

HURRICANE WATCH

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Monthly Newsletter



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Head of School Update

By Dr. Justin Mitchell

Greetings, First Baptist Community!

There is something truly magical about this time of year, isn't there? The changing seasons remind us that life is constantly evolving, and just as the trees shed their leaves, we, too, have the opportunity to grow and transform. It's a season of change, a season of transition, and a season of gratitude.

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"To everything, there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." - Ecclesiastes 3:1

One of the things that make this season so special here at First Baptist School is the boundless enthusiasm that our students and teachers bring to school each day. Our classrooms are filled with curiosity, creativity, and a deep thirst for knowledge. It's heartwarming to see the smiles on our students' faces as they engage in their lessons, explore new concepts, and build lasting friendships.

Our dedicated teachers are the heart and soul of our school. They bring their passion for education to life in every lesson, fostering an environment where students can thrive academically, socially, and spiritually. It's their commitment to nurturing the whole child that sets First Baptist School apart, and I'm incredibly grateful for their tireless dedication.

September has been a busy month and the October itinerary is proving to be just as exciting. Our fine arts classes and programs are hitting their stride at this point in the year, working toward larger performances in the winter and spring, but also giving students smaller performance opportunities to begin building confidence. Our 7th-12th grade dance students will be performing at the varsity football game halftime on Friday, Oct 6th and we look forward to hearing our high school choir students perform the National Anthem at an athletic event soon as well. Student artwork is beginning to fill the hallways and our high school art students are finalizing their design plan for the Holiday Festival of Lights Giant Greeting Card contest.

First Baptist Athletics is approaching the final stretches in many of our Fall sports. We congratulate Coach Erin Jackson and the Cross Country team as they continue to have one of the best seasons in school history. We also want to congratulate James Tyler who recently won the Cobra 5K Invitational, while setting a new school record of 16.44 - way to go, James! The Varsity volleyball team continues to play well and looks to have one of their strongest seasons in years! We would like to congratulate the Hurricane football team on their win over Hilton Head Prep which also gave Coach Jamaal Birch his first victory as a head coach. Our varsity swim team continues to make state cuts across the board and the cheer team is working hard and preparing for their first competitions in October. Our JV Girls' tennis team also just wrapped up a very competitive second season in a row under Coach Brook Griffin.

As we embrace this season of change, I want to encourage all of our students and families to take a moment to reflect on the things we are thankful for. Let's celebrate the beauty of fall, the joy of learning, and the love and support of our school community. Together, we can continue to grow and flourish in the warmth of the FBS family.

In closing, I want to express my deepest gratitude to all of you, our wonderful students, parents, and staff, for making First Baptist School a place of inspiration, growth, and endless possibilities. Together, we can make this fall season one to remember.

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

NOVEMBER 2023

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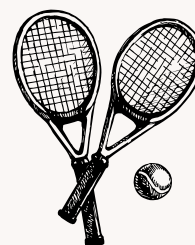
Conference Day - **No School**

NOV
20-24

Thanksgiving Break - **No School**



[View Athletic Calendar](#)



IN THE KNOW

school happenings



Thanksgiving Break Camp (Nov. 20-21)

We are excited to hold a two-day Thanksgiving Camp on Monday and Tuesday of break for K3-4th grade! Campers will enjoy fun and learning, including seasonal crafts and activities! Register [here](#)!

Candy for Heroes (DT Campus)

Middle School is collecting Halloween candy to give to our local first responders. Each classroom will be given a bag to fill up! All candy is due Friday, Nov. 3, and will be picked up by special guests next week.



Trident Basketball

Coach Redner would like to remind those interested that Trident Basketball practices begins Nov. 4th!

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



Operation Christmas Child

NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK
NOV. 13 - 20



Please drop off packed shoeboxes to the main office on the Downtown Campus or the High School gym foyer on the James Island Campus. Please be sure to include the \$10 with your box!

Boxes due November 15

Visit [Samaritan's Purse](#) to learn how to pack a box and to see gift suggestions!

HERE COME THE HOLIDAYS

Lindsay Loewer, PTO President



The PTO hosted a meeting on October 24th on the James Island campus! Thank you to all of those who attended. We had a great review of activities to date and discussion of upcoming opportunities!

The PTO will be sponsoring lunch for the FBS staff and teachers on November 7th! Additionally, each teacher will receive a special Thanksgiving sweet treat as we head into the holiday season!

Would you like to volunteer?! We would love some PTO parents helpers to support the following needs:

- [Lunch Helpers to Sort and Distribute Lunches](#)
- [Pelican Snoball Day Helpers on November 15th](#)

I am so appreciative for the Room Parents who continue to step up and keep their classroom families involved!

Please be on the lookout for additional opportunities to get involved in the coming weeks and months!

The FBS Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) uses its resources (both manpower and monetary) to support the efforts of the faculty and staff, and to provide learning and enrichment opportunities for our children. Reach out to PTO@fbschool.org to get involved!



Tickets on sale now!

Join us for an evening of fun with an Oyster Roast, Chili Cook Off, Silent Auction, 50 50 Raffle and more! All proceeds benefit the Baseball program at First Baptist.

Time & Location

Dec 02, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Truluck Island, 2263 Folly Rd, Charleston, SC 29412

Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 & Under
Bring your oyster knives and tailgate chairs!

Sponsorships Available: Please email Alex Snider to sponsor the Oyster Roast! (snidera@fbschool.org)

[Tickets available here!](#)

THANK YOU



On behalf of the Hurricane Association, we wish to express our gratitude to all of our sponsors and volunteers that have made this Fall Sports season a huge success. Through your efforts, we have been able to raise over \$45,000 since the beginning of this school year. Those funds support the Athletic Program and the student athletes by enabling them to have a superior athletic experience.

Our Fall Fundraiser raffle included items for the Ultimate Tailgate package. With the help of our sponsors, we were able to raise almost \$3,000! We would like to thank the sponsors who donated those wonderful items: See at Night Commercial Lighting, Weed Man, Palmetto Clearing and Grading, Shoreline Mosquito Defense, Blitch Plumbing and Palm Casual Patio Furniture. We will have another raffle with tickets available for purchase at the basketball home games. If you wish to sponsor or donate items, please contact Shay Monroe at s.monroe3423@gmail.com or by phone, 843.327.5257.

To our volunteers who worked in the concession stand during the football and volleyball games, we thank you! Your time and energy have been instrumental in this year's success. We are hopeful that as we enter this basketball season, that you will consider volunteering your time in the concession stand.

Go Canes,

Brad Truluck, President
Hurricane Association



— holiday festival of lights —

CHRISTMAS CARD



*Seasons Greetings
from our talented
FBS art students!*

Mrs. Holly Rodelsperger's High School art students worked collaboratively to create this year's Giant Greeting Card for James Island County Park Festival of Lights.

Check it out at James Island County Park starting Friday, November 10—through the holiday season!

College Counseling

SHANNON ROY
COLLEGE COUNSELOR

Dear First Baptist Families,

As we enter the crisp and colorful month of November, I wanted to reach out and update you on the latest happenings in our college counseling department. It's an exciting time of year as I prepare to meet with all our freshman students and cover various aspects of their academic journey.

FRESHMEN MEETINGS

In November, I will have the pleasure of meeting with all our fabulous freshmen. During these sessions, we will delve into essential topics such as "What is a Transcript and Why Does It Matter?", the importance of getting involved in our school, opportunities for volunteering, and much more. These discussions aim to provide our youngest students with valuable insights and guidance as they embark on their high school journey.

SENIOR UPDATES

Our seniors are making impressive strides on their college applications this year, with most of them applying through Early Action. This means that they will receive their college acceptance notifications by Christmas break. The anticipation is palpable, and we're excited to share in their journey to higher education.

UPCOMING APPOINTMENTS

Between now and the holiday season, I will have had the pleasure of meeting with about half of our student population, offering guidance and support. Starting in January, I will begin to meet with all our juniors and their parents/caregivers to help them navigate the college planning process effectively.

In March, our sophomores will have their turn, and I will introduce them to our new program, YouScience. This assessment tool will help students discover their strengths and interests, aiding them in their pursuit of post-graduation paths. All sophomores can look forward to a more specialized visit, which will include a thorough discussion of their transcripts and the significance of selecting challenging courses for the upcoming academic year to prepare for college. This is because I didn't start as the college counselor until January of last year. Thanks for bearing with me as I catch up.

CONTACT INFORMATION

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or if you simply wish to discuss your student's progress, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I'm here to provide support and ensure that your student is well-prepared for their academic journey.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education and growth of your children. It's a privilege to be part of their journey towards a bright and successful future.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannon Roy". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Shannon" and "Roy" being capitalized and prominent.

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. Mark your calendar and be on the lookout for more information.

If you are interested in sponsoring the event, or donating an auction item, please contact Beth Switzer at switzerb@fbschool.org.



FIRST BAPTIST SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS

UPDATES AND EVENTS



Re-enrollment is set to open at the beginning of January. You will have two weeks to re-enroll and secure your child's spot. We will then open the application for siblings of current students and First Baptist Church members before opening it to the public.

If you have not already completed an inquiry for a sibling of a current student, we ask that you take a moment to do so using this [Inquiry Link](#). In the section "How did you hear about us?" type "sibling of a current student."

Please let us know if you have any questions.

FBS Admissions Team

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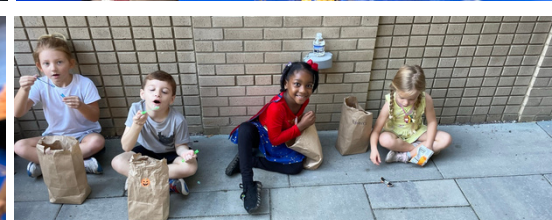
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UPCOMING EVENTS

[Admissions Open House for K2-8th
Grade \(multiple dates\)](#)



Around Campus



FIRST BAPTIST SCHOOL

RESOURCES



FACTS
LOGIN



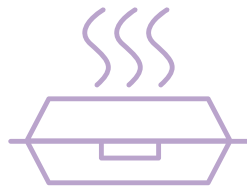
STUDENT
HANDBOOK

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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.