



# LOWER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**June 26, 2025**

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS: AUGUST**

- 7** New Parent Dinner 6:00–8:00 pm in Upper School Gym
- 11** Back to School Fair 1:00–4:00 pm
- 11** New Parent/Student Orientation 2:00–2:30 pm
- 11** Meet the Teacher 3:00 – 5:00 pm
- 13** First Day of School, Chapel at 9:30 am (*normally at 8:15 am*)
- 15** First Grade Bible Ceremony 8:30am in LS/MS Cafetorium
- 20** Lower School Picture Day!
- 21** Lower School Back to School Night 6:00–7:30 pm

## **LOOKING AHEAD: SEPTEMBER**

- 1** Labor Day – no school for student, faculty/staff
- 4** Eagle Extravaganza
- 5** Late Arrival 9:00 am
- 12** Pre-K/Kindergarten Fire Truck Visit
- 16** Lower School: Individual Picture Make-up Day
- 19** Pre-K/Kindergarten Tilly the Tooth Visit
- 24** See you at the Cross! More details to follow
- 26** Fort Bend County Fair Day – no school for student, faculty/staff

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

Dear Lower School Families,

I hope you're having a fun and restful summer and finding sweet moments to slow down, make memories, and enjoy time together.

While campus may be quieter, we've been busy behind the scenes getting ready for the 2025–2026 school year, and we're genuinely excited for all that's ahead! Below are key updates regarding carline, Back-to-School Fair, Meet the Teacher, and New Student/Parent Orientation.

You can expect to hear from us again on July 24th with handbook updates and more details to help you feel prepared for the first day and beyond.

Our summer hours are Monday– Thursday from 9:00am – 3:00pm. We will be closed the week of July 7th – July 11th due to the July 4th holiday.

We are here to support you and your child every step of the way. If you have any questions or need anything as you prepare for the start of school, please don't hesitate to reach out to us—we're just an email or phone call away.

I'm praying you enjoy this time with your family. We're counting down the days until we get to welcome you back to campus soon!

With Gratitude,  
Stephanie Clayton

## LOWER SCHOOL NEWS

**Football Summer Camp** – Join us this summer for FBCA Football Camp – a high-energy experience designed to build fundamental skills, teamwork, and confidence in a Christ-centered environment. Led by our coaching staff Head Football Coach Ben Hoffmeier and company, each camp session will include drills, position-specific instruction, and fun competitions to help athletes grow both on and off the field. [Register on our website.](#)



**Summer Packets** – Students received their summer packet the last week of school. We wanted to provide an opportunity for students to reinforce skills they've learned this year as well as introduce concepts they will be learning. New families – If you have not picked up your packets, please stop by the front office at your earliest convenience. ***\*\*Current parents: When your child is using the QR code on the bookmark, please make sure you have downloaded the Classlink app first and then scan the QR code.***

**Vacation Stations** – If you and your family would like to purchase Vacation Stations to work on this summer, you can use [this](#) link. Please click the textbooks drop down menu and under elementary you will find Vacation Stations.

**Back-to-School Fair** – This will be from 1:00 – 4:00 pm in the LS/MS Gym, Cafetorium, etc. It is a fun come-and-go event! You will be able to pick up spirit store gear (if it was purchased before July 9, 2025; orders purchased after July 9 will ship to your home), Taher will have food samples, and you can enjoy a Kona Ice. The following

booths will be available in the LS/MS Gym for you to stop by to ask questions: School Nurse, Taher, Extended Care, PTF, Booster Club, Athletics, and Fine Arts.

**New Student/Parent Orientation** – 2:00 – 2:30 pm in the LS/MS Cafetorium – New families will be able to meet other new Eagle families, connect with our admin team, learn about Blackbaud, lunch accounts, and Lower School procedures. We'd love for you to join us for Popcorn with the Principals at 2:30 pm immediately following. We hope to see you there!

**Meet the Teacher** – 3:00 – 5:00 pm – Each student will receive a back-to-school packet that will consist of carline procedures and carline tags, chapel schedule, lunch menu, nurse information, Extended Care details, etc.

- Class lists will be posted outside the classrooms at 3:00 pm.
- PK/K Parents: Please bring the 1-inch nap mat, so students don't have to carry it on the first day of school.

→ **Arrival/Dismissal Procedures**

Maps to help with traffic flow will be provided in the July newsletter and in the Back-to-School packet that you will pick up in your child's classroom on Monday, August 11 at the Meet the Teacher from 3:00 – 5:00 pm.

To help with the flow of traffic for FBCA, we encourage parents to turn right on Lakeview from Gillingham from the direction of Jess Pirtle. Also, left turns from Lakeview to enter the parking lot are prohibited during morning and afternoon carpool times.

**We are asking families to approach our campus for morning and afternoon carline as follows:**

- Take Highway 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

Also, in an effort to help with the traffic flow for nearby businesses, we ask that you do not use Schlumberger's parking lot and driveway as a turnaround or waiting point to get in the FBCA carline.

\*After you drop off your student(s), we ask that you **turn right** out of the LS/MS parking lot to avoid traffic congestion. Left turns on Lakeview to enter the Lower School/Middle School parking lot are prohibited.

→ **Morning Drop-off**

- Morning drop-off for Lower School begins at 7:30 a.m.
- Enter the parking lot and circle around to form one line.
- On-duty staff members, Dads on Duty, and CIA (Courtesy-In-Action) students will assist your child(ren) in exiting your car.
- For the safety of students, do not allow children to exit vehicles unassisted or to exit from the left side of your vehicle.
- Please wait for a staff member to open the door of your vehicle.
- In order for traffic to flow continuously and so that others are not kept waiting, please have backpacks ready to unload and kisses and hugs already given!
- Your child will be escorted into the building and attended in the LS/MS gym until our staff is dismissed from morning devotion at 7:50 a.m.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Children dropped off prior to 7:30 a.m. must be escorted by a parent into Morning Care. Regular Extended Care charges will be applied to your child's tuition account.

→ **After School Pick-up**

Maps to help with traffic flow will be provided in the July newsletter and in the Back-to-School packet that you will pick up in your child's classroom on Monday, August 11 at the Meet the Teacher from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. The afternoon pick up has been modified based on the middle school rotating schedule and new dismissal time for Pre-K and Kindergarten.

## REMINDERS

### Calendars

[2025-2026 Instructional Calendar](#)

[2025-2026 Traditions Calendar](#)

## **School Times**

Pre-K and Kindergarten: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 pm

1st – 4th Grade: 8:00 a.m. – 3:15 pm

## **Lunch Times**

Pre-K, Kindergarten: 10:30 am – 11:00 am

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

3rd Grade, 4th Grade: 11:30 am – 12:00 pm

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