



# UPPER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

November 21, 2024

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**November 21-** Senior Privilege lunch

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

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**December 5-** Poinsettia delivery day!

**December 6-** Late Start - D block starts at 9 a.m.

**December 12-** Senior Privilege lunch

**December 16-20** - Finals Week (details to come)

**December 23-January 3** - Christmas Break

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**January 6-** Faculty / Staff Work Day

**January 7-** Spring Semester begins

**January 20-** Martin Luther King holiday- no school

## Attention Senior Parents

As we look toward the second semester of senior year, we would like to start collecting photos to use for the Senior Dinner video and Graduation (this is separate from Yearbook). [Use this dropbox link](#) and upload the following pictures, labeled with your child's first and last name. You will have to create a dropbox account or login to your account to upload.

- One baby picture
- One first day of school from elementary age
- One senior year picture
- One picture of a memory/event from high school with your child

**NOTE FROM: Nathan Barber, Head of Upper School**

Parents, as we approach Thanksgiving week, I have a favor to ask. If there is a teacher, coach or staff member that has really made an impact on your child or family this week, please take a moment and extend a note of gratitude to that person. Our teachers are working hard and they're tired, as you might imagine. A kind and/or encouraging note from you would make a world of difference for them, though.

Thank you to each of you for your continued support and partnership. I am thankful for you and the role you play with us in raising all 370+ kids in the Upper School.

Have a great Thanksgiving break.

**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. 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

**Yearbook SENIOR ADS**

**COLOR AD \$400.00- Full Page / \$250.00-1/2 Page**

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.](#)

## 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

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

### 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.

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## 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. Parents can sign up for a 30 minute appointment [here](#).

### **Seniors - College Counseling Notes**

Although we are past the November 1st early action / early decision deadlines, plenty of schools will keep their applications open further into the year. We will continue working with seniors on completing additional applications as needed.

Now that the first application deadlines have passed, decisions will be rolling out gradually throughout the rest of the year. No matter what the decision is (acceptance, denial, deferral, etc.) let your college counselor know. We want to encourage you, celebrate with you, and help you through your ultimate selection process. Tracking these decisions in Scoir also helps us give the best possible advice to future students.

### **Juniors - College Counseling Notes**

Individual meetings are in full swing! We are excited to work with you, and if you have not scheduled a family appointment with Mr. Traylor or Mr. Savoie please look for the emails you've received from us and schedule one as soon as possible.

11th grade families should mark **February 13th, 10:40 AM - 1 PM** on your calendars for our Admissions Case Study event. More details will come closer to the event, but this is something you'll want to attend. Last year was a great success as juniors prepared for the college admissions process.

Please reach out to us with any questions!

### **Important Upper School Contact Information**

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