

FOURTH BAPTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL WARRIORS

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Dear VIP:

The official wording is in: "After completing a rigorous self-study process, FBSC hosted a team of educators for a peer review on May 6-8. The visiting team has unanimously recommended FBSC for full accreditation to the American Association of Christian School (AACCS) Accreditation Commission which will meet on June 26."

The week was busy with five team members roaming our halls and sitting in our classrooms to see if what they observed matched what we had documented. The verbal reports came back favorable and we received high marks as a school. Our teachers had worked very hard on their curriculum guides and received high praise for their work as well. The Accreditation Team met with parents, students and teachers to interview them about various programs and procedures. Accreditation Team Members were assigned one or two sections of the following nine requirements of accreditation: Philosophy, Goals and Mission; Administration and School Improvement; Legal Structure, Policies and Procedures; Personnel; Fiscal Management; Curriculum, Pedagogy and Assessment; Students, Parents and Community Relations; Facilities and Safety; and Special Services. Each Team Member was responsible for reading our Self-Study reports, in advance, and writing up their sections of the report. We will receive a full copy of that report within ten days. On June 26, we will have a meeting with the Accreditation Commission to answer any questions or concerns and receive (hopefully) a full five-year accreditation term.



What does this mean? Well, for one thing, it means is a lot of work, but that is not a bad thing. Teachers will need to keep up with AACCS teacher certification requirements which includes on-going training. Annual reports will have to be made citing progress on any recommendations the visiting team made in their report, one subject per year will need to be covered for our Curriculum Guide Academic Manual until all the subjects we teach are recorded. This entails the identification of learning objectives, content outlines, and scope and sequences for each subject area. Additionally, areas we have identified ourselves as areas of improvement that were not cited in the Accreditation team's report will still need to be studied and addressed.

One of the projects we will be working on this summer is the full closure of the entrance into our school. There will need to be some money invested in a buzzer entry, pass -thru window into the office, and some additional lock-down procedures instituted to ensure the safety of our students during the school day. We were given a commendation from the Accreditation team for our office security renovation plans.

It was a good week and a good self-study exercise and we appreciate the positive affirmation and encouragement we received from the Accreditation Team.

As we complete the final three weeks of school, we ask for prayers for a strong finish. Please know that you are welcome at any of our closing events: our final concert of the year, Ring & Sing with choir & handbells, on the 23rd and Graduation on the 24th will be live streamed. If you go to our website www.fourthbaptistchristianschool.org and look at the **FBSC NEWS FEED** section on the homepage, there is a link to our live streaming webpage where you can view the live stream of either event. Both events start at 7:00 p.m. and we are anxious to honor the Class of 2013 at graduation.

We praise the Lord for the completion of year #47!

For Christian Education,

Mr. Alan J. Hodak, Administrator