



UPPER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

JULY 24, 2025

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

August 5 - Parking Space Painting for Seniors

August 8-10 - Senior Retreat

August 11 - 9th Grade & New Student Orientation

August 11 - Back to School Fair

August 13 - First Day of School

August 13 - Convocation

August 18-19 - Freshman Retreat

August 21 - Individual Yearbook Pictures

August 25 - Back to School Night

September 4 - Eagle Extravaganza

Specific times and additional information will be provided via email for all of the above events

NOTES FROM: Nathan Barber, Head of Upper School

Student Schedules:

Ms. Walker has been hard at work building our master schedule this summer. Student schedules will be available in Blackbaud on August 4. As a reminder, student schedules are based on student requests. This year, 98% of all Upper School students were placed in all seven classes they requested. Because the master schedule is built based on student requests, we will not entertain schedule change requests based on a preference of teacher, not enough friends in a class section, a change of opinion about which class a student would like, etc. We will change a student schedule if a teacher feels that a placement (i.e. Academic, Honors or AP) is not the right fit for a student.

Summer Reading:

Fort Bend Christian Academy requires all students entering grades 9-12 to participate in a Summer Reading program for some classes. Students are expected to acquire and read the texts assigned for the course in which they have been placed. All assigned reading will be assessed at the beginning of the school year, though the method of assessment may vary. Students may be assigned projects, tests, quizzes, or essays depending on the book, course, and instructor. No specific editions of the books are required, but abridged versions, including adaptations or graphic novel versions, are not approved. Students may use digital versions of the text, but some teachers may require printed copies for certain assignments. For questions about English summer reading texts or assignments, please contact Rob LaVohn, English Department Chair, at rlavohn@fortbendchristian.org. Students enrolled in one of the Honors Biblical Interpretation courses should have received an email soon from Ms. Wolfe, zwolfe@fortbendchristian.org regarding summer reading for her course. For questions about course placement, please contact Mr. Graham Traylor at gtraylor@fortbendchristian.org or Mr. Elliot Savoie at esavoie@fortbendchristian.org.

9th Grade

The Secret Life of Bees - Kidd (all students)

A Separate Peace - Knowles (Honors only)

10th Grade

Educated - Westover (all students)

The Glass Menagerie - Williams (Honors only)

11th & 12th Grade AP Courses:

AP Language and Composition (11)

Kindred - Butler

Outliers - Gladwell

AP Literature and Composition (12)
All the Light We Cannot See - Doerr
1984 - Orwell

11th & 12th Grade Semester Seminars:

American Music

See [Summer Reading Assignment](#)

Characters & Culture

The Wizard of Oz - Baum

Myth & Legend

The Hobbit - Tolkien

Students in Honors Biblical Interpretation should check their email for instructions from Ms. Wolfe.

NOTES FROM: Jocelyn Muckelroy, Asst. Head of Upper School

Please check your email for a link to vehicle registration and parking space requests for Sophomores and Juniors.

Be on the lookout for an email from FBCA in the next week or so about updates and clarifications on dress code for the coming year.

UPPER SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD:

Construction Update: The Upper School Security Vestibule is almost done and should be completed before school begins in August. When school starts, all students and visitors will once again enter the Upper School building through the front entrance.

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