

FOURTH BAPTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL WARRIORS

ALUMNI VIP NEWSLETTER

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Dear Alumni:

March has been unbelievably busy! March began with our MACS Academic Testing event, winter sports awards, and our secondary Science Fair. The second week of March sent Pastor Matt and me to Precept Marketing for a curriculum trip to Bob Jones University and the following week was our Choir Ministry Trip to Wisconsin. We performed at Calvary Baptist in Watertown and at the Shepherd's Home. On our return, we ministered at Waukesha Christian Academy. Our Bible Quizzing team held on to their slim lead and won First Place at the fourth and final Bible Quiz meet held at Granite City Baptist in St. Cloud. Thankfully, there was a one week reprieve for Spring Break (with trips to Duluth and Phoenix) and the highlight of the final week in March was a packed house for our Kindergarten Open House. The third quarter ended and I left for one more trip to Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa.



This week, we are hosting the MACS Fine Arts Festival and it appears that nine schools will participate with a little over 300 high school students. In another week, we will say goodbye to our three student teachers from Faith Baptist Bible College. We have started a track squad and are in the process of looking for track meets for the spring and a practice site. We have found three track meets we can participate in so far, and Mr. Page is willing to organize this for us. The reenrollment period is quickly coming to a close and we are excited to see the K-4 and K-5 numbers so far. We are praying that the Lord would make it clear if we are to open up a second section of five-year-old kindergarten for the fall.

Also on the horizon is the completion of our Crisis Response Plan (in review right now) and teacher certification through the American Association of Christian Schools (AACCS). We have sent all applications and transcripts to them for review. The satisfactory return and necessary percentage of certifiable staff will determine whether we can proceed with the accreditation application. I have every confidence that this process will officially begin in the fall. Should all go as planned, we will begin the process of accreditation writing at that time. Accreditation, at our level, is an exercise of self-study with the purpose of improving our program. We will be able to determine what we do well and what we need to work on. This will occur at all levels and will give us a plan of improvement over the next five years. It will also give us protection and credibility as a private institution within our state and our community. I will keep you posted as to our progress.

Please continue to pray as we work diligently on these things. God has been so good to us and we are grateful for our school, our students and families, and our church's unwavering support of our school ministry.

Praises:

- A continued good spirit amongst our students and staff.
- The school is doing well financially.
- Only 8 weeks to go!

Prayer Requests:

- We will have 100% response to our reenrollment so that we will know our numbers before sending out teacher contracts.
- That the Lord will make it clear soon as to the addition of an additional 5-year-old kindergarten class.
- That all the activities of the last eight weeks will cap off a great year and that we will have a strong finish.
- Our eleven seniors who are graduating on the 20th of May and their future college plans.

Thanks so much for praying. Please remember that if you can give toward our scholarship fund in the coming weeks, disbursement of those funds will occur in August as our committee meets to decide on applications. Currently, we have over \$18,000 in gifts for the year.

For Christian education in Plymouth,

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