



Fourth Baptist Christian School

# Warrior Newsletter

Christ-Centered Academic Excellence!

Mission Statement

*Fourth Baptist Christian School, as a ministry of Fourth Baptist Church, is committed to the development of a student's spiritual life in Jesus Christ, while pursuing academic excellence in a manner which honors and glorifies God, based on the only infallible Word, the Bible.*

## Basketball Teams Make the Warrior Nation Proud!

By Mr. Alan J. Hodak

Every coach wants to win the title! No secret there. This year, one Warrior team did it and the other fell short by six points... Our girls' varsity team, despite being very young this year, came a long way from the beginning of the season. Our team at the tournament was not the same team we started with and I was proud of their accomplishments on and off the court. We lost a tough game against another young team who also came a long way over the course of the season. And the unlikely girls' finals game between Fourth and Heritage was a surprise to many. It was seed #3 versus seed #5.

"They shouldn't have been there!" or "How in the world did they get there?" Perhaps these were the sentiments of many of the fans from other schools and perhaps even ours. But I never doubted our team's ability to win any game this season. We had told our girls multiple times that we could get to the finals game if we stuck together as a team, helped and encouraged one another, and did what coach asked them to. Our journey was rather difficult. Injuries, illness, and character lessons had to be learned along the way. And these challenged my coaching and each of our players. But we persevered and worked hard despite hiccups along the way, and we won some very memorable games.

The road to the final game was not without its challenges. Chisago was a formidable opponent in round one. They came in ready to play and we had to play our best to get past them. The first step to the finals was complete and in round two we had to face the number two seed, Owatonna. We had split with the Sabres earlier in the season. They defeated us at our place and we defeated them at the Faith Baptist Bible College Tourney. We had confidence going into that game that if we put our best defensive pressure on throughout the game, we could beat them. Our girls played their best game of the season to win that game. And I was thrilled that we executed so well in that contest. It is funny that sometimes plays work when they were seldom run correctly any time prior in the season. And one play continuously worked against the Sabres on that particular day.



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The finals' game was a difficult contest against a young team from somewhere north of Baxter and south of Canada. While the Warriors fell short of their goal of a championship against Heritage Christian from Karlstad this season, we improved to a place where we could compete with anyone on our schedule. Congratulations, girls on a very good season (15-8) and a second place finish. You are the MACS state runners up for 2017!

### Varsity Boys Dominate!

Our boys' team had a different road to the finals. They had a much more experienced team with four seniors on the roster: Ben King, Noah Kinniburgh, Vivek Mohinani and David Murray. Undefeated in conference play, the Warriors were the #1 seed in the tourney.

Throughout the course of the season, the Warriors made quick work of every conference opponent in MACS. Our only losses came against non-conference teams. One of our losses was against North Metro Home School, a powerhouse in basketball every year. But the boys were able to defeat North Metro in a memorable game for the first time in school history on our home court. Additionally, Noah Kinniburgh scored his 1,000<sup>th</sup> point, a milestone only a few Warrior basketball players have ever accomplished.

In the state tourney, the Warriors defeated Heritage Christian (seed #8) in round one, St. Francis (seed #4) in round two, and then played a competitive game against First Baptist of Rosemount (seed #2) in the championship game (Everyone assumed it would be a Fourth/Rosemount championship game). The finals game was exciting and had one of the larger crowds attending in recent history. The Warriors pulled away in the second half in convincing fashion in front of a packed gym. Finishing the season with a record of 22-4, the Warriors won their first basketball title in the last ten years.



Congratulations, Warriors for a job well done! You are the 2017 MACS State Champs! ☺

*(More on the Basketball Season, see pages 8-9)*



Boys All-Tournament Team awards went to three FBCS seniors: Noah Kinniburgh (MVP), Vivek Mohinani and Ben King.



Girls All-Tournament Team awards went to two FBCS players: Joelle Webster (9th) and Hannah Berscheid (11th).

## MACS Speech and Bible Festival at Woodcrest on February 2, 2017

Those who went to the MACS Speech & Bible Festival and earned a placement are as follows:

**Congratulations!**

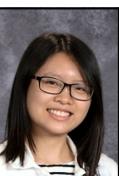


Declamation—Paulifred Toby—Superior—1st place  
 Declamation—Benjamin King—Excellent—2nd place  
 Declamation—Isaiah Reis—3rd place



Dramatic Interpretation—David Murray—Superior—1st place  
 Spelling Bee—David Murray—3rd place

Dramatic Interpretation—Victoria Robinson—Superior—2nd place  
 Dramatic Interpretation—Greta Smith—Superior—3rd place



Duet Acting—Madelyn Lease/Katriel Ng—Excellent—2nd place

Extemporaneous Speaking—Johnathan Schocker—Excellent—2nd place

Reader's Theater (10th graders—not pictured) —Superior —3rd place



**Congratulations to  
 Noah Kinniburgh  
 on becoming the  
 newest member  
 of the  
 1,000 point club!  
 Noah earned his spot  
 by reaching  
 1,000 points  
 during the 1/31  
 home game  
 vs. South Metro.**

# Heritage Day 2016

Heritage Day is always a fun dress-up day for the elementary grades. The students are asked to choose a historical figure or symbol important to American history, an American literary character, an occupation, nationality or a Biblical figure. They research their chosen character, write up a paragraph or two about their character and make a short 30 second—1 minute presentation to the audience. The students are judged on their costume, poise, the information given about their character, and the delivery of their presentation. Students are encouraged to memorize their speech if they are able to do so. (The K4 students are able to dress up also and parade their costumes up on stage, but they do not give a speech and are not judged). We recognize the success of this day depends upon parental help and we appreciate everything you do!

The Sixth graders do not participate in the dress-up portion, but they did research a historical person or topic and created a digital story using PowerPoint, narrated by themselves. These

presentations are shown on the Auditorium big screen in between the groups of costume presentations. The students did a great job!

This year's winners list is as follows:

**KINDERGARTEN (K5):** 1st—Preston Smetak; 2nd—Henry Baranyuk; 3rd—Hannah Grosser

**FIRST GRADE:** 1st—Timothy Petrashev; 2nd—Michaela Keim; 3rd—Lauren Stephens

**SECOND GRADE:** 1st—Nikita Lipinskiy; 2nd—John Goshgarian; 3rd—Josiah Combs

**THIRD GRADE:** 1st—Anastasia Lipinskiy; 2nd—Anja Brombacher; 3rd—Tyler Stephens & Matthew Thompson (tie)

**FOURTH GRADE:** 1st place—Viswas Vallabhaneni; 2nd—Jon Kolacz; 3rd—Gavin Berger

**FIFTH GRADE:** 1st—Nathan French; 2nd—JoJo Rieschl; 3rd—Melissa Kauffman



K5: Henry Baranyuk, Hannah Grosser and Preston Smetak



1st graders: Michaela Keim, Lauren Stephens and Timothy Petrashev



2nd graders: John Goshgarian, Josiah Combs and Nikita Lipinskiy



3rd graders: Anastasia Lipinskiy, Anja Brombacher, Tyler Stephens and Matthew Thompson



4th graders: Gavin Berger, Jon Kolacz and Viswas Vallabhaneni



5th graders: Nathan French, Melissa Kauffman and JoJo Rieschl

## FBCS Students take part in the “Let the Children Praise” Honor Choir

Every year, the Deo Cantamus Chorale led by Mr. Al Hawkins, offers the opportunity to students from 4th—12th grade to participate in an Honor Choir concert. As it is an Honor Choir, students make an audition recording to be chosen to participate in the group. They were given practice recordings and a packet of music and asked to practice on their own prior to the group rehearsals. “Practice until you can’t sing it wrong” is what Director Mr. Al Hawkins would tell them as he encouraged them to. They met three times for large group rehearsals and then gave a concert on Saturday, January 21st here at Fourth Baptist Church. The concert included several foreign language songs which proved to be both challenging and fun.

There were about fifty student members singing in the choir, and five of the participants were FBCS students, including: (in order from L to R:) from 4th grade, Sydney Weisser; from 5th grade, Nathan French and Melissa Kauffman; from 6th grade, Evie Williams; and from 7th grade, Morgen Markgraf. The students worked hard and represented our school very well!



## NEW CHROMEBOOKS DELIGHT THE ELEMENTARY!



Our Elementary computer lab was needing an update, so when we had some extra funds donated for the bleacher project, Mr. Hodak was able to purchase 30 Chromebooks for our elementary classes to use. Chromebooks are like basic laptops. They are fast machines that provide access to the Internet.



In this technological age, children are very tech savvy and this is a great way to enhance the learning process by having hands on learning activities to boost their independent thinking skills. The Chromebooks give students an opportunity to learn practical computer skills. Teachers are able to limit what websites students are allowed to access which enables them to use these tools in a safe environment.

So with the new Chromebooks in our elementary computer lab, teachers have the daily opportunity to reinforce learning. The teachers love having the use of various online programs. Grades 1—5 use them mainly for Xtramath, ReadTheory (reading comprehension), and typing skills. The sixth graders are on GSuites, using the Chromebooks to do research, write papers, create graphs, and create presentations.

The teachers and students agree the new Chromebooks have been a wonderful asset to our elementary program. ☺  
- A. French & M. Haynes



# ALL-SCHOOL CONCERT

## "CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD"

The United States of America is a melting pot of nations. As is true for many area schools, we truly have a multicultural student body here at Fourth Baptist Christian School. We have students with all different cultural backgrounds represented: China, Russia, India, Liberia, Nigeria, Mexico, and the Czech Republic as well as other European countries. It has been fun to really use that to our advantage and sing some foreign language songs. Several songs included percussion accompaniment.

The program included Christmas carols from all over the world. Most were sung in English, but originated from elsewhere. The K4 and K5 classes combined to sing *Aakasamlo Kotha Chukka Puttindi*, a Christmas carol in Telugu, one of the dialects spoken in India. The first and second graders performed *Shaio Bao-Bao*, a Chinese carol. Our senior high choir had the privilege of performing two foreign language songs: *Pengyou Ting!*, an ancient Chinese melody, and *Betelehemu*, a Nigerian carol featuring junior Isaac Troussov as a soloist.

Our pronunciation experts were: Katriel Ng (*Pengyou Ting!*); Mrs. Bindu Vallabhaneni (*Aakasamlo*) and Mrs. Ronke Lawoyin (*Betelehemu*). Our students enjoyed performing and the audience really seemed to enjoy the concert. Thanks for Mr. Kolwinski and Miss Harmon for their direction. ☺







## Warrior Varsity Wrap-up

### Varsity Boys:

Our senior guards stepped us and led our team to a great year. Noah Kinniburgh hit the 1000 point mark this year. We were undefeated in conference and also at home. A signature win for our program was defeating North Metro homeschool group for the first time in school history. After two hard fought games in the conference tournament, we also won the MACS State Championship Title for the first time in 10 years. Our team will miss the leadership of our senior guards, but our underclassmen are ready to step up to the challenge of defending our championship title next year. —Coach Webster



### Individual MACS Honors:

#### Boys Basketball:

**Noah Kinniburgh**—All-Conference First Team; All-Tournament Team MVP

**Ben King**—All-Conference First Team; All-Tournament Team

**Vivek Mohinani**—All-Tournament Team

**J.J. Webster**—All-Conference Honorable Mention

#### Girls Basketball:

**Hannah Berscheid**—All-Conference First Team; All-Tournament Team; and 3-pt. shot competition winner

**Joelle Webster**—All-Conference Second Team; All-Tournament Team

**Morgan Stephens**—All-Conference Honorable Mention



### Varsity Girls:

A very young and improving team worked hard all season and earned a finals playoff appearance against Heritage Christian from Karlstad. Going in to the tournament, the 15-10 Warriors defeated Chisago in the first round, Owatonna in the semi-finals round, and lost a close game to Heritage by six points in the finals game. The future looks bright for our Warrior girls as only one senior (Nikki Goblirsch) played this year. Everyone else will be back next year for a young and determined Warrior team on the hunt for the state title in the 2017-2018 season. —Coach Hodak

### Shot in the Dark Studio Basketball Tournament Photos

The MACS Basketball State Tournament is now online and can be viewed at [www.shotinthedarksports.net/](http://www.shotinthedarksports.net/)

Team photos and action shots were taken all weekend by Mr. Mark Sherman



## JV/JH Basketball Season Review:

**JV Boys:** It was a year of excitement with the JV Boys team. Buzzer beaters, overtimes, and thrilling plays became the norm for the team as the boys seem to strive to provide a drama enriched game for the crowd. Whether it was an ill-advised turnover, a perfect fast break, an attempted body slam of a trash can, or even an expert display of ball handling, this team knew how to keep both coaches and fans on the edge of their seat. And by the end of this whirlwind of a season, the team finished strong and completed the season with a winning record of 8-6. The players are showing marked improvement from year to year, and the coaching staff is eager to see even more progress next year.—Coach Joe Combs

**JV Girls:** The JV Girls' season was a learning season as many of the girls had never played basketball before. The group is quite athletic and showed tremendous improvement over the course of the season. Huge wins against Rosemount and Chisago demonstrated how far the girls had come. 8<sup>th</sup> graders Lydia Rieschl and Maddie Hodak received the "Hustle Award" and Lydia Morrell and Juli Mendoza was the "Most Improved Player." If these girls will commit some time in the off season to developing some of their basketball skills, FBCS basketball will be strong for many years to come.—Coach Hodak

**JH Boys Team Blue:** We started out the year winning 2 out of our first 3 games. Then we struggled at key times during games with turnovers & a lack of rebounding so we practiced on those areas. We worked a lot on individual skills like sealing the defense, v-cuts, creating your own space & moving the ball quickly which helped improve the team. We also got to play in the inaugural JH MACS tournament at Rosemount which was a fun experience to play 3 games in 1 day.—Coach Larson

**JH Boys Team White:** While a few of our players had played before, it was a learning experience for several new players. We had to learn the basics of the game—dribbling, passing, shooting—before we could even try to teach positions and plays. The team came a long way from the beginning of the season, led by the most experienced members, Stephen French (who won the "Blood, Sweat and Tears" award and was our primary point guard) and Jeffery Whiteford (who won the "Offense" award for scoring our most points). A.J. Radloff won the "Defense" award for his hustling and defense on the court. —Coach Erik and Coach Radloff

**JH Girls Team Blue:** The 2017 year of Jr. High girls basketball was another year to continue the efforts at building our overall program. With the majority of the girls having played last year we were able to move forward in many of their skills and development. It was a challenging season with both close wins and losses giving the girls an opportunity to experience both the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. Beyond wins and losses, we had the chance to live out praising God when we won and praising God when we lost, knowing that the basketball court is a wonderful training ground for living out our faith in the world around us.—Coach Stephens

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JV Boys Basketball Team



JV Girls Basketball Team



JH Boys Basketball Team BLUE



JH Boys Basketball Team WHITE



JH Girls Basketball Team Blue w/3rd place trophy



JH Girls Basketball Team White

**JH Girls Team White:** This basketball team had a great season. These 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls were all new to competitive basketball this year, but worked hard and really improved through the season. They had a great team mentality and always supported one another, finishing with a record of 5–3 in the regular season. We played with only six players all season and that caught up with us in the conference tournament where we went 1–2. Still, they always played hard and were competitive in every game. Thanks for a fun and successful season Team White! — Coach Page



## South Metro Band Directors Association 2017 Honor Band Students:



Congrats to our FBCS students who participated in the South Central Minnesota Band Directors Association Honor Band Festival at Mankato West High School on Saturday, February 25, 2017.

The group included left to right: Matthew Nyquist—Tuba (8th); Caleb Lambrecht—trumpet (8th); Ruvim Korovin—flute (7th); Aaron French—French Horn (9th); Zachary Mace—trumpet (8th); Tyler Martin—trombone (7th); Jasmine Cole—Saxophone (7th); and Lydia Morrell—clarinet (9th).



Congratulations to FBCS senior,  
**Johnathan Schocker**  
for auditioning and being accepted into the  
Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphony  
Philharmonic Orchestra!

<b>FIRST QUARTER 2016-17</b>	<b>"A" HONOR ROLL</b>	<b>A AVERAGE</b>	<b>B AVERAGE</b>
First	Christian Hoffman Michaela Keim Lauren Stephens	Anne Cooley Rebekah Damyan Timothy Petrashov	Christian Kolwinska Lukyn Williams
Second	Gretchen Campbell Josiah Combs John Goshgarian Nikita Lipinskiy Joseph Litkey Gracyn Lopez Westley Malone Savannah Martin Caleb Reis Samuel Wang Asher Zderchuk	Ethan Coulson Jacob Payne Justin Samuel	
Third	Anja Brombacher Joy Cole McKenzie Johnson Anastasia Lipinskiy Easton Martin Megan Page J. Jaidyn Rennie Lillian Williams	Hannah Reis Tyler Stephens Matthew Thompson	
Fourth	Cole Chenoweth Molly Cook Jonathan Kolacz Noah Lease Jude Olson Nelly Petrashov Joseph Sundberg Viswas Vallabhaneni Daniel Yarmakovich	Markus Baranyuk Cody Mercado Sophia Morrell Emma Payne Michaela Thompson Allison Tkach Sydney Weisser	Nevaeh Carlson Antonio Eppers Joshua Reis Abigail Selyukov
Fifth	Josiah Brombacher Emily Chuprin Jacob Combs Nathan French Matthew Herrick Melissa Kauffman Shaun Larson Reece Martin Trenton Radloff S. Gresyn Rennie Clara Rieschl Johannah Rieschl Grace Wang	Greta Gustafson Ksenia Kachula Isaiah Roman Evelina Sayko Alyssa Stephens Cherubim Toby	Henry Litkey
Sixth	Karina Mendoza Adriel Ng Evelyn Williams	Suzanna Kotelevska Abbie Page	Esther Chepurnaya Kristy Hanson Danielle Komonash Jemima Komonash Aidan Radloff Andre Samuel

<b>FIRST QUARTER 2016-17</b>	<b>"A" HONOR ROLL</b>	<b>A AVERAGE</b>	<b>B AVERAGE</b>
Seventh	Emily Combs Stephen French Evelyn Goshgarian Isabel Guillen Tyler Martin Gabriela Mendoza Anna Morrell	Isaac Brombacher Jasmine Cole Jocelyn Devanesan Kathryn Kauffman Ruvim Korovin Lucy Litkey Samuel Roman Kayla Stephens James Webster David Yarmakovich	Conner Chenoweth
Eighth	Kaylee Hoffman Lydia Rieschl	Kaylee Carlson Jonathan Grosser Madelyn Hodak Caleb Lambrecht Jordan Larson Isabelle Lease Zachary Mace Sophie Muhr Zachary Robinson Julia Tkach	Adli Johari David Migalyuk Matthew Nyquist Joshua Weckert
Ninth		Dana Fredericksen Aaron French Isaac Grosser Amanda Hartzell Breanna Leith Juliana Mendoza Lydia Morrell Caleb Page Joshua Van Luyk Micah Weckert	Joelle Webster
Tenth	Zixi Elaine Feng Abigail Kolacz	Nicholas Carlson Mark Cooley Wanlu Summer Feng Joel Larson Claire Peterson Morgan Stephens	David Groulx Micah Morrell
Eleventh	Hannah Berscheid Madelyn Lease Carissa Leith Martina Muronova Katriel Ng Zuxing John Pan	Jason French Benjamin Koestner Jason J. Webster Boersheng Justin Xiao	Jacob Gustafson Marielle Mumford Jonathan Tomsche
Twelfth	David Murray Victoria Robinson Greta Smith	Dekangyan Kevin Chen Nicole Goblirsch Madeline Goshgarian Benjamin King Vivek Mohinani Johnathan Schocker	Andres Mendoza Isaiah Reis