



# 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.*

## "Fare Thee Well" to Mr. and Mrs. Hodak

Mr. and Mrs. Hodak came to Fourth Baptist Christian School in July 2010. This was a time when the school was struggling financially, and enrollment for 2009-2010 was 193. Mr. Alan Hodak came with 23 years of experience as a Christian School teacher and administrator in Arizona, Michigan, and Minnesota, as well as pastoral, teaching, coaching, and business experience. Mr. Hodak began his work among us with the desire that Fourth Baptist Christian School be a school of high academic achievement and credibility while emphasizing the spiritual discipleship of our students and their parents.

Thirteen years later, we see the fruit of Mr. Hodak's labor of love at FBCS. By the end of the first year, the school finances were stabilized, and new literature books were purchased for grades 4 through 10. This financial stability has continued, and today, each classroom is equipped with up-to-date textbooks, giving teachers and students the best resources possible. He led FBCS through the accreditation process, first achieving accreditation ten years ago. FBCS students consistently perform well on annual achievement tests and the ACT, even during the COVID years. He began an ESL program and Resource Room to meet the needs of our students. He also introduced the honors program, allowing juniors and seniors to earn college credits while in high school. A key component of the honors program is Honors Bible, rigorous classes that ground students in the Word of God and provide a solid foundation for a biblical worldview. Mr. Hodak has spearheaded multiple capital improvements, including raising funds for a gym curtain, gym bleachers, a soccer field, two secured entrances, smart boards or

projectors in every classroom, an elementary Chromebook lab, five classroom sets of Chromebooks, a library remodel (beginning soon), as well as the Karen Burns Scholarship Fund (an endowment fund that will provide scholarships for students for many years to come).



Spiritual discipleship has clearly been a priority in Mr. Hodak's life. Every Tuesday morning he led the teachers in praying for their students and their parents, especially fathers--that they would be godly leaders in their homes. Each year he selected a book of the Bible to personally study, teaching through that book during morning devotions with the teachers and also teaching key lessons in secondary chapels. For many years, Mr. and Mrs. Hodak taught "Growing Kids God's Way," a parenting class grounded in Scripture. Every student, parent, and teacher that has spent any significant time with Mr. Hodak has been spiritually encouraged and challenged.

Mrs. Allyson Hodak has also faithfully served at FBCS. She taught junior high Bible for thirteen years, ran the hot lunch program for twelve years, presented a missionary story

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during Spirit Week for thirteen years, and also taught elementary chapels for many years. She demonstrated a servant's heart, with hands that were busy about the Master's work. The Hodaks were a team, committed to God's work.



Now we find ourselves saying goodbye, with sad yet grateful hearts. Mr. Hodak has served our school with distinction over these last thirteen years and has personally blessed each of us by his care for our children, our teachers, and his commitment to our families. By God's grace and because of Mr. Hodak's good leadership, FBCS is in a position of strength. God has prospered us numerically and financially; we began the 2022-2023 school year with just under 330 students. We have a strong staff and stable infrastructure; we have a great student body.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodak, we will miss you greatly, and in the words of the Apostle Paul, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you" Philippians 1:3. May the Lord richly bless you in the next stage of your journey.

*~Yearbook dedication written by Mrs. Melody Bruffey*



*Mrs. Alison French enlisted the help of all elementary classroom teachers and secondary homeroom teachers to create a memory scrapbook for the Hodaks. Each class had a 2-page spread to fill with messages from their students, and the book was completed with a picture of every class, messages from the school faculty & staff as well as the church staff, and other collage pages containing pictures from all sorts of memorable events that took place during their tenure. This gift was given at the Hodak farewell reception.*

*The Hodaks are in Arizona this summer while Allyson undergoes intensive treatment for her stage 4 cancer, which was diagnosed this spring. The diagnosis came as a shock to the Hodak family. They would appreciate your prayers for grace and strength during this time.*

*A [GoFundMe](#) page has been set up to help with medical expenses as well as a [Caring Bridge](#) site to keep friends and family updated.*

## SH Band Performs with UNWSP Symphonic Band

On Friday evening, April 28, 2023, the FBCS Senior High Band participated in a joint concert with the University of Northwestern, St. Paul Symphonic Band at UNWSP. The students did a great job and it was an awesome experience to be on stage with the Northwestern band. We extend a big thanks to University of Northwestern for inviting our band, and to their director, Dr. Cassandra Bechard for being so welcoming. *~ Mr. Levi Kolwinski*





# The Class of 2023, Small but Mighty!



Fourth Baptist Christian School's Class of 2023, with only nine members, is a unique group of talented young people. The class earned numerous scholarships (totaling well over \$210,000). Future plans of our graduates include the following majors: Supply Chain Management, Organizational Leadership, Finance Management, Mechanical Engineering, Marketing, English Education, Human Resource Management, Health Sciences, and Biblical Counseling. Of the nine graduates, six will attend Christian colleges, two will attend a secular university, and one will start out in community college.

In addition, at least two of our graduates will minor in music, one will play soccer in college, and one will go to the military for two years prior to starting his college studies. Adriel Ng and Karina Mendoza were co-valedictorians this year, as their GPA's were virtually identical.

We had a wonderful time at our recent graduation with great student participation in music and a message from Mr. Hodak, from Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:1 entitled, "Remember, Now, Your Creator!" What a joy it was to launch our students to the next phase of their lives and to see the work that God has done in the lives of these nine students. Please pray with us for God's provision, guidance, and protection for the Class of 2023.  
~ Mr. Alan J. Hodak

The Class of 2023 chose to give the proceeds from their final Chick-fil-A fundraiser as a class gift to the Hodaks to help with Mrs. Hodak's medical expenses. They presented Mr. Hodak with a giant check for \$1,600 at graduation.



Back Row L to R: Adriel Ng, Landon Broere, Xi'an (Zion) Zhang  
Middle Row L to R: Karina Mendoza, Abbie Page, Annabelle Nixon,  
Evelyn Williams.  
Front Row L to R: Danielle Komonash, Ha Ahn (Vivian) Bui



## Student Named to MN Elite Choir



Jack Fure, a sophomore at Fourth Baptist Christian School, was selected to be in the Tenor Bass Choir for the 2023-24 Minnesota Music Educators Association All-State Ensembles. Jack auditioned for this ensemble and was selected out of the hundreds of students that apply each year for All-State. In August, he will have a week of camp and a concert performance at St. John's University under the direction of renowned conductor, Dr. Marcus Simmons from Bethel University. He will also perform with the Tenor Bass Choir in February at Orchestra Hall as part of the MMEA Midwinter Music Educator's Conference. It is also worth noting that Jack placed first in the Male Vocal Solo category at the 2023 MACS SH Fine Arts Festival and is a voice student of Mr. Al Hawkins. Congratulations Jack, on this huge achievement!

~ Mr. Levi Kolwinski

## 2023 MACS SH Fine Arts Festival

It was a beautiful spring day for our SH MACS Fine Arts Festival this year. On Friday, April 14, Fourth Baptist Christian School hosted eight MACS schools with **308 total student** participants, and **190 total entries** in 35 separate fine arts categories at this year's festival, with an additional 15 academic testing categories. The purpose of our festivals is to help students further develop their talents and abilities, and to glorify God through their vocal and instrumental music, art, and academics.

We are always grateful for the judges who come and not only rate the performances, but also give helpful tips to the students so that they can reach the next level. While there were no perfect scores awarded this year, many individuals and ensembles earned over a 90.0 to receive a superior rating, and two groups for our school earned this highest scores given for the day.

The highest instrumental score of the day 98.5 was earned by the Fourth Percussion Ensemble (Josiah Brombacher, Addie Farish, Nathan French, Ben Jahnke, and Joy Okafo). The highest vocal score of the day 99.0 was achieved by the Vocal Trio of Jack Fure, Jon Kolacz, and Leo Kosovan. The highest arts & crafts score was awarded to Melissa Kauffman, who earned a 98.5 and the Best in Show award for her monochromatic drawing.

Several of our school's entries were nominated by the judges to perform during the awards assembly. This year's featured performances from our school were the vocal trio (Jon Kolacz, Jack Fure and Leo Kosovan), violin duet (Noelle Anderson and Adriel Ng), and female vocal soloist (Evie Williams) from Fourth Baptist.

You can find full festival results on the MACS website: <http://www.mnchristianschools.org/fine-arts/>

We hope many students will begin planning ahead and working on music, photography and art projects for our festival next year!

~ Mrs. Alison French



### SH MACS Fine Arts: Music - Vocal

Choir	SH Choir	2nd	Superior
Choral Group	Mixed Ensemble	1st	Superior
Large Vocal Ensemble	Fourth Mens Ensemble	1st	Superior
Large Vocal Ensemble	Fourth Ladies Ensemble	2nd	Superior
Female Vocal Solo	Evelyn Williams	1st	Superior
Female Vocal Solo	Megan Page		Superior
Female Vocal Solo	Lilly Broere		Superior
Female Vocal Solo	McKenzie Johnson		Excellent
Male Vocal Solo	Jack Fure	1st	Superior
Male Vocal Solo	Jon Kolacz	2nd	Superior
Vocal Duet	McKenzie Johnson/Evie Williams	1st	Superior
Vocal Duet	Sofia Pullis/Jack Fure	2nd	Superior
Vocal Duet	Noelle Anderson/Lilly Broere	3rd	Superior
Vocal Duet	Lexi Owens/ Mylie Wall		Good
Vocal Trio	Jack Fure/ Jon Kolacz/ Leo Kosovan	1st	Superior
Vocal Trio	Noelle Anderson/ Lilly Broere/ Joy Okafo		Excellent
Vocal Quartet	Isaac Caasi/ Jacob Combs/ Landon Broere/ Adriel Ng	1st	Superior
Vocal Quartet	Adelynn Farish/ Jack Fure/ Jon Kolacz/ Nelly Petrashov		Excellent





# SH MACS Fine Arts Festival Results (cont'd)

## SH MACS Fine Arts: Music - Instrumental

Band	SH Band	2nd	Excellent
Handbell Choir	Fourth Platinum	1st	Superior
Handbell Choir	Fourth Gold	2nd	Superior
Large Instrumental Ensemble	Fourth Brass	2nd	Superior
Large Instrumental Ensemble	Fourth Saxophones	3rd	Superior
Large Instrumental Ensemble	Fourth Woodwinds		Excellent
Percussion Ensemble	Fourth Percussion	1st	Superior
Sm. Instrumental Ensemble (violin)	Adriel Ng/Noelle Anderson	1st	Superior
String Instrumental Solo (violin)	Adriel Ng	1st	Superior
Woodwind Solo (clarinet)	Allison Tkach		Excellent

## SH MACS Fine Arts: Music - Piano

Classical Piano Solo	Landon Broere	1st	Superior
Classical Piano Solo	McKenzie Johnson	2nd	Superior
Classical Piano Solo	Sophia Morrell		Excellent
Classical Piano Solo	Nelly Petrashov		Excellent
Classical Piano Solo	Ruby Celt		Excellent
Sacred Piano Solo	Alyssa Stephens	2nd	Excellent

## SH MACS Fine Arts: Arts & Crafts, Photography

Acrylic Painting	Julia Bodnar	1st	Superior
Acrylic Painting	Anja Brombacher		Excellent
Drawing: Monochromatic	Melissa Kauffman	1st	Superior
Drawing: Monochromatic	Tava McLeish	2nd	Superior
Drawing: Monochromatic	Jamie Hoesse		Superior
Drawing: Monochromatic	Sarah Jacob		Excellent
Drawing: Monochromatic	Isaiah Roman		Excellent
Drawing: Polychromatic	Anastasia Lipinskiy	1st	Superior
Photo: Landscape/Architecture	Sofia Pullis		Excellent

## SH MACS Academic Testing:

Advanced Math	Josiah Brombacher	1st place
Algebra 2/Geometry	Jacob Combs	3rd place
Bible: New Testament	Adriel Ng	2nd place
Bible: Old Testament	Evelyn Williams	3rd place
Chemistry	Joy Okafo	1st place
English	Clara Rieschl	1st place
Music Theory	Landon Broere	1st place
Physics	Karina Mendoza	1st place
Political Sci. / Economics	Abbie Page	2nd place
U.S. History / Geography	Julia Muhr	1st place





# Transported - Elementary Spring Concert

Before the elementary spring concert, K4 and K5 family members joined our students for our “informances.” Parents packed into the elementary music room at 3 different times to see how students build a musical foundation that they will carry with them throughout their lives. Our students loved showing parents how to distinguish between high and low sounds with hands-on activities. Laughter erupted as both parents and students performed the “Heel and Toe Polka” with each other. K4 parents and children moved and sang together to a variety of music, while Mrs. Marissa Fredericksen expertly guided families through a fun and educational music class experience.

ALL ABOARD! The FBCS elementary students presented their “Transported” concert with a flurry of cars, trains, boats, jets, submarines, donkeys... you name it! Band and chimes groups kept heart rates up as they took their passengers through pirate seas and burst through the skies. One of the chimes groups even took passengers through a magnificent gate complete with individual artwork. Classics and hymns allowed the audience members to enjoy a reflective moment on their voyage. The elementary choir brought the energy with hand clapping games and a lively medley of spirituals.

Third grade’s composition project included a plethora of train whistles and instruments as they depicted four Midwest railroad companies. First grade came next igniting imaginations as giants and elves stepped around each other and a donkey showed off his fancy moves. Second grade LOVED sharing their excuse song listing the many reasons for why they were late to dinner. Ironically, it all started with a yellow bus that broke down. This was rather prophetic for senior high students who would go on their ministry trip just one week later. Next, the fourth graders demonstrated their coordination skills with a Russian folk dance depicting a 3-horse sleigh and a stick game about a Maori chief lost in battle.

Ultimately, students directed their passenger’s attention to the God who guides them through all of life’s twists and turns. He remains the faithful and steady Navigator who leads us step by step. He is the One who compels us to “stop”

and tell others about His glorious gospel. He calls us to be His “sermon in shoes,” so that others can walk life’s path with Him by their side. We know that when we ask, He will teach us His abundant way and guard our paths against the sins that so easily ensnare us. We are grateful for supportive family and friends who encourage us with their life experiences and point us to the Savior. FBCS is blessed indeed. ~ Miss Annelies Harmon





## Elementary Field Trips

**Como Zoo** was the site of the first grade spring field trip on May 5. The students' spirits were not dampened by the early morning threat of rain. Many parents joined the class which made for an especially pleasant zoo outing. The animals were all out and about which thrilled the students. A grand time was had by all! ~ *Mrs. Jeanine Cheek*

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On Thursday, May 11, the second grade classes went on a field trip to Brookview Park for a picnic and playground fun and then on to **Mill City Museum**. Our group was divided into two sections, but we all got to do the following: watch the movie: *Minneapolis in 19 Minutes Flat*, explore the galleries, play in the water lab, watch the Flour Tower show, go out on to the observation deck, and experience the baking lab. The students enjoyed riding up the eight-story high Flour Tower on an old freight elevator watching an historic film and listening to voice recordings explaining how grain becomes flour.

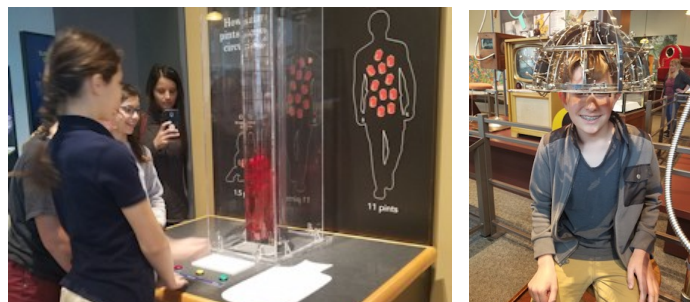
From there, we went out on the observation tower way above the river and the falls. We were able to look down into what was left of the Washburn A Mill ruins. One of the most exciting parts happened next when we went down quickly to the bottom floor in an outside glass elevator. In the baking lab, we were able to grind wheat and enjoyed a treat that had been prepared especially for us. The students enjoyed splashing in the water lab and learning how the milling machines worked. There were many displays to explore and enjoy in the gallery. One of the displays shows an old threshing machine—which stands near a table piled with food for the threshing crew—and the stove the food was made on. The students thoroughly enjoyed this field trip! ~ *Mrs. Diane Davis*

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On Monday, May 15, the fourth and fifth graders went on an exciting field trip to the **Science Museum of Minnesota**. The students were able to explore many different interactive exhibits. One fun exhibit allowed them to pretend they were giving a broadcast on TV. Several of the students enjoyed doing a scavenger hunt where they had to search for answers to tricky questions about amazing experiments and natural history. Other students enjoyed visiting the "Sportsology" exhibit where they were able to race against a simulation of a T-Rex, TC the Bear (MN Twins mascot), or one of several different professional athletes.

Still others enjoyed visiting the many different galleries, which included the human body gallery, the dinosaur and fossil gallery, and the insect and animal gallery. Before heading back to school, the students were able to watch an exciting film at the Omnitheater called *Wings over Water*, a film about the migratory habits of different species of birds. Thanks to all the parents who took the time to join us and help chaperone the students on this amazing field trip. ~ *Mrs. Deb Leith*

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On May 17, the sixth grade classes went to the **Oliver Kelley Farm**. This field trip was a part of our Minnesota History class as we explored how Oliver Kelley helped improve farming within our community along with seeing how he and his family lived back in the 1800s. We were able to use a two-man saw to try to cut through a log. Then we saw some of the farming animals that Oliver Kelley would have had on his farm when he was alive.

We were even put to work doing some of the farm chores including moving hay, brushing horses, and watering plants using buckets and pans. We then explored Oliver Kelley's home where we helped with kitchen chores, and saw the bedroom of his daughters that had some original artifacts. The highlight of our field trip was having one of the parent chaperones teach us how to make dandelion crowns that we were able to wear the rest of the day! This was an enjoyable field trip with wonderful weather for our outdoor explorations! ~ Mrs. Cheyenne Cottrell

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## Rush Creek Golf Club Hosts Jr./Sr. Banquet

We enjoyed a Junior/Senior Banquet celebrating the Class of 2023 on Saturday, May 13th. In total, 58 people gathered—including Juniors, Seniors, and Staff Chaperones—to enjoy a lovely night at Rush Creek Golf Club in Maple Grove. The Club was a beautiful facility for taking pictures and enjoying the evening together.

Nathan French opened the evening in prayer, after which the Club catered a delicious dinner for us. Mr. Mark Monroe challenged the Juniors and Seniors to consider who Christ is to them and how that affects their daily life. Mr. Andrew Broere ran a fun game of guessing which senior committed the funny act or made the funny comment as a child. Finally, three juniors, Shaun Larson, Alyssa Stephens and Sofia Pullis, gave speeches honoring our Seniors and their influence in our lives and school through the years. We enjoyed a fun night dressing up and celebrating our Seniors as they move onto the next stage of their lives. We pray that God continues to direct their lives and uphold them as they pursue Him in all they do. ~ Mrs. Beth Hank





# Senior Trip: The Wilds of NC & Gatlinburg

The senior class trip of 2023 was an exciting adventure from start to finish. Nine seniors and two sponsors met to start the trip at 2 a.m. on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Why 2 a.m.? Because the 5 a.m. flights were cheaper than spending a night in Atlanta! But boy, we paid for that early morning arrival at school. Flying to Atlanta through Chicago's Midway Airport was quiet and uneventful, and finding the rental car counter in Atlanta was three train stops away. The 3 ½ hour drive from Atlanta to The Wilds included a stop at Zaxby's, a southern chicken restaurant. Danielle found her new love – fried pickles!

We arrived at The Wilds around 5 p.m., located our cabins, unpacked, then headed for dinner, some free time, and then our first chapel. Bedtime with lights out was around 11:15 p.m. – the first time some students had slept since Saturday night!

On Tuesday, students began a more normal routine with breakfast, chapel, and *God and I* time. The chapel message was focused on the fear and failure of Elijah; despite these shortcomings, God still forgave and used him.

The evening message laid down the challenge to find one's identity in God and His Word – the only True North. The evening rounded out with a 5-on-5 soccer tournament. Fourth had two students join forces with a team from Colonial Baptist in Indianapolis. Landon and Adriel secured a second-place victory, losing in overtime. There were many other campers from schools around the country, which provided good competition during our week at Camp.

On Wednesday, we woke up bright and early to drive 2 ½ hours to go whitewater rafting. We had a beautiful, sunny day! The rafting took a little over two hours and we enjoyed the scenery





## Senior Trip (cont'd)



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down the Nantahala River in North Carolina. The water temperature hovered near 40 degrees – a mix of refreshing and bone-chilling! The evening chapel focused on God being the greatest need in your life. For the students, the message was intended to be a warning sign as well as a point of decision.

Thursday was a refreshing day with a little more free time and a volleyball tournament in the afternoon. The day began again with breakfast, chapel and *God and I* time. The speaker walked through the challenges of a godly life compared to a moral life from Romans 12:9-12. After lunch, the entire class hiked down to the zipline to soar about 500 feet over two of the waterfalls on camp property! The last chapel of the week focused on how blessed we are as Christians today. The speaker challenged the students from James 1:22-25, that the grace of God would cause the child of God to be a *doer* – God will cause us to act out our faith. The class was able to spend time afterwards together sharing favorite memories from our week as well as giving testimony of how God has worked in their lives this week.

Friday was our last day at camp, and breakfast was a little earlier this day. We said our goodbyes to new friends and camp staff members, and our group was able to bless our server Noah with \$75 as a thank you for his work this week. Our drive to Gatlinburg was through the mountains, and an obligatory stop was made for a group photo at a wayside rest stop. Lunch was on your own in Gatlinburg, and the group had almost three hours to wander the downtown area to each and shop. We



gathered to go grocery shopping before checking into our cabin for the weekend – try shopping with nine hungry teenagers! We may have gone over-budget just a little. Dinner was kabobs on the grill (imagine 60 kabobs on a four-burner grill!), and all eleven of us enjoyed sitting at the dinner table for a great evening together.

The main event on Saturday was a full-day trip to Dollywood, with roller coasters, shows, and more! The park wasn't very full, and the students were able to get to many rides quickly! We enjoyed our day and found a new love – funnel cakes! Dinner was at Macalister's Deli and the evening ended with a birthday party for Danielle, who turned 18 that night!

Sunday morning started with breakfast at a Gatlinburg staple: Flapjack's Pancake Cabin! From there, the group hiked to Laurel Falls in the Smokey Mountain National Park. This was an easy 1.3 mile hike with a beautiful waterfall at the end. The group took in the view and people watched for a bit before heading back. The students enjoyed an afternoon of free time at the cabin before our evening meal at the Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Show! Back at the cabin, the night ended with s'mores around a bonfire.

Monday morning rolled around, and we ate breakfast at the cabin before cleaning up and driving from Gatlinburg back to Atlanta to drop off our rental vans and jump on the 5:30 p.m. flight home. We were weary from a long eight days away, but we were blessed with great weather, safety, and good attitudes.

~ Mr. Andrew & Mrs. Stefanie Broere





# Varsity Girls Spring Soccer: Undefeated!



Our Varsity program continues to grow and have success, and we are excited about it! This year saw not just growth within our own team, but also within MACS as a league. For the third year in a row, we were able to have a small tournament this year on our own field, and God blessed us with beautiful weather for that Friday! After a couple years of coming in second place, we finally won the tournament at home in front of our fans.

Capping off our great season and tournament victory was the fact that we went undefeated in all of our matches. We will miss our seniors greatly and thank

them for the investment and growth they made in the program. We are excited about the level of talent coming up behind them. Thank you to Coach Morrison for finding us games and organizing our tournament this year, to Mr. Broere for refereeing our games this year, and to all the fans who came out to support us!  
~ Coach Jeremy Stephens



*Senior Abby Page*



*Senior Danielle Komonash*





# Warrior Boys Baseball Co-op Season Recap

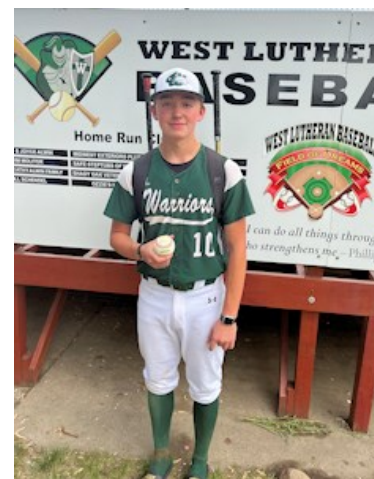


The Warriors baseball team started a new era with the co-op being reduced to two schools (Fourth Baptist and West Lutheran) as Maranatha fielded their own team this season. Despite this, the program still had 33 players split between the JV and Varsity teams.

The JV team included players John Goshgarian (Shortstop/First Base), Tyler Stephens (Catcher), and Lukyn Williams (Outfield). The team went 3-5 for the season. The offense was strong this year, with the team averaging over eight runs per game. The team was very young, and it was exciting to see these young players compete against older teams and be successful.

The Varsity team included players Shaun Larson (Pitcher/Shortstop) and John Goshgarian (1st Base). The Varsity team was also very young, with over half of the starting line-up in a typical game being eighth or ninth graders. The team finished in fifth place in conference out of seven teams with a 4-8 conference record (5-13 overall). The team earned one win in the state tournament against Mayer Lutheran before being eliminated by the #1 seed in a tough game, losing 7 to 4.

Shaun Larson was the team leader both on the mound and at the plate. He led all pitchers in innings pitched (37), earned run average (2.9), and strikeouts (60). He also led the team in batting average (.438), hits (21) and home runs (2). All-conference awards will be announced sometime in June. ~ Coach Steve Gurgel



*Shaun Larson, a junior, led the team in pitching and batting.*



*JV player Tyler Stephens playing catcher*



*Varsity juniors & seniors. Shaun Larson (#10) on the left and former FBGS student Mark Goshgarian (#25) on the right.*



*JV players  
Lukyn Williams and  
Tyler Stephens*



*JV & Varsity player  
John Goshgarian*







# JH Girls Spring Soccer Season Recap

I want to start off by saying thank you for such a rewarding and fun spring soccer season. Although it was short, I enjoyed getting to know each and every player on the JH girls soccer team. The improvements each player made from the first practice to the last game were incredible and so exciting to watch.

My favorite part of the season was praying as a team before every practice and game. Each player on this team possesses such a unique talent and it was such a blessing supporting and cheering each member on. The way these girls brought unity and support to one another was uplifting and encouraging to me. The opportunity to lead and motivate every member was such a gift. I loved being coach of this team and watching the Lord work through each and every one of us. Thank you Junior High girls for an awesome spring season!

~ Coach Hannah Martin



*JH Girls Soccer Team. Not Pictured: Lauren Stephens*

## 2023 Elementary Spelling Bee

The 2023 Spelling Bee was held Friday, April 28, in the Fourth Baptist Auditorium. Students had been practicing and preparing for over a month.



### Lower Elementary (Grades 1-3) Spelling Bee Results

Each of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades held their own spelling bee competition. The winners of each class moved on to compete in the Lower Elementary Spelling bee.

#### 1st Grade Bee Winners

1st: Adam Babcock  
2nd: Hudson Schwartzenburg  
3rd: Gage Byers

#### 2nd Grade Bee Winners

1st: John Strong  
2nd: Vanessa Diaz  
3rd: Gigi Reese

#### 3rd Grade Bee Winners

1st: Ava Blazosky  
2nd: Tommy Wheaton  
3rd: Kate Kovalchuk

The winners for the Lower Elementary Spelling Bee are all from 3rd grade, and are as follows: First—Kate Kovalchuk; Second—Tommy Wheaton; Third—Ava Blazosky.

### Upper Elementary (Grades 4-6) Spelling Bee Results

For the upper elementary students, there were no preliminary rounds beyond what was done within each class to select their participants. Six students from each grade competed together in the combined spelling bee.

The winners for the Upper Elementary Spelling Bee are as follows: First—Julianna Strong (6th grade); Second—Roman Kachula (4th grade); Third—Viviana Skurat (4th grade).



*1st—3rd Grade Winners L to R: Kate Kovalchuk (1st place), Tommy Wheaton (2nd place), Ava Blazosky (3rd place)*



*4th—6th Grade Winners L to R: Julianna Strong (1st place), Roman Kachula (2nd place), Vivi Skurat (3rd place)*



## SH Music Ministry Trip to Kansas City, MO

Our senior high musicians embarked on our much anticipated Ministry Trip from May 6-10 to Kansas City. We prepared a repertoire list of 34 songs from a variety of groups including choir, vocal ensembles, piano and vocal solos, instrumental ensembles, and handbell choirs. We performed in six different ministry venues—two churches, a Christian school, two missions, and a rehab center. We were so blessed by the people we met and the students ministered well through songs, testimonies, and interactions with audience members.

Some highlights of our trip included: fun activities at Main Event (bowling, laser tag, arcade); meeting the staff and some families at the missions and hearing their heart for ministry and burdens for those in their community; learning much about World War 1 at the museum from our amazing tour guides; the digital piano beatboxing at the beginning of our choir song; sharing our music with others and seeing how we can impact others through music and ministry.

We are grateful for our bus drivers and other

chaperones who went on the trip with us. We will never forget the bus breaking down and the adventures to find a new bus! We are also grateful to the family and friends who supported us by giving and praying! This trip helped us all to step outside of our comfort zones and we came away with a new appreciation for all that God has given to us and a realization that we all need to be content with God's plan for our lives. So many great memories were created on this trip and so many more stories could be shared.

We look forward to our next Ministry Trip in 2025!





## Secondary Spring Concert

FBCS presented our Secondary Spring Concert on May 18, 2023 as a culmination to our 2022-23 school year. Some highlights from the junior high students were *Forge of Vulcan* (JH Band), *In Glad Praise and Adoration* (a combined Bronze and Silver handbell choir and hand chime choir song), and *Take My Life and Let It Be* (JH Choir). The senior high students performed several songs from their MACS Festival and Ministry Trip repertoire. They especially enjoyed *Vallum Hadriani* (SH Band), *Escape Artist* (Percussion Ensemble), *Hosanna* (Men's Ensemble), and *The Ground* (SH Choir). The concert featured performances by some of our seniors including Landon Broere (piano), Adriel Ng (violin), and Evie Williams (vocal solo). We finished the concert with a dedication to Mr. Alan Hodak as the SH Choir sang *If You've Only Got a Moustache* – complete with moustaches and lots of fun! We are so thankful for the Hodaks and the impact they have had on our lives!

The highlight of our Spring Concert was *The Lord's Prayer* that FBCS and FBC commissioned in memory of Mr. Jon Tuttle, FBCS administrator from 1998-2010. Composer Marianne Forman collaborated with us and wrote the song for our junior high and senior high choirs to sing at the world premiere performance. We were honored to have Mrs. Cheryl Tuttle, Mrs. Lindsay Levang (daughter) and her family, Mr. Brian Tuttle (Jon's brother) and his wife, and many other family members and friends of Mr. Tuttle in-person with us and also watching the concert via livestream. We were blessed to pay tribute to the amazing life and legacy of Jon and are so thankful for his influence on FBCS!

If you were unable to attend the concert, the livestream archive is available at: <https://vimeo.com/827839755>.  
~ Mr. Levi Kolwinski







## Accreditation Update



After a three-day visit from a committee of our peers, Fourth Baptist Christian School was recommended for a five-year accreditation term with distinction to the Accreditation Commission of the American Association of Christian Schools (AACCS). The commission meets in June to approve or deny committee recommendations. We will receive notification in late June and let everyone know of the outcome. Thanks to all of our staff, parents, and students who participated in the accreditation visit in early May.

~ Mr. Alan J. Hodak

## Staff Changes for Next School Year

As this year comes to a close, it's time to acknowledge and thank our departing teachers and staff. We are so grateful for their years of service here at FBCS, and we pray God's blessings upon them for whatever He has next for their lives.

Next year will look a little different here without these familiar faces, but we ask you to continue to pray that God will send the right people to us, and continue to bless us as we strive to have a school that honors and glorifies Him.

### Good-bye and Thanks to the following:

- **Mr. Alan Hodak**—Administrator
- **Mrs. Allyson Hodak**—7-8 Bible; Elementary Chapel speaker
- **Miss Lydia Hodak**—Special Ed; Resource teacher
- **Miss Jireh Jaramillo**—Secondary Spanish teacher
- **Mr. George Jimenez**—Woodshop teacher
- **Mr. Aaron Jones**—Varsity Soccer Coach
- **Mrs. Deb Leith**—5th Grade teacher
- **Mrs. Amie Steinhart**—Home Ec. teacher
- **Mrs. Maddy Tumlin**—K5 (section 2) teacher
- **Miss Mary Wickham**—Administrative Secretary

### Taking on New Responsibilities:

- **Mr. Andrew Broere**—Administrator
- **Mr. Clayton Morrison**—International Student Liaison; PSEO Guidance Counselor



Mr. Hodak



Mrs. Hodak



Miss Hodak



Miss Jaramillo



Mr. Jimenez



Mr. Jones



Mrs. Leith



Mrs. Steinhart



Mrs. Tumlin



Miss Wickham



Mr. Broere



Mr. Morrison



# Kindergarten Graduation

Twenty-seven Kindergarten students from two sections came together on Tuesday night, May 23, 2023 to celebrate their accomplishments with over 200 family and friends.

The evening began like the start of any school day with prayer and pledges followed by calendar songs the students sing during their morning meeting each day. Much of the program highlighted Scripture memory and songs from God's Word. Two selections, *Be Ye Kind* and *Servant's Heart*, paid tribute to Ron Hamilton (Patch the Pirate) who went home to be with the Lord in April of this year. Students gave a brief look at Number Time with the song, *Skip Count* and DJ Jean-Louis recited a poem entitled, *Now That I Can Read*. Kristen Goshgarian also had a recitation at the beginning of the song, *A Gift to You*.

Mr. Broere shared a message from Ephesians 4:32 which states, "And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." The foundation for forgiveness is that we have been forgiven by God in Christ and therefore we have a responsibility to forgive others as we have been forgiven. He highlighted that truth that God forgives us graciously, freely, deeply, and repeatedly. There is no sin (past, present or future) that God will not forgive.

Following the presentation of diplomas, the proud graduates recited the poem, *Growing*, and ended in song. The evening concluded in the atrium with a time of fellowship around cake and punch.

Congratulations, Kindergartners, on a job well done. You're ready for first grade! ~Mrs. Julie Roman





FOURTH QUARTER 2022-23	All "A" HONOR ROLL	A AVERAGE	B AVERAGE
First Grade	Adam Babcock Caleb Caasi Zackary Friar Ryker Johnson Peter Levang Maxim Lipinskiy Everly Quinn Aurora Rathbun Hudson Schwartzenburg Harper Seymour Neriah Shelton	Micah Bruder Gage Byers Luke Chihak Eva Damyan Gabriela Damyan Kayda Mendoza-Tamayo Amelia Sisam Joshua Strong Anthony Zhukouski	Brecken Felt Octavian Golodneac Ophelia Kifyak Isabella Korovin
Second Grade	Matthew Aleckson Leyla Blazosky Daniel Chuprin Blake Coulson Emma Damyan Vanessa Diaz Aria Felt Aubrey Finley Zoey Jean-Louis Eva Jenkins Blessa Johnson Elise Liu Lincoln Loch Emmaline Macalus Rhys McLeish Max Montgomery Drake Ogbourne Michael Olaru Micah Rolling Lucia Skurat John Strong Michael Totimeh Shaela Zeah	Avonlea Laumann Isaac Leanger Calvin Levang Jo'Andri Merchant Jason Ureke	Elana Sayko
Third Grade	Anna Anachii Ava Blazosky Brielle Faithfull Harrison Kappel Kate Kovalchuk Michelle Olaru Joseph (Jaxsyn) Rennie Ammiel Rylka Isaiah Shrader Thomas Wheaton	Isabella Agness Jackson Byers Dan Damyan Leah Damyan Mira Nagel Gabriel Nieson Robinson Smith Vanessa Tkach Jace Wicklund Eden Woods	Benjamin Brutskiy Samuel Damyan Zachary Demchenko Roland Eppers Timothy Kifyak Laila Zderchuk
Fourth Grade	Trey Johnson Roman Kachula Eliana Krasnopivtsev Margot Levang Viviana Skurat	Belinda Aleckson Kimberly Arroyo Josiah Bruder Roman Burlak Jacob Damyan Sofia Lipinskiy Elijah Rudolph Emmanuel Scherr Anna Strong Reuben Totimeh Eric Zhao Tianci (Grace) Zhou	Zlata Belokon Grace Chernyak Garrett Coulson Daniel Damyan Liam Landin Colin McCulloch Zoey Scherr Kevelle Spears
Fifth Grade	Ashley Blazosky Elias Brombacher Daniella Damyan Chloe Johnson Katelyn Kolwinska Allison Kovalchuk Alexis LaVasseur	David Caasi Liesl Campbell Madelynn Jahnke Bryna McLeish Alessandra Mendoza-Tamayo Pierce Ogbourne Arima Okafo Elise Pacencu Naomi Pacencu Ella Petrashov Viviana Pullis	Jacob Demchenko Ison Eppers Isabella Kifyak Ezekiel Leanger Morgan Nixon Alexander Tkach Benjamin Villar



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Sixth Grade	Liam Broere Aubrey Nieson	Dima Brutskiy Isabelle Chuprin Rilyn Faithfull Ziqian (Isaac) Gao Sarah Goshgarian David Jacob Lincoln Johnson David Krasnopivtsev Alexandra Lipinskiy Clara Morrell Sean Okafo Samara Reese Alexsandr Petrashov Gabriel Shrader Tiegan Treptau	Vita Belokon Levi Damyan Mark Damyan Nathan Kauffman Jeremiah Komonash Allison Leanger Rosalee Lesnau Carson Payne Julianna Strong
Seventh Grade	Isaiah Caasi Anna Damyan Ava Fure Timothy Petrashov Sara Sousa Lauren Stephens Claire Vikander	Christian Hoffman	Nikita Bodnar Rebeka Damyan Christian Kolwinska Jizhen (Jila) Peng
Eighth Grade	Josiah Combs John Goshgarian Nikita Lipinskiy Joseph Litkey Mark Manoila	Nevaeh Kellogg Adelaisa Pullis Asher Zderchuk	Gretchen Campbell Ethan Coulson Brianna Treptau
Ninth Grade	McKenzie Johnson Tava McLeish Grant Vikander	Anja Brombacher Benjamin Jahnke Anastasia Lipinskiy Ethan Markgraf Charles Okafo Megan Page Eli Villar Lillian Williams	Elena Arroyo Joseph Goshgarian Qilun (Aaron) Huang Brandt Johnson Giselle Legoff Jinwen (Jane) Qin Tyler Stephens
Tenth Grade	Jack Fure Evan Harvath Jamie Hoese Noah Lease Nelly Petrashov	Julia Bodnar Adelynn Farish Jonathan Kolacz Cody Mercado Sophia Morrell Lexi Owens Allison Tkach	Nevaeh Carlson Antonio Eppers Leonardo Kosovan Emma Payne Sydney Weisser Xinyi Zhang
Eleventh Grade	Lillian Broere Josiah Brombacher Nathan French Melissa Kauffman Sage McQueary Joy Okafo Sofia Pullis Clara Rieschl Johannah Rieschl	Isaac Caasi Jace Cheek Jacob Combs Greta Gustafson Sarah Jacob Shaun Larson	Emily Chuprin Grace Goshgarian Matthew Herrick Carsten Markgraf Julia Muhr Isaiah Roman Alyssa Stephens
Twelfth Grade	Karina Mendoza Adriel Ng Abbie Page Evelyn Williams	Landon Broere Danielle Komonash	Ha (Vivian) Bui Anabelle Nixon Zhang, Xi'an (Zion)