



Fourth Baptist Christian School

# Warrior Quarterly 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.*

## What Could FBCS Look Like for the Next School Year?

We are always excited to give a good report on our current school year and forecast what next year might look like. Currently, there are 301 students in our K4-grade 12 program. While this is a small increase over last year, we continue to receive inquiries for next year. Our current school enrollment leaves us little room in several grades for growth. The current tenth grade class has 27 students, eighth grade has 29 students, second grade has 26 students, and third grade has 28 students.

Middle and junior high are the grades where we receive the most inquiries. Sixth and seventh grades are in the low twenties, and we will be determining whether we should add sections to current classes for next year. This is where we need your help. Early enrollment will begin for our current students the beginning of February. Typically, if we have an 85% reenrollment, we can be confident that we will be at or above our current enrollment numbers. If we look at next year's ninth grade class, for example, if 28 reenroll, then we know we need to split the class, offer a second section, and hire a new teacher.



Because we are solely tuition based, we must have a good idea of returning numbers or we will struggle with our finances for next year. That is where we need the help of our parents to make early commitments so that we know how to plan. The earlier we start looking for teachers, the more success we have in finding good ones. We have been blessed to find good teachers in the past and should we expand our program to accommodate growth, then we need to start looking soon. We have already planned to send our assistant administrator, Mr. Andrew Broere, on a recruiting trip and he will be making contacts as our needs become solidified.

Will you please help us? When you receive those reenrollment forms, please return them with your intentions. If you are not sure due to unforeseen circumstances, please let us know. That way, we will know how to plan.

We are grateful for our families and the support you continue to show us. Thank you for your generous giving to the Staff Christmas fund. Our staff is very appreciative. We were all so blessed. We are also excited to see what God will do as we look ahead and plan for next year.

We have a great school because we have great families! Thank you for your help. - Mr. Hodak, Administrator



# FBCS Hosts the MACS SH Choir Festival

FBCS hosted the bi-annual MACS Choir Festival on Friday, November 1. Our guest conductor was Allesio Tranchell from UNWSP. 170 students from six MACS schools joined together to sing songs written by various Minnesota composers including Lloyd Larson, Stephen Paulus, Libby Larsen, and Josh Bauder (an FBCS alumnus). The FBCS Choir and Mixed Ensemble sang their own individual choir selections for the concert and an instrumental ensemble of our own FBCS students

accompanied one of the selections as well. The daily schedule consisted of approximately five hours of group rehearsals, masterclass sessions with guest artists, sectionals, snack breaks, and great meals. The evening concert was well attended and enjoyed by all. Our stage was very full! We hope it was a great day of learning and growth for each of our music students.

—Mr. Levi Kolwinska, FBCS Music Director



## Senior Class Family Fun Night!

We had a low-key Family Fun Night this year for the senior class fundraiser. As our school calendar was filling up with events and games, we opted to have the Family Fun Night in conjunction with varsity basketball games. Ten of our seniors were playing on the varsity teams!

The evening began with a taco salad or walkin' taco dinner, followed by the basketball games and contests. Elementary students enjoyed the various fun contests during the evening. Prizes such as: gift cards to coffee houses and local restaurants, concessions gift certificates, 2-liters, candy bars and more. A family movie night gift basket and a MN Gophers gift basket were also raffled off.

The night ended with the favorite "Pie-a-Senior-in-the-Face" grand event! Parents, siblings and students enjoyed the opportunity to pie a senior with a plate of whipped cream. Always great for laughs! - A. French, Senior Mom and Newsletter Editor





# HERITAGE DAY

Elementary Heritage Day this year came late as the first scheduled date before Thanksgiving ended up being a Snow Day! Our students and parents didn't want to miss out, so we rescheduled it for December 17th.

The students had great costumes and exhibited poise as they presented their short speech about their chosen character, symbol, or occupation. The Sixth grade class presented short Power Point stories that were shown in between the class costume groups.

Here are pictures of the winners from each grade. Congratulations to all!  
- A. French, Newsletter Editor

## Kindergarten:

Kate Kovalchuk—1st  
Lauren Goshgarian—2nd  
Zachary Demchenko &  
Laila Zderchuk (TIE)—3rd

## 1st Grade:

Belinda Aleckson—1st  
Sofia Lipinskiy—2nd  
Margot Levang—3rd

## 2nd Grade:

Allison Kovalchuk—1st  
Jacob Demchenko—2nd  
Madelyn Jahnke—3rd

## 3rd Grade:

Sarah Goshgarian—1st  
Clara Morrell—2nd  
Sean Okafo—3rd

## 4th Grade:

Lukyn Williams—1st  
Tim Petrashov—2nd  
Anne Cooley—3rd

## 5th Grade:

Josiah Combs—1st  
John Goshgarian—2nd  
Gracy Lopez—3rd



K5 Winners



1st Grade Winners



2nd Grade Winners



3rd Grade Winners



4th Grade Winners



5th Grade Winners



## Elementary News ...



### Chick-fil-A Hosts the First Grade Class

First grade was able to visit the Chick-fil-A in St. Louis Park to learn about running a restaurant. We learned that it takes both good food and great service to run a restaurant well. We got to see how to run a register, prepare and cook chicken, store supplies, and greet customers at the drive-thru window. The best part was when we got to make and then enjoy our very own ice cream cones!

- K. Leanger, 1st Grade Teacher



### Third Graders Explore God's Creation at the MN Zoo

The highlight of third grade science is studying animals. Students have learned how to classify animals as invertebrates and vertebrates, and they have learned about many different animal habitats around the world. After completing our unit, we visited the Minnesota Zoo and made animal posters for our book reports. Some of the highlights of our trip were visiting Discovery Bay, watching the bird show, and watching the animals enjoy the fresh snow. It was very memorable watching the stingrays eat their lunch. We also loved the burrowing owl we saw at the World of Birds show, it was just so cute! During the penguin feeding, we laughed as one of the little penguins tried to bite the pant leg of the zookeeper who was holding the fish bucket. Because of the cold weather, many of the animals were very active...with the exception of the bears—they were hibernating! It was a fun day learning more about the animals God created. —J. Faithfull, 3rd Grade Teacher





## Math at the Zoo? The Sixth and Seventh Graders Find Out All About it!

We had a great time at the MN Zoo Math Day this last quarter! It was an amazing time together on a beautiful wintry day. We also were able to make it educational with the math emphasis the MN Zoo provided for us. We figured out many math facts that Zoo workers need to know such as the following:

- the chlorine level needed for the water to best suit the animals
- how much food is needed per animal
- for endangered species—how long these animals could survive in these conditions without the aid of conservation

All in all, it was both fun and educational—which is the best combination!

- S. Fure, 6th Grade Teacher



## Creating Seasonal Art Allows Students to Explore Different Art Mediums

The fourth and fifth grades together experienced the wonder and awe of the seasons with art projects! We did two art projects this quarter. To celebrate fall, we made colorful fall leaves on a pastel background using art grade watercolors. For Christmas, we designed Christmas tree ball ornaments using bright oil pastels on a black background.

Although our art projects allow the students to explore and practice their creativity, it also exposes them to different art mediums as well as techniques such as blending, shading, using patterns, and highlighting. In addition, the projects chosen are designed so that all students feel successful regardless of their ability or their final product. It was a great opportunity to get out of the classroom, have the two grades interact, and have some fun. I was delighted to see their excitement!

— K. Gustafson, 4th Grade Teacher





## Carols of Christmas

All 300+ FBCS students joined forces to present "Carols of Christmas" to a packed auditorium of family and friends on December 6, 2019. The concert featured familiar and new carols through choir, band, chimes, and bells. Our elementary classes joyfully performed familiar carols such as "Go Tell It on the Mountain," "Good Christian Men Rejoice," and "Once in Royal David's City." Several elementary chime students performed for the first time playing the English "Sussex Carol" and "Pat-A-Pan." The bronze handbells displayed special bell techniques in "O Come, All Ye Faithful" while the gold handbells created an expressive tapestry through malleting their bells in the air in "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Several groups presented Christmas carol medleys. The junior high choir mixed "Carol of the Bells" with "We Three Kings" in an intriguing arrangement. The sixth grade band enjoyed



playing a trio of holiday songs ending in a rousing version of "Hanukkah, O Hanukkah." The senior high band invited the audience to participate in singing a medley of sacred and secular carols.

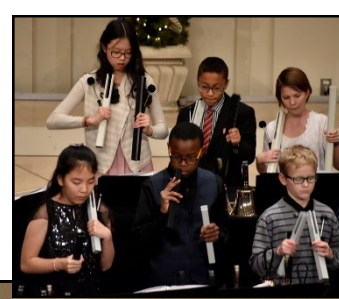
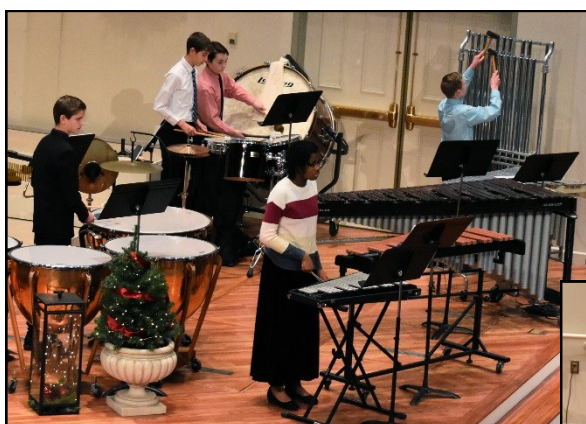
Several less familiar carols introduced new sounds to

the audience. The select mixed ensemble singers led the audience in worship with a fresh arrangement of "Angels We Have Heard on High." The platinum bells used several stopped techniques and mallet rolls to present a vivacious arrangement of the spiritual "Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow." The senior high choir introduced a Latin carol composed by Minnesota native Libby Larsen. "Novum Gaudium" challenged the choir with close harmonies, syncopation, and unique tonalities.

The concert involved several lighter moments and surprises. The fifth grade band featured each section in their version of "Jingle Bells." Our mixed ensemble followed them with an a cappella version of "Jingle Bells" replete with snowball fights, shoveling, and tree decorating! The elementary choir took the chill out of the winter air as they sang about a "Hot Cup of Cocoa" (with a marshmallow or two). Our senior high band had toes tapping to "It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas."

The concert culminated with a triumphant setting of "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" featuring the platinum handbells, with both junior and senior high choirs. Students sang the comforting truth: "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep." The evening ended with a cookie fellowship in the gym organized by Kim Morrell. We are grateful for the many volunteers who made this evening possible and for your generous support of the music program so that FBCS students can glorify their worthy God through the gift of music.

- L. Kolwinska & A. Harmon, FBCS Music Teachers









## SH Music Ministry Day

The FBCS Senior High Musicians had our Ministry Day on December 18. Our Choir, Mixed Ensemble, Platinum Bells, Gold Bells, and a variety of solos and ensembles performed at both of our concert locations. We had the amazing opportunity to sing in the MN State Capitol Rotunda in the morning. The acoustics and architecture of the building make it a very memorable place to play and sing. Students will also not soon forget the long cold walk (run) up the sidewalk and countless Capitol stairs in the freezing cold temperatures

while carrying our handbell equipment! After the Capitol concert, we made our annual visit to Costco to eat lunch and sing. Thanks to the St. Louis Park Costco for their amazing hospitality! Our next destination was Covenant Living in Golden Valley. The residents are so kind and responsive to the students' performances and we are always blessed by our interaction with them. We also enjoyed the cookies and punch they served after our concert. Thanks to the many parents and friends that came to support us at our concerts! We look forward to our Ministry Day next year!

- Mr. Kolwinska, FBCS Music Director



## Mrs. Loretta Simons with the Lord




Mrs. Loretta Simons entered the presence of her Lord on November 29, 2019. Her funeral was held Wednesday, January 8, 2020, at Fourth Baptist Church. She was 75 years old and a long-time teacher at Fourth Baptist Christian School. She taught fourth and fifth grades for a number of years and then she became our Kindergarten teacher. She loved Jesus and her students very much. Many former students and their parents remember her well for her clear teaching of the Gospel in her classroom. She led many students to saving faith in the Lord during her tenure.

This year's senior class was the last class to have her as their kindergarten teacher. She retired from teaching at the end of that school year. Those seniors (Nathan Brennan, Dana Fredericksen, Aaron French, Breanna Leith, Joshua Van Luyk and Micah Weckert) were a part of the FBCS Mixed Ensemble that sang "Hallelujah, We Shall Rise" in her honor during the service.





*An excerpt from her memorial Service program:* Loretta enjoyed people. Loretta was genuinely concerned for the salvation and spiritual growth of her students. She enjoyed teaching them Bible stories and singing hymns and choruses with them while playing the piano. She took time throughout the school year to talk to each student individually concerning their relationship to Jesus Christ. She continued teaching at the Christian School for 37 years until she retired at age 64.





SECOND QUARTER 2019-20 HONOR ROLL	"A" HONOR ROLL	A AVERAGE	B AVERAGE
<b>First</b> 	Belinda Aleckson Roman Burlak Jacob Damyan Trey Johnson Margot Levang Sofia Lipinskiy Thomas Moywaywa Elijah Rudolph Kevelle Spears	Garrett Coulson Daniel Damyan Eric Zhao	Zlata Belokon Grace Chernyak Hadassah Konz Liam Landin
<b>Second</b>	Elias Brombacher David Caasi Liesl Campbell Daniella Damyan Madelynn Jahnke Chloe Johnson Katelyn Kolwinska Allison Kovalchuk Alexis LaVasseur Ezekiel Leanger Kathrine Malone Olivia Malone Bryna McLeish Alessandra Tamayo-Mendoza Pierce Ogbourne Arima Okafo Autumn Overcash Elise Pacencu Naomi Pacencu Ella Petrashov Katherine Pinto Viviana Pullis	Jacob Demchenko Ison Eppers Martin Pagano Alexander Tkach	
<b>Third</b>	Liam Broere Rilyn Faithfull Sarah Goshgarian Robert Heldman Lincoln Johnson Nathan Kauffman Sean Okafo	Vita Belokon Dima Brutskiy Mark Damyan Isaac Gao Carmela Joplin Jeremiah Komonash Allison Leanger Alexandra Lipinskiy Clara Morrell Carson Payne Michael Pinto Gabriel Shrader Tiegna Treptau	Henry Baranyuk Isabelle Chuprin Jill Cook Hannah Grosser Rebekah Landin Rosalee Lesnau Nelson Mendez-Roman Ella Sayko
<b>Fourth</b> 	Isaiah Caasi Anna Damyan Ava Fure Christian Hoffman Ann Moywaywa Timothy Petrashov Lauren Stephens Claire Vikander	Nikita Bodnar Anne Cooley Rebeka Damyan Christian Kolwinska Lukyn Williams	Ella Burlak Lily Goshgarian Peyton Grosser Emma Overcash
<b>Fifth</b>	Gretchen Campbell Josiah Combs John Goshgarian Joseph Litkey Adelaisa Pullis	Ethan Coulson Nikita Lipinskiy Gracyn Lopez Westley Malone Mark Manoila Savannah Martin Hudson Schaeffer Brianna Treptau	Devin Dunn Jacob Payne Noah Sherfey Asher Zderchuk



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<b>Sixth</b> 	Benjamin Jahnke McKenzie Johnson Anastasia Lipinskiy Tava McLeish Peter Moywaywa J. Jaidyn Rennie Lillian Williams	Anja Brombacher Easton Martin Charles Okafo Megan Page Tyler Stephens Grant Vikander Faith Zhao	Boston Faithfull Joseph Goshgarian Brandt Johnson Isaiah Luellen Ethan Markgraf Leila Pagano Jane Qin Grace Zhao
<b>Seventh</b>	Molly Cook Jack Fure Jamie Hoese Nelly Petrashov	Cole Chenoweth Evan Harvath Lauren Knudson Jonathan Kolacz Noah Lease Carmela Pullis Allison Tkach	Julia Bodnar Nevaeh Carlson Cody Mercado Sophia Morrell Lexi Owens Emma Payne Joseph Sundberg Sydney Weisser
<b>Eighth</b>	Josiah Brombacher Isaac Caasi Jace Cheek Nathan French Mark Goshgarian Melissa Kauffman Shaun Larson Reece Martin Joy Okafo Sofia Pullis Trenton Radloff S. Gresyn Rennie Clara Rieschl Johannah Rieschl	Emily Chuprin Jacob Combs Yllana Pagano Evelina Sayko Alyssa Stephens	Lillian Broere Logan Dunn Sophia Engelberth Grace Goshgarian Matthew Herrick Carsten Markgraf Isaiah Roman 
<b>Ninth</b>	Karina Mendoza Adriel Ng	Landon Broere Suzanna Kotelevska Abbie Page Evelyn Williams	
<b>Tenth</b>	Jasmine Cole Emily Combs Stephen French Evelyn Goshgarian Isabel Guillen Tyler Martin Gabriela Mendoza Anna Morrell	Isaac Brombacher James Webster	Samuel Caasi Yuki Fan Allison Goshgarian Nathan Hutchison Lucy Litkey Joseph Okafo Kayla Stephens
<b>Eleventh</b> 	Iris He	Jonathan Grosser Kaylee Hoffman Isabelle Lease Lydia Rieschl	Kaylee Carlson Johnathan Harvath Madelyn Hodak Jordan Larson Daisy Li David Migalyuk Sophie Muhr Matthew Nyquist Joshua Weckert Liangyu Zeng
<b>Twelfth</b>	Nathan Brennan Aaron French Benjamin Goshgarian Isaac Grosser Amada Hartzell Lydia Morrell Caleb Page	Dana Fredericksen Breanna Leith Juliana Mendoza Joshua Van Luyk Joelle Webster Micah Weckert	Luiz Bomfim Tanner Landin Abigail Roman