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Distinctively Christian

As I have been leading tours and holding enrollment interviews with families who are interested in FBCS, one of the phrases I find myself repeating is, “Fourth Baptist Christian School is distinctively Christian.” While this may be obvious from the word “Christian” being in our name, it is worth emphasizing. We know that there may be many families out there who would seek to leave the public school system for a variety of reasons. We totally understand that, and we respect the autonomy of all families to make their own educational decisions. However, FBCS exists to be *more* than merely a public school alternative.

Our mission statement states that “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.”

First and foremost, we desire to be a part of the Christian discipleship process in the lives of our students. Our objective is to partner with Christian families, who are a part of Bible-centered

churches, for the discipleship of the next generation of believers. All of this, of course, happening within the context of academic excellence with fine arts and athletic opportunities.

How do we accomplish this mission? We, of course, have daily Bible classes and weekly chapels. This is a big part of how we seek to shape the lives of our students with Scripture. More than that though, we seek to teach every subject from the perspective of a Biblical worldview. All truth is God’s truth. Therefore, we want to always view every idea through the lens of the foundational truths the Bible sets forth regarding who God is, what it means to be human and how God has ordered his world.

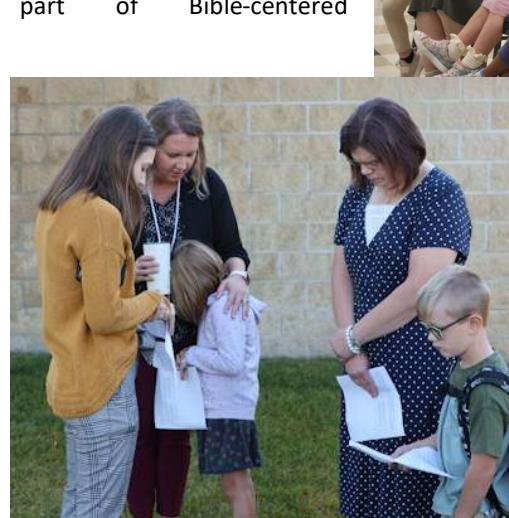
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Our Mission

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.



Distinctively Christian, cont'd

In addition, we highly value the relational elements of education. While our teachers are excellent at their craft of teaching, we also see them as mature believers who are intentional disciple-makers. This principle extends to all of our staff and coaches. We are always seeking to employ committed Christians who have the goal of seeing our students grow.

I'm grateful for the front-row seat I have to see this happening each day, and I'm grateful for how God is continuing to use FBCS in the lives of our students.

~Pastor Jared Page, Administrator



Spirit Week 2025

Spirit Week 2025 was January 21–24, and was filled with the usual excitement and festivities ... costume contests and afternoon activities in the gymnasium for spirit week team competitions. Even with a late start one day due to bad weather conditions, spirits remained high. Pastor Page jumped right in and led our Spirit Week. He asked the junior and senior boy team captains to lead the morning devotional time. One teacher commented that it was a blessing to see the young men share truths from God's Word with the student body.

New this year, Pastor Marcio came up with some "Minute-to-win-it" style games for the morning assembly time, which were very entertaining to watch, to say the least!

Our JV & Varsity basketball teams were able to enjoy playing home games in front of a larger home crowd, and that was also a big part of the week. As is our tradition, we hosted our Alumni and their families on Friday evening for the Homecoming games, and treated them to a pizza dinner and various prize drawings throughout the night.

~Mrs. Alison French



Spirit Week in Pictures



Orchestra Hall Field Trip ~ American Symphonic Tapestry

The 3rd-6th grade classes enjoyed a field trip Orchestra Hall where we explored the "American Symphonic Tapestry." The concert introduced students to composers who shaped the American sound from many different heritages. The epic sounds of Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man" contrasted with the light hearted excerpts from Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*. Fan favorites included the vivacious Latin American influence of Alberto Ginastera in his *Dances from Estancia: The Land Workers*. Students loved the solo banjo performance.

Additionally, the concert provided us with opportunities to talk about how we can biblically express our responses to both difficult and joyful circumstances in history through music. This music provides an important view into a

nation's history and culture. We look forward to joining these world class musicians for our field trip next year!
~ Miss Annelies Harmon



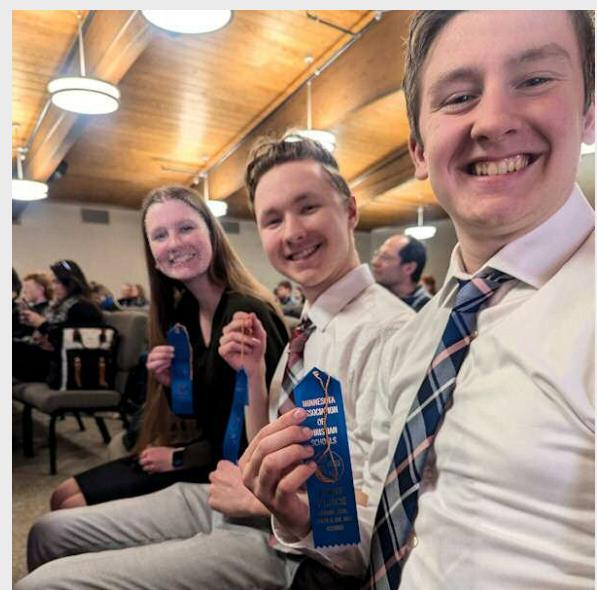
Annual MACS SH Speech & Bible Festival Winners

Fourth had two entries participating in this year's MACS SH Speech & Bible Festival, and the participants took first place in each event.

Jack Fure and Jonathan Kolacz participated in the "acting" category with a dramatic performance called "The Job." In a nutshell, it featured an older man and younger man working on a construction project together, talking and complaining a bit about their job. But what the audience didn't realize until the end is that they were building the cross for Christ, and the speech was very moving.

Emma Payne's category was "declamation," and her speech was a powerful, moving speech given to the Supreme Court from an abortion survivor.

These students qualified for the AACS National competition, but they were unable to attend because of scheduling conflicts. ~ Miss Julie Kovacik



Emma Payne, Jonathan Kolacz and Jack Fure

Warrior Varsity Girls & Boys Basketball Season Wrap-ups



Our devotional theme for this year was from Philippians 3:13-14, and God gave us opportunities to use and apply that verse not only to our season but also to our lives through the highs and lows we faced this season. We competed hard each and every game being led well by our seniors and had another successful season in the Warrior basketball program. The highlight of our season came on Senior Night as we won an overtime game against Woodcrest to give the seniors the final home win of their careers. We are thankful for all that came out to cheer us on and encouraged this year. ~Coach Jeremy Stephens

Warrior awards for this year: Most Improved Player—Megan Page; Rising Warrior—Lauren Stephens; Unsung Hero—Sydney Weisser; Warrior Award—Sophia Morrell

Varsity Girls Team Captains:

Addie Farish, Sophia Morrell, Sydney Weisser

Team Awards:

MCAC Tier 2 Tourney—3rd

Faith All-Tournament Team:

Sophia Morrell

St. Francis Lady Patriot All-Tournament Team:

Sophia Morrell

MCAC All-Tournament 2nd Team:

Sophia Morrell, Sydney Weisser

MCAC All-Conference 2nd Team:

Sophia Morrell



Varsity Boys Team Captains:

Tony Eppers, Grant Vikander

Team Awards:

MCAC State Tier 1 Tourney—6th

Crusader Classic Tourney—3rd

Faith Invitational Tourney—2nd

MCAC All-Tournament 1st Team:

Josiah Combs

MCAC All-Conference 1st Team:

Grant Vikander

MCAC All-Conference 2nd Team:

Elijah Forman

Crusader Classic All-Tournament Team:

Grant Vikander, Carlos Flodstrom

Faith All-Tournament Team:

Elijah Forman, Grant Vikander

Our Varsity Boys Basketball team had a great year. Our overall record was 21-12. We took 3rd at the Rosemount tournament and our 2nd place finish at the Faith tournament was the highest it has been in a long time. This was the first year of playing in the newly formed MCAC Conference which meant we had a lot of new teams to play.

Although we had a disappointing finish in the year end conference tournament, each game was close and the competition was very fierce. Since we graduated only one senior, we are excited to have the majority of our team back next year. ~Coach Jason Webster

Warrior awards for this year: The Injured Warrior Award—Grant Vikander; The Caretaker Award—Josiah Combs; The Bulldozer Award—Carlos Flodstrom

Senior Athletes in Action



L to R: Tony Eppers, Emma Payne, Addie Farish, Sydney Weisser, Sophia Morrell, Megan Lewellen



11—Tony Eppers, Guard



3—Addie Farish, Guard



#21—Megan Lewellen, Forward



2—Sophia Morrell, Guard/Forward



22—Sydney Weisser, Forward



MCAC Scholar Athletes

The MCAC recognizes the academic achievements of our varsity rostered athletes throughout the fall and winter seasons.

Players who were officially rostered on a Varsity MCAC team roster for Girls Volleyball, Boys Soccer, Girls Basketball, or Boys Basketball are eligible to receive this academic achievement award.

Players who met the following qualifications were awarded a certificate for their academic achievement.

- 1st Semester cumulative GPA of 3.0-3.49 earned a Silver Certificate.
- 1st Semester cumulative GPA of 3.5-4.0 earned a Gold Certificate.

The Students were presented with these certificates in chapel on Thursday, April 24th.

Congratulations to all!



Silver Certificate (3.0-3.49)

Gretchen Campbell
Blake Delich
Christian Hoffman
Qilun "Aaron" Huang
Zhenghan "John" Huang
Megan Lewellen
Brianna Treptau
Asher Zderchuk

Gold Certificate (3.5-4.0)

Isaiah Caasi
Josiah Combs
Antonio Eppers
Adelynn Farish
Carlos Flodstrom
Ava Fure
John Goshgarian
Haihang "Kai" Guo
Nikita Lipinskiy
Ethan Markgraf
Tava McLeish
Sophia Morrell
Megan Page
Lauren Stephens
Tyler Stephens
Claire Vikander
Grant Vikander
Eli Villar
Sydney Weisser
Lillian Williams

JV Boys Basketball Recap

The JV season started a bit uncertain as we had a big loss in our first game of the season opening JV tournament. However, we followed that up with some good showings and wins in our next few games. And while our overall record for the season was 7-12, we were highly competitive and were within a few points

in all but a couple of our games. Several of our games were exciting with the final result still in doubt until the closing seconds. A couple of extra made shots here and there and our record could have been much better.



Our JV award for the year went to John Goshgarian. John earned the "Persistent" award for his attitude and work ethic in both games and practice.

It was a fun season getting to better know all of the players. We look forward to watching these players grow in the coming years and are excited for the opportunities for the contributions that they will give to Warriors basketball.

~Coach Joe Combs

JH Girls BB Team BLUE Recap



The season started off with such an exiting and close game! We played all the way to the buzzard with a last minute 3 point attempt, but walked away just short of the win. The season went on to have some big highs and lows, but the girls continued to improve in all their skills. We worked regularly on shooting form and shooting under pressure along with moving without the ball and screening and cutting to the ball. The girls worked really hard and it was so fun to watch them implement those skills which allowed our team to grow and improve as a whole.

By the end of the season, against Providence, we had to call of the press because our lead was so great! That was the largest winning margin of the season for us, and a very exciting game for all the girls. We ended the season placing 3rd in the season tournament.

The Hustle award was given to Sarah Goshgarian, the Determination award was given to Bryna McLeish, and the Most Valuable Player award was given to Allison Leanger.

~Coach Becky Wredburg



JH Girls BB Team WHITE Recap

This was most of the girls' first time playing basketball, and it was also my first time coaching, so we grew together in many ways. We focused on the basics of basketball and learning the game. My goal for them was to be able to play basketball, not just run a play. Going into our first game, I think most of us had a few nerves, and lots of questions were asked. However, we came out on the other side with a win, and the girls scored 14 points, which was a lot for their first game. After that game, a few of the girls came up to me and said, "Now I'm excited to come to practice tomorrow and learn more!" In the next game, we scored even more points but lost by 2. That first game ended up being the only one we won during the season, but these girls pushed through, most of them with a smile on their faces.

Going into the tournament, we were seeded 7th. The girls did amazingly well at the tournament, and we won 3 games! The only game we lost was to the number one seed, and we came close to beating them. The girls proved that all their hard work, growth, and teamwork paid off. They did so well and really peaked at just the right time. They earned the Consolation Championship Trophy, which is a reminder of how far we've come together. Kimberly Arroyo received the Offense Player of the Year Award, Lexi LaVasseur earned the Hustle Award, and Ella Petrashov received the Most Improved Player Award. Throughout the season, our focus was not only on improving our basketball skills but also on growing in our love for the game, each other, and glorifying God!

~Coach Chloe Emslie



JH Boys BB Team BLUE Recap

The 2024-2025 JH Boys Blue basketball season was a fantastic year of growth and learning. As my second year coaching, I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the players even better. Early in the season, our team faced challenges with widespread illness at school, forcing us to play two games with just five players and several others with only six to eight. Despite limited substitutions, the boys showed incredible toughness in every game.

After the JH White team wrapped up their season, Jacob, Ison, and Zeke joined us, seamlessly integrating into the squad and proving to be valuable additions toward the season's end. Fortunately, we closed out the year with a full, healthy roster. Though the season presented its share of obstacles, we capped it off with a thrilling victory at the NSPSL year-end tournament. I'd like to encourage the players to keep honing their skills during the offseason.

A huge thank you goes out to the parents and players for their unwavering commitment to the team. I'm already excited for next season!

There were 3 Warrior awards for this season—Offensive Player of the Year—Liam Broere; Defensive Player of the Year—Dima Brutskiy; and Most Improved Player—Alex Tkach.

JH Crusader Classic All-Tournament Team—Gabriel Shrader.

~ Coach Brent Hanks

JH Boys BB Team WHITE Recap



The Junior High Boys White team displayed perseverance and resiliency throughout the basketball season. The NSPSL league presented many challenges for our team throughout the year. While we did not achieve much team success in terms of wins during the regular season, our players developed basketball skills both individually and as a team.

Our regular season record positioned us in the tier 2 tournament with a chance to win at the end of the season. Thanks to the resiliency of our players, our team took full advantage. We won first place in the tier 2 tournament after two close, exciting wins!

We are especially grateful for the efforts of three 7th grade players: Zeke Leanger, Jacob Demchenko, and Ison Eppers. These three players were steady influences on our team as we gradually improved throughout the season.

There were 3 Warrior awards for this season—Best Offensive Player—Ezekiel Leanger; Best Defensive Player—Reuben Totimeh; and the Blood, Sweat & Tears Award—Jacob Demchenko.

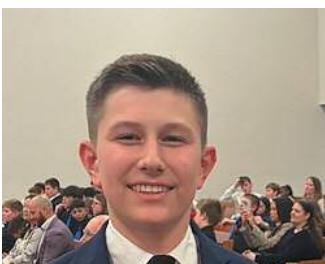
~ Coach Erik Fredericksen



JH MACS Fine Arts Festival

On March 7, our Junior High students took part in the MACS Fine Arts Festival at First Baptist in Rosemount. They performed a variety of solos, ensembles, and large group pieces—and did an outstanding job! We aim for every choir student to also be involved in a vocal ensemble, and all band students to participate in a band ensemble, which helps them stay engaged and build their chamber music skills.

Nearly every performance received Excellent or Superior ratings. I'm especially grateful to the students who took on the challenge of performing solos, which require a high level of dedication and effort. Elias Brombacher received a perfect score for his snare drum solo. The festival was a valuable learning experience, and our students' musical abilities clearly grew as a result. ~ Mr. Levi Kolwinska





FBCS 2025 JH MACS FINE ARTS RESULTS:

JH MACS Fine Arts: Music - Vocal

Choir	JH Choir	Excellent
Vocal Large Ensemble	Ladies' Ensemble 1	Superior
Vocal Large Ensemble	Ladies' Ensemble 2	Superior
Vocal Large Ensemble	Men's Ensemble	Excellent
Vocal Small Ensemble	Men's Small Ensemble	Excellent
Vocal Solo	Chloe Johnson	Excellent
Vocal Solo	Isabelle Chuprin	Good

JH MACS Fine Arts: Music - Instrumental

Band	JH Band	Superior
Lg. Instrumental Ensemble	Liam B., Dima B., David C., Levi D., Ison E., Isaiah F., Vincent F., Ezekiel L., Conner M., Gabriel S., Alex T., Ben V.	Superior
Lg. Instrumental Ensemble	Elias B., Liesl C., Jacob D., Chloe J., Katelyn K., Allison K., Rebekah L., Allison L., Morgan N., Elise P., Julia R.	Superior
Lg. Instrumental Ensemble	Neshe B., Isabelle C., Daniella D., Sarah G., Isabella K., Lexi L., Bryna M., Rosie M., Clara M., Naomi P.	Excellent
Sm. Instrumental Ensemble	Liam Broere/ Elias Brombacher/ Daniella Damyan/ Jacob Demchenko	Superior
Brass Instrumental Solo	Katelyn Kolwinska	Superior
Percussion Instrumental Solo	Elias Brombacher	Superior
Woodwind Solo	Alex Tkach	Superior
Woodwind Solo	Isabella Kifyak	Excellent
Woodwind Solo	Lexi LaVasseur	Excellent

JH MACS Fine Arts: Music - Piano

Classical Piano Solo	Liam Broere	Superior
Classical Piano Solo	Alex Tkach	Superior
Classical Piano Solo	Clara Morrell	Excellent
Sacred Piano Solo	Katelyn Kolwinska	Superior
Sacred Piano Solo	Allison Kovalchuk	Excellent
Sacred Piano Solo	Rosie Mendoza-Tamayo	Good
Piano Duet	Liam Broere/ Allison Leanger	Superior
Piano Duet	Katelyn Kolwinska/ Clara Morrell	Excellent
Piano Duet	Elise Pacencu/ Naomi Pacencu	Excellent

JH MACS Fine Arts: Artwork

Art: Polychromatic Drawing	Rebekah Landin	Good
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THIRD QUARTER 2024-25	All "A" HONOR ROLL	A AVERAGE	B AVERAGE
First Grade	Quintin Levang Charlie Quinn Stella Schindelholz Porter Schwartzenburg	Owen Byers Ellie Damyan Sevyn Daniels Bella Eggleton Anna Zhukouski	Alexa Brutskiy Lincoln Conover Sebastian Golodneac Mirabella Kifyak Lennon Langum Timothy Manoila Nana Nyarko Kyrylo Postaichuk Ruby Strong
Second Grade	Paton Blazosky Asher Bruder Wilson Campbell Mira Damyan Mila Demchenko Lily Eggleton Oliver Hanks Daniel (DJ) Jean-Louis Caspian Jeppeson Anna Kachula Amelia Kappel Carson Kolwinska Abigail Macalus Alexa Miezwa Daniel Nsameh Adelina Poroseci Wesley Rathbun Evangeline Shrader Santiago Skurat	Roman Bodrug Sarah Damyan Kristen Goshgarian Timothy Loghinov Karina Petrashev Addison Terlouw Yefim Yeremiya	Davyd Veremchuk
Third Grade	Adam Babcock Micah Bruder Caleb Caasi Peter Levang Maxim Lipinskiy Everly Quinn Aurora Rathbun Maxwell Schindelholz Hudson Schwartzenburg Neriah Shelton Anthony Zhukouski	Margaret Brutskiy Gage Byers Luke Chihak Eva Damyan Gabriela Damyan Ophelia Kifyak Ezekiel Li	Brecken Felt Octavian Golodneac Isabella Korovin Kayda Mendoza-Tamayo Daryna Postaichuk Amelia Sisam Joshua Strong Daniel Tkach
Fourth Grade	Leyla Blazosky Eva Jenkins Elise Liu Emmaline Macalus	Matthew Aleckson Blake Coulson Emma Damyan Vanessa Diaz Calero Zoey Jean-Louis Blessa Johnson Rhys McLeish Max Montgomery Ezekiel Nsameh Michael Olaru Lucia Skurat Michael Totimeh Jason Ureke	Daniel Chuprin Asher Delich Aria Felt Avonlea Laumann Isaac Leanger Calvin Levang Shaela Zeah
Fifth Grade	Ava Blazosky Kate Kovalchuk	Michelle Olaru Ammiel Rylka Thomas Wheaton	Isabella Agness Benjamin Brutskiy Mark Brutskiy Dan Damyan Leah Damyan Parker Delich Harrison Kappel Isaiah Shrader Robinson Smith Vanessa Tkach Jace Wicklund

THIRD QUARTER 2024-25	ALL "A" HONOR ROLL	A AVERAGE	B AVERAGE
Sixth Grade	Margot Levang Viviana Skurat	Belinda Aleckson Roman Kachula Reuben Totimeh	Kimberly Arroyo Josiah Bruder Garrett Coulson Daniel Damyan Jacob Damyan Liam Landin Sofia Lipinskiy Elijah Rudolph Tianci (Grace) Zhou
Seventh Grade	Ashley Blazosky David Caasi Alexis LaVasseur Elise Pacencu Naomi Pacencu	Daniella Damyan Jacob Demchenko Chloe Johnson Katelyn Kolwinski Bryna McLeish Julia Raisanen	Elias Brombacher Liesl Campbell Hunter Delich Ison Eppers Allison Kovalchuk Ezekiel Leanger Alessandra Mendoza-Tamayo Morgan Nixon Ella Petrashev Alex Tkach Benjamin Villar
Eighth Grade	Ziqian (Isaac) Gao	Liam Broere	Dima Brutskiy Isabelle Chuprin Sarah Goshgarian Nathan Kauffman Allison Leanger Clara Morrell Gabriel Shrader Taya Wall
Ninth Grade	Zhenghan (John) Huang Jizhen (Jila) Peng	Isaiah Caasi Star Delich Ava Fure Sara Sousa Lauren Stephens Claire Vikander	Anna Damyna Rebeka Damyan Lily Goshgarian Christian Hoffman Christian Kolwinski Lukyn Williams
Tenth Grade	Karina Anderson Josiah Combs John Goshgarian Haihang (Kai) Guo Yiwen Huang Nikita Lipinskiy	Gretchen Campbell Deborah Dahl Joseph Litkey Asher Zderchuk	Ethan Coulson George Damyan Elijah Forman Brianna Treptau
Eleventh Grade	Grant Vikander Eli Villar	Blake Delich Tava McLeish Malia (Jenny) Nayrath Lillian Williams	Elena Arroyo Anja Brombacher Carlos Flodstrom Joseph Goshgarian Brandt Johnson Giselle Legoff Ethan Markgraf Megan Page Jinwen (Jane) Qin Tyler Stephens
Twelfth Grade	Adelynn Farish Jack Fure	Jonathan Kolacz Sophia Morrell Sydney Weisser	Antonio Eppers Kavin Kellogg Megan Lewellen Cody Mercado Lexi Owens Emma Payne