

HURRICANE WATCH



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF FIRST BAPTIST SCHOOL

April 2024

Monthly Newsletter



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Head of School Update

By Dr. Justin Mitchell

Greetings, First Baptist Community!

As we embrace the changing seasons and the promise of renewal that April brings, we are reminded of the old adage, "April showers bring May flowers." Just as the rain nourishes the earth, our school community continues to grow and flourish in both spirit and knowledge.

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In reflecting on the connection between April showers and May flowers, we find inspiration in the words of Isaiah 55:10-11: "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it."

Just as rain brings forth life from the earth, God's word nurtures our minds and souls, guiding us on our educational journey and preparing us to bloom in His service. We are blessed to have had so many exciting things going on for both campuses this month. Our students have participated in exciting field trips, engaging school projects, and a variety of community service opportunities.

Before spring break, nearly 50 students took the stage in our 1st-12th grade production of "Peter Pan." It was wonderful to see students from both campuses come together with a shared goal. April is a very busy month in the arts, with multiple upcoming programs. On Saturday, April 27th, our annual High School Art & Photography show will open for one week of showcasing student work on our James Island Campus. Sunday, April 28th, 95 students from K3-12th grade will take the stage at Burke High School in our annual FBS Spring Dance Showcase. Our April arts events will conclude with our music showcase on Tuesday, April 30th, featuring our band and choir students presenting an evening of music on our Downtown Campus. Please mark your calendars for these special events coming from our Fine Arts Department's various programs.

First Baptist spring athletic teams are off to great starts to their respective seasons. Varsity boys soccer remains undefeated as they took control of their region with a big overtime win over Pinewood last week! Girls soccer continues to work hard as they achieved their first win of the season with a resounding win over Northwood. Our varsity baseball team picked up a huge 1-0 victory at home over Pinewood in one of the most exciting games of the season. Softball is back at First Baptist and our JV team is undefeated to start the year, so far outscoring their opponents 48-20. Track & Field continues to compete at the highest levels with so many of our athletes achieving personal best records from one meet to the next. Each of our varsity golfers have improved and recorded their career low scores. With a lot of hard work and dedication, our golf team at First Baptist has a very bright future ahead over the next few years.

As we navigate the remainder of the school year, let us continue to embrace the blessings of growth, learning, and community. May the showers of April nourish our minds and hearts, leading us to bloom into the beautiful flowers God intended us to be.

Wishing you all a joyful and fruitful April!

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

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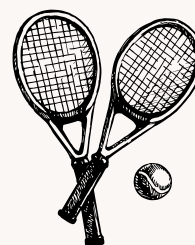
School Resumes

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FBS 11th Biennial Live & Silent Auction



[View Athletic Calendar](#)



IN THE KNOW

school happenings



Spring Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be back the week of April 22nd! Keep an eye out for more information! Every purchase from the book fair helps raise money for our school!

Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week begins April 22nd! PTO will be sending out further information and how parents can help soon!



Camp Jumpstart: Summer Enrichment

Our Summer Enrichment camp will be back this summer as Camp Jumpstart! Rising K5-8th grade students are invited to attend this one week camp to revisit skills and get a head start on skills for the upcoming school year. Register [here](#)

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

First Baptist School of Charleston



COMMUNITY YARD SALE & MARKET



SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
2051 GEORGE GRIFFITH BLVD.

APPLY TO BE A VENDOR!

- Vendors must be FBS families, faculty or students
- This event is open to the public for browsing/purchasing. Entry into the event is free.
- To reserve a booth, complete the form below
- The cost to reserve a booth is \$30. Money goes to the FBS Hurricane Association to support the FBS Athletic Department.
- The booth fee will secure you 1 spot (equal to 2 parking spaces). To reserve more than 1 spot, email Shay Monroe, s.monroe3423@gmail.com
- You may sell yard sale items and/or market/homemade items
- You are responsible for your own set-up including tent, tables, pricing, cash box etc.

Hosted by FBS Hurricane Association

Questions? Contact Shay Monroe (843) 327-5257 or s.monroe3423@gmail.com

[APPLY HERE](#)



Spring
FOOTBALL

PRACTICE
FOR GRADES 5TH-8TH



SATURDAY
MAY 11

9:00AM-12:00PM



AT JI ATHLETICS COMPLEX



**A ONE-DAY CLINIC TO LEARN
FOOTBALL FUNDAMENTALS & SKILLS**

**MEET MS COACH
PIERRE STEWART**

ONLINE REGISTRATION
NO LATER THAN MAY 3

**LEARN FROM OUR CURRENT
VARSITY TEAM & STAFF**

FOR DETAILS VISIT: FBSCHOOL.ORG/CAMPUS-EVENTS

VOTING NOW OPEN!
CLOSES SEPT. 1, 2024

FIRST BAPTIST SCHOOL OF CHARLESTON

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

2025

Vote! →



The First Baptist Athletic Department is proud to announce that voting is now open for the second class of the First Baptist Hurricane Athletic Hall of Fame. Voting will close September 1, 2024.

*Student nominations must have graduated by 2018 at the latest. *Coaches/contributors must have completed their time (at least 5 years) at FBS prior to the Fall of 2018.

FINE ARTS

Events



James Island Campus

High School Art & Photography Show

Opens April 27, and runs through May 3.

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Burke High School Auditorium

Spring Dance Showcase

See our K3-12 grade dancers come together for our spring showcase! Tickets will be available soon!

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Downtown Campus

Spring Concert

Our choir and band will perform their spring concert in the downtown sanctuary.

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College Counseling

SHANNON ROY
COLLEGE COUNSELOR

Dear High School Parents,

As we transition into April, I hope this newsletter finds you well and ready for the exciting updates and opportunities ahead. March was a month filled with important milestones and valuable discussions, particularly for our sophomore students. Here's a brief recap of what we covered during our individual sessions:

- **Transcript Review:** Each student had the chance to delve into their transcript, gaining a deeper understanding of how the weighted GPA system works and its implications for college admissions. We also discussed class ranks and their significance in the college application process.
- **Course Planning for Next Year:** We dedicated time to exploring course options for the upcoming academic year, ensuring that each student is on track with their academic goals. Recommendations from teachers for core classes were thoroughly explained, guiding students towards fulfilling their potential.
- **YouScience Career Aptitude Assessment:** Students engaged with the YouScience platform to discover their unique strengths and interests, facilitating the exploration of potential career paths. By now, most students have completed this assessment, and they are welcome to schedule a meeting to review their results and discuss their implications for future planning.
- **SCOIR Registration:** We successfully registered all students with SCOIR, our comprehensive college planning system. This tool serves as a valuable resource for researching colleges, exploring career options, and managing the college application process. Parents, you are encouraged to create your own SCOIR account to stay informed about your child's college exploration journey. If you haven't received an invitation from your student yet, please let me know, and I can assist you with access.

Additionally, March marked a significant milestone with the introduction of the first digital SAT Day at our school. Nearly the entire junior class participated in this event, signaling a successful transition to the new format. If you're interested in learning more about the structure of the new SAT, I encourage you to visit the College Board's website [here](#).

This spring, students will have the opportunity to select their elective courses, allowing them to tailor their academic experience to their interests and aspirations. More information regarding the elective selection process will be communicated soon, so please keep an eye out for updates. We will be utilizing FACTS (Family Portal) for students to enter their first and second elective choices.

It's essential to note that while students have the freedom to choose their electives, certain classes are mandatory for graduation or may be necessary to fulfill college admissions requirements. These requirements have been discussed with your student ensuring they are on track with their academic progress.

As we navigate through this scheduling process, please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Your active involvement is crucial in ensuring that your child's academic path aligns with their goals and aspirations.

As we move forward into April, I encourage both students and parents to remain proactive in their college planning journey. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or if you would like to schedule a meeting to discuss your child's academic and college goals further.

Wishing you all a productive and fulfilling month ahead!

Warm regards,

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

College Counselor
First Baptist High School

ADVANCEMENT

UPDATES



11th Biennial Live and Silent Auction

The FBS 11th Biennial Live and Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at The Harbour Club at WestEdge. The school auction is always a wonderful time of great fun, food, music and raising much needed funds for our school.

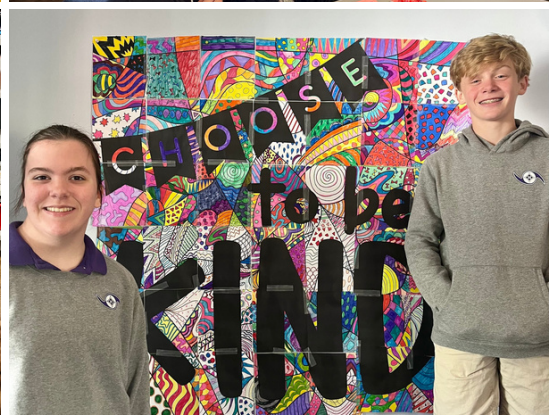
Event Schedule

- 5:45 PM - Registration
- 6:00 - 7:30 PM - Hors d'oeuvres
- 6:00 - 8:30 PM - Silent Auction
- 7:30 PM - Dinner
- 8:30 - 10:00 PM - Live Auction

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Around Campus



FIRST BAPTIST SCHOOL

RESOURCES



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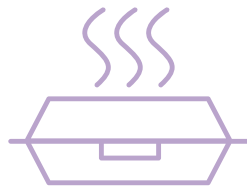
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FARE LUNCH



DRESS CODE



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