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## Head of School Update

*By Dr. Justin Mitchell*

Greetings, First Baptist Community!

Happy New Year! As we step into 2025, we're reminded of the fresh opportunities a new year and a new semester bring—a time for new beginnings, renewed focus, and continued growth. This season, our theme comes from Matthew 5:14-16: "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden."

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Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven.”

As we embrace this message, I encourage each of you—students, staff, and parents—to reflect on how we can be a source of light and positivity in our school community and beyond. Let us shine through acts of kindness, dedication to learning, and service to one another. Let us remember the importance of perseverance and resilience. Each challenge we face is an opportunity to grow and shine brighter. Together, we can make our school a place where every individual feels valued, empowered, and inspired.

This January marked an exciting milestone for our James Island campus, as students and teachers returned to school to find six brand-new classroom spaces ready for use! These additional rooms have already been a blessing, enabling us to make mid-year adjustments to better support our teachers, particularly those who had been sharing classrooms. Over the summer, we plan to implement a larger-scale classroom reorganization to fully optimize our new spaces.

The newly added classrooms were created in a space previously occupied by the weight room. To address this shift, we are currently in the process of building an auxiliary weight room directly behind the gym. This project has experienced significant delays due to challenges with permitting and ensuring compliance with city stormwater regulations. However, we are grateful to have contracted the same civil engineering firm that designed the James Island campus master plan to guide us through these hurdles. With their expertise, we are hopeful that this project is now back on track and moving forward.

During this interim period, we are incredibly thankful to Gold’s Gym on Folly Road for generously allowing our student-athletes to use their facilities at no cost. Their support has been instrumental in ensuring our athletic programs continue while we work toward completing this important project.

We deeply appreciate everyone’s patience and understanding throughout the construction process. The need for these updates is a direct result of the growth we are experiencing as a school community—a sign of great progress. These improvements position us to better serve our students and staff, and we are excited about what the future holds.

On the Athletics front, basketball season is off to a strong start and we certainly have no shortage of teams competing. We have six middle school teams and our four high school teams working hard and playing at a high level. The future looks very bright for FBS basketball. Our varsity girls are off to a 15-2 start while scoring some impressive wins over some notable programs. Spring sports are just around the corner as many of our sports have started working out in preparation for their upcoming seasons. Information for all spring sports was sent out this past week so that you can reach out to any coaches you would like information from. You can also reach out to the athletic department if you have any questions about the upcoming Spring season. We are also excited about the incoming FBS Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2025. We hope you can join us for their induction ceremony February 1.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our school’s mission. I’m thrilled to embark on this journey with you as we continue to light the way for a brighter future. Let’s make this semester one to remember! Together, we shine brighter.

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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,

*Justin Mitchell*

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SAVE THE DATE!

KIDS  
FBC CHARLESTON

MAGNIFIED!  
PSALM 34:3

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
JUNE 23 - 27  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



# CALENDAR

JANUARY 2025

6	School Resumes
20	MLK Jr. Day - No School



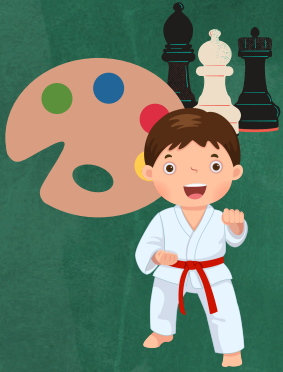
[View Athletic Calendar](#)





# 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](https://fbschool.org/auxiliary_programs) or register [here!](#)

### 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!](#)



### Hurricanes Summer Camp Registration

Hurricanes Summer Camp registration will open to FBS families on Feb. 2, 2025. More details to come!

### FBS Re-Enrollment 25-26 Open Now!

Re-enrollment for the 2025-26 school year is open! To guarantee your student's place for next year, you must complete the online enrollment process by January 23, 2025. Log in to your [FACTS account](#) to start the process.



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**



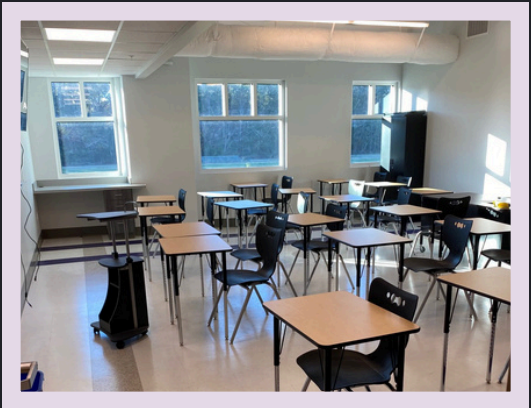
What's a blizzard without some snow...cones?  
Pelican's Snoballs will be on site!

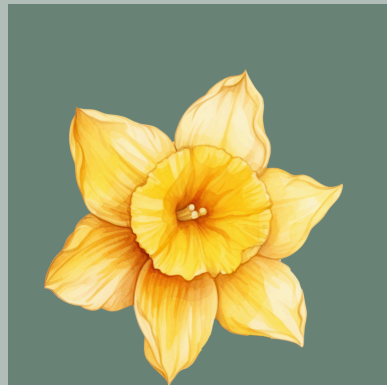
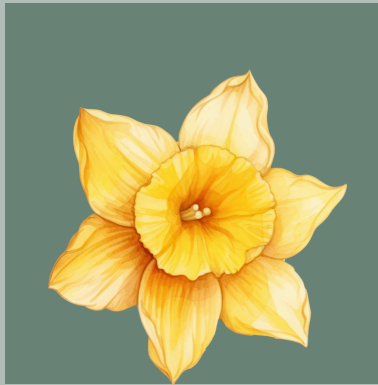




# JAMES ISLAND CAMPUS NEW CLASSROOMS

This January, our James Island campus celebrated the addition of six new classrooms, providing much-needed space for students and teachers. These rooms, converted from the old weight room, have already improved classroom arrangements, with a full reorganization planned for summer. To replace the weight room, an auxiliary facility is under construction behind the gym, though progress has been delayed by permitting and stormwater compliance issues. With the help of expert engineers, the project is back on track.





# *The* DAFFODIL PROJECT

Our middle school students have started planting daffodils in front of 24 Water St. as a part of the Daffodil Project. The Daffodil Project aspires to build a worldwide Living Holocaust Memorial by planting 1.5 million Daffodils in memory of the children who perished in the Holocaust and in support for children suffering in humanitarian crises in the world today.

The shape and color of the daffodils represent the yellow stars that Jews were forced to wear during the Holocaust. Yellow is the color of remembrance. Daffodils represent our poignant hope for the future. They are resilient and return with a burst of color each spring, signifying hope, renewal and beauty. The daffodils also honor those who survived the Holocaust and went on to build new lives after this dark and difficult period.

Learn more at <https://www.daffodilproject.net/>





**ATHLETICS**

# HURRICANES

## ***Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2025 Ceremony***

Join us for the Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony! Doors open at 2:15 PM, with the ceremony starting at 3:00 PM. Enjoy a dessert reception afterward. Business casual attire. Limited tickets available—RSVP by January 27th!

**Saturday, February 1, 2025 at 3:00 PM**

2051 George Griffith Blvd.  
Charleston, SC 29412

### **First Baptist Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2025**

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

**[RSVP HERE](#)**



**Join the Hurricane Association!**

**[MEMBERSHIP FORM](#)**





# Parent Teacher Organization



## Happy New Year!

Happy New Year, FBS families!

It's crazy to think that we are already half-way through the school year. Thank you for your support in the Fall, which allowed the PTO to support and celebrate our classrooms, teachers and staff! We have a busy Spring ahead of us with the Boosterthon Fun Run and Teacher Appreciation Week just around the corner. Please mark your calendars now:

- January 31: Dress Down Day
- February 28: Boosterthon Fun Run
- March 24-28: Teacher Appreciation Week

Please be on the lookout for more information coming soon related to Boosterthon.

If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail [pto@fbschool.org](mailto: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, January 31st!**

# College Counseling

SHANNON ROY  
COLLEGE COUNSELOR

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

We hope your winter break was filled with rest, joy, and moments that brought you renewed energy. As we step into the new year and prepare for the second semester, it's a perfect time for you and your student to reflect on the first semester's experiences and set intentions for what's to come. Small, purposeful changes can lead to meaningful habits that nurture resilience and positivity throughout the year.

This month's newsletter is packed with updates and opportunities. Here are a few highlights to keep on your radar:

**Class of 2025:**

- Seniors should be wrapping up regular decision applications this month.
- The focus now shifts to scholarship opportunities. Encourage your student to explore both institutional scholarships and external awards. Have them come see me for up to date scholarship opportunities Remember, every scholarship adds up!

**Class of 2026:**

- Junior Visits are being scheduled. Please see my email that went out about sign-ups.
- Mark your calendar for the Junior Parent Night on Thursday, January 16th, 2025, in the Media Center in the Gym Building from 6pm-7pm.
- SAT DAY 2025 held at FBS will be scheduled for April. More information will be forthcoming at the Junior Parent Night and individual meetings.

**Class of 2027:**

- Sophomores will be seen individually starting in March. Sophomores have a field trip coming up on March 6th to Trident Community College to learn more about careers. You'll be hearing about the details soon.

**Class of 2028:**

- If any freshmen need to be seen, please always encourage your student to stop in and see me.

Scheduling for the 2025-2026 school year will be starting next month in February. Keep an eye out for more information soon. As always, if you need anything, please don't hesitate to email or call me.

Warm regards,

*Shannon Roy*

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# Around Campus





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# RESOURCES



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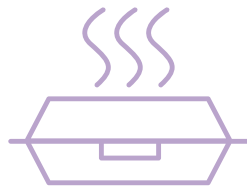
STUDENT  
HANDBOOK

## PTO

PARENT TEACHER  
ORGANIZATION(PTO)



SMART TUITION  
LOGIN



SCHOOLHOUSE  
FARE LUNCH



DRESS CODE



FACULTY/STAFF  
DIRECTORY



ACADEMIC  
CALENDAR



ONLINE  
GIVING

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