



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

October 24, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES: OCTOBER

- 24 - Girls Soccer Tryouts
MS Pep Rally
Football Game vs. Western Academy @ 5:00 P. M. @ Houston Christian High School
- 28 - 30 - Boys Basketball Tryouts
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- 29 - 1st Day of Girls Basketball Practice
- 31 - Fall House Field Day
Swim Meet @ Swim Houston Aquatic Center (SHAC) 12:00 P.M.

IMPORTANT DATES: NOVEMBER

- 1 - No School - CPE Day for Staff
- 8 - Swim Meet @ Swim Houston Aquatic Center (SHAC) 5:00 P.M.
- 11 - Veterans Day Program
- 25 - 29 - Thanksgiving Break

NOTE FROM MRS. CARROLL, HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Dear Parents,

If you are able, we would love for you to join us at our Pep Rally today on the football field at 2:15 p.m. to help us send off our Football team to their game against Western Academy! We will also be honoring our Middle School Volleyball teams and our Cross Country team for all of their accomplishments this season.

We are also gearing up for our Fall Field Day next Thursday! This is such a wonderful opportunity for our students to come together as a community for some fun competition. You are welcome to join us from 9:00 - 9:30 for our Lip Sync battle if you would like and then our students will be off for an Amazing Race style of competition. Students are highly encouraged to dress in their house colors but please remind them that they will be competing so their outfits should be functional. Also, if you have been asked to donate any snacks or drinks for field day please let the front desk know that the items are for field day when you drop them off.

We are so thankful for your continued partnership in the Middle School. We would not be able to be the hands and feet of Jesus without parent support.

Blessings,

Melisa Carroll

Head of Middle School

MIDDLE SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD:

Pumpkin Decorating Contest Winners!

We are excited to announce the winners of the library's annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest! Our students showed off their creativity by turning pumpkins into amazing characters from their favorite books. We appreciate our wonderful faculty and staff for taking the time to vote!

Congratulations to our winners:

1st Place: Liv Moore - *The Little Mermaid*
2nd Place: Elaine Xi - *Keeper of the Lost Cities*

A big thank you to all the students who participated! Your pumpkins were all incredible and brought the pages of our favorite stories to life. Stay tuned for more fun activities!

Winter Sports Sign Ups

If you have any questions about upcoming Winter Sports, please refer to our Athletic Newsletter in each week's Eagle News. If you have a Middle School interested in trying out for any upcoming sports, please use the link below to access the sign up sheets and for detailed information regarding tryouts. If you have any questions regarding Middle School sports, please contact Brandon Scott, our Middle School Assistant Athletic Director, at bscott@fortbendchristian.org.

[24-25 Winter Sports Sign Ups](#)

WEEKLY HOUSE STANDINGS:

1st Place - 1,124 points

Kyma

House of Attitude

2nd Place - 772 points

Vouno

House of Motivation

3rd Place - 747 Points

Ilios

House of Nobility

4th Place - 577 Points

Vronti

House of Optimism

5th Place - 556 Points

Doxa

House of Honor

6th Place - 534 Points

Dynami

House of Courage

7th Place - 483 Points

Katharos
House of Integrity

8th Place - 423 Points

Chaliki

House of Perseverance

GENERAL MIDDLE SCHOOL INFORMATION:

External Emails

This year, as an added safety precaution, students are no longer able to receive any outside emails. This does include any emails from their parents. If you have any messages that you need to get to your student, please feel free to email or call the Middle School office and we would be happy to pass along the information!

Student Birthdays

Parents, please feel free to come decorate your student's locker on their birthday. You are welcome to come after school the day before up until 4:00 p.m. or the morning of their birthday. As a reminder, students are only able to keep their lockers decorated for the week of their birthday.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES:

Tardies

If your student is tardy to a class, they will be marked absent and then the office will change it to a tardy. The process for it to appear as a tardy and not an absence may take up to 24 hours.

REFERENCES

[Middle School Lunch Menu](#)

[Spirit Wear Store \(able to be worn on any Friday\)](#)

[24-25 Middle School Bell Schedule](#)

[Middle School Athletics Calendar](#)

[24- 25 Traditions Calendar](#)

[24 - 25 Instructional Calendar](#)

IT Parent Training Videos

[Navigating Blackbaud](#)

[Lunch Tab](#)

[School Pass](#)

[Student iPad Tutorial](#)

[SNAP Nurse's Portal](#)

School Times

School starts at 7:45 a.m. and ends at 3:05 p.m.

Middle School Drop-Off

Students may be dropped off beginning at 7:15 a.m. (If you need to drop your child off earlier, please sign them up for the Extended Care Program.) Students arriving after 7:15 a.m. will go directly to the cafeteria and will be dismissed at 7:30 a.m. to go to their lockers and then to their first period class. All students should be dropped off in the front car line area. There will be staff outside directing traffic and welcoming students.

Students are not allowed to go upstairs until 7:30 A. M.

Middle School Afternoon Pick-Up (Middle School Students only)

Students should report immediately after the 3:05 p.m. dismissal to the front of the school. Pick up will be made in one of two lines. Students with the last name beginning with the alphabet

A-M is picked up in the lane closest to the school.

N - Z is picked up outside lane between the 1st and 2nd row of parked cars

There is staff outside assisting students to their cars. Please make sure you have your car tag visible.

Middle School Afternoon Pick Up (Upper, Middle and Lower School Students)

Students of carpools that also include upper school and/or lower school students report to the area outside the front doors and wait for the lower school carpool to begin at 3:15 p.m.

Upper school carpool begins at 3:30 p.m.

Any student not picked up by 3:45 p.m. goes to the Extended Care Program and regular extended care fees are billed to the parent's account.

No middle school student is allowed to leave campus from the upper school.

Lunch

"A" lunch for 5th and 6th grade students is from 12:10 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. on regular days and 12:00 p.m. - 12:35 p.m. on Chapel days.

"B" lunch for 7th and 8th grade students is from 1:00 p.m. - 1:35 p.m. on regular days and 12:50 p.m. - 1:25 p.m. on Chapel days.

You are always welcome to come and join your child for lunch.

We do not allow DoorDash deliveries for students.

Technology

All Middle School students are issued an iPad for their school use. Students may use their own device at home; however while on campus, they will be required to use the school issued IPAD only.

5th grade students do not take IPADS home.

6th, 7th and 8th grade students are responsible for bringing their IPADS to and from home, as well as making sure they are fully charged each day.

The office will no longer issue students a loaner IPAD in the event they leave theirs at home.

MYFBCA and Student Password

MyFBCA is our online portal where parents and students can see classes and resources. Please follow the instructions below to obtain your student's password information.

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 note 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 anyone else. The default password for students will be Fb+Student ID # (for example, the student has a student ID # of 12502099, therefore the temporary password is Fb12502099).

House Shirt Orders

If you are interested in purchasing a House Shirt, please follow the link below! These are able to be worn any Friday and especially for house dress up days! Also, this year, students will receive 20 house points EVERY Friday that they choose to wear their house shirt. This is such an easy way for students to get house points and show their house spirit!

[Middle School House Shirts](#)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Please see below for reference:

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Middle School Attendance

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