



# Warrior Newsletter

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## Our Mission

*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.*

## Revving It Up to Fourth Gear

In my junior year of high school, I purchased a 1972 Chevy Camaro. It was gold with beautiful mag wheels. It had a spoiler on the back with a 350 engine, a four-barrel carburetor, and best of all, a four-speed manual transmission. I loved driving that car!

Christian schools can be compared to the speeds of a transmission. Some Christian schools are in first gear and remain there: Finances are very tight-sometimes payroll is not met. The staff is young and inexperienced, facilities are usually a problem, enrollment is low and it is hard to plan from year to year, and everyone has to work at extra jobs; teachers are sometimes disciplinarians, administrators are also the accountants, maintenance men, etc.

Second gear is usually better. Schools are experiencing some growth, classrooms and staff are being added, programs are improving, and teachers are staying as the school develops. The school begins to look at the process of accreditation and is preparing itself to improve to get better.

Our school shifted into third gear about nine years ago. Money was raised to complete the soccer field, equip more classrooms, update the gym, and retire the debt to the building. Staff stayed with the program and significant growth in student population occurred. We have seen our sports teams improve, our already solid music program get better and better, and we have added high school electives and other activities in recent years. The future looks bright!

So... it is time to put it into fourth gear. Alumni parents are putting their kids in the school! Parents are telling other families regularly, and the wave of people looking at

our school is wonderful! There is, however, a problem with fourth gear: *I had just turned onto 24<sup>th</sup> street in my Camaro heading north in Phoenix and had downshifted to second around the corner and eased it into third gear. In the Camaro, I could easily push the engine to 50 and a quick shift into fourth comfortably listening to the sweet purr of my engine. As I passed the policeman with the radar gun pointed at me, I had forgotten the speed limit of 35 and was caught doing 52 miles per hour. The consequence was a fine and an eight-hour driving school date I had to attend.*

Satan loves it when we shift into fourth gear. A Christian school staff can become comfortable, complacent, because things are easy! We forget about the tough days of first gear when we had to trust the Lord for our pay. We would pray, sometimes on our knees for God to provide our paychecks and He would miraculously answer and provide. We have enjoyed a season of plenty at Fourth – God has been very gracious to us.



Parent and student complacency can also become a problem in times of plenty. We don't appreciate what God has given us in our school. We complain or find fault when we should be grateful for what God has supplied.

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## Revving It Up, cont'd

FBCS, like many other Christian schools, is experiencing significant growth. The decisions we are making, and the investment of time, energy, money, and planning for the future of our school is unlike anything I have been a part of before.

So what could fourth gear look like moving forward?

- The addition of five new full-time teaching positions for the coming school year
- Another round of accreditation – a third renewal
- The addition of double sections in our elementary program
- New classroom preparations within the facility
- Possible remodel of our library
- The addition or expansion of athletics and fine arts

These investments, and others like it, will yield tremendous fruit and the return will be immeasurable in light of eternity. Could there be a fifth gear? Only the Lord knows...

And you are a big part of that investment – You are the ones



who, through your commitment to our school, through your financial stake, and through your prayers and support, keep us strong, keep us on track, and keep us moving forward. You are our advertisement and the reason so many new families are coming. Putting the machine into fourth gear is a bit scary, I have to admit, but we see the Hand of God providing our needs and bringing us new families and staff who desire to be a part of our Christian school.

It would be too easy to coast in fourth gear. I don't want that to happen. We need to press on to become a better school, a stronger school, but we cannot and will not lower our standards in any way. Should we become complacent and satisfied with coasting, we probably need to drop it back to third gear, slow down, roll up our sleeves, and work a little harder.

I believe, however, we are ready for fourth gear and we covet your prayers, help and support. We have much to do!

~ Mr. Alan J. Hodak, Administrator

{Credit given to Mr. Dan Veldman for the 4-gears illustration}



## Emily Combs Named a National Merit Finalist

We congratulate Fourth Baptist Christian School senior, Emily Combs, who has advanced to Finalist standing in the National Merit Scholarship Program of two thousand and twenty-two by demonstrating, through distinguished performance, high potential for future academic accomplishment. To be eligible for this scholarship competition, students must take the PSAT/NMSQT® in their third year of high school (grade 11, junior year).

Of the 1.5 million entrants, some 50,000 with the highest PSAT/NMSQT® Selection Index scores (calculated by doubling the sum of the Reading, Writing and Language, and Math Test scores) qualify for recognition in the National Merit Scholarship Program. In September, these high scorers are notified through their schools they have qualified as either Commended Students or Semifinalists. Students named as Semifinalists have additional requirements to fulfil, including taking the official SAT® and writing an essay, to reach the status of Finalist.



# Christmas Concerts

"O Come All Ye Faithful," the 6<sup>th</sup> grade chimes played. How appropriate! We thank the Lord for allowing us to celebrate His birth together for an in-person Christmas concert. The previous year had to be prerecorded due to Covid restrictions. Because of the enrollment increase, the elementary and secondary students offered split concert times this year. The auditorium was filled with festive family members and friends despite a heavy snowstorm.



*1st & 2nd graders*

Our 5<sup>th</sup> graders continued the elementary portion with some of their first band performances featuring each instrument group. The two 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes also performed on chimes for the first time. K4 and K5 stole hearts as they encouraged the audience to make room in their hearts for Jesus this Christmas. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders joined forces to worship the King with "Carols Sing" and "All Through the Night." The combined classes covered most of the front steps! The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades tried harmony for the first time with the Appalachian carol "Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade band kept toes tapping, and the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade elementary choir enjoyed singing together accompanied by Mrs. Fredericksen's flute. They finished the concert with a fast paced "Winter Sleigh Ride."

After a quick intermission, secondary families streamed into the auditorium to Senior High choir's "Here We Come A-Caroling." Seniors James Webster and Isabel Guillen sang solo parts for the spiritual "Come and See the Newborn King." Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze bell groups delighted the audience with their special bell techniques in familiar carols such as "Joy to the World" and other favorites such as, "Do You Hear What I Hear?" Senior Lucy Litkey accompanied her Platinum bell friends. As if the big flakes outside needed any more encouragement, the Junior High choir sang out on "Let It Snow!" The mixed ensemble created a beautiful sense of calm through a candlelit presentation of the German "Stille Nacht."



*K4 & K5 classes*



*3rd & 4th graders*



*5th Grade Band*



*6th Grade Chimes*

In contrast, they bounded down the aisles festooned with snowballs, sleds, tutus, sabers, giant presents, and tutus for a rousing rendition of "Nutcracker Jingles." The junior high band and senior high band contributed carol medleys from near and far to send the audience humming to their homes.

~ Miss Annelies Harmon



## More Christmas Concert Pictures



*Junior High Choir*



*Mixed Ensemble*



*Gold Handbells*



*Senior High Choir*



*Senior High Band*

## Meet Our New Teachers!



**Mrs. Jeanine Cheek**

I grew up in an environment that had "a form of godliness but denied its power." I attended church and went to a Christian school for 12 grades. When I was 13, my 21 year old brother, was tragically killed. I saw that dying wasn't just for old folks, so I wanted to be a nice, religious girl. At 17, I went on a summer missions trip and was required to memorize Romans 3:10-12 and Ephesians 2:8-9. The Holy Spirit used these verses to show me I was a sinner in need of a Savior. I went back to my room, confessed my sin, and asked Jesus to save me. My heart was flooded with JOY. From that point on, I knew my life was not my own and that I was to glorify Christ with my

entire being.

I met my husband, John, at a student conference in China in 1984, graduated from college with a Christian Ed./ Communications degree in spring of '85, and married 3 months later. I have 6 fabulous children (ages 33, 31, 28, 26, 24, and 15) and have 5 adorable grandkids. Jace, a sophomore at FBCS, is my youngest. By God's enabling, my husband has pastored a church in Blaine for over 20 years. The Lord has hugely blessed me in being John's wife and mothering our children. For this season of life, I am delighted to be at FBCS as a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher.



**Miss Jillian Cross**

I grew up going to church with my family, but when I was 16 years old and on a mission trip with my church's youth group, I realized that I had no idea what it was to actually be a follower of Jesus. So on that trip, I made a decision to find out - I went home, I looked at my life and how I had been living and knew it wasn't good. I joined a Bible study and in that season, I saw the salvation God offered and I knew I wanted what He had for my life. So I believed, and gave everything over to Him one day, asking Him to

change me, mold me, and lead me, and I have been "all in" as a true Christian ever since.

I love people and learning different cultures. I have been able to serve in different missions and with different organizations over the years, as opportunities arose. I have spent time in Central and South America on extended mission trips. I love the Spanish language and the different cultures, and am happy to be able to share what I've learned here at FBCS teaching Spanish!



**Mrs. Terry McLeish**

I was saved through the ministry of Fourth Baptist Church a long, long time ago, when a high school friend invited me to a youth activity and I was able to hear the gospel. The Holy Spirit began working in my heart and several months later, I received Jesus as my Savior. At Pillsbury College, I met a handsome young man named Jim McLeish, and this past August, we celebrated 50 years of marriage! God has blessed us with 5 children and 6 grandchildren (3 of whom attend FBCS).

We spent 30 wonderful years in Alexandria, MN where my husband pastored a church and also served as director of Baptists for Life. Who would have thought that after all that time the Lord would lead us back to Fourth to serve in the Golden Agers ministry for 13 years?

We retired in 2020. I guess retirement didn't quite stick because I am the new Art teacher here at FBCS. I am so very thankful to be able share my love of art with the students, and to work alongside such dedicated folks.



# MACS Speech & Bible Festival 2022

This year's MACS Speech & Bible Festival took place on February 10, 2022 at Woodcrest Baptist Academy. All of our seniors took part as a part of their speech class requirements, and a few other students also took part as well in various events. The group did very well! See results below. *(Some received placements, others received ratings only)*

- Bible Teaching—Isabel Guillen—1st place, superior rating  
Bible Teaching—Kathryn Kauffman—superior rating
- Spelling Bee—Adriel Ng—1st place; Landon Broere—3rd place
- Dramatic Interpretation—Lucy Litkey—1st place, superior rating  
Dramatic Interpretation—Gabriela Mendoza—3rd place, superior rating  
Dramatic Interpretation—Felicia Harmon—superior rating
- Declamation—Andrew Sisterson—1st place, excellent rating  
Declamation—Yuki Fan—2nd place, good rating
- Duet Acting—James Webster/Sam Roman—2nd place, superior rating  
Duet Acting—Isaac Brombacher/Jack Hoesse—3rd place, excellent rating  
Duet Acting—Chloe Emslie/Sam Caasi—excellent rating
- Extemporaneous Speech—Evie Williams—1st place, superior rating  
Extemporaneous Speech—Joy Okafo—2nd place, excellent rating
- Humorous Interpretation—Conner Chenoweth—3rd place, superior rating  
Humorous Interpretation—Anna Morrell—superior rating  
Humorous Interpretation—Kayla Stephens—excellent rating
- Oral Interpretation of Poetry—Lilly Broere—3rd place, excellent rating  
Oral Interpretation of Poetry—Stephen French—excellent rating  
Oral Interpretation of Poetry—Joseph Okafo—excellent rating
- Oral Interpretation of Scripture—Cole McQueary—2nd place, excellent rating  
Oral Interpretation of Scripture—Jocelyn Devanesan—3rd place, excellent rating
- Religious Reading—Emily Combs—2nd place, superior rating  
Religious Reading—Alyza Dunn—3rd place, excellent rating



*Adriel Ng and Landon Broere,  
Juniors*



*Evie Williams,  
Junior*

*Joy Okafo,  
Sophomore*



*Lilly Broere,  
Sophomore*



**Seniors :** Back row (L to R): Isabelle Conner Chenoweth, Jack Hoesse, Stephen French, Isaac Brombacher, Joseph Okafo, Andrew Sisterson, Cole McQueary, Samuel Caasi. Middle row: James Webster, Gabriela Mendoza, Allison Goshgarian, Lucy Litkey, Jocelyn Devanesan, Kathryn Kauffman, Kayla Stephens, Alyza Dunn, Samuel Roman. Front row: Morgen Markgraf, Anna Morrell, Chloe Emslie, Emily Combs, Isabel Guillen, Felicia Harmon, Yuki Fan.



# Warrior Spirit Week 2022

Spirit Week 2022 provided an opportunity for the school to come together. From the first dress-up contest to final results, the students thoroughly enjoyed the team atmosphere and competition.

The student body was divided into eight different teams, each led by members of the senior class. Through this, students are learning to work together, while leadership skills and team unity are encouraged throughout the week. Activities this year included coloring contests, team cheers and verses, dress-up days, a limbo contest, B-ball bowling, and more.

This year's themed dress-up days included *Get Up and Go Day (Pajama Day)*, *Sports Jersey Day*, *Be Bizarre Day*, *Book Character Day*, and the traditional *Warrior Spirit Day* to wrap up the week.

Warrior basketball brought fans together to cheer for their teams in home games against St. Stephen, Providence, Chisago, and conference rival Rosemount for homecoming night!

Spirit Week Team Champions were the Heirs (Team 3), led by Sam Caasi, Felicia Harmon, and Jack Hoese. Their names will be recorded on the plaque on the office wall.

Mrs. McQueary's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class won Dollar Wars, and more than \$450 was raised to support the Paul Harmon family, missionaries to Uruguay. Thank you to everyone who gave toward this effort! ~Mr. Andrew Broere



Pajama Day



Sports Jersey Day



2022 Limbo Champion Stephen French



Be Bizarre Day



Warrior Spirit Day!



Book Character Day



# Lady Warriors Win State Championship!



The 2021-22 season was a season of redemption for Warrior Girls Basketball. The team finished this year with a 19-2 record and a MACS State Championship trophy.

With a large number of returning players, we came out confident, going undefeated in the 2021 portion of our season. However, 2022 brought some challenges with it as we lost consecutive games to two excellent teams in January. That proved to be all the motivation this team needed to

right the ship as we finished the season in dominant fashion— first beating Rosemount on their home court, and then defeating Woodcrest for the MACS State Championship!

The six senior players will be missed next year, but we are also looking forward to what's next for the program. The strides made by the younger girls point to a promising future.

~Coach Clayton Morrison

## **Basketball Captains:**

Gabriela Mendoza, Emily Combs, Kayla Stephens, Chloe Emslie

## **MACS Basketball Honors:**

- 1st Team All-Conference: Clara Rieschl, JoJo Rieschl
- All-Conference Honorable Mention: Emily Combs, Kayla Stephens
- All-Tournament Team: Emily Combs, Clara Rieschl (MVP), JoJo Rieschl

## **Faith All-Tournament Team:**

- Clara Rieschl, Kayla Stephens



Senior Guard & Captain,  
Emily Combs



Senior Forward &  
Captain, Gabriela Mendoza



Senior Guard & Captain,  
Chloe Emslie



Senior Forward &  
Captain, Kayla Stephens



Senior Forward,



Senior Forward,  
Jocelyn Devanesan





# FBCS Warrior Varsity Boys Basketball— A Young Team with Great Promise

This season we had a very young team. We only returned two of our top six players from the year before, so we had a lot of newer players playing a lot of minutes. Even though our overall record was about 50%, the attitude of the players was very good, and they enjoyed being around each other and working hard together. We are very happy to have won the consolation championship at the MACS State Tournament.

We lose two seniors this year, James Webster (Team Captain) and Joseph Okafo, but we hope to return all of the remaining players. Combining that with a very large incoming group of freshmen, we expect a lot of competition for playing time next year. We are excited for the future of the team!! ~ *Coach Jason Webster*



## Varsity Captains:

James Webster & Shaun Larson

## MACS Basketball Honors:

- All-Conference Honorable Mention: James Webster



*Coach pumping up the starting five before the 1st game of the season.*



*Senior Forward & Captain,  
James Webster*



*Senior Guard, Joseph Okafo*



*Sophomore Guard & Captain,  
Shaun Larson*



## JH Boys Blue Basketball



## JH Boys White Basketball



It was my privilege to coach these 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys. We had a very successful season as we went 13-2 on the season. We were able to avenge our only two losses by defeating those same two teams in the parochial league tournament. One of the most memorable games was the first round tournament game vs. Maranatha where we were playing shorthanded without four of our players. We went down early 10-0, and Ethan picked up three quick fouls. We went to a five guard lineup out of desperation without even practicing it, and we were able to slowly come back to take the lead at halftime & ultimately to win by 12.

We went on to win the school's first ever championship in the NSPSL varsity league, and then we finished the season winning the school's first ever JH MACS tournament championship! We also jelled together as the season went along by having a good blend of height, shooting, dribbling and defense. We were able to play fast, but under control. We did a lot of full court pressing and pushing the ball fast up the court to get the tempo of the game in our favor and create havoc for the other teams.

Carlos, Ethan & Ben made the JH MACS all tournament team.

It was a fun team to coach. Thanks to the parents for being really supportive, to Sarah Stephens and Joe Combs for doing the book, Riley Stuckey for helping and also to the school for giving me this opportunity to coach the team! It was a GREAT GROUP of boys to coach. ~ Coach Paul Larson

The junior high boys had a long, hard-fought season of basketball. This season brought lots of new players and new opportunities for the basketball team. They worked hard to make improvements and develop the skills needed to be better players. Several players improved both their ball handling and shooting abilities. The NSPSL basketball league provided lots of tough competition against many good teams. This junior high team did great at working hard and keeping a positive spirit. We are excited to see how they grow in the future.

~Coach Aaron Jones



## MACS All-Tournament Team Players



MACS State Tournament All-Tournament Team:  
Emily Combs, JoJo Rieschl, Clara Rieschl (MVP)





# 1st Semester Elementary Field Trips

## 3rd & 4th Grades to The Works Museum

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders had a wonderful opportunity to go on their first field trip of the year—The Works Museum located in Bloomington. The Works Museum is an interactive children's museum focused on engineering and allows children to build, design, and problem solve. Our students had a special workshop where they were able to create their own "Wigglebot" powered by a battery. In addition to the workshop, each class had an opportunity to explore the many hands-on activities throughout the museum including a foam wall to build and tear down, a conveyor belt filled with foam blocks, a high-powered microscope, and a race track to race vehicles designed and built by the students themselves! ~Mrs. Colleen McQueary, 3rd grade teacher



## Fall Harvest Orchard

### K4/K5 Field Trip to the Orchard

On Friday, October 15, K4 and K5 piled on the bus and headed to Fall Harvest Orchard. We enjoyed playing in corn, learning about corn, feeding the cows, and climbing on hay bales. The highlight of the trip was the cow train that sped around a little track. -Mrs. Marissa Fredericksen, K4 teacher

### 1st & 2nd Grades Field Trip to the Orchard

On a beautiful October fall day, the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class went to the Fall Harvest Orchard in Montrose, MN. The boys and girls had a lot of fun going on the cow train, regular train, feeding the apples to the cows, playing on the hay stack, looking at little chicks, and other animals. Of course, playing in the corn grain building getting dusty was a lot of fun, too. We were taken out on a wagon pulled by a tractor to see the corn, pumpkin patches and more of the apple trees. We enjoyed eating the apples we were given. We had a sack lunch there at the orchard and enjoyed some more of the animals they had there in different pens. The second graders had a great time running around, checking things out and just having fun! -Mrs. Diane Davis, 2nd grade teacher



### K4/K5 Field Trip to the Little Theater

On Wednesday, December 1, 2021 the K4 & K5 classes boarded the bus to Sidekick Theater to attend a performance of *The Elves and the Shoemaker*. The play was an upbeat, whimsical tale about a troupe of elves who help restore a poor cobbler to prosperity by making a pair of the most fantastic and magical shoes ever seen. It was a fun morning with lots of parents in attendance to help as chaperones. We are grateful for these opportunities to go on field trips together!

-Mrs. Julie Roman, K5 teacher





## New Arrivals!



### CONGRATULATIONS!

*We congratulate Mr. Ron & Mrs. Heidi Caasi on the arrival of their new baby daughter, Anna Grace, born December 30, 2021. Baby Anna has five older brothers who were very excited for her arrival. After taking some time off for maternity leave, Mrs. Caasi has returned to her ESL teaching part time.*

*Psalm 127:3 "Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward."*

### CONGRATULATIONS!

*We congratulate Mr. Jodi & Mrs. Jody Faithfull on the arrival of their baby daughter, Mara Jane, born October 12, 2021. Baby Mara has three older siblings: a brother and two sisters. Mrs. Faithfull taught 3rd grade for us for several years, and helped us as an elementary aide for us for the first few weeks of school this year.*



## The Dallas Brass are coming to FBCS on March 18th!

The Dallas Brass Ensemble will be onsite to work with our 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade band students during the day, and will finish up the school day with a concert for our school at 1:45pm.

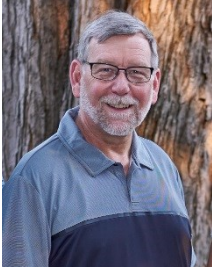
Parents & guests are invited to attend! This concert is FREE and will take place in the church auditorium. Please join us!





## With the Lord

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**Jon Charles Tuttle**, 69, passed into the presence of his Savior on Sunday, December 19, 2021, surrounded by his immediate family. Jon was born on June 19, 1952 in Spencer, Iowa, to the late Paul and Grace (Fausch) Tuttle. When Jon was nine years old, he trusted Christ to save him from the penalty of sin. Jon graduated from Albert Lea High School and from Pillsbury Baptist Bible College with a bachelor's degree in Bible and secondary education. He received his master's degree in Christian school administration from Grace Seminary.

Jon spent thirty-five years in Christian education: 1975-1981 teaching at Calvary Baptist Schools of Lansdale, PA; 1981-1998 as the principal at Calvary Baptist Christian School in Lancaster, PA; 1998-2010 as administrator of Fourth Baptist Christian School in Plymouth, MN. Jon also managed several Twin Cities area O'Reilly Auto Parts stores. Jon is survived by his wife, Cheryl (Grandia) Tuttle; daughter Lindsay (Chris) Levang; daughter Emily (Jon) Hight; daughter Meg (Jake) Flaming; and ten amazing grandchildren: Lily, Ella, Margot, Benny, Calvin, Wren, Blake, Peter, Quintin, and Charlie. Jon is also survived by his father- and mother-in-law, Ron and Dorothy Grandia; siblings Jeff (Gayle) Tuttle, Becky (Steve) Forman, Bruce (the late Natalie) Tuttle, Brian (Dawn) Tuttle, Chris (Sherri) Tuttle, Karen (Steve) Borders, Kathy (Bill) Mitchell, Ronda (the late Mike) Clements, and Tom (Connie) Grandia; and many wonderful nieces and nephews.

Mr. Tuttle will be remembered for his love for God, his love for his family, and his love for FBCS and our students. His jokes are infamous and still quoted often by all who knew him. He was a servant-leader, a true friend, and a godly mentor. Jon's memorial service was held on Wednesday, December 29 at 11:00am at Fourth Baptist Church. Memorials may be directed to the Jon C. Tuttle Scholarship Fund at Fourth Baptist Christian School. (see more below).

Mr. Tuttle's favorite scripture passages include: John 11:25-26, *"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."* Psalm 31:14-16, 24, *"But I trust in you, O Lord; I say you are my God. My times are in your hand. Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love. Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord."*

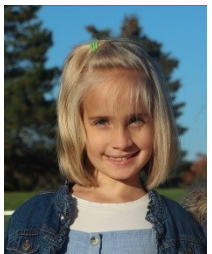
## Jon C. Tuttle Memorial Scholarship Fund

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A scholarship has been created by the Tuttle family in honor of Mr. Jon C. Tuttle, a former administrator of Fourth Baptist Christian School. The purpose of the scholarship is different than any of our other scholarships. The funds are directed to help FBCS teachers solely, with at least two years of teaching experience in order to help advance in their educational endeavors, and after five years of teaching experience to help with any tuition obligations for their children to continue to attend FBCS. In concert with the Tuttle family, school administration will consult and determine how those funds will be allocated.

## With the Lord

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**Lauren Christina Goshgarian** was born on February 3, 2014. Lauren, a second grader at Fourth Baptist Christian School had just turned 8 years old. Lauren had a brain tumor and already had one surgery a year ago. As symptoms were recurring, another surgery was being planned, but Lauren passed away suddenly at her home and entered into the arms of Jesus on February 8, 2022.












Her parents write: "She weighed 8 pounds, 11 oz. and had thick, dark hair. Our only child born with dark hair. She was part of our family of eleven with seven sisters and two brothers. She enjoyed boating and swimming and playing outside. She loved her family and school classmates and really enjoyed meeting new friends. Lauren, our precious girl, we miss you so very much. Yet we know the arms of Jesus hold you now more securely than we ever could. 2 Corinthians 5:8 assures us that it is better to be absent from the body and present with the Lord. Today, we have a new appreciation for this passage and are resting in its comfort."

Her memorial service was held at Fourth Baptist Church on February 18, 2022. The Senior High Choir sang a beautiful new song, *Light Beyond Shadow*, in her honor, and the service featured recorded tributes by the second grade class. Many of her classmates noted that she was their first and/or best friend. Following a message by Pastor Matt Morrell, the congregation sang a medley of *This Little Light of Mine* and *Jesus Loves Me* to close the service. The family requested that memorials be made to Fourth Baptist Christian School. Lauren will be greatly missed. She will be remembered for her kindness and sweetness, and her heart's desire that others should come to know Jesus as their Savior.



SECOND QUARTER 2021-22	ALL "A" HONOR ROLL	A AVERAGE	B AVERAGE
<b>First Grade</b>  	Aaron Achtor Matthew Aleckson Leyla Blazosky Blake Coulson Emma Damyan Vanessa Diaz Aria Felt Aubrey Finley Eva Jenkins Avonlea Laumann Boone Lee Elise Liu Emmaline Macalus Rhys McLeish Max Montgomery Drake Ogbourne Shirah Rouse Lucia Skurat John Strong	Isaac Leanger Calvin Levang Lincoln Loch Michael Olaru Micah Rolling Michael Totimeh Jason Ureke Shaela Zeah	Daniel Chuprin Jo'Andri Merchant Elena Sayko
<b>Second Grade</b>	Ava Blazosky Benjamin Brutskiy Brielle Faithfull Kate Kovalchuk Jaxsyn Rennie Ammiel Rylka Isaiah Shrader Robinson Smith Thomas Wheaton	Isabella Agness Janna Bystrov Dan Damyan Leah Damyan Samuel Damyan Zachary Demchenko Lauren Goshgarian Harrison Kappel Gabriel Nieson Michelle Olaru Vanessa Tkach Jace Wicklund Eden Woods Laila Zderchuk	
<b>Third Grade</b>	Ian Achtor Belinda Aleckson Roman Burlak Jacob Damyan Trey Johnson Roman Kachula Eliana Krasnopivtsev Margot Levang Sofia Lipinskiy Elijah Rudolph Viviana Skurat Reuben Totimeh	Garrett Coulson Eric Zhao	Zlata Belokon Grace Chernyak Daniel Damyan Alexavier Hanson Liam Landin Colin McCulloch Kevelle Spears Anna Strong B. Victoria Woods
<b>Fourth Grade</b>	Ashley Blazosky Elias Brombacher David Caasi Liesl Campbell Daniella Damyan Chloe Johnson Katelyn Kolwinska Allison Kovalchuk Alexis LaVasseur Bryna McLeish Pierce Ogbourne Autumn Overcash Elise Pacencu Naomi Pacencu Ella Petrashov	Madelynn Jahnke Alessandra Mendoza-Tamayo Arima Okafo Viviana Pullis Alexander Tkach	Jacob Demchenko Sofia Harmon Ezekiel Leanger Connor Miezwa Morgan Nixon Benjamin Villar
<b>Fifth Grade</b>  	Liam Broere Rilyn Faithfull Ziqian (Isaac) Gao Sarah Goshgarian Lincoln Johnson Aubrey Nieson Sean Okafo Carson Payne Tiegna Treptau	Dima Brutskiy Isabelle Chuprin Levi Damyan David Jacob Nathan Kauffman Jeremiah Komonash David Krasnopivtsev Allison Leanger Alexandra Lipinskiy Gabriel Liu Clara Morrell Aleksandr Petrashov Gabriel Shrader	Henry Baranyuk Vita Belokon Mark Damyan Rosalee Lesnau Julianna Strong



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<b>Sixth Grade</b>  	Isaiah Caasi Ava Fure Timothy Petrashov Lauren Stephens Claire Vikander	Ella Burlak Anna Damyan Rebeka Damyan	Nikita Bodnar Lily Goshgarian Christian Hoffman Christian Kolwinska Lukyn Williams
<b>Seventh Grade</b>  	Josiah Combs John Goshgarian Nikita Lipinskiy Adelaisa Pullis	Gretchen Campbell Joseph Litkey Mark Manoila	Ethan Coulson George Damyan Tyler Dewey Devin Dunn Israel Keyzer Felicity Strong Brianna Treptau Asher Zderchuk
<b>Eighth Grade</b>  	Benjamin Jahnke McKenzie Johnson Tava McLeish Charles Okafo J. Jaidyn Rennie Grant Vikander Lillian Williams	Anja Brombacher Anastasia Lipinskiy Eli Villar	Elena Arroyo Carlos Flodstrom Joseph Goshgarian Brandt Johnson Giselle Legoff Isaiah Luellen Ethan Markgraf Megan Page Jinwen (Jane) Qin Tyler Stephens 
<b>Ninth Grade</b>  	Evan Harvath Jamie Hoese Lexi Owens	Julia Bodnar Cole Chenoweth Adelynn Farish Jack Fure Jonathan Kolacz Noah Lease Sophia Morrell Nelly Petrashov Joseph Sundberg Allison Tkach	Nevaeh Carlson Nevin Maasa Cody Mercado Emma Payne Sydney Weisser  
<b>Tenth Grade</b>  	Josiah Brombacher Nathan French Melissa Kauffman Shaun Larson Sage McQueary Joy Okafo Clara Rieschl Johannah Rieschl	Emily Chuprin Jacob Combs Grace Goshgarian Mark Goshgarian Melissa Kauffman Carsten Markgraf Evelina Sayko	Lillian Broere Jace Cheek Matthew Herrick Sarah Jacob Ksenia Kachula Julia Muhr Isaiah Roman Alyssa Stephens 
<b>Eleventh Grade</b>  	Karina Mendoza Adriel Ng	Landon Broere Ha (Vivian) Bui Abbie Page Evelyn Williams	Danielle Komonash
<b>Twelfth Grade</b>  	Emily Combs Stephen French Isabel Guillen Felicia Harmon Cole McQueary Anna Morrell	Jocelyn Devanesan Alyza Dunn Kathryn Kauffman Lucy Litkey Samuel Roman Kayla Stephens	Samuel Caasi Allison Goshgarian Jack Hoese Gabriela Mendoza Joseph Okafo Andrew Sisteron