

FOURTH BAPTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL WARRIORS

ALUMNI VIP NEWSLETTER

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Dear VIP:

Where did September go?

Friday ended the first mid-term grading period for the new school year. Our soccer and volleyball seasons are already halfway completed, and our teachers will go to the Wisconsin Dells next week for our joint Wisconsin/Minnesota Teacher's Convention. A few of the highlights from the start of this school year were as follows:



- We started the year with a slight enrollment increase for the third year in a row! We began with 214 students. The increase was primarily because of a small graduating class last year and good numbers coming in at the K4 and K5 levels.
- We were able to update more curriculum. We focused on science this year and invested about \$17,000 dollars in this project.
- The soccer scoreboard was purchased and installed, and was ready for the first home game against Owatonna which we won! The cost of this project was approximately \$9,000 and the city just signed off on the final inspection yesterday.
- We took all the 7-12th graders to Iowa Regular Baptist Camp (IRBC) the second week of school and Jason Blunk was our speaker from Ankeny Baptist Church. He did a great job challenging our students.
- The junior high is competing in the city parochial school league with one junior high soccer team and two volleyball teams.
- The boys played in the soccer finals of the Northland Tourney but fell short.
- Sports Walk raised \$7,500 in funds for Warrior athletics this year!
- This Friday, we will host many Grandparents for our annual Grandparents Day with a breakfast, a special program which includes all K4—12th grades, classroom observations, and lunch.
- Josten's, our yearbook company, awarded FBCS a national award for last year's yearbook. We were one of 200 schools recognized as a "National Yearbook Program of Excellence" school. Congratulations to our yearbook sponsor, Mrs. Melody Bruffey, and last year's yearbook staff.
- Two students received national academic honors: Senior, Miss Erin Burggraff, was recognized for her outstanding PSAT performance, scoring in the top 2%. She received a "Letter of Commendation" from the National Merit Scholarship Program.
- Senior, Mr. Matthew Bruffey, scored in the top 1% of all students nationally earning "National Merit Semi-Finalist" status from the National Merit Scholarship Program. Matthew will go on in the competition to compete to receive "Finalist" status.

Praise the Lord! Great things are happening.

We look forward to seeing you in January for our Second Annual Alumni and Friends Weekend. In our next VIP, we will tell you more about the event and how our plans are progressing. Until then, please keep praying for our school. We are grateful to the Lord for His hand upon our school and your interest.

God bless.

In Christ, Mr. Alan J. Hodak