



UPPER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

October 24, 2024

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

October 25 - Pep Rally (minion themed, students can dress up as Despicable Me characters)

October 25 - 50th Day of School Celebration for Seniors & Kindergarten Buddies; seniors may dress in 50's attire (then they can change into their pep rally attire)

October 29- US Preview Night for Prospective Families & Current 8th grade families

October 31- Fall Fest for US students during Community Time (10:40 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.)

November 1- No School / CPE for Faculty and Staff

November 3- Daylight Savings Time Ends; "fall forward" one hour

November 5- Election Day

November 11- Veterans Day Chapel - US gym at 10:40 a.m.

November 21- Senior Privilege lunch

November 25-29- Thanksgiving Holiday break (school closed)

Fall Fest

On Thursday, October 31 we will hold a Fall Fest for the students during an extended Community Time (10:40 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.). We will have various fall-themed games and activities in the parking lot as well as a coffee truck and Imperial Nutrition energy drinks. If you would like to volunteer to bring snacks or pumpkins for the students to decorate, please [click here to sign up!](#) Donations should be dropped off to the front desk by October 30 (unless it's a breakfast item). We appreciate your support!

Report Cards are Viewable

Students and parents should be able to view report cards with Q1 cumulative grades on Friday, October 18th, at 8:00 a.m. in MyFBCA. From a parent view, click on your child's name first, and

then look under the Performance tab. Students should be able to see the Performance tab on the top left of their home screens in Blackbaud. If you have questions about the grade on a report card, we recommend that students reach out directly to their teachers. If you cannot view the report card, it is likely that there is a hold on the account, and you should contact Janey Gurney in the Business Office at 281-263-9153. If you have general questions about how to use Blackbaud, please email Michelle Walker at mwalker@fortbendchristian.org.

Eagle Week Travel Update

All registration for trips has wrapped up for Eagle Week 2025. [Click here](#) to see the trip rosters. There are a few spaces remaining on trips if you want to register your student. Email Brittney Ford with questions or to register (bford@fortbendchristian.org).

- Austin - 4 spots remaining
- Ireland - 9 spots remaining
- Dallas - 4 spots remaining
- Oklahoma City - 4 spots remaining
- Romania - 5 spots remaining

NOTE FROM: Nathan Barber, Head of Upper School

Believe it or not, it's Admissions season again. While our enrollment is especially strong in the Upper School in all grades, we are looking for great families with outstanding kids for the 2025-26 school year. If you know a family who could be a great fit, please refer them to us. If you know a great family who you would like to get connected with immediately, I have just the opportunity for you. Next Tuesday night, October 29 at 6:30 p.m., the Upper School will be hosting Preview Night. This will be a fun, high-energy and interactive evening when prospective students and their families, along with our current 8th grade families, can experience what the Upper School is all about. If you know someone who might be interested, please direct them to Donna Tran or Lydia Mabile in the Office of Admissions. We already have a great crowd that has RSVP'd, but the more the merrier. Thanks in advance for being great ambassadors for FBCA.

Note from Jocelyn Muckelroy, Asst. Head of Upper School

I want to take a quick moment to remind everyone to familiarize yourselves with the FBCA Student and Family Handbook. It is filled with pertinent information including but not limited to prohibited items, such as pepper spray. I have included the link below.

[2024-2025 FBCA Student and Family Handbook](#)

As always, thank you for sharing your children with us as we partner in their growth.

UPPER SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD:

SENIORS! Save the Date!

PROM 2025 will be FRIDAY, APRIL 11 (confirmed date)



The graphic features a green background with a white circle on the right. On the left, a QR code is displayed within a white square, which is itself inside a black rounded rectangle with the text "SCAN ME" in white. To the right of the QR code, the text "How It Works:" is in a white box. Below this, three numbered steps are listed: 01 Download MyPass, 02 Create a Pin, and 03 Scan QR Code. At the bottom, a white rounded rectangle contains the text: "MyPass allows you to unlock US doors including the side door of the Annex with your mobile device".

Sign-Up Mobile Door Entry

How It Works:

- 01 Download MyPass**
Search Apple Store or Google Play store and download the MyPass by WaveLYNX Technologies LLC
- 02 Create a Pin**
Choose a pin number you can remember
- 03 Scan QR Code**
Complete form and share PassID found in the MyPass mobile app

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Dear Parent or Student, **ORDER BY 04/18/2025**

Yearbook Recognition Ads are the perfect way to commemorate achievements and celebrate milestones. In addition, revenues from Recognition Ads help our school create a better yearbook. [To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions listed in the link.](#)

Upper School Attendance and Absences

usattendance@fortbendchristian.org

Be sure to send emails or doctor's notes excusing absences to Mrs. Daigle within 48 hours of an absence. Parents are not required to come inside the school to check their child in/out, instead you are asked to report all attendance changes through Schoolpass found on the FBCA website, under Parent Zone

<https://www.fortbendchristian.org/parent-zone>

Food Deliveries

Food deliveries by Doordash, UberEats, or any other food delivery service are **NOT allowed**. This is for the security protection of our students and faculty. Your cooperation is appreciated in helping us to maintain security on campus.

Student Lockers: If you have an 11th or 12th grader that needs a locker, please email Mrs. Muckelroy at jmuckelroy@fortbendchristian.org.

Breakfast: Chef Benito will be offering breakfast for purchase in the Eagle Cafe from 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m every school day, beginning on the first day of school.

Updated Student Default Password Instructions

Updated Student Default Passwords: 9th grade students have a new default password. The default password for students will be Fb+Student ID # (for example, Samantha has a student ID # of 12502099 and therefore her default password is Fb12502099).

Instructions on how to obtain your child's student ID:

1. Sign in to **MyFBCA** - as a parent with your email address
2. Under Children select the student's name
3. Click on the Contact Card tab
4. Under General Information notate the Student ID #

Student ID numbers are only visible to faculty, staff, the student, and the student's parent/guardian. A student ID # should never be shared with other students at any time. Please take a moment to review this with your child to keep their account and information secure.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER:

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Fall Semester College Visitors

We are already receiving requests from top colleges like the University of Chicago, University of Miami, and more to visit our students this fall. Students can see upcoming visitors in their Scoir accounts. Students that are new to the upper school will need a Scoir account set up by the college counselors.

These are currently scheduled visits for the next month:

Fri Nov 22, 2024 Marymount Manhattan College

FAFSA Cafe - December 5

FAFSA will be fully open by 12/1 for students applying for need-based financial aid in college for Fall 2025. We will have Josephine Bautista, a financial aid counselor from St. Thomas University, on campus on December 5 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. for a FAFSA Cafe day where parents can sign up to meet with her and work through any FAFSA questions. More info to come regarding signing up for appointment slots.

Seniors - College Counseling Notes

All seniors should have started college applications at this point. Some have already finished submitting applications, while others continue to work with us closely. A couple of dates to keep on your radar are:

November 1 - The most common Early Action / Early Decision application deadline. We want to aim to have all college applications submitted before November if possible.

December 1 - FAFSA will be fully open by 12/1 and families will want to complete it quickly if applying for need-based financial aid. We will have Josephine Bautista, a financial aid counselor from St. Thomas University, on campus on December 5 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. for a FAFSA Cafe day where parents can sign up to meet with and work through any FAFSA questions. More info to come.

The timelines on college decisions vary, and while some colleges will release decisions quickly this fall, others can take as long as until March to give you an answer back. It is important that you keep us updated as you hear. Stay patient, and stay in communication with us as we process through admissions decisions and discuss the best possible fit for you among your options. We want to encourage you when disappointing news comes and celebrate with you in the exciting moments!

Juniors - College Counseling Notes

Now that we've completed our junior class meeting (thank you to the many that attended!), our next step will be sending out parent surveys during October. Once 1 parent / guardian completes the survey for a student, email either Mr. Traylor or Mr. Savoie and we will schedule a meeting for you with your assigned college counselor. We want to complete our initial family meetings with all 11th grade students in November & December before the semester ends.

Please reach out to us with any questions!

Important Upper School Contact Information

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Marti Biles, Admin Assistant to the Head of US: mbiles@fortbendchristian.org

Allyson Daigle, Upper School Front Desk Receptionist/Student Attendance:
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