

FOURTH BAPTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL WARRIORS

ALUMNI VIP NEWSLETTER

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Dear Alumni:

Only three weeks left of school! The children are anticipating the end, but I think the staff is really anticipating it. It has been a very good year as we check off the remaining events one by one. Last Thursday evening, we heard an excellent band concert from our 5th – 12th graders. We are recording this concert as well as our Ring and Sing concert on May 19. If you are interested in purchasing a CD, we will include the order form with this newsletter. Graduation is May 20th and secondary final exam week is the week of May 23. Our final day of school is Friday, May 27.

Enrollment for next year continues to be encouraging. The count, as of today, is 158, about 80% of our budget projection of 199 students. Of course, I am secretly expecting more students as we typically register most of our K4 students in August. Our kindergarten count is exciting as we already have registered 15 full time students and 9 three day per week students. If we can register three or four more full time Kindergarten students, then I am anticipating hiring a part time Kindergarten teacher. Please pray with me on this item.

We will also be saying goodbye to our long time first grade teacher, Mrs. Karen Goetz. Mrs. Goetz will be retiring this year and we will miss her greatly. All other staff will be returning and we are excited about next year's planning already. We will be working on our new soccer field and are in the process of securing a watering system for the field. Other projects for next year: updating English curriculum and preparing for accreditation. We are awaiting all results of our teacher applications for certification with our accrediting agency in order to move forward with the process. We are also completing our Crisis Response Plan and will be implementing that plan for next year.

Some of our families are struggling with work. We have several parents who have lost jobs and are not sure about next year. Some of those families are long-term families and we do not want to lose them. Please remember that if you are in a position to donate to the *Karen Burns Scholarship Fund*, we would be so appreciative. That fund continues to grow and we have targeted our alumni to really take ownership of this and help us build that fund each year. We have collected \$18,078.00 through donations from alumni and friends so far this year. Thank you so much for your consideration in this matter. Scholarships will be awarded to families, according to need, in August. There is a scholarship application and families must demonstrate and prove financial need before they will be considered for a scholarship. The committee meets in early August to evaluate and decide on awards.

We praise the Lord for the following:

- God continues to meet our financial needs for the year
- Our students have done a great job this year – there remains a great spirit amongst our students
- Grateful for a talented and committed staff
- Our ESL program has been a great blessing as students are responding and improvement is evident
- Our junior high track team will participate in three total meets. They have done well in the first two meets

We ask you to pray with us regarding the following things:

- Enrollment for next year – we want to see our numbers increase and would love to have a second section of kindergarten
- That God would enable our families to continue on despite financial setbacks due to loss of jobs – We ask God to provide for our struggling families
- Summer outreach programs – that we would see huge numbers of children come to our sports camps
- A strong finish this year for our students and staff.

Thanks again for your prayers.

For Christian Education in Plymouth, Mr. Alan J. Hodak, *Administrator*



ANNOUNCING THE UPCOMING RELEASE OF THE FBCS MUSIC DEPARTMENT COMPACT DISC!

On May 5th and 19th, the FBCS Bands, Choirs, and Handbells will be recorded LIVE at our Spring Concerts for a new CD. The purpose of this recording is to allow the students and friends of FBCS to own a piece of FBCS Music Department history and to allow students to have a memento from their FBCS music career! The recording is being done by a professional studio that will be responsible for the recording, editing, mixing, and production of the CD. The CDs will be professionally packaged and would be a perfect gift for any family member or friend!

In order to know how many CD's to order, we need you to order them in advance.

CD's will cost \$15.00 each.

Please fill out the attached form and return it with cash or a check (made out to FBCS) to Mr. Kolwinska or the FBCS Music Office by Thursday, May 19. If mailing a check, the school address is: FBCS, 900 Forestview Lane N, Plymouth, MN 55441

We are planning on the CDs being released the last week of school. If they are later than that, we will mail them to you. Please include your mailing address if you are not an FBCS school family.

Please contact Mr. Kolwinska at (763) 417-8209 or lkolwinska@fourthbaptist.org with any questions.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

of CDs ordered: \$15 each _____

Amount Due: _____.

Check # _____.

Cash _____.

