

FOURTH BAPTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL WARRIORS

# ALUMNI VIP NEWSLETTER

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Dear Alumni:

We just completed our basketball season and hosted the Minnesota Association of Christian Schools (MACS) State Basketball tournament. Twenty-two teams participated this year and both of our varsity teams won trophies at the tournament. Our young girls' varsity team finished in fifth place this year. Guard JoJo Hodak was recognized as a first team All-Tournament Player. She also received All-Conference First team honors. Center Ashley Amborn was honored as an All-Conference Honorable Mention player. The girls' varsity team was composed of five 8<sup>th</sup> graders, three 9<sup>th</sup> graders, two 11<sup>th</sup> graders and one 12<sup>th</sup> grader. The girls lost in the first round to Heritage Christian, but beat Grace Mankato and St. Francis to secure the fifth place trophy. They ended the season 15-11.

The Varsity boys' team finished second in one of the most exciting finals games in recent history. To get to the finals, the boys opened up defeating Victory Christian and then Lake Region. In the finals, our team played a tough Rosemount team and came back from a large deficit. Our coaches' deportment during the game and most importantly the boys' attitudes at the end of the game was exemplary. With just a few seconds left in the game, and a tie score, the Warriors had a chance to run the time off the clock and work for a final shot. The boys lost the ball and the loose ball was taken the length of the court for the score. With five seconds left on the clock, a final, desperate attempt was made to tie. Knocked to the floor, the Warrior guard lay on the ground with teammates helping him up, encouraging him. There weren't tears, complaining, finger pointing, or anger. While the loss was disappointing, the real character of our team was evident to the packed gym. Congratulatory hugs, handshakes and prayer ended the competitive contest. Onlookers came to me with congratulations. "The real winners of this contest was your boys," several observers stated. Proud of our team and coaches, I am thankful that there is such a thing as Christian athletics, but I am more thankful that the Warriors' teams are learning character, Godly character, as was evidenced at our state tournament. Congratulations to our men's coaches and players for showing the fans what we are really trying to instill in our students' lives, Godly character. You really are champions!

A special "thank you" goes to our varsity boys' coaches: Jason Webster, Jason Stamper and Todd Hallada for leading our boys. Kostya Haug earned All-Tournament honors and Robert Horn was chosen first team All-Conference. Matthew Bruffey was awarded second team All-Conference. Kostya Haug was selected All-Conference Honorable Mention. The boys record was 16-9 for the year.

The winter months also brought a number of other events: The Elementary Spring Music Program (March 1), The History Fair, MACS Speech Competition, Bible Quizzing, etc. So much is going on that it is hard to keep track of it all, but I am grateful to the Lord that our students are continually showing the kind of character that we are trying to instill. We praise the Lord for that!

Thanks for praying for our ministry. Thanks also for giving to the Karen Burns Scholarship. We are currently in the process of reenrollment and should have a pretty good idea of student numbers and staffing needs for next year. We will have to hire a couple of new teachers next year, so searches are on in that process. We are also getting a number of inquiries for next year already, so we are definitely not bored. Upcoming events include

our Missions Conference, Spring Break, Kindergarten Open House, and Spring SAT testing. We will also be hosting a Leadership Conference at the end of April.

Please pray with us regarding the following:

- Reenrollment – that our parents would respond so we could have an accurate estimate of enrollment for next year
- God would provide for staffing needs for next year
- God would give Mr. Hodak wisdom as he plans for next year

We praise the Lord for:

- Meeting our financial needs so far
- A good spirit in our school
- Each of our students and teachers – grateful for spiritual growth we are witnessing

Thanks for praying for our ministry. We hope to meet soon with our Alumni Committee to set forth plans for our next Alumni and Friends gathering. Please look for our next VIP Newsletter for more information.

God bless.

In Christ,

Alan J. Hodak, *Administrator*