

FOURTH BAPTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL WARRIORS

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Dear VIP:

Year #46 has been completed! We rejoice and praise the Lord for a very good year.

Seven graduated this year, one of our smaller classes, but we ended the year with a strong enrollment, up twelve students from last year. Early enrollment figures look very positive for next year and the school finished strong financially as well. We are currently planning on purchasing new and updated science curriculum for grades 7-12 as well as updating various curricula in a number of other areas throughout the school (approximately \$15,000). Mrs. Shevy will be stepping down as our K-4 teacher, and we have hired Mrs. Julie Roman to take her place. Mr. and Mrs. Shevy had their first child this past spring and Mrs. Shevy will be staying home to raise her child. Mrs. Roman is a graduate of St. Cloud State University and has taught in the Minneapolis school system. She will bring a lot of experience to our program. Her husband, Doug Roman, is the pastor of Bible Baptist Church in Ostego, MN, a church plant of Fourth Baptist Church.

Miss Kay Wohlenhaus has requested a one-year leave of absence, which we have granted. Miss Wohlenhaus will be replaced by Mrs. Deb Leith, a long-term parent and former teacher at Fourth. Most recently, Mrs. Leith has helped as an aide in the K4 classroom for a number of years, and took on the teaching duties while Mrs. Shevy was on maternity leave. She has agreed to help in the interim in the fifth grade classroom. Miss Wohlenhaus lost her mom a few weeks ago and is moving home to take care of her dad. We will miss her greatly. Retiring is our long time custodian, Mr. Duane Gilbert. He has served the Lord for over 40 years here at the school and church. We are also looking to replace our part-time Spanish teacher, Mrs. Crystal Grotzke. She is leaving to assist her husband Seth, a recent graduate of Central Seminary, in church ministry. These four employees have been faithful to our ministry for a number of years and we will miss each one. But God is faithful to provide qualified folks to replace them, so we are thankful to the Lord for His provision already.

Summer projects include the installation of an outdoor scoreboard to service our soccer field (approx. \$10,000). We are hoping to secure final permission from the city this week and order the scoreboard for a July/August installation. God has provided the funds through our Sportswalk last fall and we have been working toward this project this past year. Also on the docket is the purchase of a newer bus. Our small bus was sold this past spring and we are currently searching for a replacement. We have raised a significant amount of money as well for this project, so we are excited about the completion of these two projects in the coming months.

Waxing, cleaning, painting, planning, interviewing prospective families, and finding a few weeks to rest are all a part of the summer itinerary going on here at Fourth. The biggest project of all is the self-study writing for accreditation. We are now committed to a spring, 2013 team visit. Both Woodcrest Baptist Academy and Fourth will be sharing the cost to bring the team in to evaluate both schools. We will be working non-stop to get the documentation completed by fall's end.

I hope that you have a great summer and please remember the financial need of our scholarship fund for the new school year. We will be using some of the funds raised in the past year in the Karen Burns Scholarship as the need continues to be great. We are looking forward to gathering again on January 18-19, 2013 for our next Alumni and Friends Weekend Celebration. Mr. Bob Hazard is planning to come and be our speaker and our Alumni Committee met recently to discuss ideas and planning for this event. Please mark this date down now on your calendars and we hope to see you here for this event.

Please pray for us and prayerfully consider giving to our Scholarship fund. We are grateful for you and for your support. Donations can be sent by check to FBCS (please place on the memo line – “Karen Burns Scholarship”) or be made via paypal through our website, www.fourthbaptistchristianschool.org.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely in Christ,

Alan J. Hodak, *Administrator*

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