breakfast, Downtown Campus

The Legacy Breakfast assembles current students whose parents and/or stepparents are alumni of FBS (at least one full year of enrollment at FBS). Our next gathering will be May 1st at the Downtown campus, beginning at 7am. Save the date in your calendar now! We are looking forward to our current students being able to celebrate First Baptist School with their alumni parents and grandparents.

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Around Campus



FIRST BAPTIST SCHOOL

RESOURCES



FACTS
LOGIN



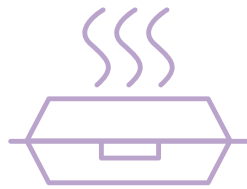
STUDENT
HANDBOOK

PTO

PARENT TEACHER
ORGANIZATION (PTO)



SMART TUITION
LOGIN



SCHOOLHOUSE
FARE LUNCH



DRESS CODE



FACULTY/STAFF
DIRECTORY



ACADEMIC
CALENDAR



ONLINE
GIVING

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