



# LOWER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February 27, 2025

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## UPCOMING EVENTS: FEBRUARY

**28** Rodeo Day Program at **8:15 a.m.** in the Upper School Gym

## LOOKING AHEAD: MARCH

**1** PSIA District Meet at LSA, FBCA Gala  
**3-7** Lower School Eagle Week (more details below)  
**6** 3rd Grade - Charlotte's Web Day/Parade at 8:15am  
**7** End of 3rd Quarter/4th grade Musical Field Trip  
**10-14** Spring Break (no school for students or staff)  
**20** Pre Kindergarten Field Trip: HMNS Sugar Land/Eldridge Park  
**21** Report cards sent home and posted in Blackbaud  
**25** Kinder/Senior Buddies: Popsicles and Playground/Prek K & K author visit  
**26** 1st/2nd Grade Practice Program during Chapel at 8:15 a.m.  
**27** 1st/2nd Grade Program at 6:30 p.m.  
**28** Men's Breakfast at 6:45 a.m. / Kinder Field Trip: Oil Ranch

## NOTE FROM MRS. CLAYTON, HEAD OF LOWER SCHOOL:

Dear Lower School Families,

I pray you're having a wonderful week!

We are excited for our Annual Rodeo Day Program tomorrow, Friday at 8:15 a.m. in the Upper School Gym. Our students have been working hard on their grade level routines. ***Please remember to send your child a sack lunch and snack tomorrow.*** Also, students are encouraged to wear western wear and are required to wear tennis shoes (no boots, please). This is just a reminder to complete the [pre-registration form](#) by 10:00 p.m. this evening for tomorrow's event.

This is just a reminder that PSIA is this weekend. Thank you to our students, teachers, and families for making this a huge success! I am so proud of them, and I'm excited to see them do their very best!

I am thrilled for our Lower School students to be able to participate in Eagle Week next week. Providing intentional service opportunities for our kids is so important, and I absolutely love that we're doing this. If you will be late or need to pick up your student early, please remember to check with your child's teacher about the service project as some grade levels will be off campus to serve. Please be praying for our students as they serve others next week. Also, please be praying for our middle school and upper school students going on trips around the world for Eagle Week.

With Gratitude,  
Stephanie Clayton

## LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

**Lower School Eagle Week:** As you may know, Eagle Week is a special week here at FBCA. Our 8th grade students take their traditional Camp Eagle trip, and 9 - 12th grades are engaged in service all over the world.

This year, we wanted to extend this theme of service to all our Eagles, and so for the first time ever, all our students (PreK – 12th grades) will be engaging in a service project during the week of March 3 – 7. We are so grateful for this opportunity to share Christ's love! Our aim in Lower School Eagle Week is for our Eagles to represent Christ as we serve our school family and the surrounding community.

- Our **PreK** students will be making paperweights as a thank you to our FBCA staff for all their hard work. Pre K students will get to hand deliver these creations with a word of thanks!
- **Kindergarten** students are also loving on our FBCA family by making "baskets of sunshine" for our Lower School Faculty. They will get to hand deliver these baskets!
- **First Grade** students will be moving out into our local community by thanking our local Fort Bend County librarians. They'll hand deliver a small craft of thanks, as well as gift baskets for their breakrooms. While at the library, first graders will receive a tour!
- **Second Grade** students will also serve in our local community by visiting a local nursing care facility. They'll interact with residents, lead them in some of our chapel songs, and pass out a small token of care.
- **Third Grade** students will thank our local fire department by visiting a Sugar Land fire station and handing out cookies and thank you notes. Students will receive a tour of the fire station while they are there!
- Our **Fourth Grade** students will travel a bit further to hear from ESL students at Prestige Learning Institute. While there our students will get to read to some children, and even donate a set of books to each child!

A quick word of thanks to our parents – many of you are helping to make these projects happen, and we are grateful to partner with you!



**\*NEW\* After School Activity Opportunities:** We are excited to give our younger Eagles an opportunity to play sports like our bigger Eagles this spring. Each week, all of our future athletes will receive a day of discipleship and sports training 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.

[Click here to sign up.](#)



**Morning Carline:** Please remember to pull all the way up to the next available spot. Some parents are stopping at the front doors or middle doors, and it's delaying the flow of the carline. Also, please remember that *only* faculty/staff should be turning left into our LS/MS campus parking lot.

**Student Dismissal Change:** If you need to change your child's dismissal location, we ask that you provide this update to the front desk by 2:30 p.m. This will allow us to communicate to your child and ensure they are in the correct dismissal location.

**Outerwear:** Please remember that students are required to wear only FBCA outerwear (jackets, sweaters, etc) when they are inside the building. These items can be purchased through our [Spirit Wear Store](#). Please make sure to label your child's items in the event they get misplaced. We do have a lost and found near the Cafetorium that you're welcome to visit.

## REMINDERS

### School Times

Pre-K and Kindergarten: 8:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

1st – 4th Grade: 8:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

### Lunch Times

Pre-K, Kindergarten: 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

1st Grade, 2nd Grade: 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

3rd Grade, 4th Grade: 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

*\*We love having parents visit for lunch. Please remember to bring lunch just for your child and only visit the Cafetorium while you're here. If you need to connect with your child's teacher, please set up a conference to do so. We want to make sure they get to enjoy their lunch as well. Thanks so much for your attention to this matter.\**

### Uniforms

As a reminder, students are required to wear uniforms. We are aware that some families are waiting for ordered uniform pieces to be delivered. Please let your Lower School Administration know if you are not able to wear proper uniform attire due to missing items.

### Extended Care

Morning Care: 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 a.m.

After School Care for PK/K: 2:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

After School Care for 1st – 4th: 3:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Extended Care will be available beginning the first day of school. If you have any questions, please contact our Assistant Head of Lower School, Riki Garcia at [rigarcia@fortbendchristian.org](mailto:rigarcia@fortbendchristian.org)

## COUNSELORS CORNER

We are still focusing on value-Honesty.

Honesty- You are truthful in what you say and do. People can rely on you because you have integrity. It is the basis of a trusting relationship.

I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honesty intent. 1 Chronicles 29:17

#### **4 Helpful tips about HONESTY:**

1. Don't invite a child to lie by asking a question. Instead, make a corrective statement and move on. For example: Instead of asking, "Did you leave the door open? Say, "I know you left the door open, try to remember to shut it next time."
2. Be honest yourself. It is very hard to convince your children not to lie if they see you doing it.
3. Help children understand that mistakes are learning opportunities, and if they blame others for their mistakes, they give away their opportunities to learn.
4. Let your children know they are loved unconditionally. Always separate what they do from who they are.

\*These tips were taken from the book entitled Lying Up a Storm

Ties and Tiaras Dance will be Friday, March 21st from 6:30-8 pm for girls in grades Pre-K-5th. You can purchase a ticket using the QR code on the invitation. Invitations went home on Tuesday. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [jhawkins@fortbendchristian.org](mailto:jhawkins@fortbendchristian.org)



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