



# UPPER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 19, 2026

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**March 19** US Eagle Week Chapel

**March 19** The Big Welcome - all newly admitted students to FBCA for 2026-2027;  
5:30-7pm

**March 19** Senior Night for Baseball and Golf at 6:45 p.m. at the baseball field

**March 20** Senior/Kindergarten Buddies at CT (Popsicles on the Playground)

**March 20** US Academic Advising @CT

**March 20** Senior Night for Track at 3:45 p.m. at the track

**March 31** US Chapel (moved from 4/2)

**April 3,6** Easter Break; campus closed-no school

**April 10,11** Grease the Musical @ the Stafford Center

**April 14** Athletics Signing Day @CT

**April 17** Bike to Breakfast / Prom

**April 21** Junior Dedication Breakfast

**April 24** Academic Awards Program / Class of 2026 Campus Walk

**April 28** Night of Worship

**April 29** Senior Kinderbuddies Chapel (no chapel on 4/30)

## NOTES FROM: Nathan Barber, Head of Upper School

Parents, we need your help. I'm sure it goes without saying that when one of our teachers needs to miss school for whatever reason, we want to have quality supervision for our students. We have a list of substitute teachers who faithfully serve here in the Upper School, but that list is dwindling as people retire, take other full-time jobs, etc. Here's where you can help. If you know of someone who might be a good fit as a substitute teacher in the Upper School, please encourage them to reach out to me directly and I will walk them through the application process.

The qualifications include being a believer; not having a current student in the Upper School; and having completed a minimum of 60 credit hours at the college level. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

### **NOTES FROM: Jocelyn Muckelroy, Assistant Head of Upper School**

I want to take the opportunity to remind you about absences and exemptions. The second semester is when students are afforded the opportunity to exempt finals. You will find the link to the exemption policy below. Additionally, please remember that your student must be in dress code and you will find the link to that below as well.

[Link to Exemption Policy](#) [Link to Dress Code](#)

### **STUDENT LIFE from Mrs. Ford**

We had an amazing Eagle Week Chapel this morning where we reflected and shared about our experiences throughout the week. As we are getting back in the swing of things, we had a fun surprise snack during Community Time on Tuesday for St. Patrick's Day (green themed cookies, cupcakes and some homemade treats from Mrs. Hughes). We also have a student-led March Madness bracket, where the overall winner at the end receives a door dash lunch!

### **Attention Senior Moms!**

We are collecting photos of your senior! Please email the following photos to Perla Orjuela ([s.orjuela@att.net](mailto:s.orjuela@att.net))

- Baby picture (age 2 and under)
- Senior picture
- picture of them participating in a HS activity through FBCA, if applicable
- 2-3 other group photos they may have through the years!

### **Attention Junior Moms!**

Save the date for Junior Dedication and Breakfast- 8am - April 21st (Tuesday)

Save the date for Senior Retreat - August 7th -9th (for all rising Seniors)

### **COUNSELORS' CORNER:**

**Graham Traylor**, Director of College Counseling [Gtraylor@fortbendchristian.org](mailto:Gtraylor@fortbendchristian.org)

**Elliot Savoie**, College Counselor & Testing Coordinator [Esavoie@fortbendchristian.org](mailto:Esavoie@fortbendchristian.org)

**Morgan Carter**, Guidance Counselor [Mcarter@fortbendchristian.org](mailto:Mcarter@fortbendchristian.org)

### **Academic Advising**

Following Eagle Week and Spring Break, we will begin the academic advising process with current 9th-11th grade students to select their courses for the 2026-2027 school year. First, we will conduct grade level meetings to review course options during community time on the following dates:

3/17 - 11th Grade

3/20 - 9th Grade

3/23 - 10th Grade

Following that, each grade will enter their final course selections in a second grade-level meeting during community time one week after their respective academic advising meetings.

### [2026-2027 Upper School Course Guide](#)

Students and parents are encouraged to reach out with any questions about course selection. Your point of contact is listed below:

11th Grade: Your assigned college counselor

10th Grade: Elliot Savoie, [esavoie@fortbendchristian.org](mailto:esavoie@fortbendchristian.org)

9th Grade: Graham Traylor, [gtraylor@fortbendchristian.org](mailto:gtraylor@fortbendchristian.org)

### **4/13 - 9th and 10th Grade College Planning Look Ahead Meeting - 6:30-7:30 PM**

9th and 10th grade families are invited to join the college counseling team in the Eagle Cafe for a look at what is to come in the college prep process. Since we will be working together especially closely as your students enter their upperclassmen years at FBCA, we want to give you a glimpse of what is on the horizon in the college planning process. Students and parents are invited.

We will cover topics including testing, building a strong student profile, and creating a proper college list. This should be especially helpful for those of you who have not gone through the college application process with an older student yet.

### **5/7 - Rising Senior College Application Prep Meeting - 6:30-7:30 PM**

Current 11th grade families are invited to join the college counseling team from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Eagle Cafe for a College Application Prep meeting. Mr. Savoie and I want to review specific steps in the college application process that are coming soon for you.

We'll discuss the online process to apply, recap our progress with students to this point, and give you a clear timeline of what to expect and be prepared for as August approaches. Since all of this will start before the 2026-2027 school year even begins, we want to make sure we're all on the same page going into the summer.

**REPORT CARDS** These documents will be updated with grades from Q3 for students and parents to view on Friday, March 20, 2026. If you have any questions about grades earned in classes, please reach out to the teachers directly. If you are unable to access report cards or transcripts because there is a hold on your account, please email Janey Gurney at [jgurney@fortbendchristian.org](mailto:jgurney@fortbendchristian.org). If you are unable to find the grades or need help navigating Blackbaud, please email the Registrar, Michelle Walker, at [mwalker@fortbendchristian.org](mailto:mwalker@fortbendchristian.org).

## UPPER SCHOOL BULLETIN BOARD:



*This was with the National Art Honor Societies, and this was a National Juried Exhibition*

NAEA received 2,007 submissions and 87 artworks were selected for inclusion by a panel of arts educators.

Title: The Golden Ratio

Dimensions 53 x 18 x 46

Student Name: Patrick Wadlington

Student Grade Level (12)

Student Artist Statement:

The Golden Ratio translates  $\phi \approx 1.618$  into form. Each curve follows self-similar growth where the whole relates to the part as the part relates to the next. Built from branches, the spiral makes proportional logic tangible, turning recursion, limit, and harmony into structure.

**Need service hours for your honor society?** Want to volunteer your time and skills? Want to leave your mark and know you played a part in producing our awesome musical theatre productions??

The theatre department is currently constructing sets for THREE musical productions: *Grease: School Edition*, Disney's *Hunchback of Notre Dame*, and Disney's *Mary Poppins JR*. We are in need of hands and skills of all types to help us bring these magical productions to life - we're looking for people who can operate power tools, paint things solid colors, lift heavy things, do artistic/creative painting, assemble props, hem costumes, apply wallpaper, organize/clean, and do a variety of needed tasks across these three shows. The following are Saturday "Set" Days we've scheduled. Come one, come all!

We will sign off on NHS, NJHS, and any other service hours needed.  
Meet at the Art Pavilion!

- Saturday, February 28: 9am-5pm

- Saturday, March 14: 9am-5pm
- Saturday, March 28: 9am-5pm
- Saturday, April 4: 9am-5pm

Contact Sarah Patterson with questions.



**Senior Parents:** It is not too late to order custom FBCA Graduation Announcements, personalized with their name inside. Please use the link below to order yours today!  
[Order Your Custom FBCA Personalized Graduation Announcements 2026](#)



### Senior Parents

**Senior photos for the yearbook are due by April 1st.** These are different from ads. Every senior will have their photo on a half page included in the yearbook along with their senior quote that they turn in to the yearbook staff. Please email them to the Yearbook Editors, Ryley Mullani ([rmullani26@student.fortbendchristian.org](mailto:rmullani26@student.fortbendchristian.org)) and Jessica Okusaga ([okusagaje@student.fortbendchristian.org](mailto:okusagaje@student.fortbendchristian.org)). **The ad is a separate expense and is optional.** And if anyone is in need of a low cost but great photographer I have a great one I can share with you. Just reach out to me at [tslate@fortbendchristian.org](mailto:tslate@fortbendchristian.org). (Tony Slate, Yearbook Advisor)



Hello Class of 2026,

FBCA seniors are not required to come to Freeman Photography for their senior yearbook photo, although we are the school's contracted photographer.

If you would like to schedule cap and gown portraits along with any additional senior photos, we do offer significantly discounted session fees as the FBCA contracted school photographer.

We invite you to visit [www.freemanphoto.com](http://www.freemanphoto.com) to view our portfolio. If you'd like to schedule a session, simply reply with a few preferred dates and times, and we'll be happy to get you on the calendar.

We look forward to hearing from you, and please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions via email [info@freemanphoto.com](mailto:info@freemanphoto.com) or (281) 493-5442.

Happy New Year!

Warm regards,  
Jennifer



Jennifer Janson

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### **Letterman Jacket Orders:**

Order packets are available at the front desk. [Click here to order.](#) Or contact [hjgradcenter.com](http://hjgradcenter.com)  
713-864-6464 / Local Office: 4915 Schuler, Houston 77007

ALL attendance notifications / communication should be sent to Mrs. Daigle at [USattendance@fortbendchristian.org](mailto:USattendance@fortbendchristian.org). If you have any questions, please contact her at 281-263-9175.

US Chapel is on Thursday, 10:40am-11:25am. Chapel attire is required.

## US Daily Schedule

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
7:45 - 8:30	Office Hours						
8:35 - 9:35	A	F	D	B	G	E	C
9:40 - 10:40	B	G	E	C	A	F	D
10:40 - 11:25	Community Time (Chapel on Thursday)						
11:30 - 12:30	C	A	F	D	B	G	E
12:35 - 1:20	Lunch						
1:25 - 2:25	D	B	G	E	C	A	F
2:30 - 3:30	E	C	A	F	D	B	G

### Important Upper School Contact Information

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 Amy Clements, US Nurse (Mondays): [aclements@fortbendchristian.org](mailto:aclements@fortbendchristian.org)

### **2026-2027 FBCA Instructional Calendar**

Link: <https://fortbendchristian.org.finalsite.com/fs/resource-manager/view/60e7e782-5c19-4ac4-916e-f174b7e1e8e7>

Also on the website. <https://www.fortbendchristian.org/calendar>