

# LOWER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 6, 2025

## **UPCOMING EVENTS: MARCH**

3-7	Lower School Eagle Week (more details below)
6	3rd Grade - Charlotte's Web Day/Parade at 8:15 a.m.
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	Tiaras and Ties Father/Daughter Dance from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
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. (students arrive at 6:15 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,

We had a successful weekend with PSIA and the FBCA Gala! We are so proud of our students for all of their hard work, and we are thrilled to share that many of our students placed and three Lower School students are heading to State. Yay!

Thanks to so many of you for your ongoing support with the Gala, auction items, free dress pass, donations, etc. We are incredibly grateful for your partnership, and we could not do this without you!

This week, our Lower School students have the opportunity to participate in Eagle Week. It's been a joy seeing our kids serve and shine His light to those around them. Thank you for your support in making this happen!

If you have not yet signed up for the Tiaras and Ties Father/Daughter Dance on March 21, please do so <u>here</u>. It's going to be a great evening, and we don't want you to miss out on all of the fun!

I pray that you and your family have a restful Spring Break. We will miss our students, and we can't wait to see them when we return on Monday, March 17.

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: <u>Click here to sign</u> <u>up.</u>

We are excited to give our younger Eagles have 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.



https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/fortbendchristian/fatherdaughterdance2025 Please use the QR code on the flyer or click the link to register for the dance. We can't wait for the memorable evening!! The dance will be held in the LS/MS Gym.

**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 <u>Spirit Wear Store</u>. 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

# **COUNSELORS CORNER**

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

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 or link provided. Another hard copy of the invitation went home on Tuesday.

## Sign up link:

https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/fortbendchristian/fatherdaughterdance2025

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at <u>jhawkins@fortbendchristian.org</u>



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