



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.

The New Tax Law and Its Effects on Your Tuition

By Mr. Alan J. Hodak

The new tax plan signed into law on December 22, 2017, could be a big help to parents with children in a private school.

If you have older children as I do, we began to make deposits into a 529 College Savings Plan for each of our children to help us pay for college expenses. We started this plan when our children were very young and have made small deposits along the way. While we could not set aside a lot of money to save for college, we were able to do something that helped with a year or two when our children became college age. The beauty of the 529 Plan is that you are allowed to withdraw money, as little or as much as you wish, to pay for college tuition, room and board, books or supplies for schooling.



The new tax plan enables parents to create new or utilize old existing 529 plans to withdraw up to \$10,000 per year for K-12 private school tuition. This is completely new! The tax break comes as the money compounds. You are not taxed on any increase realized, nor are you taxed on money being pulled out to pay for private school tuition. This is where the savings takes place. While this is just an incentive, it could be quite beneficial for our families.



In Minnesota there is a new tax credit on deposits to 529 Plans as well. While there are gross income limits, and the credit is small, we do recommend that if you currently have a 529 Plan for your children that you ask your tax accountant about this credit when doing your taxes this year.

You may also want to talk to them about the potential help a 529 Plan might be in saving some money on your private school tuition.

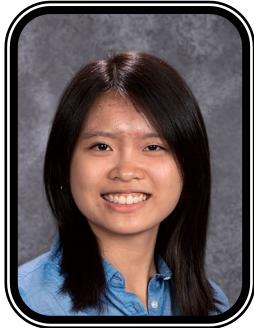
Not all of the regulations are defined yet for MN plans, but we should know more soon and will forward that to you as soon as we receive more information.

In the meantime, please ask the person doing your taxes about 529 Plans to pay for private school tuition and tax credits if you currently have a 529 Plan.

Thank you.—Mr. H.

Katriel Ng is a National Merit Scholarship Program Finalist

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Mr. Alan J. Hodak, Administrator of Fourth Baptist Christian School, announces that Katriel Ng has been named a Finalist in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program. This is a very high honor, that only a select few of our students have achieved.

FBCS students take the PSAT/NMSQT (National Merit Scholarship Qualification Test) their sophomore year for practice, and then take it again their junior year to participate in this scholarship program.

Of the 1.5 million students who take the PSAT test their junior

year, a student who scores high enough to become a finalist means they are ranked as one of the top 15,000 students nationally, or in the top 1% in the nation.

The steps of the program are these: 1). The student takes the PSAT their junior year. 2). If a student scores high enough to become a semi-finalist, the student is required to take the SAT to verify their test score, and write an essay on a given topic. Katriel's essay title was *Extraordinary Comes From Being Extra-ordinary*. 3). If chosen to be a finalist, the student has a 50% chance of receiving an academic scholarship from the foundation behind the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Many colleges will also offer their own scholarships based on a student being a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program, and based on that, Katriel should expect to receive a substantial academic scholarship wherever she attends college.

We congratulate FBCS Senior, Katriel Ng, and wish her all God's best in her college career in her chosen field of study, which at this moment is biomedical engineering. ♦

2017 Fire Poster Contest Winner is Nelly Petrashov

The Plymouth Fire Department held its annual Poster Contest, and this year's theme was, "Every Second Counts, Plan 2 Ways Out." Nelly Petrashov was chosen as the winner from the 4th and 5th grade students at our school. She received a visit from the fire department as well as \$15 in prize money and treats to share with her classmates.



Senior Class Family Fundraiser Night—Bubble Soccer Madness!

This year for Senior Night, we decided to do Bubble Soccer as the main activity. If you have never seen bubble soccer, it is both entertaining to watch and exhausting to play! Each participant climbs inside a plastic bubble and is asked to run up and down the basketball court trying to kick a big soccer ball into a small goal. Meanwhile, everyone is running into each other and people are falling all over the place! We played five minute rounds switching out seniors, parents, teachers, and a few pastoral staff as well. Five minutes doesn't sound like a long time until you have had to get up off the floor four or five times and are getting little airflow from inside a plastic bubble. In addition to soccer, we played tackle the quarterback and sharks and minnows. We began the night with a wonderful spaghetti dinner and some carnival games for the kids run by the seniors and finished with a pie-a-senior in the face raffle. Thank you to all who were able to come out and support the seniors! We enjoyed the night and raised some money for the senior trip.—Mrs. Beth Hank, Senior Class Advisor



ALL-SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2017



Our All-School Christmas Concert this year was held on December 7, 2017. Our 166 FBCS elementary students were dressed to impress and presented class song selections throughout the concert culminating with the Elementary Choir (4th-6th graders) singing *Cold and Fugue Season*, which was filled with sneezing, Kleenex, and chicken soup!

108 Handbell and Hand chime students ranging from the 5th grade up to 12th grade all played Christmas selections filled with ringing techniques like malleting, martellato, let vibrate, singing bell, thumb damp, tolling, vibrato, and a host of other terms. The FBCS Bands have 104 students playing this year and played songs ranging from reflective to majestic moods.

Our 99 secondary choir students sang of Christ's birth and the concert culminated with the Senior High Choir singing *He is Born!*. Thank you to our teachers and families for supporting our music students this year. Thanks as well to the many that gave in the concert offering as we were able to purchase 3 octaves of new hand chimes for the Music Department.

On Tuesday, December 12, our Senior High Choir, Handbell, and Band students spent our Ministry Day performing at St. Therese in New Hope and at Arbor Lakes Senior Living in Maple Grove. The residents of the homes loved hearing from and interacting with our students.



—Levi Kolwinska, Music Director



Elementary 1st Semester Field Trips

3rd Grade Field Trip to MN Zoo

The third grade class spent the first quarter studying invertebrates and vertebrates. After completing our unit we visited the Minnesota Zoo. The students loved Discovery Bay where they were able to observe and touch stingrays and sharks. We also watched the World of Birds show, and many other demonstrations. It was a fun day learning more about the animals God created.
- Mrs. Jodi Faithfull, 3rd grade teacher



K4/K5 Field Trip to the Apple Orchard

The K4 and K5 classes went to Apple Jack's Orchard in October. Here, we experienced the orchard through a hay ride. Many of the students eagerly pointed out the different aspects of the orchard during the ride. Also, the staff provided bee puppets that the students were able to use to act out and learn about tree pollination. Probably one of the favorite parts of the day was the taste testing. The students were able to enjoy delicious apples, apple donuts, and apple juice. Overall, the students enjoyed the interactive experiences and loved the wonderful learning environment the orchard provided. —Miss Hannah Seest, K4 teacher





4th & 5th Grades Field Trip to the MN History Center

The 4th and 5th graders were able to take an educational field trip to the Minnesota History Center. Some of the exhibits that the students were able to visit included: *The 1968 Exhibit*, *Then and Now Wow*, *Minnesota's Open House*, *Greatest Generation*, and *Weather Permitting*.

The students also did an activity called, *Play the Past* where they were able to pursue quests within seven thematic areas including a Minnesota iron mine, the Great Depression, and Dakota history and culture. Many of the students said that they would like to go back with their families and visit the museum again. —Mrs. Deb Leith, 5th grade teacher





6th grade Field Trip to State Capitol

The 6th graders enjoyed their field trip to the Minnesota History Center and the Minnesota State Capitol. It was exciting to see in person so many things they had been learning about in history class. A highlight of the day was definitely getting to tour the Capitol and see all the amazing things. It helped to make history come alive! - Miss Megan Haynes, 6th grade teacher



SECOND QUARTER 2017-18	"A" HONOR ROLL	A AVERAGE	B AVERAGE
First Grade	Vita Belokon Rilyn Faithfull Lincoln Johnson Alexandra Lipinskiy Preston Smetak Anna Yarmakovich	Dima Brutskiy Grace Juetten Jeremiah Komonash	Henry Baranyuk Isabelle Chuprin Jill Cook Mark Damyan Hannah Grosser Robert Heldman Rebekah Landin Allison Leanger Rosalee Lesnau Clara Morrell Carson Payne Marie Reis Samuel Tollerud
Second Grade	Nikita Bodnar Isabella Carl Anne Cooley Anna Damyan Christian Hoffman Michaela Keim Christian Kolwinska Lauren Stephens	Ella Burlak Rebekah Damyan Timothy Petrashev Lukyn Williams	Peyton Grosser Emma Overcash
Third Grade	Josiah Combs John Goshgarian Nikita Lipinskiy Joseph Litkey Gracyn Lopez Mark Manoila Adelaisa Pullis	Gretchen Campbell Ethan Coulson Westley Malone Savannah Martin Caleb Reis Asher Zderchuk	Njomai Gorre Ndiaye Dominick Grosser Jacob Payne
Fourth Grade	McKenzie Johnson Anastasia Lipinskiy Easton Martin Tava McLeish Megan Page Lillian Williams Faith Zhao	Benjamin Jahnke Ethan Markgraf J. Jaidyn Rennie Tyler Stephens	Anja Brombacher Gregory Carl Boston Faithfull Matthew Gorian Hannah Reis Josiah Tollerud Grace Zhao
Fifth Grade	Gavin Berger Molly Cook Jamie Hoese Jonathan Kolacz Noah Lease	Cole Chenoweth Sophia Morrell Jude Olson Emma Payne Nelly Petrashev Carmela Pullis Allison Tkach	Markus Baranyuk Julia Bodnar Nevaeh Carlson Antonio Eppers Cody Mercado Joseph Sundberg Sydney Weisser Daniel Yarmakovich
Sixth Grade	Josiah Brombacher Nathan French Mark Goshgarian Reece Martin S. Gresyn Rennie Clara Rieschl Johannah Rieschl	Jacob Combs Melissa Kauffman Shaun Larson Sophia Pullis	Emily Chuprin Matthew Herrick Henry Litkey Isaiah Roman Elise Sandness Evelina Sayko Alyssa Stephens Cherubim Tobi

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Seventh Grade	Karina Mendoza Adriel Ng	Suzanna Kotelevska Abbie Page Caleb Tollerud Evelyn Williams	Esther Chepurnaya Kristy Hanson Danielle Komonash Jemima Komonash J. Emma Manoila A.J. Radloff
Eighth Grade	Jasmine Cole Emily Combs Stephen French Evelyn Goshgarian Isabel Guillen Felicia Harmon Ruvim Korovin Tyler Martin Gabriela Mendoza Anna Morrell James Webster	Isaac Brombacher Kathryn Kauffman Lucy Litkey Kayla Stephens David Yarmakovich	Douglas Carl Conner Chenoweth Jocelyn Devanesan Alyza Dunn Samuel Roman
Ninth Grade	Kaylee Hoffman Zachary Mace Lydia Rieschl	Jonathan Grosser Jiaqi Iris He Isabelle Lease Emmalee Tollerud	Kaylee Carlson Trinity Gorian Madelyn Hodak Caleb Lambrecht Jordan Larson David Migalyuk Sophie Muhr Julia Tkach
Tenth Grade	Aaron French Juliana Mendoza Caleb Page	Isaac Grosser Lydia Morrell Joshua Van Luyk Micah Weckert	Victoria Bodnar Nathan Brennan Yuanxin Winston Chen Dana Fredericksen Amanda Hartzell Breanna Leith Abigail Roman Joelle Webster
Eleventh Grade	Nicholas Carlson Abigail Kolacz	Mark Cooley Zixi Elaine Feng Joel Larson Claire Peterson Morgan Stephens	Wanlu Summer Feng Natalie Goblirsch David Groulx Micah Morrell Philip Peal
Twelfth Grade	Hannah Berscheid Jason French Madelyn Lease Carissa Leith Katriel Ng Daniel Peal Zuxing John Pan Jason J. Webster	Benjamin Koestner	Jonathan Tomsche Jessica Wang