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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.

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Half-way!

By Pastor Jared Page

As I write this, we have crossed over the half-way point of the 2025-2026 school year. The way our calendar falls, we complete our first semester one week after we return from Christmas break. Half-way through is a good time to reflect on all that has happened thus far. In some ways, it seems like we just started; in other ways, it feels like we should be further into the year!

It is important to thank God for all that he has done. First, I am thankful for the protection that God has given our school throughout this school year. We pray daily for God to preserve and protect us on our campus. This has been especially prominent in our minds this year for a couple of reasons. In recent weeks and months, our locale has experienced a lot of unrest and turmoil. While we operate under a reasonable expectation of peace in Plymouth, in times like these, you just never know. We are grateful to God that he has kept us free from disruption or trouble here. We remain watchful, prepared and vigilant always, but we have enjoyed peace in our small corner of the world.



This fall we also had a gas leak on the property, which caused us to put our evacuation procedures into real-life practice. We are grateful that the leak was outside of the building, and so our evacuation was only precautionary. Still, it made for some excitement for sure. The Lord provided good help for us from the Plymouth Fire Department and CenterPoint Energy, and He provided a beautiful day for the kids to enjoy outside. In reality, it was probably a fun adventure for the students, even if it was stressful for us adults. Fortunately, we were able to return inside after just over an hour of evacuation. The kids were able to learn first hand that those drills we do are for a reason!



Second, I am thankful for the work of our faculty and staff. I frequently say that they are the ones who make this place go, I am just trying to keep us all pointed in the right direction. Our faculty and staff work tirelessly to educate our students. While the grind of school can seem long, they are patiently investing in our students day by

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day. Every time that I have opportunity to enter one of our classrooms, I am always so encouraged by what I see.



Third, I am grateful for God's financial provision for our school. The FBCS budget is funded almost entirely by the tuition payments of our families. I know that in many cases, this is a sacrifice made on the part of parents. We are doing well this year overall and the budget looks good. In addition to this, we have had a number of donations to our new Special Projects Fund, as well as our ongoing Scholarship funds.

This generous giving has allowed us to green-light our soccer field renovation project. This summer, a significant portion of our soccer field will be re-graded and re-sodded. This will correct some drainage issues that we have been having, and allow us to use the field for years into the future. If the Lord would prompt you to give to either of these special funds, or the ongoing expenses of FBCS, we can continue to look to the future with the hope of announcing more exciting projects.

This time of the year is when we start to think seriously about next year. Reenrollment officially begins on February 1, so our hope is that all of our families will choose to re-up for another year and continue their journey in Christian education with us. Thank you for your interest in and care for FBCS! We look forward to finishing the second half of the school year well! ■

2nd Semester Calendar (updated)

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| Mon Feb 2–Sun Feb 15 | Reenrollment Period for School Year 2026-27 |
| Fri Feb 13 | Progress Report period ends (24 days) |
| Mon Feb 16 | NO SCHOOL/Presidents' Day |
| Fri–Sat Feb 20–21 | First Round MCAC Playoff games @ higher seed |
| Fri Feb 20 | Progress Reports go home |
| Thurs–Sat Feb 26–28 | MCAC Tier I & II Girls Varsity BB Tourney @Cambridge |
| Tues Mar 3 | MACS JH Fine Arts Festival @ Rosemount |
| Thurs–Sat Mar 5–7 | MCAC Tier I & II Boys Varsity BB Tourney @FBCS |
| Fri Mar 6 | NO SCHOOL/MCAC Basketball Tourney @ FBCS |
| Mon–Wed Mar 9–11 | Missions Conference - Special Chapels (Mon-Wed) |
| Fri Mar 13 | 3rd Quarter Ends (42 days) |
| Mon–Fri Mar 16–20 | NO SCHOOL/Spring Break |
| Mon Mar 23 | 4th Quarter Begins |
| Thurs Mar 26 (6:00pm) | Basketball Awards & History/Science Fair |
| Fri Mar 27 | Report Cards go home |
| Fri Apr 3 | NO SCHOOL/Good Friday |
| Sun Apr 5 | PSEO Class Withdrawal Deadline |
| Thurs Apr 9 (1:00pm) | MACS Fine Arts Chapel |
| Fri Apr 10 | NO SCHOOL/MACS SH Fine Arts Festival @ FBCS |
| Mon–Thurs Apr 13–16 | Achievement Testing (Gr K5-11) |
| Fri Apr 24 (9–11am) | Elem Spelling Bees (Gr 1-6) |
| Fri Apr 24 (12–1pm) | K4/K5 Informance (Interactive Music Classes) |
| Fri Apr 24 (1:30pm) | Elementary Spring Concert (Gr 1-6) |
| Fri Apr 24 | Progress Report Period Ends (23 days) |
| Fri–Fri, Apr 24–May 1* | Senior Trip to "The Wilds of NC" (*DATE CHANGE) |
| Fri May 1 | Progress reports go home |
| Sat May 2* (5–7:30pm) | Junior/Senior Banquet (*DATE CHANGE) |
| Fri & Sat, May 8–9 | MCAC Boys VB/Girls Soccer Tournament @ Rosemount |
| Mon–Thurs May 11–14 | Senior Final Exams |
| Thurs May 14 (7:00pm) | Secondary Spring Concert (Gr 7-12) |
| Fri May 15 | All tuition payments due |
| Fri May 15 | Last Day for K4/K5 & Class of '26 |
| Fri May 15 | PSEO Spring '26 Semester Ends |
| Tues May 19 (7pm) | Kindergarten Graduation |
| Wed–Fri May 20–22 | Final Exams (Grades 7-11) |
| Thurs May 21 | LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 1st–6th Grade |
| Fri May 22 | LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 7th–11th Grade |
| Fri May 22 (7pm) | Class of 2026 Graduation & Reception |
| Fri May 22 | 4th Q Ends (43 days)/2nd Sem Ends (85 days) |

Nearly 100 Student Musicians Participate in MACS Band Festival

On Friday, November 7, Fourth Baptist Christian School hosted the Minnesota Association of Christian Schools (MACS) Band Festival. This exciting day brought together 94 student musicians from four participating schools—Chisago, Fourth, Rosemount, and Woodcrest—for a full day of music-making, learning, and fellowship.

Our guest conductor for the day was Dr. Cassandra Bechard from the University of Northwestern-St. Paul (UNWSP). Dr. Bechard's enthusiasm, musical expertise, and Christ-centered encouragement inspired students throughout each rehearsal as they worked together to prepare for the evening concert.

The day consisted of four large-group rehearsals in the auditorium, sectional rehearsals where students received specialized instruction from experienced clinicians, snacks and mealtimes, a zoom call with composer Rob Romeyn, and a fun game time.

The evening concluded with a concert, which was also livestreamed for families and friends. The combined festival band performed beautifully, showcasing the results of a full day of focused work and cooperation. Our band repertoire included: *Clouds That Sail in Heaven* by Todd Stalter, *All That We Are* by Carol Brittin Chambers, *Christmas Exultations* by Rob Romeyn, and *Alamo March* by Karl King. The percussion section also played a song called *Plastik Surgery* on 5-gallon buckets. Two of our sectional coaches, Teresa Herbert (horn) and Abby Nicholson (flute), played *Pastorale* and *Dance* by Erik Ewazen which helped our students see the importance of striving for musical excellence and being a life-long musician.

We strive for our festivals to provide an opportunity for students to grow musically while using their gifts to worship and honor the Lord. We want our students to become life-long musicians! ~ *Mr. Levi Kolwinska, Music Director*



Getting to Know Our Teachers: Mr. Mark Monroe, History Teacher



Here's a Q&A style interview with long-time teacher, Mr. Mark Monroe, to get to know him better! He has been teaching for 40 years, with 20 of those years being at FBCS!

Q: When did you personally trust Christ as your Savior?

A: February 20, 1979. I was a freshman at St.

Cloud State Univ. I saw my uncle at Thanksgiving time who shared with me about the Tribulation and Armageddon (which I had never heard about before). A friend from high school got serious about witnessing to me about hell and heaven. That evening in February, after a number of days of thinking about my need, I asked Christ to save me in my dorm room.

Q: What is your favorite Bible Verse?

A: Galatians 2:20, "*I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.*"

Q: How and where did you meet your wife, Peggie, and how long have you been married?

A: Peggie walked in late to Sunday School the first time I visited what would become my home church in South St. Paul. We have been married 44 years now.

Q: How many children and grandchildren do you have?

A: I have two daughters, Samantha and Stephanie, and six grandchildren. Samantha has two children, a boy and a girl—Zackary and Allie. Stephanie has four children, three boys—Everson, Sutton and Kepler, and a girl—Hadley.

Q: What led you into teaching?

A: Even before I was saved, I was probably interested in teaching or coaching something. After my salvation, I just wanted to help young people through the difficult years of Jr. High and High School with the truth of God's Word.

Q: What is your greatest joy as a teacher?

A: Seeing students seek after the Lord for their needs and choices, especially when they remain faithful after their teen years. I have no greater joy than seeing the students that I have taught over the past 40 years. Hopefully, many of them have continued to grow in the Lord and teach their children the truth.

Q: What would you say is your biggest challenge as a teacher?

A: The philosophy of the world is so strong. Students have so many more things to be distracted with. When I began teaching, the church and school were a major influence in people's lives. Today, I believe the school is just one of the influences that guide these students.

Q: As a Secondary History Teacher, what is your favorite subject or class to teach?

A: All of them are great in many ways. However, my favorite is Government with Economics becoming a new favorite. They are both so full of Biblical principles and needed for graduating seniors.

Q: What do you like to do on an unexpected day off? (for example, a snow day)

A: Golf, dream about golf, watch a favorite show

Q: If you weren't a teacher, what would your profession be?

A: Golf Professional

I'm sensing a theme here ...

Q: What are your hobbies and interests?

A: Sports! (not just golf)

Q: Do you play a musical instrument?

A: I used to be able to make a 7-iron sing. Otherwise, NO

Ha! I caught a bit of that Mark Monroe humor there ...

Q: Let me quickly ask some your preferences ...

Ocean or Mountains? Mountains

Coffee or Tea? Neither

Cats or Dogs? Dogs

Favorite season? Late spring or early fall

Favorite song? *And Can It Be (That I Should Gain)*

Favorite meal? Barbecued ribs

Favorite color? Purple

Favorite sport to watch? Hockey **To play?** Golf

Q: Let's talk about travel. What is your favorite vacation spot?

A: Florida

Q: What would be your dream vacation?

A: My wife's dream vacation would probably be a cruise. Mine would be a golf trip with best friends.

Q: Have you ever been outside the United States?

A: No

Q: What is something on your "bucket list" that you really want to do/accomplish?

A: Visit the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, visit the Football Hall of Fame in Canton, OH, and see my grandchildren and students love God

Q: If you wrote a memoir, what would you title it?

A: God's grace

Q: What words of encouragement do you have for our parents?

A: Your children need your leadership and help.

Q: What words of encouragement do you have for our students?

A: It's all about Christ- serve Him.

Thank you, Mr. Monroe! ~ Interviewer: Mrs. Alison French

FBCS Students Participate in MACS SH Speech & Bible Festival '25

On Thursday, November 13, twenty-seven of our students participated in the speech festival at Woodcrest Baptist Academy. The senior speech class members chose a variety of different events to participate in, and the ninth graders did a choric speaking piece adapted from *Oh the Places You'll Go*, by Dr. Seuss. The categories our students participated in included: puppets, preaching, acting, dramatic interpretation, Bible teaching, reader's theatre, choric speaking, and spelling. It was fun to see them develop their skills and use their talents in a setting they wouldn't normally find themselves in.

The reader's theatre group made up of Tava McLeish, Anja Brombacher, Lily Williams, and Megan Page; Lydia Raisanen in dramatic interpretation; and the ninth grade choric speakers all got first place and will be competing at the regional competition in March. Clara Morrell will also be competing in dramatic interpretation at the regional competition.

The students all did a great job! ~*Miss Julie Kovacik, English & Speech Teacher*



Let the Stable Still Astonish! Secondary Concert Review

The FBCS Secondary Christmas Concert was a joyful celebration of the Christmas season featuring our junior high and senior high students. The evening was memorable given the extremely snowy conditions, but the show must go on!

The Senior High Band began with the spirited *Christmas Exultations* and a nostalgic crowd-pleaser, *Music from Home Alone*. Handbell groups added their ringing sounds: the Bronze rang out *Good King Wenceslas*, Silver performed *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*, Gold delivered the exciting *Gloria Hodie* and Platinum played the majestic *Joy to the World* and the peaceful *See Amid the Winter's Snow*.



The Junior High Band brought youthful energy to *Flourishing Noels* and *'Tis the Season*. Vocal highlights included the Mixed Ensemble's gentle *Stille Nacht* and playful *Jingle Bells (Sort Of)*, the Junior High Choir's bilingual *Away in a Manger* (*Lejos en un Pesebre*), and the Senior High Choir's *God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen* (arr. Molly Ijames) and *A Babe is Born in Bethlehem*.

The finale of the concert was the Combined JH/SH Choirs performing *Let the Stable Still Astonish*, accompanied by cellist Karina Anderson. The song created a powerful, reflective moment that compared the dark condition of the stable where Christ was born to the sinful condition of our heart before Christ enters our life.

Thank you to my fellow music teachers, our student musicians, and families for making this concert a memorable highlight of the season.~ *Mr. Levi Kolwinska, Music Director*



Does the Stable Still Astonish You? Elementary Concert Review

Does the Stable Still Astonish You? FBCS elementary students invited us to ponder that question during their Christmas program. God came from the splendor of heaven into a dirty, dusty manger—and into an even more broken humanity desperately in need of salvation from our sin.

The K4/5 students joyfully proclaimed that we must “Go Tell It on the Mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!” First grade invited the audience to “come and see the wondrous sight,” while second grade reminded us that the magi traveled from far away to worship a young Jesus. Third grade sang in parts, encouraging us to worship “the King of Us All.”

Fourth grade offered a hauntingly beautiful rendition of *I Wonder As I Wander*, reminding us that the King of kings could have had “any wee thing,” yet willingly laid it all aside for our sake. Fifth grade highlighted the joy our Emmanuel brings through songs featuring band and chimes. Sixth grade followed with a medley using band and chimes, calling us to worship Christ, the newborn King. The elementary portion of the concert concluded with the elementary choir painting a musical picture of winter’s wonders and how they draw our hearts to come and adore Him.

~ Miss Annelies Harmon, Elementary Music Director



Ministry Day 2025: A Day of Blessing & Provision

On December 17, 2025, FBCS Senior High Musicians participated in our annual Ministry Day trip, visiting New Hope Church in New Hope and Covenant Living in Golden Valley. Despite nearly a third of our students being absent from illness, the day was filled with joy, flexibility, and unexpected blessings. I'm deeply grateful for the remaining students' extra effort and willingness to minister—they stepped up beautifully and touched many hearts!

At New Hope Church, about 50 people gathered to enjoy our Christmas repertoire and joined us singing Christmas carols. It was wonderful to see many familiar faces and be at a church that several FBCS families attend.



Junior High Music Brings Christmas Cheer to The Waters of Plymouth

On Tuesday, December 16, 2025, our Junior High musicians embarked on the "long" bus ride to The Waters of Plymouth senior living community next door to us. Despite the very warm room temperature, the students persevered and performed well for about 40 residents.

The JH Choir sang selections from their concert repertoire and several students also shared their Christmas piano solos. A special highlight was the student-formed instrumental ensembles, who played familiar carols and did an outstanding job—showcasing creativity, teamwork, and musical growth!

It was a wonderful time of ministry as we sang, played, and connected with the residents. We're already looking forward to returning soon to share more music and fellowship.

Thank you to our talented Junior High musicians for stepping up with excellence and servant's hearts. Moments like these remind us of the power of music to bless others and glorify God during the Christmas season! ~ *Levi Kolwinska, Music Director*

The concert at Covenant Living was equally well-received, with enthusiastic applause, a warm welcome from staff and residents, and delicious treats! Our students performed well and loved interacting with the audience. We've been visiting Covenant Living for Christmas performances for about eight years and have built many meaningful relationships.

The highlight came after the concert when a staff member approached us with an incredible offer: Would we be interested in a donation of their handbells? Absolutely—YES! To make a long story short, Covenant Living generously donated a set of 5-octave handbells. This is a tremendous blessing, especially as it will support our handbell program during double rehearsal hours with the junior high. We never could have anticipated such provision!

Through Ministry Days, our students have blessed others with music and the gospel message—and now Covenant Living has blessed us in return. We're so thankful for the Lord's faithful provision and the kindness of His people. What a wonderful reminder that ministry flows both ways! ~ *Levi Kolwinska, Music Director*



| SECOND QUARTER 2025-26 | AII "A" HONOR ROLL | A AVERAGE | B AVERAGE |
|------------------------|--|---|--|
| First Grade | Amara Babcock Annabelle Dang Noah Eggleton Shiloh Neal Cassie Pickard Johnny Volcy | Lucas Basaldua Leo Bolboceanu Selah Bruder Daniel Chihak Amir Damyan Luke Damyan Ethan Jean-Louis Gabriel Quiring Aaron Sisam Amelia Skurat Alexander Todosiychuk Julia Wredberg | Liam Baruch Zoey Brutskiy Jackson Delich Iyla Felt Elizabeth Grado Nikita Kartaev Alexandrin Poroseci Audrey Quinn Leo Terlouw Maxim Tkach |
| Second Grade | Owen Byers Ellie Damyan Bella Eggleton Lennon Langum Quintin Levang Timothy Manoila Nana Asempa Osei-Owusu Matthew Petrashev Kyrilo Postaichuk Charlie Quinn Stella Schindelholz Porter Schwartzenburg Isla Seymour Davida Simonovich Tessa Trach Jordan Wredberg Anna Zhukouski | Aurora Bruggenthies Alexa Brutskiy Lincoln Conover Sevyn Daniels Mirabella Kifyak | |
| Third Grade | Paton Blazosky Oliver Hanks Carson Kolwinska Timothy Loghinov Abigail Macalus Alexa Miezwa Daniel Nsameh Wesley Rathbun Santiago Skurat | Roman Bodrug Asher Bruder Mira Damyan Mila Demchenko Kristen Goshgarian Daniel (DJ) Jean-Louis Caspian Jeppeson Amelia Kappel Adelina Poroseci Levi Quiring Evangeline Shrader Addison Terlouw Yefim Yeremiya | Wilson Campbell Esme Choi Sarah Damyan Lily Eggleton Jeshua Grado Karina Petrashev Davyd Veremchuk |
| Fourth Grade | Adam Babcock Peter Levang Everly Quinn Hudson Schwartzenburg Anthony Zhukouski | Micah Bruder Margaret Brutskiy Gage Byers Caleb Caasi Luke Chihak Maxim Lipinskiy Kayda Mendoza-Tamayo Aurora Rathbun Maxwell Schindelholz Amelia Sisam Neriah Smith | Haddon Choi Eva Damyan Gabriela Damyan Brecken Felt Ophelia Kifyak Ezekiel Li Daryna Postaichuk Josiah Quiring Harper Seymour |
| Fifth Grade | Eva Jenkins Emmaline Macalus | Matthew Aleckson Leyla Blazosky Vanessa Diaz Calero Aria Felt Blessa Johnson Rhys McLeish Lucia Skurat Michael Totimeh | Daniel Chuprin Blake Coulson Emma Damyan Zoey Jean-Louis Avonlea Laumann Isaac Leanger Max Montgomery Ezekiel Nsameh Michael Olaru Maezie Trach Jason Ureke Shaela Zeah |

| SECOND QUARTER 2025-26 | ALL "A" HONOR ROLL | A AVERAGE | B AVERAGE | |
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| Sixth Grade | Ava Blazosky | Kate Kovalchuk Parker Delich Michelle Olaru Robinson Smith | Isabella Agness Mark Brutskiy Jackson Byers Leah Damyan Zachary Demchenko Joshua Forman | Harrison Kappel Maria Kellogg Timothy Kifyak Isaiah Shrader Vanessa Tkach Jace Wicklund |
| Seventh Grade | Zoe Hoffman Margot Levang Viviana Skurat Reuben Totimeh | Belinda Aleckson Garrett Coulson Tianci (Grace) Zhou | Kimberly Arroyo Josiah Bruder Daniel Damyan Jacob Damyan | Liam Landin Sofia Lipinskiy Elijah Rudolph Isaiah Trach |
| Eighth Grade | Ashley Blazosky | David Caasi Elise Pacencu Naomi Pacencu | Elias Brombacher Liesl Campbell Isabella Coelho Sofia Coelho Daniella Damyan Hunter Delich Ison Eppers Chloe Johnson Isabella Kifyak Katelyn Kolwinska Allison Kovalchuk | Alexis LaVasseur Ezekiel Leanger Bryna McLeish Alessandra Mendoza-Tamayo Morgan Nixon Ella Petrashev Viviana Pullis Julia Raisanen Alex Tkach |
| Ninth Grade | | Sarah Goshgarian Allison Leanger Clara Morrell Taya Wall | Vera Choi Isabelle Chuprin Alexandra Lipinskiy Gabriel Shrader | |
| Tenth Grade | Isaiah Caasi Star Delich Ava Fure Seth Hoffman Zhenghan (John) Huang Jizhen (Jila) Peng Sara Sousa Lauren Stephens Claire Vikander | | Nikita Bodnar Lily Goshgarian Christian Hoffman Lukyn Williams | |
| Eleventh Grade | Karina Anderson Josiah Combs Haihang (Kai) Guo Yiwen Huang Nikita Lipinskiy Joseph Litkey | Gretchen Campbell | Samuel Coelho Israel Keyzer Jacob Payne Asher Zderchuk | |
| Twelfth Grade | Anja Brombacher Grant Vikander | Blake Delich Tava McLeish Malia (Jenny) Nayrath Megan Page Jinwen (Jane) Qin Lydia Raisanen Eli Villar Lillian Williams | Carlos Flodstrom Joseph Goshgarian Qilun (Aaron) Huang Brandt Johnson Liza (Lisa) Kulikova Giselle Legoff Tyler Stephens | |