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Head of School Update

By Dr. Justin Mitchell

Greetings, First Baptist Community!

There is something truly magical about this time of year, isn't there? The changing seasons remind us that life is constantly evolving, and just as the trees shed their leaves, we, too, have the opportunity to grow and transform. It's a season of change, a season of transition, and a season of gratitude.

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"To everything, there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." - Ecclesiastes 3:1

One of the things that make this season so special here at First Baptist School is the boundless enthusiasm that our students and teachers bring to school each day. Our classrooms are filled with curiosity, creativity, and a deep thirst for knowledge. It's heartwarming to see the smiles on our students' faces as they engage in their lessons, explore new concepts, and build lasting friendships.

Our dedicated teachers are the heart and soul of our school. They bring their passion for education to life in every lesson, fostering an environment where students can thrive academically, socially, and spiritually. It's their commitment to nurturing the whole child that sets First Baptist School apart, and I'm incredibly grateful for their tireless dedication.

September has been a busy month and the October itinerary is proving to be just as exciting. Our fine arts classes and programs are hitting their stride at this point in the year, working toward larger performances in the winter and spring, but also giving students smaller performance opportunities to begin building confidence. Our 7th-12th grade dance students will be performing at the varsity football game halftime on Friday, Oct 6th and we look forward to hearing our high school choir students perform the National Anthem at an athletic event soon as well. Student artwork is beginning to fill the hallways and our high school art students are finalizing their design plan for the Holiday Festival of Lights Giant Greeting Card contest.

First Baptist Athletics is approaching the final stretches in many of our Fall sports. We congratulate Coach Erin Jackson and the Cross Country team as they continue to have one of the best seasons in school history. We also want to congratulate James Tyler who recently won the Cobra 5K Invitational, while setting a new school record of 16.44 - way to go, James! The Varsity volleyball team continues to play well and looks to have one of their strongest seasons in years! We would like to congratulate the Hurricane football team on their win over Hilton Head Prep which also gave Coach Jamaal Birch his first victory as a head coach. Our varsity swim team continues to make state cuts across the board and the cheer team is working hard and preparing for their first competitions in October. Our JV Girls' tennis team also just wrapped up a very competitive second season in a row under Coach Brook Griffin.

As we embrace this season of change, I want to encourage all of our students and families to take a moment to reflect on the things we are thankful for. Let's celebrate the beauty of fall, the joy of learning, and the love and support of our school community. Together, we can continue to grow and flourish in the warmth of the FBS family.

In closing, I want to express my deepest gratitude to all of you, our wonderful students, parents, and staff, for making First Baptist School a place of inspiration, growth, and endless possibilities. Together, we can make this fall season one to remember.

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,

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CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2023

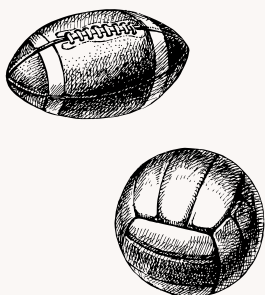
OCT
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PSAT for Grades 8-11

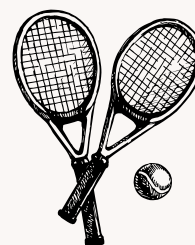
- Grades 8-11 - **Half Day**
- Grade 12 - **No School**

OCT
13-16

Fall Break - **No School**



[View Athletic Calendar](#)



IN THE KNOW

school happenings



Scholastic Book Fair: Oct. 2-6

The Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place October 2-6 on the Downtown Campus. All purchases through the Book Fair benefit our school library! If you're interested in volunteering, please sign up [here!](#)

Grandparent's Day (K3-4): Oct. 6

K3-4th grade will be hosting a Grandparent's/Special Friends Day on October 6th. K3-K5 will have a pancake breakfast in the morning from 8:30-10:30 followed by 1st-4th at 11:30-1:30 for a bring your own lunch picnic. Please be sure to RSVP for your child's grandparents/special friend.

[K3-K5 RSVP](#) | [1-4 RSVP](#)



Flu Shot Clinics

Both campuses will be hosting flu shot clinics for those interested. High school will be October 20th from 11am-1pm and Downtown will be October 25th from 9-11am. More information and consent forms will be going out soon!

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



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

#WeAreFB



Tickets on sale now!

Join us for an evening of fun with an Oyster Roast, Chili Cook Off, Silent Auction, 50 50 Raffle and more! All proceeds benefit the Baseball program at First Baptist.

Time & Location

Dec 02, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Truluck Island, 2263 Folly Rd, Charleston, SC 29412

Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$5 for kids 12 & Under
Bring your oyster knives and tailgate chairs!

Sponsorships Available: Please email Alex Snider to sponsor the Oyster Roast! (snidera@fbschool.org)

[Tickets available here!](#)



THROUGH THE ERAS

HOMECOMING 2023

“Through faith you are being protected by God’s power for a salvation that is ready to be revealed at the end of this era.”

1 PETER 1:5

FBS Homecoming ‘23 was a joyous week with excitement throughout. On Tuesday, our lower school donned their craziest socks while the high school doubled their fun with Twin Day. Wednesday, the lower school dressed like their favorite teachers and coaches and for many, we could barely tell the difference! The high school students showed their immense creativity and brought in some of the most exotic bookbags we have ever seen for “Anything But a Backpack” day. Thursday we took a tour across many decades on both campuses and Friday the entire school showed out in their purple and white from head to toe!

Homecoming is also a time to give back to our community. This year we chose to donate many critical needs items to our friends at James Island Outreach. These canned and packaged food items will benefit our neighbors in crisis. Thank you to everyone who donated items for this worthy cause.

Our 5th-12th grade pep rally kicked off with some popular stadium anthems from our FBS Band and the cheerleaders kept the excitement going with a stout performance on the mats. Our cheerleaders and faculty members showed off their new dance talents and our middle and high school students rocked the gym with some rousing lip sync performances (shoutout to the senior class for bringing home the lip sync trophy). Taye Robinson showed off his musical chair prowess and the 5th and 12th grade team brought home the relay race trophy. Many of our cheerleaders and football players faced the consequences of talking on Friday by eating some delicious baby food for our annual “hush day”. The cheerleaders led the crowd in an ear-piercing “Red Hot” cheer that shook the rafters!

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SPIRIT WEEK WINNERS

Lower and Middle School Spirit Week Winners:

Tuesday - Crazy Sock Era: Matty Houghton and Evie Roy
Wednesday - Dress Like a Teacher Era: McCoy Conrad and Ellison Truluck
Thursday - Decades: Jarvis German and Rhett Whaley
Friday - Purple and White Era: Libby Ford and Jesse Lempesis

High School Spirit Week Winners:

Tuesday - Twin Era: Caroline Greenhill and Cidney Wilson
Wednesday - Anything But a Backpack Era: Emma Harle and Emily LaRoche
Thursday - Decades: Sami Durham
Friday - Purple and White Era: McAlley Burr

Congratulations to our newly crowned FBS Homecoming 2023 **Queen Sami Durham** and **King Till Tersteegen**.

Homecoming is a special time for students, faculty and staff, coaches, parents, and all of our alumni to join together in celebration of our school and our incredible athletic success over the years. This school would not be what it is without the foundation the alumni paved to get us to where we are today. We are all so proud of the success our students achieve upon graduating from First Baptist. We are a strong family and we can accomplish anything. We honor our past, we strive to excel in the present and we are excited about what the future will bring for First Baptist School.



ADVANCEMENT

UPDATES



11th Biennial Live and Silent Auction

We are excited to announce the FBS 11th Biennial Live and Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at The Harbour Club at WestEdge. The school auction is always a wonderful time of great fun, food, music and raising much needed funds for our school. Mark your calendar and be on the lookout for more information.

If you are interested in sponsoring the event, or donating an auction item, please contact Beth Switzer at switzerb@fbschool.org.

CROSS COUNTRY



FB HURRICANES 5K

Cross Country has their 3rd annual home meet, the First Baptist Hurricanes 5K, coming up on October 7th! FBS will be hosting 25 schools for the meet.

Volunteers Needed

They could use a few more volunteers so that parents are able to watch their runners and welcome the students and parents to come out and support. Please reach out to Erin Jackson at jacksone@fbschool.org, if interested!



REGION AND STATE MEETS

Cross Country will have their region meet on October 18th, at Pinewood and state meet on October 28th, at Heathwood Hall.

NEW SCHOOL RECORD

James Tyler (11th grade) set a new school record of 16:44.01 on Saturday, September 16th at the Cobra 5K Invitational hosted by Cane Bay.



CHARLESTON WRAP RESULTS

Lindsay Loewer, PTO President



The Charleston Wrap fundraiser ended on September 20th. We surpassed our "stretch goal" of raising \$15,000, and as of this exact moment, the sale has raised over \$20,000!

The top seller for the school was Cothran Willis. Cothran is in 4th grade - Mrs. Schaible's class. I met his Mom at the FBS Homecoming football game on Friday night, and she told me the cutest story about how Cothran created a sales sheet and went door to door in his neighborhood selling Charleston Wrap! Elizabeth Willis is raising quite the entrepreneur!

Cothran will receive \$50 towards purchases at the upcoming Book Fair that the FBS Library is hosting!

Aspen Gonzales in the K4 - Mrs. Davis class was also a top seller, and she received a very large stuffed animal sloth known as "Slow Pokey" from Charleston Wrap!

The top selling class overall was Mrs. Conrad's 3rd grade class. As a special treat, each of the students will receive a snowcone from Pelican's (paid by the PTO) during the next on-campus Pelican's day.

The FBS Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) uses its resources (both manpower and monetary) to support the efforts of the faculty and staff, and to provide learning and enrichment opportunities for our children. Reach out to PTO@fbschool.org to get involved!



FIRST BAPTIST SCHOOL

ADMISSIONS

UPDATES AND EVENTS



We may have just started the 2023-2024 school year but the admissions team is busy planning for the 2024-2025 school year!

Re-enrollment is set to open at the beginning of January. You will have two weeks to re-enroll and secure your child's spot. We will then open the application for siblings of current students and First Baptist Church members before opening it to the public.

If you have not already completed an inquiry for a sibling of a current student, we ask that you take a moment to do so using this [Inquiry Link](#). In the section "How did you hear about us?" type "sibling of a current student."

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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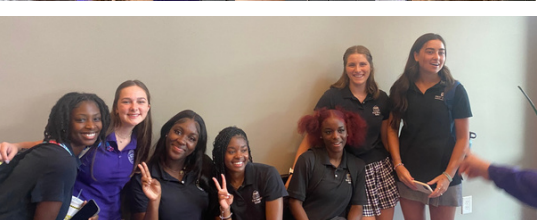
UPCOMING EVENTS

[Admissions Open House for K2-8th Grade \(multiple dates\)](#)

[High School Admissions Open House \(October 19\)](#)



Around Campus





MERIT AWARD

liollo
architecture

WINNER

Congratulations to Liollo Architecture in receiving The Aspire States Merit Award for the First Baptist Church Learning Center!

The Aspire States (AIA Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina) through their annual Design Awards recognizes a broad range of architectural activity that exemplifies the values of the Southeast and improves the quality of the built environment in the communities we serve. The Aspire Design Awards program seeks to highlight the diverse range of project types that exist within the region.

FIRST BAPTIST SCHOOL

RESOURCES



FACTS
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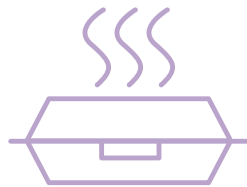
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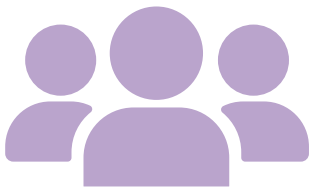
SMART TUITION
LOGIN



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.