



MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February 20, 2024

IMPORTANT DATES: FEBRUARY

21 - Career Day

26 - 5th and 6th Grade Permission Slips Due

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1 - FBCA Gala

3-7 - 8th Grade Camp Eagle

3 - 6th Grade Field Trip: Houston Food Bank

4 - 5th Grade Field Trip: Lunches of Love

4-6 - 7th Grade Texas Tour

6 - 5th Grade Field Trip: A&M

7 - 7th Grade Field Trip: Lunches of Love

10 - 14 - No School - Spring Break

21 - Report Cards sent Home

NOTE FROM MRS. CARROLL, HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Dear Parents,

I hope you were all able to enjoy our time off over the long weekend. On Friday, February 14th, the staff and I were able to engage in a wonderful Biblical Worldview Continuing Education Day here at FBCA. We were able to attend various sessions that not only filled us up spiritually but also equipped us with various strategies on how to further fulfill our mission at Fort Bend Christian Academy to “equip students to thrive spiritually, academically, socially, emotionally, and physically.” I am so thankful that we are at a school where we have opportunities like this to fully embrace our spiritual callings.

Also just a reminder that all permission slip forms are due next week for the trips happening the week of March 3 - 7. This includes Camp Eagle for 8th grade, 7th grade Texas Tour, Lunches of Love for 5th and 7th Grade, and 6th Grade Houston Food Bank. If you need an extra copy of the permission slips, please reach out to the front office as soon as possible!

Blessings,

Melisa Carroll
Head of Middle School

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Career Day is this Friday, February 21st!

Students will enjoy hearing from a variety of speakers with careers in the medical field, architecture and design, law, dentistry, physical therapy, professional athlete, real estate development, vacation planner, oil & gas, medical sales, and more!

MIDDLE SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD

5TH GRADE STUDENTS/PARENTS - *NEW* Athletic Clubs:

We are excited to give our 5th grade Eagles an opportunity to participate in athletic programming this spring. All of our future athletes will receive a day of discipleship and sports training each week and a t-shirt for each sport they participate in. Whether your child has been playing for years or new to the game, they are welcome to participate in any or all of the available programs.

Eagle Athletics Club Includes:

Volleyball - 3rd- 5th grade girls on Mondays

Basketball - 3rd-5th grade boys and girls on Wednesdays

Soccer- 3rd-5th grade boys and girls on Thursdays

******Your child can participate in as many programs as are available for their age group******

Dates: Monday, March 17th - Thursday, April 17th

Time: 3:30-4:30pm

Cost: \$135/ sport

[Click here to sign up.](#)

School Uniforms

All uniforms are now in stock and ready to be purchased, including our Chapel uniform. Please use the [Risse Brothers Uniform](#) link to access their online store. All students are expected to be in full uniform everyday.

8th Graders

Camp Eagle: If you did not have a chance to attend the parent meeting about Camp Eagle, please email [Melisa Carroll](#) so that she can send you the packet along with any information that you might have missed.

Pictures: It is time to start gathering up your pictures for our 8th grade celebration slideshow! I know it feels like too far away (May 16) but we are asking that you submit 1 baby picture and 1 of your favorite pictures (from any age) of your students by March 21st. You can email a JPEG or PNG file to mbarnett@fortbendchristian.org or you can have your student bring them to the office so that we can scan them. All pictures that are brought to the office will be returned to your student!

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

 [MS Rotating Schedule](#)

[Uniforms: Risse Brothers](#)

[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.

VERY IMPORTANT: To help the flow of traffic for FBCA, as well as surrounding companies/businesses, parents must approach our campus during morning drop off and afternoon pickup from Jess Pirtle as follows:

- Take Hwy. 90 to Eldridge
- Head north on Eldridge to Jess Pirtle
- Turn right on Jess Pirtle
- Turn right on Gillingham
- Turn right on Lakeview until you reach our parking lot.

Left turns from Lakeview to enter the parking lot are prohibited during morning and afternoon carpool times. From approximately 7:25 a.m. - 7:55 a.m., one of our SLPD officers will be directing a lane closure on Gillingham prohibiting turning left onto Lakeview.

Please note: in order for Faculty & Staff to have access in a timely manner to the parking lot, Faculty & Staff will be able to make a left turn into the staff parking lot coming from Eldridge on Lakeview.

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.

New Password Self-Service for Middle School

Starting December 14, Middle School students will have access to password self-service, similar to Upper School students. However, parents must assist with the process. This feature will allow students to update their Google Workspace and WiFi passwords. A parent's mobile phone number must be on file to enable password changes, and this requirement has already been met for all 7th and 8th graders.

Families of Middle School students are encouraged to [watch this instructional video](#) for guidance on using the password reset self-service feature. You can access the link to reset your students password through these platforms - logging into Classlink and clicking password reset, the [Parent Zone](#) or the [MyFBCA Resource Board](#).

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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