



# Fourth Baptist Christian School Warrior Newsletter

Christ-Centered Academic Excellence!

Mission Statement

*Fourth Baptist Christian School, as a ministry of Fourth Baptist Church, is committed to the development of a student's spiritual life in Jesus Christ, while pursuing academic excellence in a manner which honors and glorifies God, based on the only infallible Word, the Bible.*

## Growth Exceeds Expectations

by Mr. Alan J. Hodak

*In our 52 year history as a school, FBCS has not experienced an increase in student count like we are seeing since 1984-85! Why are we suddenly seeing such significant growth?*

First and foremost, we praise the Lord for our growth! This is not normal and we acknowledge that God is the One who is blessing and bringing us so many new families. Ending last school year with 217 students, we are currently at 268 students, 51 students ahead of last year (a 24% increase) and we are not done yet. Families are still visiting and touring our school and we are expecting to add more students by mid-year.



Our growth can be attributed to a number of factors, but I would like to highlight just two.

- Growth only comes as a result of satisfied parents who value their child's education and school. Word of mouth advertising is the key to our growth. Case in point: A new family joined our school recently and was so pleased with their decision that they have had multiple conversations with friends and acquaintances about their child's new school. Several applications have been distributed to families as a result of sharing the news with those who did not know our school even existed. This has been the case with a number of our families who are sharing regularly about our school and encouraging others to "check us out." Please continue to tell others and thank you to all our parents for spreading the news about FBCS.

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### FUNDRAISING NEWS . . . . .

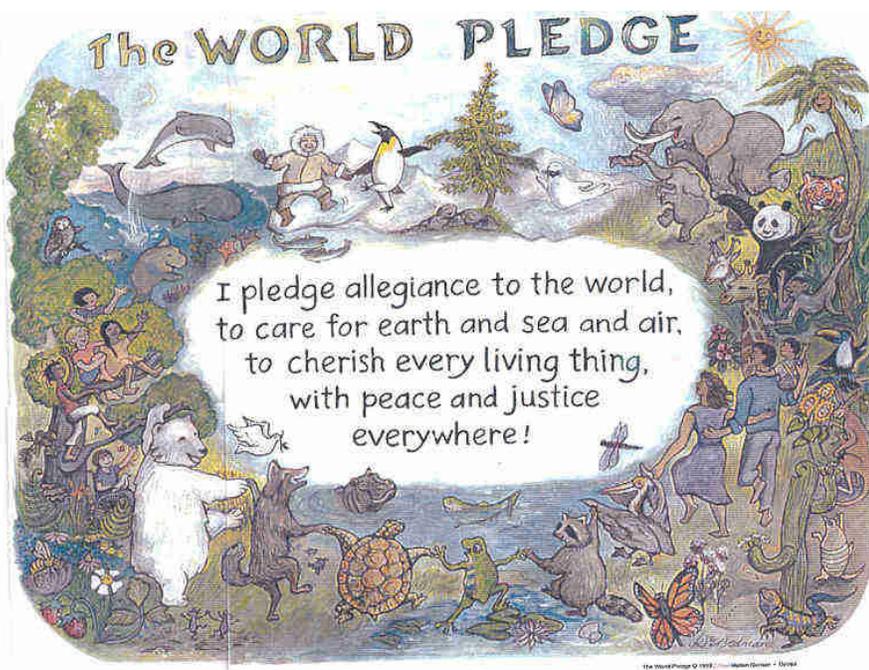
We held our annual Sports Walk to raise funds for our athletic programs on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, after we post-poned the first date of Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> due to bad weather! The day we went was absolutely beautiful as our student athletes in 6th grade through 12th grades walked along a 10-mile course around Medicine Lake but taking a slight detour up to the Zachary playfields due to the construction in one area of French Park. We raised **over 12,000** from this event thanks to our athletes and their generous sponsors this year! This year's donations are being used for the following:

- Safety railings for old bleachers
- JH Boys soccer uniforms
- JH girls volleyball uniforms
- JH girls basketball uniforms
- JV girls basketball uniforms
- Team water bottles
- Athletic trainer
- Misc. athletic equipment

We submitted just over \$422 worth of Box Tops in October. Please keep clipping those Box Tops! These monies continue to fund our elementary merit trips. We appreciate our families and grandparents who regularly help us. We will do another Box Tops collection drive in January.



Thanks for your support of FBCS! ☺



11. The attack on one of four Divine Institutions found in Genesis 1-11 now focuses on the fourth institution (the others being volition, marriage, and the family).

Parents are waking up to the fact that as more liberal ideology enters and dominates the teaching of our public schools, the way our students think will change and a more liberal nation will result. This has been Satan's strategy for some time and it seems to be working. The recent elections have resulted in a new attack from the liberal side, an all-out onslaught to recapture the minds of the populace. The liberal agenda is invading our government-run schools with a vengeance and it will be nearly impossible to reverse. As our government-run schools capture the minds and hearts of the majority of our nation's children, so the direction of the nation will follow. Could we be living in a day when the younger generation will permanently scoff at our

- Our area school districts are failing our children academically and the changes in curriculum, standards, and direction are becoming blatantly obvious. One area district has been in the news recently as a result of a magazine article published in the fall of 2017. The article stated that many of the cultural norms we have known in the past are being forfeited for an "unrelenting focus to shape students' attitudes and beliefs on a range of controversial issues – most importantly, the familiar litany of 'race, class, and gender'" (Kersten, p. 28).

nation's flag? Could this be the generation that forsakes all remnant of our history, monuments, founding principles, and moral foundation? Could this be the generation that forsakes civil authority? What will be left for our children and grandchildren?

Why are so many families looking for an alternative to the government-run schools? The answer is obvious. As truth is taught less and less, and liberalism dominates more and more, parents are fighting to rescue the minds of their children because it really does matter how our children think!

When an effort to indoctrinate dominates the teaching of academics, test scores fall and academics suffer. Almost every family coming to us from the public school has realized a significant drop in academics in the past two years and we are working hard to get our new students back to where they should be. In addition, another district is making a conscious decision to alter the thinking and loyalties of their students with regard to our nation. This local district allows their students to replace the daily "Pledge of Allegiance" to our American flag with a new pledge, "A Pledge to the World." The movement appears to encourage our children to move away from the Biblical institution of "Nationalism" found in Genesis

Fourth Baptist Christian School stands in the gap ready to serve Christian families in our area who desire to see an educational system dedicated to the *development of a student's spiritual life in Jesus Christ, while pursuing academic excellence in a manner which honors and glorifies God, based on the only infallible Word, the Bible.*"

Our parents want an educational system which teaches our children to "think like God thinks" and the product on the other side of the educational spectrum is simply unthinkable. ~AH

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Kersten, Katherine. "Whose Values? Educational Excellence Threatened by Ideology..." Thinking Minnesota, no. 9, Sept. 2017, pp. 26-35.

## New Playground Equipment!

We received a generous donation of playground equipment from one of our families over the summer!

We were able to add a new playground pad on the opposite side of the basketball court from the existing playground structure. New items include a boat-like piece of equipment called "Sway Fun" that students can get on and move it back and forth in an attempt to balance it. It's a big hit with the kids! Also, there's a digger, a bouncy piece of equipment, a see-saw, and a new set of swings. In addition, we fenced in the entire playground area for everyone's safety. The students love it! Thank you to our generous donor!



# Varsity Volleyball Team Goes to State Championship Game!



**MACS Tournament  
All-Tourney Team:**  
Claire Peterson  
Joelle Webster

**MACS All-Conference  
1st Team:**  
Joelle Webster

**MACS All-Conference  
2nd Team:**  
Claire Peterson

**Honorable Mention:**  
Maddie Hodak  
Morgan Stephens

**Varsity Volleyball Team Captains:**  
Abbey Kolacz, Carissa Leith,  
Claire Peterson and Morgan Stephens



## Varsity Girls Volleyball

Our Theme this volleyball season was "Dig Deep," with the idea of a defensive focus, so we went through Galatians 5:13-26 with a focus on the Fruit of the Spirit.

During pre-season we went through the beginning of those verses and what the works of the flesh are, then we went through what the fruit of the spirit looks like for our everyday life. I encouraged the team to practice these fruits at home with parents and siblings, at school with classmates and teachers and with their teammates. I challenged them to really "Dig Deep," getting to know more of God by being in his Word, so they can reflect His character.

It was definitely a season of ups and downs ... we had such a range of experience on the team this year that I knew we would have to focus on defense. Our record

for the season was 7-3 in the conference and 16-6 with 2 ties in Spikefest – because during pool play we only play 2 games. I think it was a great season for us and for us to end up ranking #2 in our MACS league was amazing!

We went to Faith Baptist Bible College for a tournament this year, and came away with a championship! We rose to the challenge! These girls played amazingly well, and it was really the first time we had really played as a united force!

At MACS – we had an uneventful first round but the semifinal round here was a big challenge too. We played Lake Region on their home court. We won the first game easily; the score was 25-11. I warned the girls after that that LRCS would turn it on and really start playing...and they did! We lost games 2 and 3. So then

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# Varsity Soccer Championship Game Goes to Shootouts!



The 2017 Warrior Soccer team had a great season! The Varsity team finished with a record of 13 – 6 – 2. After a hot 5-0 start, the varsity team hit a rough patch mid season which included a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish at the Faith Baptist Invitational tournament. While that finish was disappointing, it also led to a renewed focus which changed the momentum back in a positive way. This year’s team had a solid defense and timely offense, featuring five all-conference players. We were led by six seniors who contributed greatly to the program throughout their entire time at FBCS. While they will be missed, many others are ready to step up and fill their shoes. As it became time for the state tournament in October the league had a great deal of parity among several good teams. Fortunately, after an exciting 1-0 win on Senior night, the Warriors were playing their best soccer of the year at the end.

A great run through the tournament included an exciting shootout win in the semifinals vs. Rosemount. When it was all said and done, the great effort fell just short, and the championship game was lost to Woodcrest in a heartbreaking 9-round shootout. While the loss was tough, the team showed great character in getting to that point and truly played like champions.

While we will miss those who have completed their run in Warrior soccer, we still look forward to great things ahead!  
—Coach Jared Page



**MACS Tournament All-Tourney Team:**  
Micah Morrell  
J.J. Webster

**MACS All-Conference 1st Team:**  
Nate Kinniburgh  
Micah Morrell

**MACS All-Conference 2nd Team:**  
David Groulx  
J.J. Webster

**Honorable Mention:**  
Stanley Lockett

**Varsity Soccer Team Captains: (L to R)**  
Nate Kinniburgh,  
Micah Morrell,  
J.J. Webster and  
Jason French





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we were up against the ropes and it was a tight match for the rest of the way. Thankfully we pulled it out! Then we had to face Rosemount in the finals. Unfortunately, they got the best of us, but we did at least put up a good fight and take them to 4 games. We came away with a very well

earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place in our MACS conference tournament! I'm very proud of my team and the effort they put in.

Thank you, players, for your dedication this year and for pushing so hard to get better! Thank you, parents, for your dedication to Christian education and athletics!

—Coach Beth Webster (Webbie)

### JV Boys Soccer

This year, The JV team played a limited schedule and finished with a record of 2-2. However, the games they did have were great experience for them. The 9th–11th graders were also included on the Varsity roster and subbed in for the Varsity starters in various games. Several 8th graders form The JH team were able to fill out the JV team in our JV only games, including games against Woodcrest, Rosemount, Chisago and Metro United. The team played in the Rosemount Jamboree as well.



JV Soccer Team

The JV Boys also had a unique opportunity to help out another team at the FBBC Tournament. Christian Learning Center from Fort Scott, Kansas, had a scheduling conflict and was not able to bring a full team. Our JV guys pitched in and helped them play their scheduled games in the FBBC tournament. That was a great chance to get more playing time and experience. We look forward to next year and to these players continuing in our Warrior Soccer program! —AF

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### JH Boys Soccer

The Junior High soccer season was effective at teaching us how to overcome difficulty. The season started with a difficult injury to one of our eighth graders, and it ended without any wins; however, the boys worked hard, and we saw improvement in every one of the boys. This level of soccer is much more about preparation than winning trophies, and we were able to develop some important basic skills that will provide a strong foundation for the future. There is a great future for Fourth Baptist soccer. This group of junior higher boys are young and inexperienced now, but have some great potential to be a really good team as they mature.



Junior High Gr. 6-8 Soccer Team

Thanks to the boys for their hard work and to Erik Fredericksen for his tremendous help as assistant coach.

—Coach Rory Martin



*JV Volleyball Team*



**JH Volleyball Team BLUE**

Thank you for the opportunity to work with your girls this season! We had a good year with a lot of growth and of course some frustrating moments. The girls ended the season with 11 wins and 6 losses. They improved on the different skills needed to play good volleyball. We really focused on getting three hits as much as possible (sometimes we fell into what the girls refer to as popcorn but I think we saw improvement in our passing and setting through the year). They played probably their best game to win the consolation game against 3<sup>rd</sup> seed Epiphany. The girls really came together as a team hustling and communicating well on the court. In that last game, we saw some great volleyball as everyone worked hard to pull off the win in three close games! What a great conclusion to the year and I can't wait to see what they will continue to accomplish in volleyball and in life. —Coach Beth Hank



*JH Volleyball Team WHITE*

**JV Volleyball Team**

What an amazing group of Junior Varsity players we have at Fourth Baptist! This year, the girls were able to come away from their season undefeated. It was fun to watch each girl make different improvements in their volleyball game. Some had not played much volleyball previously, and so it was exciting to see the improvement in serving, passing, and setting over the course of the season. Lydia Rieschl, Kayla Stephens, and Anna Morrell were our team's setters this season. All three came into the season without having done much setting before and it was exciting to watch them grow into their positions. All three are developing as leaders on the court. Gabriela Mendoza, Juliana Mendoza, Dana Frederickson, and Kaylee Carlson played as our middle hitters and grew in their ability to block at the net and hit the ball down hard. We were able to accomplish much because of their hitting. Julia Tkach, Amanda Hartzell, Trinity Gorian and Kaylee Hoffman played outside hitters and really worked hard in their passing and hitting. Over the season, all of them made great strides in their abilities both at the net and in the back row. Finally, Emily Combs and Lydia Morrell played as our back row specialists and really improved in their positioning and passing this year. We could not have won without their amazing passes. The future of Fourth Baptist Christian School volleyball looks bright! Thank you parents and players for a great season! —Coach Lydia Hodak



*JH Volleyball Team BLUE*

**JH Team White**

It was a great season as this volleyball team worked hard together, gained new skills, cheered for their teammates' successes, and encouraged each other when struggling. We were undefeated during our conference regular season and brought home 2nd place in the NSPSL Tournament. There were multiple games that we began with a large deficit but kept digging in and turned around for a victory. The girls showed great team work and determination throughout the season. Congratulations on your successful season, girls.—Coach Kathryn Combs (Coach Kat)



K4 class



K5 class



1st grade class



2nd grade class

# Elementary Heritage Day 2017

Every year, the elementary students have the opportunity to learn a little bit about a character or symbol from American history and dress up to give a short presentation for Heritage Day. We encourage the students to memorize their little speech and deliver it with poise. This is great practice for our young students! Of course, their favorite part is dressing up like their character or symbol. We appreciate the parents' help in that area! Students are judged on their chosen character, creativity, content and delivery/poise. The 6th grade class does something different ... they prepare a short PowerPoint story ahead of time about a historical character, narrated by the student, and those "digital stories" are shown in between the class costume presentations. This year's costume presentation winners are as follows:

K4 Class:

- 1st—Trey Johnson
- 2nd—Ella Berger
- 3rd—Sofia Lipinskiy

2nd Grade:

- 1st—Rebeka Damyan
- 2nd—Lukyn Williams
- 3rd—Isabella Carl

K5 Class:

- 1st—Madelynn Jahnke
- 2nd—Ezekiel Leanger
- 3rd—Jacob Demchenko

3rd Grade:

- 1st—Josiah Combs
- 2nd—Nikita Lipinskiy
- 3rd—(tie) Mark Manoila & Adelaisa Pullis

1st Grade:

- 1st—Alexandra Lipinskiy
- 2nd—Dima Brutskiy
- 3rd—(tie) Clara Morrell & Preston Smetak

4th Grade:

- 1st—Hannah Reis
- 2nd—Anastasia Lipinskiy
- 3rd—Lilly Williams

5th Grade:

- 1st—Carmela Pullis
- 2nd—Tony Eppers
- 3rd—Noah Lease



3rd grade class



4th grade class



5th grade class

## FBCS Welcomes New Teachers!

### Emma Anderson

MA, Maranatha Baptist University  
 BS, Maranatha Baptist University  
 Teaching Experience – 2 years  
**Miss Anderson teaches:**  
 Spanish 1&2, 10 Geography,  
 8 World Studies, 10 English/  
 Literature



### Jody Faithfull

BS, Pillsbury Baptist Bible College  
 Teaching Experience – 5 years.  
 Jody is also an FBCS Alumnus.  
**Mrs. Faithfull teaches** 3rd grade,  
 and has two children in our  
 school.



### Kris Gustafson

BS, Bethel University  
 Teaching Experience – 4 years  
**Mrs. Gustafson teaches**  
 4th grade, and has two children  
 in our school.



### Heather Pesola

BS, Idaho State University  
 Teaching Experience – 5 years  
**Mrs. Pesola teaches:**  
 7-8 Keyboarding, 9 Health,  
 12 Speech, 11-12 English/  
 Literature, and also helps with  
 ESL



### Hannah Seest

M.Ed., Maranatha Baptist University  
 BS, Maranatha Baptist University  
 Teaching Experience – 1 year  
**Ms. Seest teaches** our K4 class,  
 and is Mrs. Deb Leith's niece.



## Wedding Congratulations!

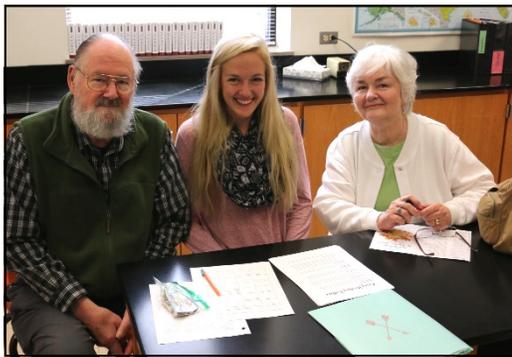
*FBCS first grade  
 teacher Miss Amy  
 Dekkers was united in  
 marriage to  
 Mr. Ivan Pickard in a  
 beautiful ceremony on  
 July 29, 2017 at  
 Fourth Baptist Church.*



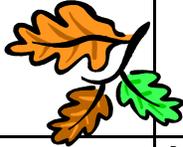
*We congratulate newlyweds  
 Mrs. & Mrs. Ivan Pickard!*

## Grandparents' & Parents' Day 2017 Draws a HUGE crowd!

Our building was packed on Friday, October 20th for our annual Grandparents' and Parents' Day! With the new influx of students, we welcomed many new faces to our campus for the very first time. The grandparents and parents were treated to a special time of morning coffee and refreshments, then they visited classrooms and enjoyed a program prepared by all of our students, grades K4—12. The special program was presented to a packed audience in the auditorium. It's always cute to see the little ones reciting their poems and songs. The sixth grade skit about their grandparents has become something to look forward to, and it drew many laughs as the students reenacted memories they have had with their grandparents. The elementary choir sang "It's in My Desk," a funny musical number about all of the random items that "might" be found in a student's desk. Our elementary, junior high and senior high bands and choirs showcased our music program, sharing what they've been learning and practicing this year. It was a very enjoyable day for all! We appreciate all of the work by our teachers! We can't wait until next year! - Alison French



FIRST QUARTER 2017-18	"A" HONOR ROLL	A AVERAGE	B AVERAGE
First  	Vita Belokon Rilyn Faithfull Lincoln Johnson Alexandra Lipinskiy Preston Smetak Anna Yarmakovich	Dima Brutskiy Jill Cook Grace Juetten Jeremiah Komonash Allison Leanger Carson Payne Marie Reis	Henry Baranyuk Mark Damyán Hannah Grosser Nathan Kauffman Rebekah Landin Rosalee Lesnau Clara Morrell
Second	Isabella Carl Anne Cooley Anna Damyán Christian Hoffman Michaela Keim Christian Kolwinska Timothy Petrashov Lauren Stephens	Ella Burlak Rebekah Damyán Emma Overcash Lukyn Williams	Peyton Grosser
Third	Gretchen Campbell Josiah Combs John Goshgarian Nikita Lipinskiy Joseph Litkey Gracyn Lopez Westley Malone Adelaisa Pullis	Ethan Coulson Savannah Martin Caleb Reis Asher Zderchuk	Njomai Gorre Ndiaye Dominick Grosser Jacob Payne
Fourth	McKenzie Johnson Anastasia Lipinskiy Easton Martin Tava McLeish Megan Page J. Jaidyn Rennie Lillian Williams	Anja Brombacher Boston Faithfull Benjamin Jahnke Ethan Markgraf Hannah Reis Tyler Stephens Josiah Tollerud	Gregory Carl Matthew Gorian  
Fifth	Cole Chenoweth Molly Cook Jamie Hoese Jonathan Kolacz Carmela Pullis	Gavin Berger Nevaeh Carlson Noah Lease Sophia Morrell Jude Olson Nelly Petrashov Joseph Sundberg Daniel Yarmakovich	Markus Baranyuk Antonio Eppers Cody Mercado Emma Payne Joshua Reis Allison Tkach Sydney Weisser
Sixth	Josiah Brombacher Nathan French Mark Goshgarian Melissa Kauffman Shaun Larson Sophia Pullis S. Gresyn Rennie Clara Rieschl Johannah Rieschl	Jacob Combs Reece Martin Evelina Sayko Alyssa Stephens	Emily Chuprin Logan Dunn Greta Gustafson Matthew Herrick Henry Litkey Carsten Markgraf Isaiah Roman Elise Sandness Cherubim Toby

FIRST QUARTER 2017-18	"A" HONOR ROLL	A AVERAGE	B AVERAGE
Seventh	Adriel Ng	Suzanna Kotelevska Karina Mendoza Abbie Page Caleb Tollerud Evelyn Williams	Esther Chepurnaya Eddie Feng A.J. Radloff
Eighth 	Isaac Brombacher Jasmine Cole Emily Combs Stephen French Evelyn Goshgarian Isabel Guillen Ruvim Korovin Tyler Martin Gabriela Mendoza Anna Morrell James Webster	Kathryn Kauffman Lucy Litkey David Yarmakovich	Conner Chenoweth Jocelyn Devanesan Samuel Roman Kayla Stephens
Ninth	Kaylee Hoffman Zachary Mace Lydia Rieschl	Kaylee Carlson Jonathan Grosser Madelyn Hodak Caleb Lambrecht Isabelle Lease 	Trinity Gorian Jordan Larson David Migalyuk Sophie Muhr Zachary Robinson Julia Tkach Emma Tollerud
Tenth	Aaron French Caleb Page Micah Weckert	Isaac Grosser Juliana Mendoza Lydia Morrell Joshua Van Luyk	Nathan Brennan Yuanxin Winston Chen Dana Fredericksen Amanda Hartzell Breanna Leith Abigail Roman Joelle Webster
Eleventh	Zixi Elaine Feng Abigail Kolacz	Nicholas Carlson Mark Cooley Joel Larson Claire Peterson Morgan Stephens	Wanlu Summer Feng Natalie Goblirsch David Groulx Philip Peal
Twelfth 	Hannah Berscheid Jason French Madelyn Lease Carissa Leith Katriel Ng Daniel Peal Jessica Wang	Benjamin Koestner Jason J. Webster Zuxing John Pan	Jonathan Tomsche Boersheng Justin Xiao