

FOURTH BAPTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL WARRIORS

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Dear VIP:

We have had a great start to year #49 at FBCS. We started with 216 students and we have had good kindergarten and seventh grade enrollments this year. September has been filled with activities, almost nightly, and we are almost half-way through our fall sports seasons. Varsity volleyball is undefeated so far in the season and varsity soccer has done well in conference play. In addition to our varsity squads, JV volleyball is very strong and we have two junior high volleyball teams and one junior high soccer team. Lots of students are involved in athletics this year and we are excited about that. We also had a great secondary retreat with an increase in numbers due to a larger seventh grade class. God is blessing and we are thankful for Adam Keim who spoke to our students from the book of 1 Thessalonians.

This morning, I was reminded of the blessing of our ministry as about 70 students and a number of faculty joined together to take part in the nationally observed "See You at the Pole" by the flag poles at our field for prayer for our nation this morning. The seniors served hot chocolate and we sang, read Scripture and prayed. I listened in to several groups of students and what they prayed for. There were multiple prayers for our dads, our pastors, our President, and other leaders. Many prayed for some specific leaders by name, both at the federal level and locally. From the youngest elementary student who participated to the older high school student, there was a sweet spirit and an honest desire to petition the Lord for some very specific guidance for our leaders and the salvation of many of our elected officials. Prayer was offered for continuous blessing of religious freedom for our nation and even for the battle against ISIS. I heard praise for our school, teachers, our facility, and even myself and I was blessed. Prayers were offered for our families and for the unsaved. May we never minimize the importance of prayer, but the innocent and sometimes simple prayers of children really touch an emotional chord in my heart. I believe God is blessed when He hears the prayers of children.

Be encouraged! Despite the challenges we face, there is an army here being trained and raised up. Many are already in the thick of the battle and our greatest weapon is the Word of God and prayer. I was encouraged and I hope you are too.

On Sunday, October 12, at 12:30 p.m., the Alumni Committee will be meeting at Green Mill in Eden Prairie to begin planning for the 50th anniversary celebration next June. The date chosen for our big 50th anniversary celebration was the weekend of **June 26-27, 2015**. If you would be interested in helping, please email and let me know. If you are local and would like to join us, please come, but let me know so that we can get a space large enough to accommodate our group. We hope many of our FBCS Alumni family and former staff will be able to join us for that weekend.

Thanks for your prayers and support. The Karen Burns Memorial Scholarship Fund is growing, and we are currently helping about 35 students attend FBCS. Please remember that we are always accepting donations and are excited with the growth of this fund. We will be sending a letter out for our Year-End Giving drive in late October, so please pray now about your involvement in giving. God is good and we are grateful for His provision.

Hope you have a great day.

In Christ,

Mr. Alan J. Hodak, *FBCS Administrator*