

FOURTH BAPTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL WARRIORS

# ALUMNI VIP NEWSLETTER

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Dear Alumni:

We are about four weeks away from the start of our 46<sup>th</sup> school year at Fourth Baptist Christian School!

A part of the summer duties entail evaluating scholarship applications for the coming year. As you are aware, we raised about \$19,300.00 in the Karen Burns Scholarship Fund effort up to this point. Monday was the deadline for the applications to come in and there is a tremendous need for the coming year. Applications represented 28 students for the coming year. Families are hurting and work is scarce. While we are grateful for the money we have raised, we really need about twice that amount.

It has been my desire to develop our alumni involvement and we have made great strides in our first year here. We have developed an email list of about 1400 alumni and we are trying to improve our communication so that you hear from me on a monthly basis. We also have made sure that a newsletter is going out quarterly for the purpose of keeping everyone posted on what is happening at FBCS. Beyond that, we are working toward several goals:

- Creating an alumni weekend over our homecoming weekend. That is slated for January 20-21 of 2012.
- From that weekend, we want to put together a panel of interested alumni who would desire to serve on our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration committee coming up in 2016.
- We also would like to get a hold of some old photographs. It is my desire to reclaim and restore some of our history and create a presentation of that in our school. If you have any good photos that include pictures of the old facility, key administrators or teachers, or great shots of school life, would you be willing to let us borrow those?
- Establish an alumni association with the sole purpose of taking ownership of the "Karen Burns Scholarship." Our desire is to fund this need on an annual basis and we need some help. I am praying that our alumni would be willing to take on this burden to help us accomplish this objective.
- I have met with Larry Nelson ('81 graduate) and he is helping me move forward with some of these ideas.

My hope and prayer for FBCS is that we can have a vision for Christian education in the Plymouth area together. I know that it is too great a task for me to do alone and I need your help. Would you consider becoming involved in some of these ideas?

If you can give to the scholarship fund, we would greatly appreciate it. If all of our alumni would give \$25-\$50 annually to the fund, we would easily meet our need.

Thanks for your prayers and consideration. Current enrollment numbers are in the 180's. We ended last year with 195 students and budgeted for 197 students this year. We are expecting things to get very busy in the month of August. I will keep you posted in the next newsletter as to what the start of school will look like.

### **Praises**

- Our new first grade teacher, Miss Amy Dekkers, will be moving on August 15 to the area.
- Enrollment is coming in and there is a lot of interest.
- Soccer and Volleyball camps are next week!
- Improvements and facility preparation is nearing completion for the new school year.
- For the most part, all staff is hired for the coming school year.
- The school ended the year with a small surplus. That has not happened for many years.
- The school purchased new English curriculum (grammar, literature, vocabulary) for grades 4-12.

### **Prayer Requests**

- Enrollment would exceed projections. That we would experience significant growth.
- We would be able to secure a wood shop teacher (part time) and also a good selection of substitute teachers for the school year (anyone interested in applying?).
- We need more donations to come in for the scholarship fund to help meet the tremendous need.
- God would sustain our families in these tough financial times.
- That we would have a great start to the new school year.

Thanks again for praying. Please consider becoming a "prayer warrior" for our school. We need alumni support and participation more than ever.

God bless.

In Christ,

Alan J. Hodak, *Administrator*  
Fourth Baptist Christian School