

# HURRICANE WATCH

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF FIRST BAPTIST SCHOOL

March 2025

Monthly Newsletter



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## Head of School Update

*By Dr. Justin Mitchell*

Greetings, First Baptist Community!

March is a special time as we continue celebrating 75 years of Academic Excellence with a Christian Perspective at First Baptist School! Our journey has been one of faith, perseverance, and dedication to Christian education. As 1 Corinthians 15:58 reminds us: *"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the*

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*to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."*

For 75 years, First Baptist School has remained steadfast in its mission to equip students with strong academic foundations while nurturing their faith. This month, we look forward to celebrating this legacy with our Founding Fun Day on March 15th at our James Island campus! It will be a wonderful day of fellowship, activities, and reflection on God's blessings throughout our school's history.

If you have been on our James Island campus recently, you have likely noticed the golden daffodils on display behind the main building. Their planting intends to brighten our school community with their hopeful bloom, a vibrant symbol of renewal and remembrance. These cheerful blossoms not only mark the arrival of spring but also carry a deeper meaning through The Daffodil Project, an initiative dedicated to commemorating the past while inspiring a more hopeful future.

Planted in memory of the children victims of the Holocaust and solidarity, these flowers remind us of the resilience and strength that connect us across generations. As you walk past their bright petals this season, take a moment to reflect on the power of remembrance, education, and unity. Let us nurture a world where kindness and understanding flourish—just like these daffodils.

For more information on The Daffodil Project and ways to get involved, visit [their official website](#).

On our athletic front, congratulations are in order for our Varsity Girls Basketball team! Though we fell just short in the state championship game, we couldn't be more proud of how this team played with heart, determination, and sportsmanship. Our students showed up in full force, turning Sumter purple and making their presence known! We also want to congratulate our all-region varsity basketball players: Ava Rush, Gabbey Moore, Dyarri Braddick, Paige Pouyat, Maddy Pojani, James Pojani.

A special congratulations to Coach Presley Singleton, who was named All-Region Coach of the Year—a well-earned recognition for an outstanding leader. As we close out winter sports, spring athletics are already in full swing and we look forward to seeing our teams in action. Be sure to check the athletic calendar and follow our athletic social media pages to stay updated on all the action. Let's go, Hurricanes!

As we go through this time of reflection on our school's history, may we continue to build on the strong foundation laid before us and remain committed to the work of the Lord for generations to come. Thank you for being a part of the First Baptist School family!

Please mark your calendars for the following important dates:

- Thursday, March 14th – Half-day for all students
- Friday, March 15th – Founding Fun Day at James Island Campus
- Sunday, March 31st – April 4th Spring Break

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

MARCH 2025

14	Half-Day for Students
15	FBS Founding Fun Day
22	Mother-Son Kickball Game
31	Start of Spring Break



[View Athletic Calendar](#)





# IN THE KNOW

## school happenings



### Mother-Son Kickball Game

Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Mother-Son Kickball Game on **Saturday, March 22nd!** Open to boys in grades 1st through 8th, this fun-filled event is the perfect way to create lasting memories. Tickets are \$32 for a mother and son duo, with an additional \$12 per extra child. Your ticket includes a t-shirt and snacks for the day. The game will take place at the First Baptist Athletic Facility, with start times organized by age group. Don't miss out—be sure to [register](#) by Thursday, March 6th!

### Cool Ray is coming to FBS!

The South Carolina Stingrays mascot, Cool Ray, will be stopping by First Baptist Extended Day on **Wednesday, March 19th** from 3-4pm! The regular \$18 extended day rate will apply for any students staying afterschool.



### Spring Into Fun Camp: March 31-April 1

We are excited to host a two-day Spring Break 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. It's the perfect way for kids to have fun with friends, explore their creativity, and have an unforgettable spring break! [Registration](#) opens March 10th!



## 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





What an unforgettable season for our Varsity Girls Basketball team! Congratulations to Coach Presley Singleton and our incredible student-athletes on an extraordinary journey that led them all the way to the state championship game. Though we came up just short of the ultimate prize, there is no doubt that this team, and our entire Hurricane community, made a lasting impact.

From the opening tip-off to the final buzzer, our girls played with heart, determination, and an unbreakable spirit. But it wasn't just the team that made history—it was the entire Hurricane family. Our student section was nothing short of incredible, with multiple people telling me that we had the largest student turnout of any school in the championship games. And it didn't stop there! Parents, faculty, administration, alumni, and countless supporters packed the stands, turning Sumter purple and showing what it truly means to be a Hurricane.

I cannot express how much pride I felt watching our team hit the floor, knowing that our school was behind them every step of the way. Moments like these remind us that being a Hurricane is about more than just competition—it's about community, passion, and unwavering support. Let's use this as an example of how we can continue to show up for all of our teams, rally together, and make our presence felt.

This season may have come to an end, but our Hurricane pride never will. Let's keep this energy going and continue to show the world what makes our school so special!

GO CANES!

*Graham Haley*

Athletic Director







PLEASE JOIN US

# *Founding Fun Day!*

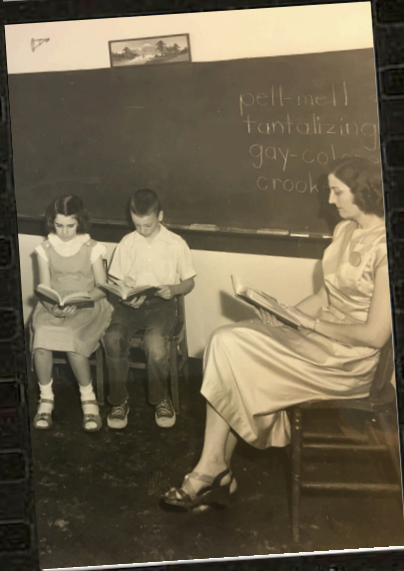
Join us as we celebrate the 75th  
Anniversary of First Baptist  
School of Charleston!

Saturday, March 15, 2025

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

James Island Campus  
2055 George Griffith Blvd.  
Charleston, SC 29412

**RSVP HERE**





FIRST BAPTIST SCHOOL

# SPECIALTY CAMPS

Summer 2025



## GET READY FOR SUMMER FUN!

From **May 27-August 1**, our James Island Campus is hosting an exciting lineup of specialty camps designed to spark creativity and curiosity! From engineering and drama to boat building and survival skills, our weekly camps offer something for every interest, ensuring your child has an inspiring and unforgettable summer.

Offerings include:

**STEAM**  
**FINE ARTS**  
**SPORTS**  
**& MORE!**

**REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 2!**

Learn more and register at  
[fbschool.org/summer-camps](https://fbschool.org/summer-camps)





Water Mission



# WALK FOR WATER

In order to bring awareness to the water crisis our world is currently suffering, **First Graders** have partnered with Water Missions International! We plan to participate and recruit other students and their families to join us in the annual "Walk for Water". In some parts of the world, millions of women and children spend several hours a day collecting water, walking about 4 miles and the water is mostly dirty. During this walk, we will be asked to carry a bucket of water in order to get a glimpse of what it is like to walk in less fortunate shoes.

The walk will be held in North Charleston on Saturday, March 29th! To join our team, please visit [this link](#): We are FBS HELPING HURRICANES!

Our goal is to raise \$2,500 dollars, so if you are unable to walk on that date, please consider donating to this amazing cause. THANK YOU!!

[Join our team!](#)





# Parent Teacher Organization



## Boosterthon Success!

FBS families,

I am blown away by your generosity in participating in Boosterthon this year! We set a lofty fundraising goal of \$35,000, and not only met, but exceeded this goal! I'm so thankful that the PTO is able to dedicate these funds to support water bottle fillers on the Downtown campus, an automated gate on the James Island campus, and beautification efforts of Hazel Parker playground! I am especially grateful to the Boosterthon Co-Chairs, McKensie Kish and Anna Wartinbee, who were outstanding with their assistance in daily prize distribution and enthusiasm for ensuring the success of this fundraiser! Thank you, all, for your support!

Next up: FBS will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week March 24-28! Stay tuned for more details to be released soon.

Additionally, as we prepare for FBS Field Days in May, please be on the lookout for communication related to t-shirt sponsorship opportunities!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail [pto@fbschool.org](mailto:pto@fbschool.org).

*Lindsay Loewer*

PTO President



## Dress Down Days

If you would like to sign up for a whole year of Dress Down Days (K5-12), you can register and pay in advance [here](#).

**The next Dress Down Day is Friday, March 28th!**

# College Counseling

SHANNON ROY  
COLLEGE COUNSELOR

As we step into March, the College Counseling Office is buzzing with activity for all grade levels. From scholarships to career exploration and academic planning, there's plenty to focus on this month. Read on for important updates and reminders for each class!

## **Seniors – Scholarships, Scholarships, Scholarships!**

Graduation is right around the corner, but there's still work to do! Now is the time to focus on applying for scholarships to help reduce college costs. I strongly encourage you to explore scholarship opportunities through resources like:

- Fastweb ([www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com))
- Going Merry ([www.goingmerry.com](http://www.goingmerry.com))
- College Board's BigFuture Scholarship Search
- Local scholarships from community organizations and businesses

Every dollar counts, so take the time to apply! If you need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out and book an appointment.

## **Juniors – Wrapping Up Individual Meetings**

It has been a pleasure meeting with juniors and their families over the past two months to discuss college plans, goals, and next steps. Thank you, parents/guardians, for your support and engagement in your student's journey.

With spring approaching, now is the time to focus on:

- SAT & ACT testing – SAT Day is Thursday, April 10th. All Juniors are signed up and just need to show up at school to take the test. ACT- Please sign up at [ACT.org](http://ACT.org) if you'd like your child to take it in June or July.
- College research – Start making a list of schools that interest you within SCOIR.
- Campus visits – If possible, take advantage of spring break to visit colleges in person or virtually.

## **Sophomores – Career Exploration Month**

March is all about career exploration for our sophomores! To help students begin thinking about their future paths, we will be attending a Career Fair at Trident Community College on March 6th. This event will expose students to a variety of career options and help them start considering their interests and strengths as they look ahead to life after First Baptist.



# College Counseling

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Parents, please encourage conversations at home about potential career interests and skills. If your student has any questions, they are welcome to stop by the College Counseling Office for guidance!

## **Freshmen – Locking In for Success**

Spring is here, and by now, freshmen should have a solid understanding of what is expected in high school academics. This is a crucial time to ensure that students are staying on top of their coursework and building strong study habits.

Some reminders for freshmen:

- Stay organized – Use planners or digital tools to track assignments and tests.
- Seek help when needed – Teachers and the College Counseling Office are here to support you.
- Get involved – Now is a great time to engage in clubs, sports, and community service to build a well-rounded high school experience.

## **Scheduling for Next Year Begins in March!**

Course selection for next year will begin soon, so keep an eye out for information on how to schedule your classes.

Making thoughtful choices about your courses is essential for preparing for college and career opportunities.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the College Counseling Office.

Wishing everyone a productive and exciting March!

Warm regards,

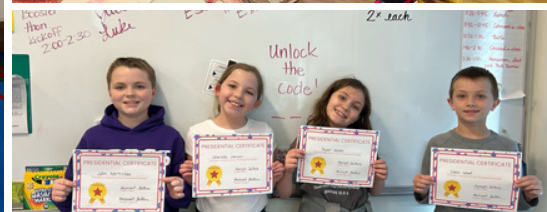
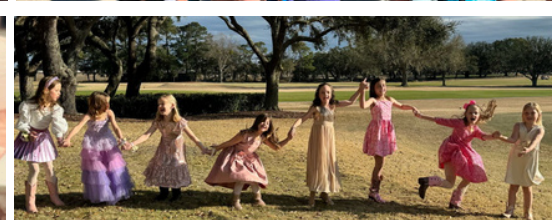
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# Around Campus





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# RESOURCES



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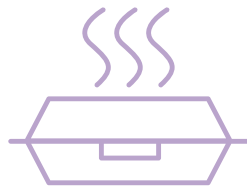
STUDENT  
HANDBOOK

## 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.