

HURRICANE WATCH



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Monthly Newsletter



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Head of School Update

By Dr. Justin Mitchell

Greetings, First Baptist Community!

As the school year winds down, we have a number of exciting events to look forward to in the month of May. It's been an amazing year, and we are proud of all our students for their hard work and dedication.

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Here are some important dates to keep in mind: May 19th will mark the last day of classes for the school year. On the same day, we will also be celebrating the Kindergarten Graduation ceremony. It will be a heartwarming event as we recognize our youngest students and wish them all the best as they continue their academic endeavors at First Baptist School. Moving on, we have the Senior Baccalaureate Service on May 21st. This service is a great opportunity for our graduating students and their families to reflect on the past and look forward to the future as they transition into the next chapter of their lives. On May 24th, we will be celebrating the 8th Grade Graduation ceremony. Our 8th graders have worked hard this year, and this ceremony will be a great way to recognize their achievements and send them off to high school. Finally, we have the High School Graduation ceremony on May 26th. This year's graduation ceremony will be held in the First Baptist Church sanctuary Downtown. It's a momentous occasion for our graduating seniors as they prepare to embark on new adventures and pursue their dreams. We hope that all our students and families will be able to attend these events and share in the excitement of the end of the school year.

April and May wrap up the end of the creative process in our Fine Arts programs. End-of-year shows & concerts celebrating the growth of our students have filled our spring calendars. In the coming weeks, students will be completing the artistic process by connecting and responding to their performances and finished products through self-reflection and evaluation. All of our Fine Arts programs meet and exceed the National Core Arts Standards of creating, presenting, responding, and connecting. We are proud of the student work and growth that was cultivated through the artistic process this year.

Our Spring sports teams have performed well all season and the soccer programs have led the way with their success on and off the field. For the first time in a very long time, our JV Girls and JV Boys soccer teams are both region champions! We are so excited about the future of FBS soccer and we are thankful for our coaches who have led the way! The varsity soccer teams will compete in the state playoffs soon as both are surging with momentum at the right time of the year. The varsity baseball team will head back to the playoffs after a convincing series win over Porter-Gaud! Our young golf team has worked hard all year and continues to make strides on the course. The track and field team has turned in strong performances so far this season on the track and in many of the field events. Many of our students keep breaking personal records as the season progresses and we are excited to watch them compete for a team and individual state championships at the state track meet in Charleston on May 6th.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve our students, families, each other, and you, our First Baptist community. 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.



HAPPY RETIREMENT MS. RAWLS!

Ms. Beverly Rawls retired this year after 27 years at First Baptist School. She has blessed the lives of so many students, teachers, and families. Our Lower School Garden was dedicated in her honor as a "thank you" for her many years of service to our school family.

Thank you for everything!

MAY 2023

School Calendar

16-19	Second Semester Exams	
19	Kindergarten Graduation	9:00 AM
	Last Day of School - Half-Day, No Aftercare	
21	Baccalaureate Service	5:00 PM
22	Exam Make Up Day	
24	Eighth Grade Graduation	
26	High School Graduation	7:30 PM
29	Memorial Day - School Offices Closed	
30-31	Teacher Workdays	

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for Athletic
Schedule



Hello Summer

FBS SUMMER CAMPS



FBS Sports Camp (May Session)

May 22-26, 2023

[Register](#)



FBS Basketball Camp

May 30-June 2, 2023

[Register](#)



Summer Enrichment Camp

July 17-21, 2023

[Register](#)



FBS Sports Camp (August Session)

August 7-11, 2023

[Register](#)

IN THE KNOW

school happenings



Field Day! (K3-8th Grade)

Field Day for K3-K5 is Friday, May 5th, and will be held at Hazel Parker Playground.

Field Day for 1st-8th will be Friday, May 12th, and will be held at the James Island Campus. PTO is hosting a Field Day Family Lunch and you can learn more and sign up for lunch [here](#).

B-Team Banquet

We will be hosting a banquet for our 4th-8th grade B-Teams on Tuesday, May 9th from 5:30-7:30 pm. We will be holding it in the Fellowship Hall at the Downtown Campus.



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

FBS Dance

PROJECT DANCE CITY

In April, some of our high school dancers traveled to NYC for a 3 day event of master classes, some sighting seeing, and even the opportunity to perform in Times Square, made possible through the Project Dance Foundation. Dancers took master classes from industry professionals including Broadway performers and a Radio City Rockette. Our dance program has participated in Project Dance since 2014- attending events in Atlanta, Greenville, and NYC, but this was the first year back since covid. Our students worked hard and had a great time!



SPRING SHOWCASE

Nearly 100 students participated in our Spring Dance Showcase on Sunday, April 30th! The FBS Dance Program is a recreational open-level dance program that aims to foster a love and appreciation for the dance arts through the exploration of the creative process. While some of our dancers pursue additional training outside of school hours, the majority of our dancers only dance through school for less than an hour each week. Every performance is an act of bravery and we are proud of the students' growth through vulnerability. A primary goal in our school dance program is to create a positive experience with the arts for each dancer on stage, while also providing the opportunity for them to be polite and informed audience members. The showcase is only one day in our yearlong artistic journey, but it is much anticipated and celebrated! This year, the FBS dance program celebrated its 13th year of making the dance arts accessible for all students at FBS!





HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS

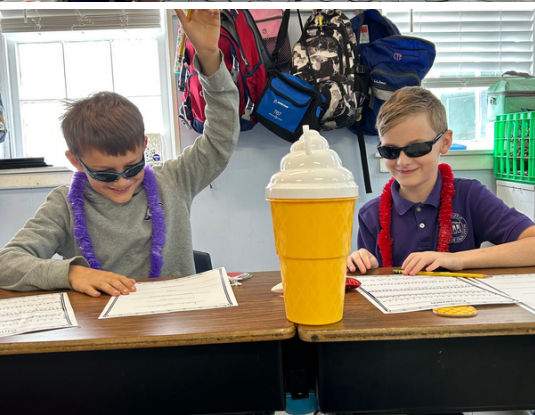
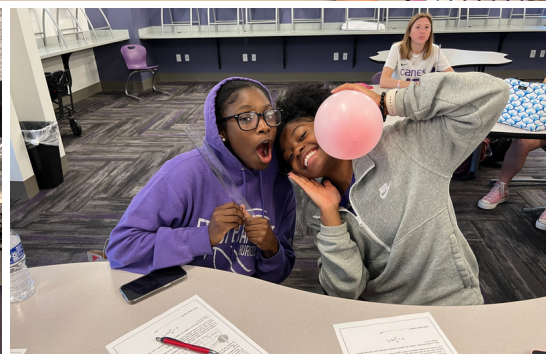
Ministry

BY ANDREW BLALOCK

As the school year draws to a close, I want to reflect on ways in which God is at work among our students and faculty. Our study of the book of Psalms has taught us valuable lessons on prayer, wisdom, and the power of God's presence in our lives. I am grateful for the dedicated students in our campus ministry club who make this ministry possible. This past week Senior Austin Hooker delivered our chapel message and reminded us of the importance of trusting in God's protection in times of difficulty (Psalm 91). Additionally, I am excited to announce that our care packages for teenage Ukrainian refugees have finally arrived at their destination, after delays and difficulties with international shipping. These packages, filled with gifts for teens, will make a significant difference in the lives of these young people, and we look forward to sharing pictures and videos from the event where they were handed out. I am grateful to everyone who contributed to this important project and for the many ways in which our campus community continues to make a positive impact in the world.



Around Campus



FBS Counselor
Rose Cummings



DON'T LOSE SPEED YET!

It's easy to lose momentum at this time of year, but most students still have another test (or two) as well as exams. Great efforts in these is necessary to keep what grade they have earned throughout the year and can even raise it! Remind your children about the usual things such as their manners, being kind to others, acknowledging bedtimes and eating healthy. While we want to continue these things throughout the year, it is even more important to do them until the very end of school to ensure that everyone has a successful and enjoyable end-of-year experience. The last week will likely consist of parties, graduations and ceremonies and especially then, we want to remind them that they can have a great time and still be respectful of themselves and those around them.

A few ways to avoid the end of the year slump are:

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Stay balanced with routine

Fight the urge to go to extremes. Most students tend to go to one extreme or the other. As project deadlines roll in and exams approach, they may want to pull an “all-nighter” and study until the sun comes up or throw their hands up all together and feel as if they are done. Our goal is to help our children and students stay balanced through out the year until the very end. Encourage the same good habits you always do such as a bedtime, limited screen time and healthy meals.

Make time for family

Amidst the hustle and bustle of the year's end are the big things that really matter; faith, family and friends. Try to keep up a family dinner or add one if it doesn't exist. Focusing on what really matters will keep thoughts about grades or “summer-itis” at bay. Plan a family day each weekend until the end of school to do something fun together. (ie. Boating, Top Golf, lunch and a walk at a park with the family pet, second Sunday on King)

Look at the big picture

While getting excited about summer plans, also talk about what next school year will look like including new responsibilities and privileges, or jobs and college for our older students. Periodically looking at the big picture helps to stay focused on the things that really matter.

FIRST BAPTIST SCHOOL

RESOURCES



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LOGIN



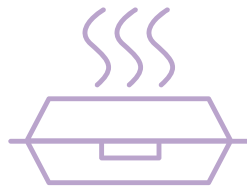
STUDENT
HANDBOOK

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.