

HURRICANE WATCH



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Monthly Newsletter



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Head of School Update

By Dr. Justin Mitchell

Greetings, First Baptist Community!

As we enter the month of February, a season often associated with love and appreciation, I am reminded of the words from 1 Corinthians 16:14: "Let all that you do be done in love." This verse perfectly embodies the spirit of our school community—a place where faith, education, and character development come together in an atmosphere of support and encouragement.

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I hope your family enjoyed the recent snow, a rare treat for us in the Lowcountry. On January 31st, we held a 4th-12th grade pep rally event on James Island, followed by four exciting basketball games and a time for alumni to reconnect. On February 1st, we inducted the 2025 Class of the First Baptist Athletic Hall of Fame. We celebrate those who have left a lasting impact on our school and community. Please join me in congratulating our inductees:

- Sara Kraft
- Logan Kraft-Byrd
- Lucas Langston
- Lindsay Moore
- Sara Stansell O-Brien
- Jordan Randolph
- McKala Rhodes
- Jeff Whittle

Please mark your calendars for Winter Break, February 5th-7th. We hope you enjoy this time to rest and recharge. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, February 10th

On February 5th, we will have an E-Learning Day as First Baptist Church welcomes the International Mission Board Trustees and Commissioning Service to our Downtown Campus. This event has been years in the making, and we are delighted to host such a meaningful gathering. This day will be an asynchronous learning day, allowing students to complete assignments remotely. Additionally, faculty and staff from both campuses will participate in professional development opportunities on the James Island Campus that same day.

We have several upcoming events in February including our Blizzard Bash 5K & Fun Run - on February 8th, our Boots and Bows Winter Dance on February 22nd (our annual Winter Dance featuring dads and special friends), and our Boosterthon Kickoff on February 20th. Stay tuned for more details!

As we move swiftly into the second semester, I encourage our students and families to stay engaged, continue striving for excellence, and always approach each day with kindness and perseverance. Let us continue to support one another and embrace the spirit of love that defines our school community.

We invite you to stay up-to-date with current events by following First Baptist School's social media and our school webpage. #WeAreFB

Be blessed,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2025

- 5 E-Learning Day for Students
PD Day for Faculty/Staff
- 6-7 Winter Break



[View Athletic Calendar](#)





PLEASE JOIN US

Founding Fun Day!

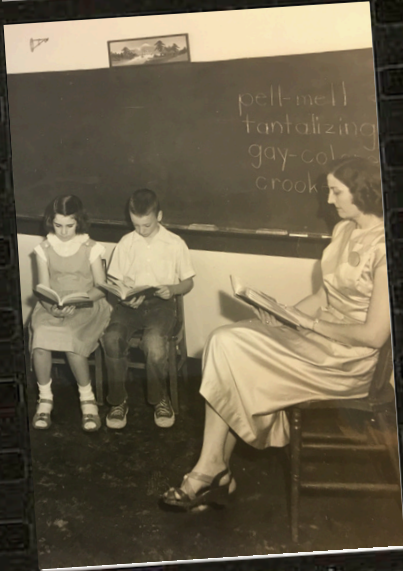
Join us as we celebrate the 75th
Anniversary of First Baptist
School of Charleston!

Saturday, March 15, 2025

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

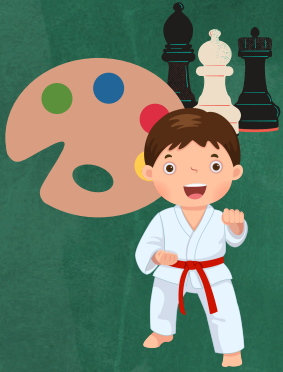
James Island Campus
2055 George Griffith Blvd.
Charleston, SC 29412

RSVP HERE



IN THE KNOW

school happenings



Spring Enrichment Registration

Registration is currently open for our Spring Enrichments! We have some fun offerings for K5-12th graders like Pickleball, Karate, STEAM clubs, and more! Learn more at fbschool.org/auxiliary-programs or register [here](#)! **Registration ends Feb. 5th!**

Boots & Bows Winter Dance

FBS K5-8th grade girls and their dads or special guest (grandfather, uncle, special family friend, etc.) are invited to join us for our annual winter dance event on Feb. 22! View full details and sign up [here](#)!



Summer Camps Registration

Hurricanes Summer Camp registration is open now! Registration for our specialty camps and Camp Jumpstart will open March 2nd! Visit fbschool.org/summer-camps to learn more!

Valentine Grams for Grades 5-12

The FBS Prom Committee will be selling Valentine Grams to students in 5th-12th grade, through February 7th. Valentine Grams will be \$3.00 and will include a Valentine Note + Candy! All proceeds will benefit Junior + Senior Prom 2024. Order [HERE](#)!



WANT TO SHARE YOUR PHOTOS WITH US? BE SURE TO TAG US AND USE OUR SCHOOL HASHTAG!

#WeAreFB

FIRST BAPTIST SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow along with our daily happenings on our social media pages! Below are the official school social media pages.

SCHOOL



FINE ARTS



ATHLETICS





FEB. 8, 2025

**BLIZZARD BASH 5K @ 9:00 AM
FUN RUN (AGES 6-11) TO FOLLOW**

Join us February 8, 2025, for the Blizzard Bash 5K hosted by First Baptist School and Porter Gaud! The money raised will help send our long distance runners to the University of South Carolina Cross Country camp. After the 5K, we will also host a Fun Run for ages 6-11!

REGISTER

*Registration closes
Feb. 5th!*



What's a blizzard without some snow...cones?
Pelican's Snoballs will be on site!



FAMILY FRIDAY

BOOSTERTHON FUN RUN

Friday, February 28, 2025

Join us for Family Friday before our Boosterthon Fun Run! Ticket sales will close on Tuesday, February 25th. All meals include a hot dog or hamburger lunch with side, dessert, and a drink. Additional hot dogs may be added for \$1 each. We will also host a bake sale during lunch (cash or card accepted) with proceeds going toward our Middle School trips and end-of-year activities!

This lunch will be on our James Island Campus and all 1st-12th grade families are invited to join!

Lunch purchase or RSVP is required for ALL adults coming on campus.

REGISTER



1st Grade



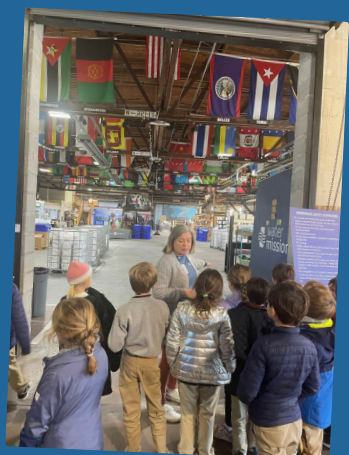
WATER MISSION



LIVING WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM (LWTS)

The LWTS is engineered for quick deployment, long-term operation. It is rugged, simple to operate, and easy to transport.

One LWTS can treat more than 10,000 gallons of water daily.



Hello First Baptist Families,

We are excited to inform you about our partnership with Water Mission again this year! Water Mission is a local, non-profit organization with a globally driven passion to share the gospel of Jesus Christ AND provide safe drinking water to communities who lack that basic necessity. Their headquarters are located right here in North Charleston and the team of volunteers does an amazing job of educating and empowering the next generation to become global citizens and problem solvers, guided by love. To learn more, please visit <https://watermission.org/>.

In order to bring awareness to the water crisis our world is currently suffering, First Graders have partnered with Water Missions International! We plan to participate and recruit other students and their families to join us in the annual "Walk for Water". In some parts of the world, millions of women and children spend several hours a day collecting water, walking about 4 miles and the water is mostly dirty. During this walk, we will be asked to carry a bucket of water in order to get a glimpse of what it is like to walk in less fortunate shoes. The walk will be held in North Charleston on Saturday, March 29th! To join our team, please visit [this link](#); We are FBS HELPING HURRICANES!

Our goal is to raise \$2,500 dollars, so if you are unable to walk on that date, please consider donating to this amazing cause. THANK YOU!!

We are looking forward to being part of a hopeful solution with you!

God Bless,

First Grade, **FBS HELPING HURRICANES**



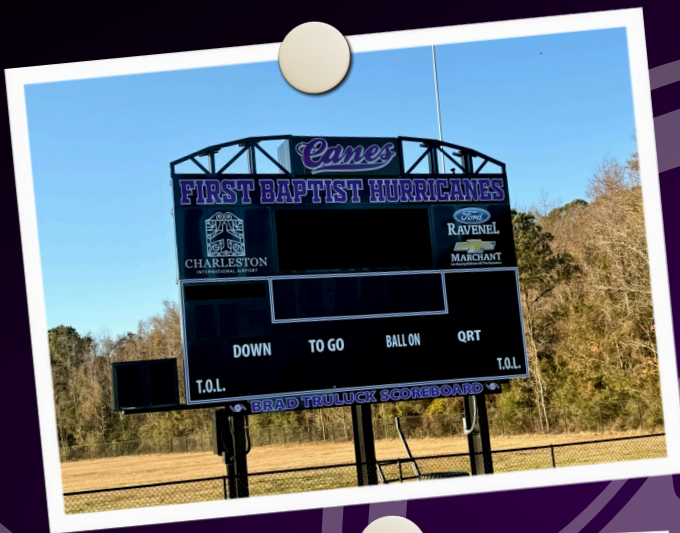
ATHLETICS

HALL OF FAME 2025



Congratulations to the Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2025!

First Baptist is proud to announce the Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2025! We are so excited to celebrate the exceptional achievements and lasting legacies of this year's honorees, who are now officially enshrined in the First Baptist Athletic Hall of Fame. On Saturday, February 1, we had the honor of inducting a remarkable group of individuals who have left an indelible mark on our athletic community. This year's inductees include Sara Kraft, Logan Kraft-Byrd, Lucas Langston, Lindsay Moore, Sara Stansell O'Brien, Jordan Randolph, McKala Rhodes, and Jeff Whittle. Each of these athletes and coaches have demonstrated outstanding talent, dedication, and sportsmanship throughout their careers, and we are proud to celebrate their contributions to First Baptist's rich athletic history. Congratulations to the Class of 2025—your legacy will continue to inspire future generations of athletes!



WHAT IS THE HURRICANE ASSOCIATION?



The Hurricane Association is a non-profit booster club that promotes, encourages, and enhances the ideals of sportsmanship and competitive spirit in First Baptist School's athletic programs. Through fundraising and voluntarism, we can raise funds to benefit the student athletes by enabling them to have superior athletic experiences.



Each month, the Hurricane Association members, along with the administrative and athletic staff members, meet to discuss ways in which we can support Hurricane Athletics. The coaches of each sport can also request funding for various items, repairs, and upgrades to further improve the FBS athletic program and facilities.

Here are some of the amazing things that we have accomplished with the support of the FBS families, donors, and volunteers. For more information on the Hurricane Association and how you can support these efforts, please visit: [Athletics | First Baptist School](#) or email us at hurricaneassociation@fbschool.org.



Recent Initiatives:

- New Scoreboards
- Custom Bus Wraps & Athlete Transportation
- Repairs, replacements, and maintenance of fields, gyms, and equipment
- Athletic Ceremonies & Recognition
- Pep Rallies & Pregame Shows
- Painting machine for all athletic fields



Parent Teacher Organization



Boosterthon is coming!

FBS families,

It's officially February, which means our Boosterthon Fun Run is only a few weeks away!

This year, the PTO is so thankful to have Boosterthon Fun Run Committee Co-Chairs Anna Wartinbee and McKensie Kish!

This year, the PTO has a lofty goal of raising \$35,000 to support the following initiatives on our campuses:

- Installation of water bottle fillers and new water fountains on the DT campus
- Contribution to the beautification/renovation to Hazel Parker playground
- Increased security on the JI campus- addition of an automated entry gate

Please be on the lookout for more details which will be distributed over the next few weeks. We hope you will join us for the Family Friday and Boosterthon Fun Run on February 28!

After we wrap up Boosterthon at the end of the month, we will be full steam ahead preparing for Teacher Appreciation Week, which we will be hosting March 24 - 28!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail pto@fbschool.org.

Lindsay Loewer

PTO President



Dress Down Days

If you would like to sign up for a whole year of Dress Down Days (K5-12), you can register and pay in advance [here](#).

The next Dress Down Day is Friday, February 28th!

College Counseling

SHANNON ROY
COLLEGE COUNSELOR

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

February is here, and with it comes exciting opportunities and updates for all grade levels as we continue to navigate this school year. Here's what's happening in the College Counseling Office this month:

Seniors: Focus on Scholarships

Seniors, now is the time to focus on scholarships! Many local, state, and national scholarship deadlines are approaching quickly. Make sure to check your email and other scholarship platforms (Fastweb, Going Merry) regularly for new opportunities. Remember, every dollar counts when it comes to reducing college costs! If you need help completing applications, writing essays, or need a recommendation from me, feel free to stop by the counseling office for guidance.

Juniors: College Planning Meetings

Junior meetings are in full swing, and I am thoroughly enjoying getting to know each of you better as we discuss your college goals and plans. These meetings are an important step in preparing for the college application process. If you haven't scheduled your meeting yet, please do so soon. Together, we'll create a roadmap to ensure you're ready for what's ahead.

Sophomores: Career Exploration and Field Trip

March will be an exciting month for sophomores as we dive into career research! They'll have the opportunity to explore potential career paths and learn more about how your interests and skills align with the world of work with taking the YouScience assessment. Additionally, we're planning a career field trip to give you a first-hand look at some exciting professions. Stay tuned for more details about the trip.

Freshmen: Staying Connected

Freshmen, remember that my door is always open if you want to check in or discuss any questions or goals you have. Whether it's exploring future possibilities or just touching base, I'm here to help you lay the foundation for a successful high school journey.

College Counseling

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Scheduling for 2025-2026

Looking ahead, course scheduling for the 2025-2026 school year will be happening soon. Keep an eye out for announcements and meetings to guide you through the process. Choosing the right courses is an essential part of building a strong academic profile, so make sure to plan thoughtfully and ask questions if you're unsure.

As always, I am here to support you every step of the way. Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need assistance. Let's make February a productive and rewarding month!

Warm regards,

Shannon Roy

Director of College Counseling
843-410-1606 Ext. 1108



Friday, February 28 — Sunday, March 2

Visionary Family Conference

Friday Night, 6:30- 9:00

visionary marriage date night

When was the last time you set aside an evening to invest in your marriage? God can use this evening to strengthen your faith and your relationship. Delicious desserts & coffee will be served.

Saturday Morning, 9:00 - 12:00

visionary parenting & grandparenting

Capture a fresh vision for your purpose as a parent or grandparent and learn practical strategies for nurturing faith and character in your children and grandchildren.

Childcare is available Saturday morning, nursery through 5th grade.

Saturday Afternoon, 1:30 - 3:00

Never Too Late

Parenting does not end when your kids become adults, but it does change! Learn practical ways to strengthen your relationships and encourage them in their faith.

Sunday Services, 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Your Family & God's Plan for the World.

Discover the biblical connection between family relationships and the Gospel. God can use your family, even through all your struggles, to make a difference in the world for Christ

Nursery is available for children at the 9am & 11am service (birth-4 years old).

Learn More & Register



St. Michael's Church
71 Broad Street
Charleston, SC 29401
VisionaryFam.com/Charleston



Dr. Rob Rienow encourages families around the world to follow Jesus. He and his wife Amy are the co-founders of Visionary Family Ministries.



Around Campus



FIRST BAPTIST SCHOOL

RESOURCES



FACTS
LOGIN



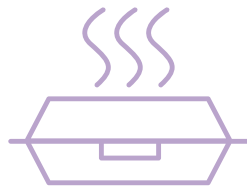
STUDENT
HANDBOOK

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ORGANIZATION(PTO)



SMART TUITION
LOGIN



SCHOOLHOUSE
FARE LUNCH



DRESS CODE



FACULTY/STAFF
DIRECTORY



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CALENDAR



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These resources can always be found on the [Resources](#) page of our website.