



## 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.*

## Commencement for the Class of 2020: A Unique Graduation Ceremony *~by Mr. Alan J. Hodak*

On Friday night, May 29, 2020, Fourth Baptist Christian School held its 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduation Ceremony in its 54-year history. What was different about this commencement was that it was held not in the church auditorium, but in the church parking lot.

Facing the portico of the main church entrance, about 45 vehicles of immediate family members attended the drive-in style ceremony. The shortened ceremony was live-streamed to anyone who wanted to tune in. To begin the program, Mr. Hodak, administrator, gave a few opening comments before Salutatorian Caleb Page addressed the audience, followed by Valedictorian Aaron French. The challenge to the graduates was given by Pastor Matt Morrell; then diplomas and awards were given to all the seniors. Mrs. Melody Buffey took close-up photos of all seniors receiving their diplomas. The evening was

concluded with a drive-by post-graduation carline reception around the school and church parking lots.



We appreciate all the folks who helped make the evening special, especially Mr. Tim Kauffman and Mr. Rob Riley who made the live-stream and graduation ceremony recordings available. We also thank all of those who came through the reception carline to support the Class of 2020. May we never have to do graduation this way again, but this was definitely memorable and one for the books. We were grateful to the Lord that we could celebrate our students' accomplishments and this important milestone in some way.



Twelve of these graduates wore gold cords, signifying their GPA was 3.4 or higher. Members of this senior class were not only high academic achievers, but were also very involved in our school, taking leadership in music and athletics. Of this group of seventeen graduates, twelve will be attending a university program, three are planning to attend community college, one will receive technical school training, and one is planning to take a gap year. The graduates' planned courses of study include three future nurses, one chiropractor, one pharmacist, three engineers, one accountant, one elementary education teacher, one graphic designer, one auto mechanic, one economist, one business analyst, two business majors and one cinematographer.

We are proud of our FBCS Class of 2020. Congratulations, students, and may God bless you!

*Congratulations to the Class of 2020  
“the class that was quarantined”*



Luiz Bomfim



Nathan Brennan



Winston Chen



Dana Frederickson



Aaron French



Benjamin Goshgarian



Amanda Hartzell



Maria Ivanova



Tanner Landin



Breanna Leith



Juliana Mendoza



Lydia Morrell



Caleb Page



Abigail Roman



Joshua Van Luyk



Joelle Webster



Micah Weckert



Mr. Hodak was the Master of Ceremonies



Caleb Page gave the Salutatorian Address



Aaron French delivered the Valedictorian Address



Pastor Matt gave the Commencement Address

*Senior Awards*

Valedictorian ..... Aaron French  
Salutatorian ..... Caleb Page  
Christian Leadership ..... Lydia Morrell  
Bible ..... Amanda Hartzell  
Honors Bible ..... Caleb Page  
English ..... Amanda Hartzell  
History/Government ..... Aaron French  
Mathematics ..... Caleb Page  
Science ..... Aaron French  
Handbell Music ..... Nathan Brennan  
Instrumental Music ..... Aaron French, Lydia Morrell  
Vocal Music ..... Joelle Webster  
Art ..... Mariia Ivanova  
Industrial Arts ..... Aaron French  
Speech ..... Juliana Mendoza  
Yearbook ..... Amanda Hartzell  
Senior Athlete ..... Joelle Webster, Nathan Brennan

*Congratulations*



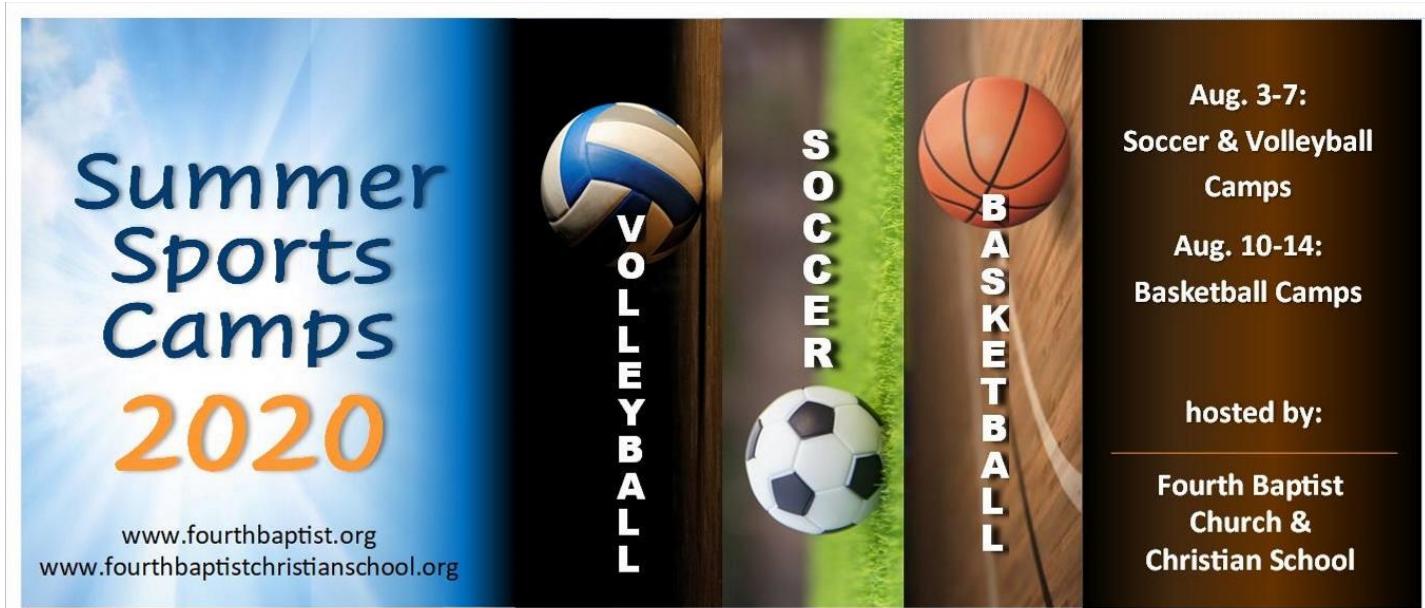
# A Graduation Like None Other

*Drone pictures courtesy of Micah Morrell*



## 2020 Summer Sports Camps at FBCS Are Still On!

Students entering grades 3—12 in the fall are welcome at our sports camps! Please download the brochure with all the pertinent details from our website: [www.fourthbaptistchristianschool.org](http://www.fourthbaptistchristianschool.org).



**Summer Sports Camps 2020**

[www.fourthbaptist.org](http://www.fourthbaptist.org)  
[www.fourthbaptistchristianschool.org](http://www.fourthbaptistchristianschool.org)

**VOLLEYBALL**

**SOCCE**

**BASKETBALL**

**Aug. 3-7:**  
**Soccer & Volleyball**  
**Camps**

**Aug. 10-14:**  
**Basketball Camps**

**hosted by:**

**Fourth Baptist Church & Christian School**

# Kindergarten Graduation: A Virtual Blessing

The graduating class of 2032 took an important but unusual step on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rather than the traditional graduation ceremony in the auditorium, Mrs. Roman's seventeen kindergarten students and their families met online through Zoom. Several of these brave young learners recited pieces of poetry, read various Scripture passages, and shared with their class a favorite memory from their year together.

Mr. Hodak was the commencement speaker this year, challenging the class to look ahead. "We anticipate a future for our students that leads us to a place that we desire to go," he said in speaking with the kindergarten graduates and their families. The anticipation of a life of grace and a home in Heaven also awaits these young students who have placed their faith in Christ.

Following the commencement challenge, Mr. Broere presented the graduates of the Class of 2032 while the students received their diplomas and moved their tassels.

Mrs. Julie Roman, Kindergarten teacher, complimented her class, saying, "I'm so thankful for another great group of K5 kids and parents. They have worked so hard in the classroom and at home during quarantine. They are ready for first grade!!!"

Congratulations, Kindergartners, on a great year! You could honestly say they "zoomed" through their graduation ceremony! - A. Broere



## Farewell & Thanks

It's always hard to say goodbye to our staff, as serving together makes us feel like family. This year was no different. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, we were not able to have a cake farewell and cards to sign as we would normally have to honor and thank those who are leaving us.



*Miss Hannah Seest, Miss Anneliese Anderson, Mrs. Cheryl Macalus, Mrs. Lara Mendoza*

Leaving us at the end of this school year were: Miss Hannah Seest (K4), who got married in June and has relocated to where her husband works; Miss Anneliese Anderson (Gradelink/office), who became the store manager of a J. Crew clothing store; Mrs. Cheryl Macalus (long-time secondary art teacher), who retired from teaching; and Mrs. Lara Mendoza, (secondary science), who has chosen to return home as a stay at home mom. We are grateful to each for their years of service and ministry among us, and wish them well.



*Mr. Riley Stuckey, Mr. Erik & Mrs. Marissa Fredericksen*



*Mrs. Shannon Armstrong, Mrs. Holly Hernandez*

## Welcome to Our New Teachers

We welcome these new hires for the 2020-21 school year: Mr. Riley Stuckey (secondary science). Mrs. Marissa Fredericksen (K4), and Mr. Erik Fredericksen (secondary math). Marissa (Bruffey) and Erik were married on June 13, 2020. With the addition of Mr. Fredericksen to our secondary faculty, we will be able to offer a second math "track" to better assist transfer students and others who may be having difficulties with secondary math.

We are grateful for the Lord's leading in selecting our new staff to meet our program needs. God is good, and we are excited to be together again face-to-face this fall! Please pray with us for a good school year to come with a strong enrollment.

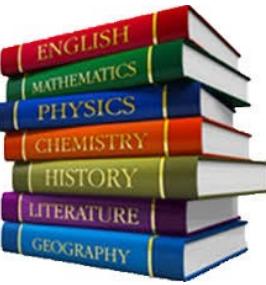
## New Responsibilities

While some classes will be shuffled among our secondary teachers, those teachers with significant changes in responsibilities next year are as follows: Mrs. Shannon Armstrong, who taught the 3-day section of K4 for us this year, will now be our secondary art teacher, taking over for Mrs. Macalus. She will continue to teach the elementary/JH afterschool art class on Wednesdays.

Mrs. Holly Hernandez will now be a full time staff member for us. In addition to teaching Spanish 1&2, Mrs. Hernandez will be assuming the Gradelink responsibilities in the office, and will also be teaching a once-weekly Spanish class to the 7th and 8th graders. This will help bridge the gap between elementary Spanish and Spanish 1, which is taken during the Freshman year.

## MACS Academic Testing Results

Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, we were forced to cancel our MACS SH Fine Arts Festival for 2020. It was to be held on Friday, April 3rd; however, restrictions on gatherings began in March, and soon after, full school closures became mandated. However, because MACS students across the state had taken already their academic tests, those tests were graded and placements were awarded. Here is how our students fared in the Academic Testing categories:



- Physics – 1<sup>st</sup> place – Aaron French
- World History/Geography – 1<sup>st</sup> place – Matthew Nyquist
- Advanced Math – 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Caleb Page
- Chemistry – 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Lydia Rieschl
- Political Science/Economics – 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Micah Weckert
- Bible: NT Knowledge – 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Dana Fredericksen
- Biology – 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Isabel Guillen
- English – 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Emily Combs
- Home Economics – 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Lucy Litkey
- Music Theory – 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Landon Broere

*Congratulations, Students!*

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM

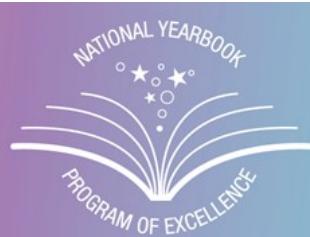


Don't forget about our Summer Reading Program! Lexile Cards were sent home at the end of May. Students are encouraged to read literature that is up to 50 pts. above their Lexile level. Please note the books read, # of pages, and Lexile (if known) on the cards. Students are asked to return the cards to their classroom teacher on Wednesday, Sept. 2. These are the basic guidelines for the student's grade in the fall:

1st–3rd grades: 8 books (Read Theory counts too!)  
 4th–6th grades: 5 books (Read Theory counts too!)  
 7th grade: 3 books (200 pg. avg. Read Theory counts)  
 8th–11th grades: 3 books (200 pg. avg.)

Check out [www.fourthbaptistchristianschool.org/summer-reading/](http://www.fourthbaptistchristianschool.org/summer-reading/) to get book ideas!

**Happy Reading!**



## PROGRAM OF EXCELLENCE 2020

Recognizing Excellence in Yearbook Creation and School Engagement

## NATIONAL YEARBOOK PROGRAM OF EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to our Yearbook Staff for once again earning the Jostens National Yearbook Program of Excellence award for 2020. Yearbook Advisor, Mrs. Bruffey, works very hard to ensure all students are covered in the book. FBCS has been awarded this honor for the 7th straight year, and was one of only seventeen Minnesota schools to receive the award for the 2019-20 school year.

The National Yearbook Program of Excellence Award has been created to recognize those who excel in the creation and distribution of their yearbook, and meet the following criteria:

- **A Meaningful Book for All Students**

A book that means something to all students and includes a vast majority of the student body.

- **A Book in Every Student's Hands**

Schools put so much time, effort and love into their yearbook. We want to help ensure that as many students as possible get to enjoy the masterpiece that's created.

- **Effective Project Management**

Meeting the yearbook deadlines is a very important part of the yearbook creation process, and ensures the delivery of books on time.

*(criteria borrowed from the Jostens website)*

FOURTH QUARTER 2019-20 HONOR ROLL	"A" HONOR ROLL	A AVERAGE	B AVERAGE
<b>Seventh</b>	Jack Fure Jamie Hoese Nelly Petrashov Carmela Pullis	Molly Cook Evan Harvath Lauren Knudson Jonathan Kolacz Noah Lease Sophia Morrell	Julia Bodnar Nevaeh Carlson Cole Chenoweth Donovin Joplin Cody Mercado Lexi Owens Joseph Sundberg Allison Tkach
<b>Eighth</b>	Josiah Brombacher Isaac Caasi Nathan French Melissa Kauffman Reece Martin Joy Okafo Sofia Pullis Trenton Radloff S. Gresyn Rennie Clara Rieschl Johannah Rieschl	Jace Cheek Emily Chuprin Grace Goshgarian Mark Goshgarian Shaun Larson Evelina Sayko	Lillian Broere Jacob Combs Sophia Engelberth Greta Gustafson Matthew Herrick Carsten Markgraf Alyssa Stephens
<b>Ninth</b>	Suzanna Kotelevska Karina Mendoza Adriel Ng Evelyn Williams	Landon Broere Abbie Page	Kristy Hanson Danielle Komonash Jacob Qualls Aidan J. Radloff
<b>Tenth</b>	Jasmine Cole Emily Combs Evelyn Goshgarian Isabel Guillen Tyler Martin Gabriela Mendoza Anna Morrell	Isaac Brombacher Stephen French Kathryn Kauffman Lucy Litkey Joseph Okafo Kayla Stephens James Webster	Samuel Caasi Conner Chenoweth Jocelyn Devanesan Allison Goshgarian Jack Hoese Nathan Hutchison
<b>Eleventh</b>	Kaylee Carlson Iris He Kaylee Hoffman Isabelle Lease Lydia Rieschl	Jordan Larson Daisy Li Liangyu Zeng	Madelyn Hodak Sophie Muhr Joshua Weckert
<b>Twelfth</b>	Nathan Brennan Aaron French Benjamin Goshgarian Amada Hartzell Caleb Page	Dana Fredericksen Breanna Leith Juliana Mendoza Lydia Morrell Joshua Van Luyk Joelle Webster Micah Weckert	Luiz Bomfim Winston Chen Tanner Landin Abigail Roman

*There was no Honor Roll for the elementary grades for the 4th Quarter, as grades were given as Pass/Fail for the distance learning period.*