FOURTH BAPTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL WARRIORS

ALUMNI VIP NEWSLETTER

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Dear VIP:

The school year is very busy right now. Our current enrollment is 204 students and we have added a few children in our K4 the past few weeks. We are still having inquiries and tours, not as many, but several, so we are asking the Lord to bring us five to ten more students. We appreciate your prayers on our behalf.

Our new staff is doing a wonderful job. We hired a new K4 teacher (Mrs. Rose Davis), 6th grade (Miss Julie Farrell), and upper level Science/English (Mrs. Kristen Mulnix). We also hired a new elementary music position (Miss Annelies Harmon). We are very pleased with the performance of our new teachers.

This past week, we hosted Grandparents' Day and had about 100 grandparents attend. It was a wonderful day with each of our elementary classes preparing something special for those attending. Grandparents were treated to a nice continental breakfast, classroom observations, a special program in the auditorium which also included selections by the senior high band, junior high choir and senior high choirs, and lunch with their grandchild. This is one of the most important days of the year from a public relations standpoint. I was very pleased that our grandparents left with a smile on their face because they had a wonderful day at their grandchild's school.

Less than a block away from our school used to stand a strip mall that housed some shops and a restaurant. For a number of years, the mall stood empty and became the eye sore of the area. It was finally torn down two years ago and in its place is a beautiful retirement center named The Waters of Plymouth. Currently at about 30% capacity, the Waters has partnered with our church and school, and our ministry is providing a significant amount of program activities for their residents. Once per month, the school is taking a class or a group of children to put on a short program there. Yesterday, our K4 class walked over to the Waters and sang songs, gave out art work, and took some treats to the awaiting residents. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students of all ages to reach out to someone literally right at our back door. Our church is also offering a biweekly knitting night, a music hour once per month, weekly Golden Agers programs, and a Sunday afternoon church service. The Waters also provides interested residents a van ride over to our facility for any of our programs throughout the year. We are excited about all the opportunities we will have, as a school, to minister Christ to these folks.

Next week is our fall state soccer and volleyball tournament and both varsity teams will go in with very high seeding. Both teams have had very good seasons so far and have a great opportunity to compete for the Christian school state title. There will be twelve teams competing for volleyball and eight for soccer. The fall tourney will be hosted at First Baptist of Rosemount next week, October 24-26. Go Warriors!

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Please praise the Lord with us for the following:

- A great spirit in our school
- New staff transitioning well and doing a great job
- God continues to be faithful to meet our needs
- God continues to put a hedge of protection around our school. We have upgraded our security and
 invested in a buzz-entry and video system. Folks coming on campus during the school day cannot enter
 without being allowed entry from our office staff.

Please pray for the following:

- Five to ten new students in the coming weeks
- Safety in travel and competition for our student-athletes
- Seniors are making college choices for next year
- Continued work required for accreditation. We did receive our five-year accreditation in June and are currently working on our School Improvement Plan due in a few weeks.

Thanks for your prayers on our behalf.

The Year-End giving campaign will soon begin for the Karen Burns Scholarship drive. The need is greater this year than ever before and we would ask that you pray about what part you can play in helping us this year. We will be sending out information in early November. The Alumni and Friends Event, this year, is scheduled for June 28, 2014. This is so that we can include folks who cannot make it during the winter months. We hope you can mark this down on your calendar and be a part of a fun event.

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God bless and thanks again for your support.

Sincerely in Christ,

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