

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 approach this sacred season of Easter, let us shift our gaze to Luke 24, verses 1-7 where Luke articulates the climax of Jesus' work on Earth and details His plan to fulfill His divine plan.

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“On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright, the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified, and on the third day be raised again.’”

Let us rejoice in knowing that He was not in the tomb on that day; He has risen! I pray that each of you and your families has a blessed Easter season.

We have so many great things happening on both of our campuses. April 11th-April 14th is Teacher Appreciation Week, help us make our teachers feel appreciated either through words or gestures. We are grateful to the PTO for leading this charge and doing great things for teachers during this week. It is also a great time to send a note to your child’s teacher to let them know you appreciate what they do, day in and day out, for our students. We have the finest teachers around and we are grateful for their contribution to our FBS community.

Our Downtown Campus is working hard with lots of rich learning experiences happening as we are unbelievably on the home stretch to the end of this academic year. We have field trips planned, end-of-year celebrations, as well as presentations and recognitions. On April 8th, our 6th graders are going on a Capers Island field trip. April 11th-April 14th will also be standardized testing for our Downtown Campus. Standardized testing helps us know how we are doing as a school in meeting the educational needs of our students. The National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony will be April 14th at 8:30 am in the sanctuary downtown. Students who meet eligibility requirements will be inducted will receive information from FBS. The new building is nearing completion, if you haven’t been to the Downtown Campus in a while, stop by and see how far we have come.

The James Island Campus continues to be a hub of learning and activity. Our athletics department continues to remain competitive in track and field, soccer, and baseball. This year’s prom was a success and was held at Charles Towne Landing in Founders Hall. Thank you to Ms. Schmidt and all who were involved in planning and accomplishing this hallmark event. Our Junior Ring Ceremony will be held on April 20th for juniors and their families. We will hold our Student Government Association elections on April 27th. Looking ahead, we will host the Dance Showcase on May 1st from 4:00-5:00 pm in the Aux Gym on James Island. We will also host the Spring Choral Concert on May 10th from 6:30-7:30 pm in the church sanctuary downtown. The National Honor Society Induction will be held in May 3rd at 6:00 pm downtown in the sanctuary. Invitations will be sent to students who meet eligibility requirements.

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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 style with a large initial 'J' and 'M'.

Walk for Water

The Mighty Minnows raised \$2,350!!! Thank you for the amazing support and for those who came to walk! It was a beautiful day of fun and fellowship and shared an impactful message to our youngest stewards. What a blessing!



APRIL 2022

School Calendar

- 1 Spring Break
- 14 Half Day for students
Professional Development for Faculty/Staff
- 15-18 Easter Break
- 19 School Resumes



IN THE KNOW

school happenings



Creation Day, May 7th - Volunteers Needed!

Our next CREATION day will be Saturday, May 7th at 9 am on the JI Campus. We will be tackling projects for several areas-CREATE's Carolina Fence Garden maintenance and new planting and pond project planning, the Daffodil Project Memorial Garden maintenance, Cross Country's Course maintenance, and the Disc Golf Course establishment. These plans are difficult to tackle during the school day and need as many volunteers as possible from the CREATE club and the Cross Country and Track Teams, but welcome anyone who plans to participate in the Daffodil Project or Disc Golf Course project. Please reach out to Erin Jackson (jacksone@fbschool.org) or Shereee Bridges (bridgessh@fbschool.org) if you have any questions.

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





APRIL 11-14, 2022


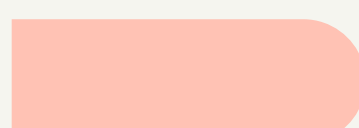
TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

On behalf of the PTO Committee, I wanted to remind each of you that Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week is next week (April 11th - 14th)!

Thank you to those who have already signed up to help out and contribute towards the efforts! On the next page, you will see the events for the week. In addition to a meal each day, teachers and staff will receive surprise gifts throughout the week!

This year's theme for Teacher Appreciation Week is "April Showers Bring May Flowers"! Help us shower our teachers and staff with appreciation for all they do to help our children grow and learn!

Teachers and staff will also receive surprise gifts throughout the week!



We need your help! We are still looking for volunteers to sit with the classes on Tuesday, April 12th from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. while the teachers have lunch. Monetary donations to offset some of the costs of the surprise gifts would also be greatly appreciated. We have received all necessary mason jar vases at this time - thank you!

Please access the Sign-up here: [FBS Teacher Appreciation Week 2022 - Sign Up](#)

Monetary donations can be made through cash, check, or Venmo.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the PTO Committee through e-mail: pto@fbschool.org or text Lindsay Loewer (843)991-7968.

Thank you for your support of our wonderful school!

Lindsay Loewer, and the FBS PTO Committee



**APRIL SHOWERS BRING
MAY FLOWERS**
First Baptist School
TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK
APRIL 11-14, 2022

MONDAY

Breakfast from Brown's Court Bakery provided by FBS PTO

TUESDAY

**Students bring a single flower and a sweet note to their teachers
Lunch from Moe's Southwest Grill provided by FBS School Board**

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast from Chick-fil-A provided by First Baptist Church Board

THURSDAY

Lunch from Apple Spice Catering provided by FBS PTO

ON BEHALF OF MANY FBS FAMILIES,
ALL TEACHERS AND STAFF WILL
RECEIVE A FEW SURPRISE GIFTS
THROUGHOUT THE WEEK!

*Thank you for all that you do
to help our students bloom!*



ADVANCEMENT OFFICE NEWS

*Sustaining Academic Excellence with a Christian Perspective
for generations to come*

Auction Review

Beth Switzer, switzerb@fbschool.org

*Director of Advancement
& High School Admissions*

Thank you to everyone who attended the FBS 10th Biennial Live and Silent Auction on March 5, 2022. It was so much fun to spend time together enjoying great food, music and raising much needed money for our school. Some funds are still coming in, but at this point our credits total \$105,407.00, our expenses total \$53,100.00, leaving us a profit of \$52,307.00. Thank you SO much for your amazing support of FBS!

ADVANCEMENT EVENTS

[GIVE ONLINE](#)

BOOK FAIR

May 2-6, 2022

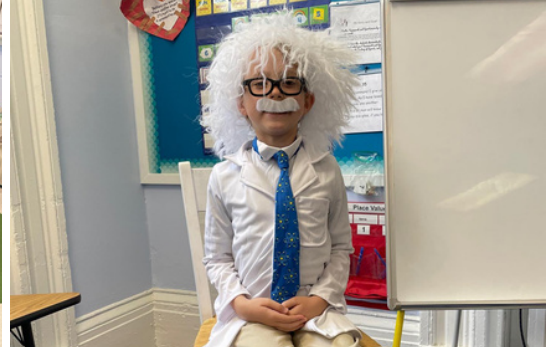
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HOMEPAGE

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

HELP MAKE OUR
BOOK FAIR
THE **BEST EVER!**

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Around Campus





FIRST BAPTIST SCHOOL

Hurricanes Summer Camp

May 31-August 5, 2022

Summer Camp filled up quickly, and we're excited to start the summer fun in May!

For those joining us for camp this summer, be sure to check out the links below to stay up to date on camp details and our field trip list!

[CAMP DETAILS](#)

[FIELD TRIP LIST](#)



Helping Students Understand Current World Events

*By Rose M. Cummings, LPC
First Baptist School Counselor*



Many children are seeing images on the news and overhearing broadcasts and conversation that may leave them with questions, and it is our job to answer those questions.

Ask if they have questions.

Start by asking your child if they have questions about anything going on in the world right now, perhaps just after you think they may have seen or heard something that could be confusing or concerning to them. Take plenty of time to listen to what picture they may have drawn in their mind of the current events. Knowing their perception will greatly help you in the next steps of addressing them.

Tailor the conversation.

Be mindful of their age. You may have to explain to younger children what the word “conflict” or “war” means. Over-explanation may cause anxiety, so often it is enough to say that sometimes countries fight over things such as land, money, or power. Some children may continue to pry, leading you to give more explanation, but continue to use broad terms. Older children and adolescents may benefit from a short video* and conversation with you if they have questions.

*I found one on the Russia-Ukraine conflict that you can access [here](#). It provides the basics and is a good springboard for conversation.

Validate their feelings.

Being able to discuss these world events without judgment and criticism allows them to gain confidence in speaking freely with you and will increase the likelihood of them sharing other important information with you down the road.

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Give reassurance.

Give reassurance that adults all over the world are working hard to come up with a resolution. Try to be calm and have a positive tone while explaining, because little ones' mirror neurons are strong and engaged within their young, impressionable minds. Mirror neurons are thought to be the road to promote imitation and observational learning (Cross et al., 2009).

Give them a practical way to help.

Support them if they show an interest in helping. It can be as small or as big as they would like. You know your child best. Younger children can draw a picture calling for peace, or a resolution of their choice. You can display it on the fridge or in a window in your home. Older children can create a fundraiser for the cause or write a letter to a local decision-maker.

If you have any questions about how to go about this or anything else, please feel free to reach out to me at cummingsr@fbschool.org or call me at your child's respective campus.

FIRST BAPTIST SCHOOL

RESOURCES



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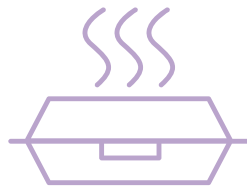
STUDENT
HANDBOOK



COVID POLICY



SMART TUITION
LOGIN



SCHOOLHOUSE
FARE LUNCH



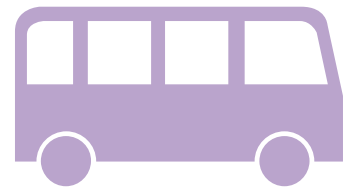
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TRANSPORTATION

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