

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.

The Grace of God's Past, Present, and Future Work *by Mr. Alan J. Hodak*

"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works." Titus 2:11-13

There is a famous hymn that most of you know entitled, "Amazing Grace." The first line of the first verse says, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me." The name of the man who wrote that hymn was John Newton and he described himself as a wretch. A wretch is a deplorably unfortunate and unhappy person of despicable or base character. One writer defined the word wretch as

"wrecked people who need a roadmap." This is how the hymn writer described himself before he was saved.

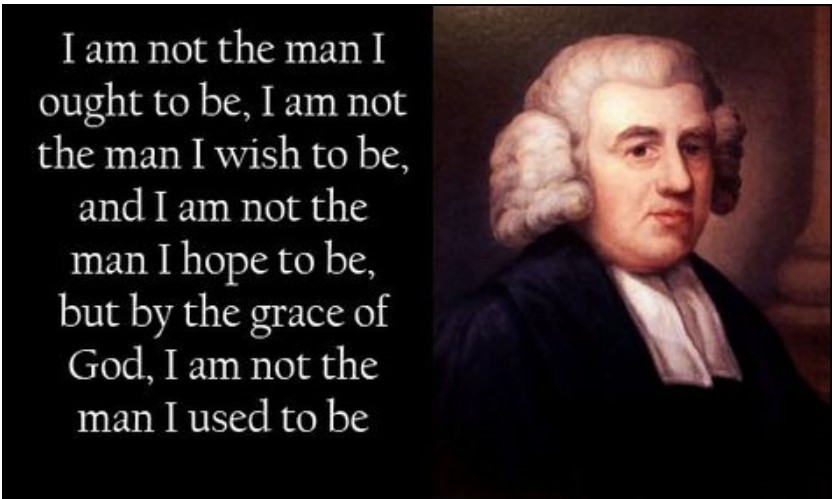
A captain of a large merchant ship left the coast of the Carolinas to sail across the ocean to a different continent. The captain wiped his brow as he cursed the heat, mosquitos, and humidity of the colonies, but he sailed on to the western coast of Africa with an empty ship because after his arrival, cargo would be loaded there, a cargo of slaves purchased from the slave auction. There was big money in slave trading in this day, for a slave in the early 1700's could bring a price of between \$160-\$180 per head. And the captain would fill his ship with as many slaves as he could for the long voyage back to the colonies. If the ship made it safely and most of the slaves lived to be sold, the captain and the crew could be handsomely paid for their work. If a large number of the slaves didn't survive the voyage, money was lost. But it was a business to these men, and it took three weeks to get to the West Indies alone and probably another week or so to get back to the Carolinas. Captain Newton would sail multiple voyages as his father had done and come back richer and richer still with each successful voyage.

Newton was born in 1725. His mother died at age 7 and his father took him to sea with him at age 11. By 1748, Newton was sailing on the "Greyhound" when the ship was overcome by a storm at sea. The storm compromised the ship and the crew worked all night to save the ship. Fellow sailors, who worked alongside of Newton, attempted to pump the water out of the hull of the ship, were swept away as they worked feverishly to save their lives and their ship. But the unbelieving, God-doubting, and cursing Newton prayed a simple prayer in desperation, "Lord, have mercy!!!" And Newton survived that all-night ordeal.

Arriving to shore exhausted, Newton spent three weeks on land. He was driven to read his Bible and was compelled to study the Gospels. The Gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark,

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Luke and John helped him to understand the truth of the Word of God and believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It was during this time that Newton would write that he felt like a pursued man. "I could not rest," Newton would write, "Every time I turned around I thought someone was following hard after me." Even though he trusted in Christ alone for his salvation, his life did not change as drastically as we might have expected. He continued in the slave trading business completing three more voyages until he fell ill with continual seizures which forced him out of the sailing business. Grounded from sailing for good, he made his living as a tide surveyor at the docks of Liverpool. It was during these years that he filled his spare time studying the Bible. He became proficient in the languages of Greek, Hebrew, and Syriac, and studied theology. It was nine years after his seizures that he felt God calling him to pastor and began a 28-year journey as a pastor until his death at 81.

"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men... (v. 11)" This is the past tense work of grace, an amazing grace that Newton wrote about. It was a grace that suddenly came on the scene, a grace divinely inspired which drew a world of darkness into light. The Greek word translated "appeared," was used to describe an "epiphany," a sudden and intense realization of the truth. When the Greeks spoke of an epiphany, they referred to the breathtaking view of sunlight bursting in power over the edge of the world as the sun rose. It illuminated the entire darkened earth. And that was the grace

"Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age (v. 12)." This is the present tense work of grace. Grace actively does something and that is that it teaches us something. The Greek word for "teaching" is really our term for "training." It introduces a point and a desired outcome. And that outcome is to help us deny, or say "no" to ungodliness and worldly lusts. The big idea is that God provides grace so that we will live a life that is very different from our previous life as a result of the grace He has provided. It is not just denying that life, but disowning it. To disown is to detach completely. It says that "I will not own any problem that begins to own me" (Jeremiah, p. 172). And so we move forward with grace. We disown all that is irreverent toward God. We disown worldly lusts, those things which we pursued over the things of God. And we pursue a different kind of life, a life which demands that we live soberly, mastering our passions. We live righteously, justly and

Seniors Invited to Sing at Target Field

The Senior Class of Fourth Baptist Christian School was invited to sing *God Bless America* during the 7th inning stretch On Sunday, March 31st during the first TWINS home game stand this spring. It was a windy and chilly day, but the seniors who were able to make it out sang very well and enjoyed doing so. Fox televised the song in it's entirety (showing players and fans as well as our seniors singing) before going to commercial break. They came across loud and clear over the network.

A group of 60 seniors, parents and friends were able to attend and it was a very enjoyable time. After the seniors sang *God Bless America*, parents and siblings were invited to join in for *Take Me Out to the Ballgame*. The TWINS even won the game that day, defeating the Cleveland Indians 9-3 and making the day even more memorable. Thanks to Phil Holmquist for setting that up for us! Go TWINS!



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honorably, regarding our neighbor; and we live godly, ever remembering that grace demands that we live our lives in the presence of our Eternal God.

"Looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ... (v. 13). This is the future tense work of grace. Grace allows us a future, a hope, and a place of permanence. It causes us to want something more than this life. It helps us to see beyond what surrounds us and desires to lead others to the knowledge of Christ. It drives us because there is an end game which is eternity, a time of knowing our great God or very God and Savior, our redeemer and deliverer. The verse says it will be a glorious appearing, at His second coming. He will come in all the glory of His Deity. He will come in all the glory of His omniscience (all knowledge). He will come in all the glory of His omnipotence (all power). He will come in all His glory as our Mediator. He will come in all His glory as the Judge of the Earth. And we look for that time, that blessed hope of that epiphany, that sudden and breathtaking time in which He came the first time, He is going to come again. And we will behold His glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father full of grace and truth (John 1:14b). Verse 14 tells us that "He will fully redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works."



"When we've been there," the old captain wrote, "ten thousand years; Bright shining as the Sun; We've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we first begun."

Grace has worked! It is presently at work! And it will be at work for all of Eternity! When we realize the awesome work of God's grace, it compels us to turn to Him despite our past sin. John Newton was a slave trader – he was as cruel and as crass an individual as any. And if the grace of God can reach down and touch his life and turn it around, it can and will do the same for you and for me if we will just simply welcome that grace in. *"For it is by grace that you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God and not of works, lest any man should boast"* - Eph. 2:8-9.

Newton wrote some 300+ songs in the course of His ministry life. Some we still sing today: "Amazing Grace," "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken," "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" are but a few. Every time you hear or sing Amazing Grace, I want you remember that God's grace is always available to us, no matter where we are or what we face. God's grace is always operative, always has been, always is, and always will be.

May God's grace be upon you.

Jeremiah, David. *"Captured by Grace – No One is Beyond the Reach of a Loving God."* Integrity Publishers, Nashville, 2006.



Lady Warriors Win Back-to-Back Championship State Titles!

The Heart Attackettes – Varsity Girls' Season Summary

I have dubbed our lady Warriors the “Heart Attackettes” this year. We found ways to win, but often made it harder than it needed to be. I was glad that we had an AED machine near me at all times.

But what a joy it has been to coach this year's Warrior girls' varsity basketball team. The team had an overall record of 19-5. The team went 11-1 in conference play, won the conference title, finished third at the Faith Baptist Bible College Regional Tourney, and won the MAC'S 2019 State Title for the second year in a row!

So, why the heart attack title, you say? Well, let me tell ya'. First, our team peaked far too early, defeating everyone in the conference and defeating Immanuel Lutheran at their place by 12, in an impressive win, 31-18. We defeated North Metro (for the first time in a long time (35-25), and took Cambridge Christian to an overtime loss (44-50). All three programs are strong basketball programs and our team did well against very good competition. Despite our success, we had way too many close games late in the season. Games 19-24 showed how difficult the wins came: With losses to South Metro

(24-26) and a second meeting with Immanuel (24-25), we were in both games, but came up short. Our final four games were won and three of the four were too close: Rosemount – Win – 34-31; Owatonna – Win – 26-20; Chisago Lakes Win – 34-31. The team's average margin of victory for the season was 12 points, but the margin of defeat in our five losses was only 3.8 points.

While there were many accolades for our team this year, I will always remember our team as one of the hardest working groups I have ever coached. We defended last year's championship well and knew every team would be out to defeat us. Teams played beyond their normal level of play when they faced us and that was to be expected when we were the target. But we “presserved” and we always found a way to be successful. We harnessed two specific verses for our team this year: “In all labor there is profit...” Prov. 14:23 and “...In quietness and confidence shall be your strength.” Isa. 30:15b

Morgan, Joelle, Bre, Maddie, Dana, Lydia, Elmo, Ferroca, Emma, Gabi, Kayla, - I am so proud of you - our Warriors Championship Team – Thank you to Kaylee and Kaylee, Sophie, and Abby for your help. Also, thank you to Cara, Lydia and Webbie for all your coaching help and advice. So, ladies, are you all ready to defend our title again next year? —Coach Alan Hodak

Individual MACS Honors:**Girls Basketball:**

All-Conference First Team—
Joelle Webster, Morgan Stephens

All-Conference Honorable
Mention—Lydia Rieschl

All-Tournament Team—Morgan
Stephens, Joelle Webster (MVP)

Boys Basketball:

All-Conference Second Team—
David Groulx

All-Tournament Team—
David Groulx

**Varsity Boys' Season Summary:**

We were led by our captains David Groulx and Joel Larson to a record of 10-16 for the year. The loss of big man Nathan Brennan really changed the way that we had to play. Good contributions from underclassmen Gresyn Rennie, Jordan Larson and James Webster really helped us keep on track. Our signature win was against Lake Region in the MACS conference. We finished 4th in the MACS tournament. Our returning players will be working hard in the off season to improve their skills. We look forward to those results. —Coach Jason Webster

**JV Basketball
Season Reviews:****JV Boys:**

This season we had three emphases: 1.) Learning about hard work and disciplining oneself for the sake of others. 2.) Taking chances within our offensive system. 3.) Learning about Jesus and becoming fully devoted disciples. Overall, the boys had a good season, winning some and losing some, but were always encouraged to try. We will likely be losing several of our juniors to the Varsity team next year, so we encourage all of the boys to work hard in the off-season as we look forward to next year! —Coach Patrick Ray

**JV Girls:**

A huge shout out and thank you to the following girls who participated on the JV basketball program this year: Isabelle Lease (10th), Jocelyn Devanesan (9th), Emily Combs (9th), Jasmine Cole (9th), Alyza Dunn (9th), Kayla Stephens (9th), Chloe Emslie (9th), Anna Morrell (9th), Kristy Hanson (8th), Abbie Page (8th), and Suzanna Kotelevska (8th). As a coach, I could not have asked for a more determined or hard working group of girls. The growth I observed from last year to this year was tremendous. Last year the girls only won two games throughout the season, but this year the team ended the season with 5 wins and 7 losses. The group often played against teams with a mixture of Varsity and JV players. Despite the challenge, the girls were always competitive. Congratulations to Kayla Stephens for receiving the *Most Valuable Player Award*, Emily Combs for receiving the *Defensive Award*, and Alyza Dunn for receiving the *Coach's Award* this year. I look forward to next season! —Coach Lydia Hodak



JV Boys Basketball Team



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Basketball Wrap-up

JH Boys Team Blue: We started the season really slow this year as we lost all 3 of our December games when we had a number of players sick, injured or ineligible. When we finally had our full squad in January, we were able to play better on both ends of the court by limiting our turnovers and rebounding better. This year our focus was on playing faster but not out of control. We did this by executing a full court press which led to many steals, boxing out for the rebound and setting good picks which led to easy baskets. We finished the year with a 6-7 record and a 3rd place finish at the Junior High MACS Tournament at Rosemount! Team awards: Most Improved Award - Jacob Combs; Versatility Award - Shaun Larson; Best Offensive Player - Caleb Tollerud —Coach Paul Larson and Coach Kpormah Rennie

JH Girls Team Blue:

This was a great season of taking the next step in basketball knowledge and practice with this group of returning 7-8th graders.. They all improved daily in their skills as well as the knowledge of the game. One thing we do at our level is have a lot of fun and incorporate fun games and drills into our practices. We were able to scrimmage with the jr high boys a couple of times this year which was helpful for the girls. We were also able to experience a lot of winning this season so we were often regularly praising God when we win and how we win as well as being prepared to praise God when we lose. It was a wonderful season of fun, learning and winning!

—Coach Jeremy Stephens

MACS JH All-Tournament Awards:

Caleb Tollerud and Alyssa Stephens



JH Boys Basketball Team BLUE



JH Girls Basketball Team BLUE



JH Boys Basketball Team WHITE



JH Girls Basketball Team WHITE

JH Boys Team White: We had a Small team this year and gained lots of experience. We learned a lot as we played teams of equal playing and experience level. Defense was our strongest part of the game – which we worked hard on. Our improvement didn't show in wins and losses, but basketball became more natural for them as the season went on. The team had a lot of fun and worked hard. Our Warrior awards were as follows: Most Improved – Jack Fure; Hustle Award – Tony Eppers; Most Valuable Player – Leo Kosovan .

—Coach Marcus Wilkes

JH Girls Team White:

The 6th grade girls' basketball season got a late start this year. Since we started in January, we were just learning how to play as most of our competition was finishing out their first season! Because of that, we had a lot to learn quickly. Our team theme was to "be teachable," and the girls did a great job of that this season. Our final game was our highest scoring game at 9 points. The girls had a very short season of five games, but they learned a lot about the game of basketball and are ready to play JH basketball next season! —Coach Jojo Wilkes

Warrior Spirit Week 2019—Thwarted by the Weather

To be quite honest, we had a dud of a Spirit Week this year due to the weather! We had snow days on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday the week of Spirit Week. So, that meant we only enjoyed the dress up days on Monday and Friday, and the only team activities were held on Friday. We did choose to dress up in the team themes the following Friday, since our captains had made a good effort to prepare. Winning the team theme day was “M&M’s” Team 6—led by Micah Morrell and Aaron French. Team 2 with “Scrabble Tiles” came in second (Mark Cooley and Philip Peal); and Team 8 with “Guess Who?” (Morgan Stephens; Summer Feng and Natalie Goblirsch) came in third for team theme day.

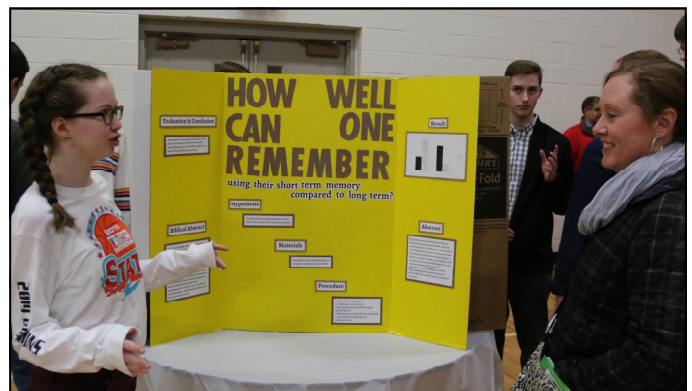
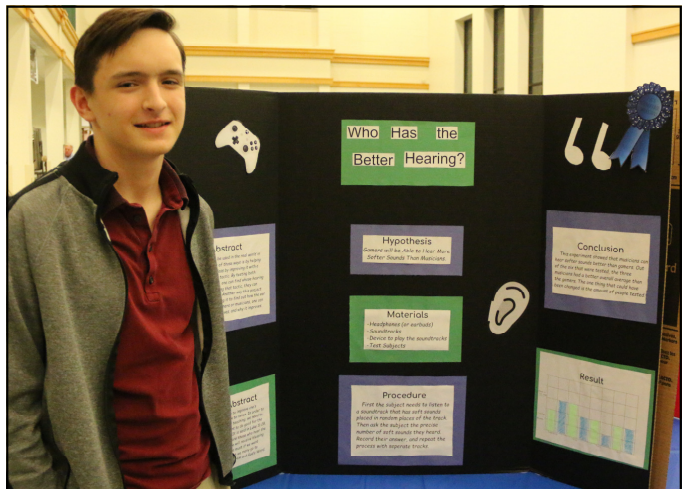
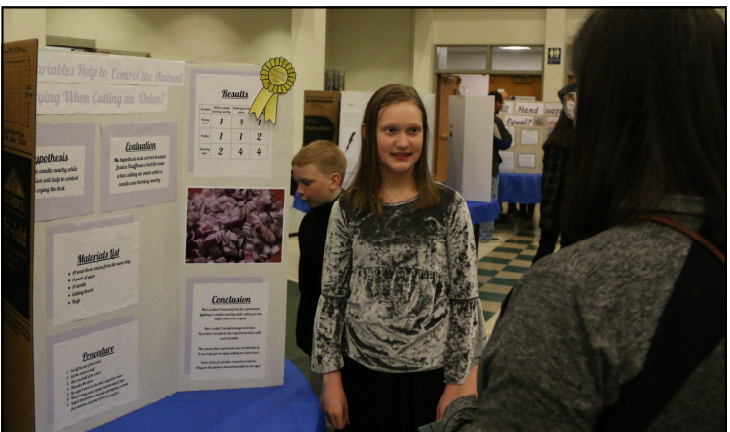
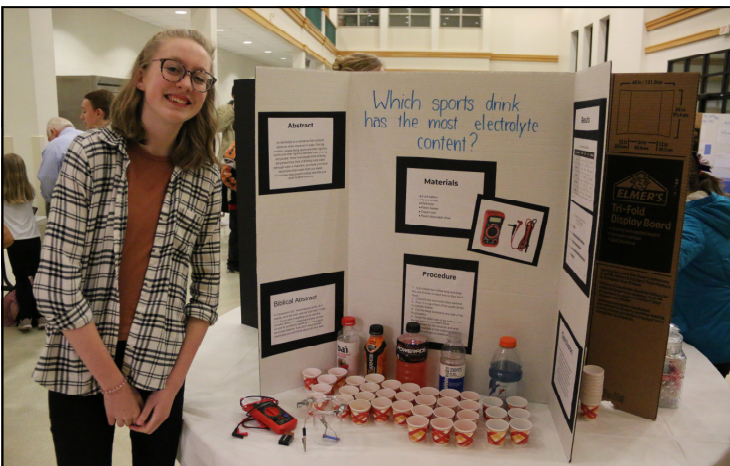
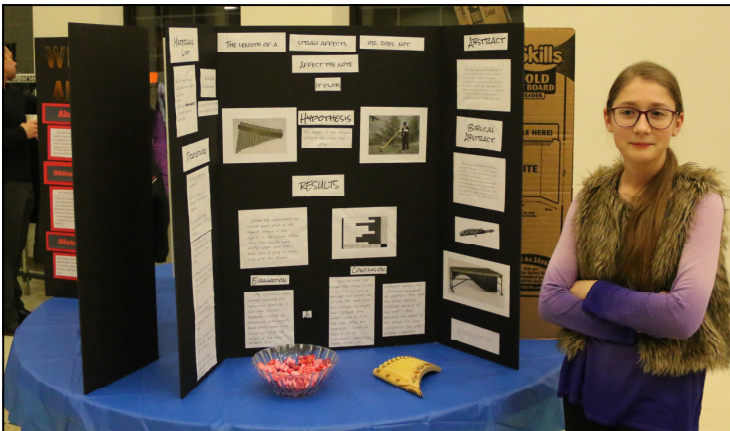
Congratulations to the overall winning team—led by Nick Carlson and Isaiah Hoffman (Team 1). Their names will be recorded on the plaque on the office wall. We are hoping for a much better week next school year. But you just never know. This is life in Minnesota.

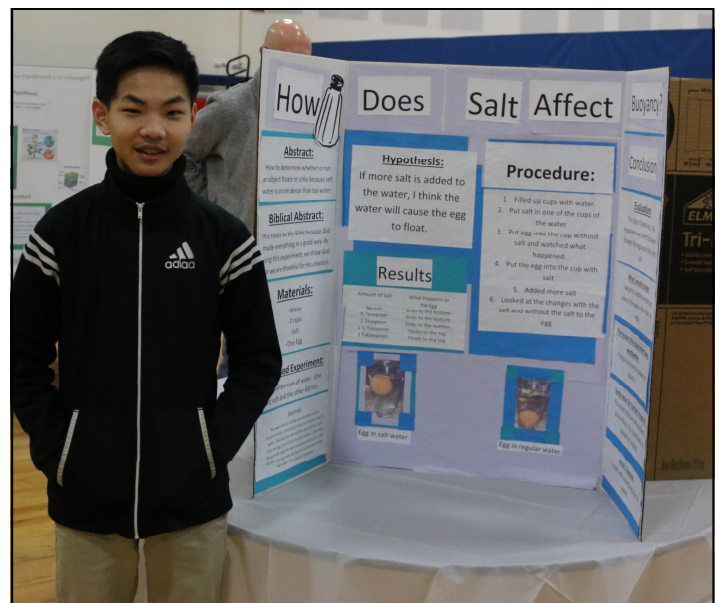
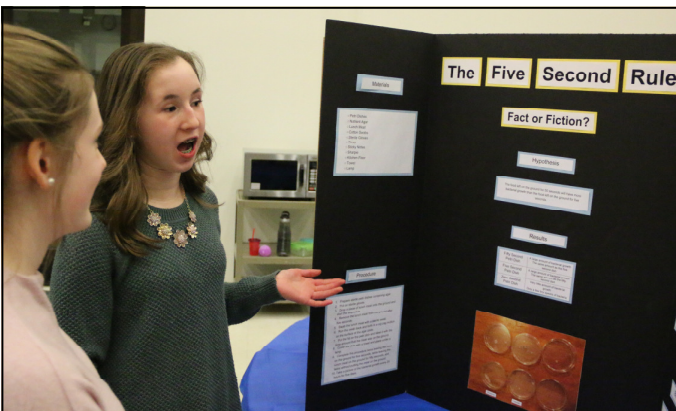
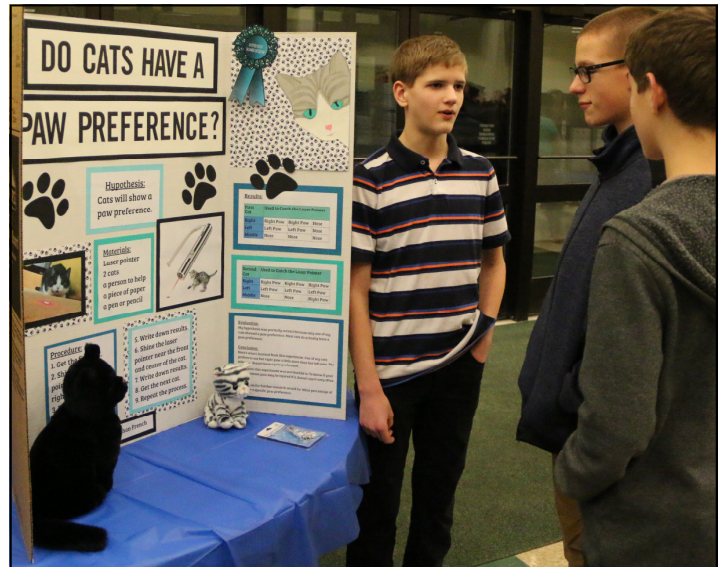
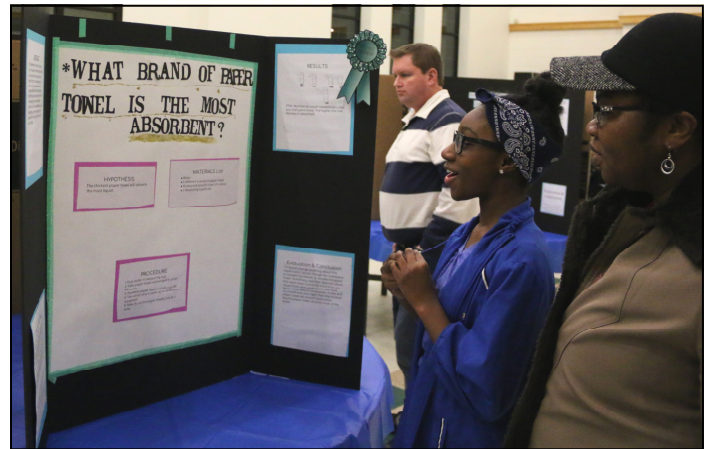
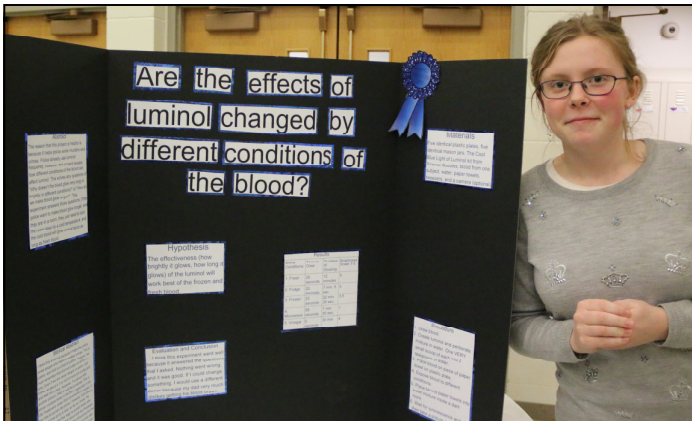
We were able to still have our Homecoming games vs. Rosemount on Friday night. We split the evening’s games with them, 3-2. Go Warriors! Also during the varsity games, we help drawings for the alumni in attendance and held a pizza and ice cream reception for them. We had a good number of alumni in attendance and are thankful for their support of Fourth Baptist Christian School!



Science Fair 2019

Every other year we rotate between holding a science fair and a history fair. Students in grades 7-10 choose a topic within the category their teacher directs, do research, write a research paper, prepare a display, and present their topic to the class in an oral presentation. Then at the History Fair, the students were able to show their hard work to all those who attended. It was neat to see the students interacting with the parents and grandparents who came to the History Fair. We had so many student displays that we had to expand into the gymnasium this year!







JH MACS FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

The eighth annual MACS Junior High Fine Arts Festival was held at First Baptist School of Rosemount on Friday, March 8, 2019.

Many hours of practice translated into a good day for our kids overall. Many achieved the highest rating (Superior). We encourage our students to try things that might seem out of their comfort zone to prepare them for future ministry opportunities.

—A. French



JH MACS FINE ARTS RESULTS:

JH students receive ratings only

JH MACS Fine Arts: Music - Vocal

Choir	Fourth JH Choir	Superior
Vocal Solo	Alyssa Stephens	Excellent
Vocal Solo	A.J. Radloff	Excellent
Vocal Small Ensemble	7th Grade Boys	Excellent
Vocal Small Ensemble	S. Kotelevska/E. Williams	Good
Vocal Small Ensemble	7th Grade Mixed Ensemble	Good
Vocal Large Ensemble	7th Grade Girls Ensemble	Excellent
Vocal Large Ensemble	8th Grade Girls Ensemble	Excellent
Vocal Large Ensemble	7th Grade Boys Ensemble	Good

JH MACS Fine Arts: Music - Instrumental

Band	Fourth JH Band	Superior
String Instrumental Solo	Adriel Ng - violin	Excellent
Woodwind Solo	Dennis Tkach - Saxophone	Superior
Woodwind Solo	Melissa Kauffman - Flute	Excellent
Sm. Instrumental Ensemble	Fourth Percussion	Superior
Sm. Instrumental Ensemble	Fourth Woodwinds 1	Excellent
Lg. Instrumental Ensemble	Fourth Woodwinds 2	Excellent
Lg. Instrumental Ensemble	Fourth Brass 1	Superior
Lg. Instrumental Ensemble	Fourth Brass 2	Excellent

JH MACS Fine Arts: Music - Piano

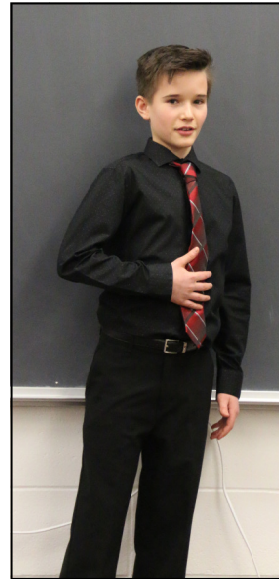
Classical Piano Solo	Clara Rieschl	Superior
Classical Piano Solo	Joy Okafo	Excellent
Piano Duet	N. French/A. Stephens	Superior
Piano Duet	A. Page/E. Williams	Excellent

JH MACS Fine Arts: Speech

Humorous Interpretation	Mark Goshgarian	Superior
Reader's Theater	8th Grade Students	Superior

JH MACS Fine Arts: Artwork

Art: Monochromatic Drawing	Sophia Engelberth	Superior
Art: Monochromatic Drawing	Adriel Ng	Excellent
Art: Polychromatic Drawing	Melissa Kauffman	Superior
Art: Polychromatic Drawing	Sophia Engelberth	Superior



Rating Scale:
21—25 Superior
16—20 Excellent
10—15 Good



3rd QUARTER 2018-19	"A" HONOR ROLL	A AVERAGE	B AVERAGE
First Grade (Sec. A)	Liesl Campbell Alexis LaVasseur Elise Pacencu Viviana Pullis	Elias Brombacher Daniella Damyan Jacob Demchenko Ezekiel Leanger Katherine Malone Alessandra Mendoza-Tamayo Pierce Ogbourne	Olivia Malone Autumn Overcash Alexander Tkach
First Grade (Sec. B)	Madelynn Jahnke Mason Kimbrough Katelyn Kolwinska Allison Kovalchuk Bryna McLeish Arima Okafo Naomi Pacencu	David Caasi Chloe Johnson Ella Petrashov Matthias Smith	Ison Eppers
Second Grade (Sec. A)	Dima Brutskiy Jill Cook Rilyn Faithfull Sarah Goshgarian Nathan Kauffman Alexandra Lipinskiy Clara Morrell Sean Okafo Tiegian Treptau Anna Yarmakovich	Henry Baranyuk Mark Damyan Hannah Grosser Marie Reis Samuel Tollerud	Nelson Mendez-Roman Ella Sayko
Second Grade (Sec. B)	Vita Belokon Lincoln Johnson Jeremiah Komonash Carson Payne Preston Smetak	Ziqian (Isaac) Gao Robert Heldman Rosalee Lesnau Gabriel Shrader	Isabelle Chuprin Rebekah Landin Allison Leanger
Third Grade	Nikita Bodnar Isaiah Caasi Isabella Carl Anne Cooley Anna Damyan Ava Fure Christian Hoffman Michaela Keim Ann Moywaywa Timothy Petrashov Lauren Stephens Lukyn Williams	Ella Burlak Christian Kolwinska	Rebeka Damyan Lily Goshgarian Peyton Grosser Emma Overcash
Fourth Grade	Josiah Combs John Goshgarian Nikita Lipinskiy Joseph Litkey Gracyn Lopez Adelaisa Pullis	Gretchen Campbell Ethan Coulson Westley Malone Mark Manoila Savannah Martin Brianna Treptau	Njomai Gorre Ndiaye Dominick Grosser Jacob Payne Caleb Reis Noah Sherfey Asher Zderchuk
Fifth Grade	McKenzie Johnson Anastasia Lipinskiy Easton Martin Tava McLeish Peter Moywaywa Charles Okafo J. Jaidyn Rennie Faith Zhao	Anja Brombacher Matthew Gorian Benjamin Jahnke Ethan Markgraf Megan Page Tyler Stephens Josiah Tollerud Lillian Williams	Gregory Carl Boston Faithfull Joseph Goshgarian Jinwen (Jane) Qin Hannah Reis Grace Zhao

3rd QUARTER 2018-19	"A" HONOR ROLL	A AVERAGE	B AVERAGE
Sixth Grade	Molly Cook Jack Fure Jamie Hoese Noah Lease Jude Olson Nelly Petrashov Carmela Pullis	Julia Bodnar Evan Harvath Lauren Knudson Jonathan Kolacz Sophia Morrell Allison Tkach Daniel Yarmakovich	Nevaeh Carlson Cole Chenoweth Lexi Owens Joseph Sundberg Sydney Weisser
Seventh Grade	Josiah Brombacher Nathan French Reece Martin Joy Okafo Sophia Pullis Clara Rieschl Johannah Rieschl	Isaac Caasi Jacob Combs Mark Goshgarian Melissa Kauffman Shaun Larson S. Gresyn Rennie Alyssa Stephens	Emily Chuprin Logan Dunn Sophia Engleberth Grace Goshgarian Greta Gustafson Matthew Herrick Henry Litkey Carsten Markgraf Isaiah Roman Elise Sandness Evelina Sayko Cherubim Toby
Eighth Grade	Karina Mendoza Adriel Ng Evelyn Williams	Suzanna Kotelevska Abbie Page Caleb Tollerud	Jemima Komonash
Ninth Grade	Emily Combs Evelyn Goshgarian Isabel Guillen Ruvim Korovin Tyler Martin Gabriela Mendoza Anna Morrell	Isaac Brombacher Samuel Caasi Jasmine Cole Stephen French Kathryn Kauffman Lucy Litkey Joseph Okafo Kayla Stephens James Webster David Yarmakovich	Roman Bodnar Jocelyn Devanesan Alyza Dunn Allison Goshgarian
Tenth Grade	Kaylee Hoffman Zachary Mace Lydia Rieschl	Kaylee Carlson Jonathan Grosser Isabelle Lease Liangyu Zeng	Trinity Gorian Johnathan Harvath Jiaqi (Iris) He Madelyn Hodak Caleb Lambrecht Jordan Larson Yinghui (Daisy) Li Sophie Muhr Levi Owens Emmalee Tollerud
Eleventh Grade	Aaron French Lydia Morrell Caleb Page	Luiz Bomfim Yuanxin (Winston) Chen Isaac Grosser Amanda Hartzell Breanna Leith Jiamiao (Lucas) Liu Juliana Mendoza Joshua Van Luyk Micah Weckert	Nathan Brennan Dana Fredericksen Benjamin Goshgarian Abigail Roman
Twelfth Grade	Nicholas Carlson Zixi (Elaine) Feng Abigail Kolacz Morgan Stephens	Wan Lu (Summer) Feng Abigail Goshgarian David Groulx Joel Larson Claire Peterson	Mark Cooley Natalie Goblirsch Micah Morrell Philip Peal