

FOURTH BAPTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL WARRIORS

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Dear VIP:

Year #48 has begun!

With 203 happy and cheerful students (well, most of them anyway...) FBCS started school this past Monday. Despite the very hot and humid weather, staff and students are back in the swing of the school schedule.

New elementary teachers include: Mrs. Rose Davis (K4), *completing a bachelor's degree from Maranatha Baptist Bible College*, Miss Julie Farrell (6th grade), *a Faith Baptist Bible College graduate*, and Miss Annelies Harmon (Elementary Music), *completing her internship and elementary education degree from Maranatha Baptist Bible College*. Joining us at the secondary level this year are: Mrs. Diane Morrell (Spanish 1), *who holds multiple degrees including a Master's in Spanish Education*, and Mrs. Kristen Mulnix (9/10 Physical Science, 11/12 Chemistry, 11/12 English, 12 Speech, Computer Applications), *a Clearwater Christian College graduate*.

Our first soccer/volleyball games had to be rescheduled due to the unseasonably hot weather we had those first couple of days of school, but the heat index dropped and we went to Rosemount this past Friday for a set of four games. Our Varsity Girls won their match 3-0, and the Junior High boys won their game 5-3, while the JV girls lost their match 2-1, and the Varsity Boys lost a close one 5-4.

Today (Tuesday), our secondary grades (7-12) left for Iowa Regular Baptist Camp (IRBC) for a three-day retreat. Pastor Jeremy Stephens is our special speaker. All full-time secondary staff attend and we have a great time getting the year started off on the right foot.

Over the summer we were able to make some improvements to our school.

We invested in the repainting and refinishing of our gym floor. This had not been done for the past 15 years, so it was time. New to the floor: Our Warrior mascot was painted at center court and the word, Warriors was painted on both end lines. The floor really looks nice and we are grateful for donations, Sportswalk money, and a budget item which helped us complete this project.

We also received a donation to help us secure our facility. There is no way into the facility after 8:40 a.m., except through the office door. Folks coming in must be buzzed in at the school office entrance and their smiling face is on camera and we can speak to them from our desks in the office.

Six Smart Mimeo Boards have been installed over the summer. Three in the elementary wing and three in the high school wing. The teachers have been trained to use the boards and our hope is that we can equip the rest of our classrooms within the next two years. A large technology donation allowed us to make this purchase.

We continued to update all curriculum in the school and I think that massive budgetary project has been completed. This cost was in excess of \$50,000.

Accreditation was finalized in June and we did receive a five-year term of accreditation through June of 2018. Our first report with our School Improvement Plan is due by November.

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Needless to say, God has been good to FBCS and we see the fruit of God's blessing around here. We are also grateful to you, our alumni, who have given toward the Karen Burns Scholarship Fund. The need continues to be great and we have awarded about \$56,000 in scholarships this year. The total number of students being helped is around 38. Please consider a one-time gift or a monthly gift to help us. We also are encouraging our families to consider talking to their company's HR department to see if FBCS can be the recipient of a matching gift or can receive gifts designated through their United Way Giving Campaign.

Please pray for the following:

1. Continued increases in enrollment, particularly in our K4 and K5 classes.
2. Spiritual impact and safety at our secondary Retreat at IRBC Camp in Iowa this week.
3. Safety as our students play sports this soccer and volleyball season.

We praise the Lord for:

1. God's wonderful provision over the summer for FBCS.
2. Each of our 203 students enrolled so far.
3. Each staff member and the talents they bring to our school.

Thanks for praying.

In Christ,



Alan J. Hodak
Administrator