

HURRICANE WATCH



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Monthly Newsletter



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Head of School Update

By Dr. Justin Mitchell

Greetings, First Baptist Community!

We hosted our 10th Biennial Live & Silent Auction on March 5th, and it was a huge success! Thank you to all of you who participated either as a donor or guest to the auction. We greatly appreciate your investment in our school and our students.

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PTO is leading the way with various school beautification projects on both campuses. We are excited to see the results and appreciate all of the support for these causes. Downtown, PTO is working on reimagining the old senior garden as well as other projects that will help our Downtown campus shine. On James Island, we are working to add a school sign at the campus entrance from George Griffith Boulevard. Additionally, we are adding a row of alternating purple and white crape myrtle trees from the gate to the academic building which we are calling Legacy Lane. Each tree is being donated in honor or memory of someone who has or will leave a legacy at FBS for the cost of \$115 each. Each honoree will be recognized by a plaque at the base of the tree. Please consider honoring someone special for this unique project. You can contribute to both of these projects by going to <https://www.fbschool.org/donate> and select the correct designation drop-down box for either James Island Campus Sign or Legacy Lane Tree Donation.

Our Downtown Campus is extremely busy with learning and activities. Congratulations to our Lower and Middle School team who raised \$10,0004.63 for the Heart Challenge 2022! Great work, team! As another service opportunity, our first graders are hosting a Walk for Water Team as part of the first-grade service-learning project. We hope you are able to join our team and support this extremely important cause. Check out this link for more details. In addition to service our students like to learn and have fun. To celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday, FBS had a special guest on campus, The Cat in the Hat, who read to our Lower School classes. As a note of thanks, we are extremely grateful for each of our Lower School classes who collaborated to create the classroom baskets for our auction. Each of them was fantastic! Excitement is building as the construction continues Downtown and we inch closer to the anticipated completion date. We are working diligently to finalize and secure all of the needed items so that we can have a smooth transition into the building over the summer.

The James Island Campus is bustling with activity, both locally and abroad. Our Student Government Association leaders are currently at Myrtle Beach for the 2022 SCISA SGA State Convention. We also have a group of students traveling to Italy with ACIS Educational Tours who are learning more about the historical and cultural implications that we attribute to Italy. We look forward to hearing more about how our students are leading, learning, and serving. Our Fine Arts Department has been working hard on their production of The Wizard of Oz which will be presented on Thursday, March 17th at 6 pm on the James Island Aux Gym Stage. On the athletics front, we are very proud of our student-athletes and coaches for their basketball season. Our Varsity Girls, led by Head Coach Singleton, and Varsity Boys, led by Head Coach Saunders, earned their way to play in the state championship. Although they did not win first place, we are incredibly proud of their hard work and accomplishments. Our very own Coach Saunders was selected as the SCISA Coach of the Year! Please join me in congratulating both of our teams and coaches.

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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 style with a large initial 'J' and 'M'.

MARCH 2022

School Calendar

- 17 "The Wizard of Oz" Production 6:00 PM
James Island Campus, Tickets available at the door
- 25 Half-Day for Students
Staff Development
- 28-31 Spring Break



IN THE KNOW

school happenings



First Baptist School Presents The Wizard of Oz

Join us March 17th at 6:00 pm on the James Island Campus (AUX Gym) for a performance of The Wizard of Oz by our drama students! Tickets are \$5.00 at the door.

Field Day T-shirt Design Winners

Congratulations to Walker Timbes (6th grade) and Sawyer Timbes (2nd grade) for submitting the winning field day shirt design contest! Their design will be featured on this year's Field Day shirts..



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



Congrats!

CANES BASKETBALL

Congrats to both of our Varsity Basketball teams who made it to the SCISA State Championship games! They both had amazing seasons, and we're so proud of our student athletes and coaches!





**LAST CHANCE TO JOIN OUR
WATER MISSION TEAM!**

Join *The First Baptist Mighty Minnows* at the Walk for Water on Saturday, March 26th!!

We would love to have you join us on the day of the walk!

Register [HERE!](#)

If you cannot, please consider donating to this philanthropy! Our First Graders hope to raise \$2,500 for this amazing cause.

MARCH 26, 2022

9 a.m. • Riverfront Park
North Charleston, SC

CHARLESTONWALK.ORG





Guided Tours

By Dr. Kupersmith, High School Principal

The college selection process is more straightforward and less daunting than parents are led to believe. The success of the process relies on honesty and respect, as are the most important decisions. All relevant parties should have a voice, and all should listen attentively to those voices. Everyone needs to be honest and realistic—about cost, location, size, and rigor. If we abide by this set of simple rules, we will reach a happy destination in the requisite time.

When my first child went through the exploration process (and I was his school head and college counselor as well as his father), I had two favorites that I thought fit him well: Rice University, in Houston, and the U. of Chicago. I had sent many students to Rice, all of whom loved their experience (not all were math and science students); Chicago was a personal favorite. The Dean of Admissions was a friend; Christopher even got a custom summer tour from Dan. Hall

between his freshman and sophomore years. That tour took his breath away. He was smitten. When the time came to apply, we had visited several state universities: Kansas State, the University of Kansas, the University of Iowa, Knox College, in Galesburg, Ill., the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Indiana University, Purdue University, and Rice a couple of times. He did not see himself at Rice—too many quirks for his humanistic sympathies. Throughout the process, I was honest about his chances of admission at U of C—50/50 at best., even with friendship with the Dean. Plus, unless he received a lot of financial aid, there was no way that I could afford the tuition and room/board. He was admitted; the cost was too steep even with a nice scholarship. He liked IU from the moment we set foot on campus. Administrators spent time with him. Unlike the half-day visits to other campuses, we spent the entire day at IU because the admission office presented the opportunities. Christopher never looked back. I think that he enjoyed every aspect of his undergraduate days at IU. He holds two degrees from IU and never left Bloomington. I expect that his son will be a Hoosier as well.

By contrast, our youngest child, who graduated from high school in 2000, fully expected to follow Andrew, Jason, Kirstin, and Tucker to KU. I wasn't going to let Taylor

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go without a visit to Hendrix College, In Conway, Arkansas, a "college that changes lives." To my amazed delight, Taylor loved the pretty, compact campus twenty miles west of Little Rock. Rest assured, Hendrix changed Taylor's life. She thanks Hendrix for the opportunity to be taken under the wing of a young psychology teacher, who likely saw a lot of herself in Taylor. In this school of 1100 students, the close relationships with faculty produced rare summer experiences, which prepared her for her graduate school program in IO Psychology at UT-Knoxville, which led to working for the Department of Defense and now Amazon as a senior VP. Hendrix provided her with undergraduate contacts that would have been unlikely at KU until she was a senior.

With both the oldest and youngest child, we shared visits, discussed our impressions, and applied to several schools so that each child would have choices in making the final cut.

Just follow a simple formula: Be up front about cost and likelihood of admission, go through campus visits together-it is the final major bonding experience. The senior year can be the most fulfilling year you will ever have with your child-shared experiences, emotions, and understanding.

I look forward to working with Ms. Bridges to expand your field of vision and help navigate your vessel to a safe harbor.

2022 REGION BAND CLINIC

Three of our band students were chosen to play at the 2022 Region Band Clinic on Feb. 12, 2022



MADISON FLETCHER

Flute



ESME HUTTO

Flute



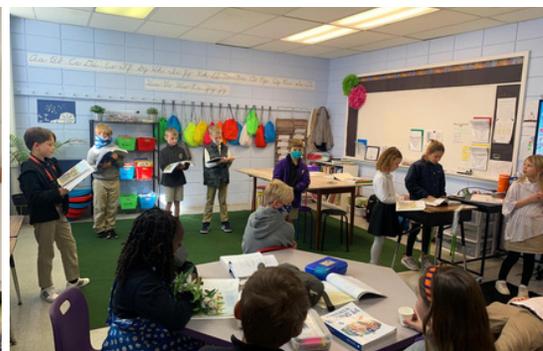
AUSTIN HOOKER

Tenor Saxophone

Congratulations to Austin Hooker, Madison Fletcher, and Esme Hutto for performing in the 2022 Region Band Clinic on February 19th at the Summers Corner Performing Arts Center. They auditioned alongside 500 students across South Carolina to earn their spot at the clinic. They did a wonderful job representing First Baptist School and our Fine Arts Program!



Around Campus



ADVANCEMENT OFFICE NEWS

*Sustaining Academic Excellence with a Christian Perspective
for generations to come*

A BIG Thank You!

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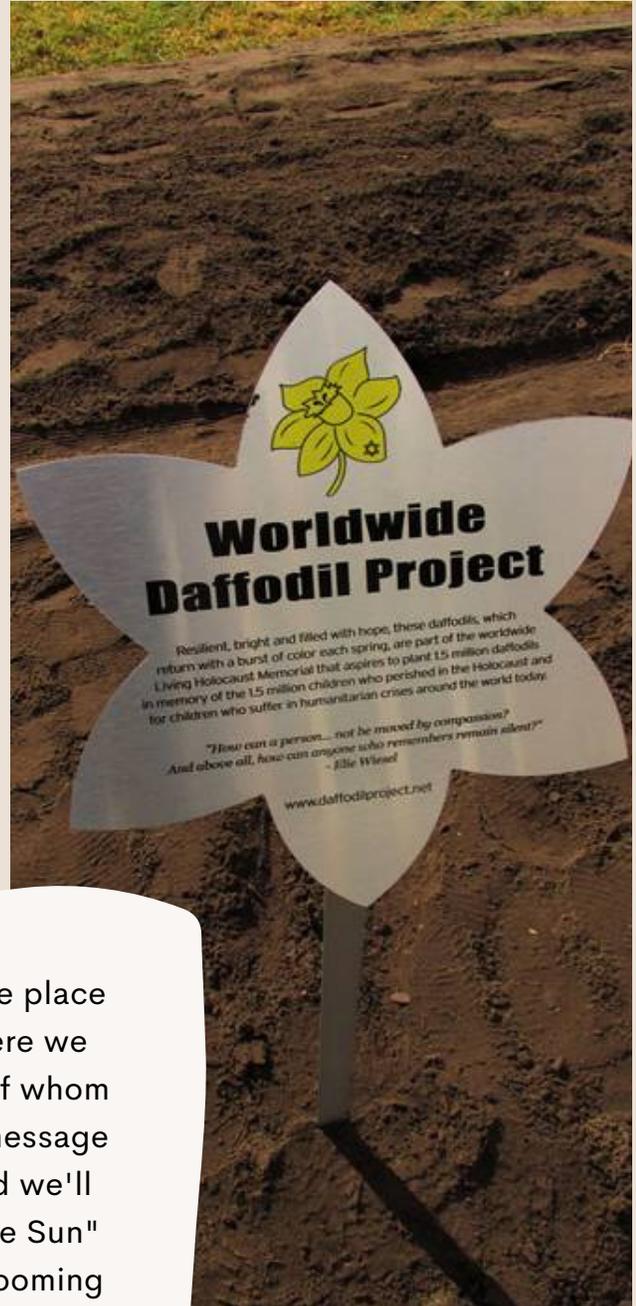
Thank you to everyone who made it out for the 10th Biennial Live & Silent Auction on March 5th! It was a wonderful evening gathering together in support of First Baptist School.

We are so thankful for the donations we received and will be announcing total numbers soon!

ADVANCEMENT EVENTS

[GIVE ONLINE](#)

The Daffodil Project



The inaugural Daffodil Project Chapel will take place on March 9th during high school chapel where we will honor 100 children of the Holocaust, 21 of whom died in concentration camps, we will hear a message on genocide from our own Matt Lambert, and we'll listen to a live performance of "I Believe in the Sun" by our high school choir. Our daffodils are blooming (as seen in above) and we look forward to hosting a chapel or event each spring to come.



YOUTH HEART AMBASSADOR

Nominations open
until March 31!

We wrapped up our Kids Heart Challenge in February and ended with celebratory afternoon where our top fundraisers picked teachers to pie in the face! **We earned a total of \$10,004.63!** A portion will go toward equipment for our P.E. department. These were our top earners:

Kid's Heart Challenge Top Earners: Jon David Rooke, Sophie Monroe, Jackson Ward, Jackie Pennell, and Wyatt Canter

American Heart Challenge Top Earners: Ellison Truluck, and Ellison Semken.

The American Heart Association is now also accepting nominations from youth who have been affected by heart disease or stroke either through a personal diagnosis, diagnosis of a loved one, or a personal lifestyle change.

The deadline for families to apply is March 31, 2022. Details can be found at www.heart.org/YouthAmbassador.

The 2022-2023 class of Youth Heart Ambassadors are the face and voice in the American Heart Associations' in-school initiatives, assisting the organization to be a relentless force for healthier lives for all.

Youth Heart Ambassadors may be asked to participate in exciting things like:

- Local and national marketing and promotional collateral
- Local Kids Heart Challenge/American Heart Challenge school events with speaking opportunities
- Local and national media interviews



Remedying Unhealthy Thinking

*By Rose M. Cummings, LPC
First Baptist School Counselor*



Recognizing 'unhealthy thinking' is a very important life skill that honestly, we could probably all work on. I know it is a daily task for myself. When I first learned about this topic on Cognitive distortions, and we delved into selective abstraction and arbitrary inference, I was automatically intrigued and knew it was something that I wanted to know more about. I was so grateful for the insight that it brought to me and my own way of processing information but couldn't help but to think how wonderful it would have been to have learned this even earlier in life. Introducing this information to a child in a formidable stage of growth and teaching them to incorporate this into their natural way of thinking is invaluable.

These thoughts are ways that we become biased in our thought process based on our chemical make-up, both nature and nurture, and life experiences. We are trying to make sense of what is happening in the world around us, form opinions and decisions, so that we can stand for something. While this is a milestone for our children, and a glorious stage of life, we also want to teach them to:

Learn to pause.

Sometimes our brains can take 'short cuts' which cause us to blame ourselves for certain things that aren't our fault or jump to the worst possible conclusion becoming defensive or worse.

Use a 'mental filter'.

This is a wonderful and useful way to begin training our thoughts. Of course, it is important that our filter is constantly being fine-tuned as we grow older and wiser.

Fine tune our 'mental filter'.

The best way to do this is to seek advice from tried-and-true sources. The Bible, prayer, our trusted advisors, and scholarly research from trusted sources. These are things that our children will greatly benefit from as we emulate the steps that we take in our daily decision making.

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Pausing, allowing our pre-frontal cortex to engage and make decisions from a deeper place of reasoning will serve us all better in the long run.

You and your children are an integral part of the First Baptist Community. It is our goal to be one of these trusted resources.

If you would like any additional information on these topics, please feel free to reach out to me at cummingsr@fbschool.org.

FIRST BAPTIST SCHOOL

RESOURCES



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LOGIN



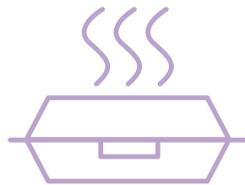
STUDENT
HANDBOOK



COVID POLICY



SMART TUITION
LOGIN



SCHOOLHOUSE
FARE LUNCH



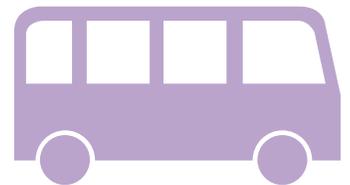
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TRANSPORTATION

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