



# UPPER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

October 31, 2024

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**November 1-** No School / CPE for Faculty and Staff

**November 3-** Daylight Savings Time Ends; "fall back" 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)

## 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](mailto: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

On Wednesday night of this week, the Upper School opened its doors to our current 8th grade families and prospective families who are considering FBCA for next school year. We had 75 student volunteers from the Upper school along with nearly the entire Upper School faculty and staff on hand to give these families a truly unique experience. Our guests enjoyed a choose-your-own adventure during which they could visit stations around campus that

interested them specifically. These stations included Theology, performing arts, visual arts, Student Life, science, debate, athletics and more. The vibe and energy were positive and exciting. If you know someone who might be interested, please direct them to Donna Tran or Lydia Mabile in the Office of Admissions. 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



**Sign-Up Mobile Door Entry**

**SCAN ME**

**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

MyPass allows you to unlock US doors including the side door of the Annex with your mobile device

### **Yearbook SENIOR ADS**

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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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[usattendance@fortbendchristian.org](mailto: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**  
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