

FOURTH BAPTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL WARRIORS

ALUMNI VIP NEWSLETTER

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Dear VIP:

You have not heard from me for several months, so it is time to update you on the happenings at Fourth Baptist Christian School.

We started the school year with another small increase in enrollment (223) and the spirit amongst the staff and students has been wonderful. Adding nine international students to the mix brought some new challenges. Five of the nine came from China and our students have rallied around them and been a great help and encouragement. Our ESL teacher, Miss Gotzman, has done a wonderful job working with these students and we have seen huge strides in English proficiency for each of them. Academically, all of these students are doing well.

In addition, we received our PSAT scores back from October testing and it appears we may have a semi-finalist and a commended student this year. We will know for sure in the Spring. PSAT testing is a pre-test for the SAT college entrance exam and students who score in the top three percent are eligible, based on state score comparisons, for many college scholarships. We take the test as practice for our sophomores and juniors. Only junior students are eligible for scholarships, but sophomores who do well can prepare for the test and really improve their scores for their junior year. We had five sophomores who scored above the 90th percentile, so we are excited to see how these kids will do next year.

Next week is Spirit Week and we always invite any of our local alumni or those who may be in town to our Homecoming games on Friday night. This year, we are playing Immanuel Lutheran High School for four games starting at 4:00 p.m. The schedule is as follows: JV girls play at 4:00 p.m.; JV boys play at 5:00 p.m.; Varsity girls play at 6:15 p.m.; and Varsity boys play at 7:45 p.m. We will be giving away "White-Out T-shirts" again this year. First come, first served! And we always want to introduce alumni at half-time of the Varsity boys' game. Know that we would love to see you here and hope you will come out and support the Warriors.

Specific praises and prayer requests:

Praises:

- Three new students started at the semester.
- Strong varsity basketball teams have seen wonderful success on the court this year!
- A good spirit amongst staff and students.

Requests:

- Several families moved away mid-year which resulted in a tightening up of the budget for the second semester.
- Several staff families have experienced some health challenges in their families.
- A lot of interest from new families checking us out for next year. We would love to see all of these families enroll.

Thanks for praying.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan J. Hodak". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mr. Alan J. Hodak, *Administrator*