



# LOWER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**March 19, 2026**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS: MARCH

- 20** Men's Breakfast at 6:45 a.m., 1st Grade Field Trip: Downtown Aquarium
- 20** Father/Daughter Dance: Tiaras and Ties at 6:30 p.m. , Report cards sent home
- 20** Kinder/Senior Buddies: Popsicles on the Playground (during the school day)
- 23** Art Club begins
- 27** FBCA Space Cowboys Community Night
- 28** FBCA Robotics Scrimmage
- 31** 2nd Grade Field Trip: HMNS Houston

## LOOKING AHEAD: APRIL

- 1** Easter Chapel, Kinder/Senior Buddies: Easter Egg Hunt
- 2** Grandparents and Special Friends Day: Program at 8:30 am
- 3** Good Friday: School Holiday (no school for faculty, staff, students)
- 6** Easter Monday: School Holiday (no school for faculty, staff, students)
- 7** FBCA Spring Class Pictures
- 7** March Madness Championship (details coming soon)
- 9** STEAM Game Night: Build. Create. Play - For His Glory 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- 10** Third Grade Field Trip: Space Center
- 15** 1st/2nd Grade Music Program Practice during Chapel
- 16** 1st/2nd Grade Music Program; Kindergarten Field trip: Oil Ranch
- 17** Senior Bike to Breakfast Wave
- 22** 4th Grade Girls Talk with Lower School Nurses
- 24** Men's Breakfast at 6:45am in LS/MS Library
- 24** 4th Grade Musical Field Trip, Kinder/Senior Buddies, Senior Cap and Gown Walk
- 27** ERB testing begins (more details to follow)
- 28** FBCA Night of Worship
- 29** Kinder/Senior Buddies Chapel

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

Dear Lower School Families,

I hope you had a wonderful spring break with your family. I enjoyed the beautiful weather and simply spending time together. We are so happy to be back on campus with our students this week. We missed them!

If you have not yet signed up for the Ties and Tiara's Father-Daughter Dance tomorrow night, please get tickets [here](#) for an amazing evening. We look forward to seeing our girls and their dads/father-figures dancing the night away!

Report cards will be going home tomorrow as well as posted in Blackbaud. We are looking forward to an amazing fourth quarter. There are many exciting events happening on campus over the next few months, so please see below for more details.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We are truly grateful for each of you!

With gratitude,

Stephanie Clayton

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**Ties & Tiaras (Father/Father-Figure, Daughter Dance):** Our Father/Father Figure/Daughter Dance will be on Friday, March 20th. Please purchase tickets using the link below or QR code on the flyer.

<https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/fortbendchristian/lfatherdaughterdance2026>

**FBCA INVITES YOU TO**

# **TIES &** *Tiaras*

**PK-5TH GRADE FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE**

**FRIDAY**  
**MARCH**  
**21**  
**2025**  
**6:30-8:00 PM**


**\$10**  
**PER FAMILY**

**INCLUDES**  
DANCING  
FLOWER  
PICTURE  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

**SCAN ME**



**Grandparents Day Book Fair** – Join us for a special celebration of reading and family at our Grandparent's Day Book Fair! 📖

 Mark your calendars for **Thursday, April 2**, when our LS Gym transforms into a treasure trove of stories and adventures. Don't miss this chance to create lasting memories!

 **Make shopping easy with an eWallet!**

Skip the cash and set up a safe, secure digital payment option for your child. With Scholastic's eWallet, you can add funds online so your student can shop worry-free. After the Fair, any unspent funds become a Scholastic eGift balance to use at a future Fair or to shop online. It's a convenient way to give kids some independence while keeping checkout simple!

👉 **Set up your child's eWallet here:** <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/fortbendchristianacademyes>

 **Can't make it in person? Shop the Fair online!**

Families can also enjoy the Book Fair fun from home during March 31 – April 13. Explore an even wider selection of books for every age and interest—and every online purchase still benefits our school!

👉 **Shop the online fair here:** <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/fortbendchristianacademyes>

 **We Need Volunteers!**

The Book Fair is made possible thanks to our amazing parent volunteers. If you'd like to help with setup, student shopping times, or cleanup, we'd love to have you join the fun!

 **Contact our Volunteer Coordinator:** [tiffanyjmoe@yahoo.com](mailto:tiffanyjmoe@yahoo.com)

**Library Volunteers Needed** – We are so grateful for all of our volunteers! If you're interested in serving in the library this semester, we would love to have you! Please use the sign-up [here](#).

**Pre-arranged absences** – If you will be out of town for travel and your child will be missing instruction longer than 3 school days, please stop by the front desk to pick up a pre-arranged absence form. We ask that you provide this in at least 3 school days notice in order for the teachers to have time to gather the necessary materials. Thank you so much for your help with this.

**PSIA Update** – Congratulations to all of our students who competed in PSIA this past weekend! We are incredibly proud of their hard work, dedication, and outstanding performance.

We had several students place in their events, and we are excited to announce that multiple students have qualified for the State Meet on May 2nd! We are so proud of every student who participated and represented our school so well. Thank you to our parents, coaches, and volunteers for your continued support and encouragement. State qualifiers, we look forward to cheering you on May 2nd!

- **Creative Writing**
  - Ella Louise Stegemiller – 1st Place (State Qualifier)
  - Ella Porter – 2nd Place
- **Listening Skills**
  - Georgia Poroo – 1st Place (State Qualifier)
  - Josiah Ma – 2nd Place (State Qualifier)
- **4th Grade Math**
  - Darasimi Asonibare – 4th Place
- **Music Memory**
  - James Stegemiller – 1st Place (State Qualifier)
  - Darasimi Asonibare – 2nd Place (State Qualifier)
  - Preslee Patton – 5th Place
- **4th Grade Oral Interpretation**
  - Georgia Poroo – 2nd Place (State Qualifier)
- **3rd/4th Grade Ready Writing**
  - Annie Mabile – 6th Place
  - Milcah Mathew – 4th Place
- **2nd Grade Spelling**
  - Owen Rose – 2nd Place
- **3rd Grade Spelling**
  - JC Olfernes – 3rd Place
- **4th Grade Spelling**
  - Christian Sam – 1st Place (State Qualifier)
  - Darasimi Asonibare – 4th Place
- **1st Grade Storytelling**
  - Jude Thomas – 4th Place
  - Haley Arms – 5th Place

- **3rd Grade Storytelling**

- Ellie Ekoh – 2nd Place
- James Stegemiller – 6th Place

**Eagle Sports Clubs** – We are excited to give our younger Eagles an opportunity to play sports like the big kids here through our FBCA Sports Clubs this spring. All of our future athletes will receive a day of discipleship and sports training per week. We have new t-shirts that are optional this season. 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.

**Eagle Sports Club Includes:**

- Soccer- 3rd-5th grade boys and girls on Tuesdays
- Soccer- 1st & 2nd grade boys and girls on Wednesdays
- Basketball – 3rd-5th grade boys and girls on Wednesdays
- Volleyball – 3rd- 5th grade girls on Thursdays

\*\*\*Your child can participate in as many programs as are available for their age group\*\*\*

**Time/Location/Attire/Cost:**

- **Dates:** Tuesday, March 24th – Thursday, April 23rd (Due to Grandparents day there will be no Volleyball club on Thursday, April 2nd and Thursday April 30th will be added.)
- **Time:** 3:30-4:30 pm
- **Location:** We will use the soccer field between the Upper School and the Lower/Middle School and the Lower School gym. Pick up will be outside the Lower School Gym (Just like after school pick-up except in front of the gym. We will bring the kids to you.)
- **Attire:** Athletes can participate in their school uniforms and tennis shoes or they can bring shorts and t-shirts to change into. (Please no spandex shorts.) Soccer players can bring cleats and shin guards if they have them. Volleyball players can wear knee pads if they have them.
- **Cost:** \$125 for all training sessions and a t-shirt. Optional t-shirt (new design) is \$15.
- **Sign Up** [HERE](#)

Thank you for this opportunity,

Volleyball Coaches: Coach Schelhouse – FBCA JV & Varsity Volleyball Coach

Basketball Coaches: Coach G & Coach Rodriguez – FBCA MS Basketball Coaches

Soccer Coaches: Coach V – FBCA MS Soccer Coach

## COUNSELOR CORNER

The next character trait for the last 6 weeks is Citizenship. The definition is below.

Citizenship is to do your share to make your home, school and community better. Cooperate and stay informed. Be a good neighborhood. Make choices that protect the safety and rights of others. Protect the environment.

“Do to others as you would have them do to you” Luke 6:31

ERB Testing for grades 1-4 will be April 27th-30th. A letter will be sent home soon explaining more about the assessment. It is very important that all students are present at school during the testing days. Please look out for more information coming soon.

## REMINDERS

### Calendars

[2025-2026 Instructional Calendar](#)

[2025-2026 Traditions Calendar](#)

[2026-2027 Instructional Calendar](#)

### School Times

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

1st - 4th Grade: 8:00 a.m. – 3:15 pm

*\*If you arrive after 8:00 a.m., please park and walk your child in because they are tardy.\**

### 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

### Birthday Marquee

If you are interested in having your student's name displayed on the LS/MS entrance marquee in recognition of their birthday, please go to your Blackbaud account and under "Resources", click on "Birthday Marquee".

Once you complete the form and submit payment, the Office of Development will make arrangements to display your student's name on the marquee. If you have any questions please contact Charleen Burleson at [cburleson@fortbendchristian.org](mailto:cburleson@fortbendchristian.org) or 281-263-9186.

### Morning Drop-off and Afternoon Pick-up Procedures

[Carline Maps](#)

### Morning Drop-Off

- Please have your child ready to exit the car promptly to help keep traffic moving smoothly.
- Remember not to use Schlumberger's parking lot for u-turns.

- If you have both a Lower School and Middle School student, please drop them off together in the carline instead of making two separate stops.
- After 8:00 a.m., please park and walk your child into the front office to check in. Parking along the curb blocks traffic for Middle School drop-off and cannot be allowed.

### **Afternoon Pick-Up**

- Please avoid making left turns out of the parking lot while the carline is in progress.
- Follow the directions of staff when entering the parking lot, as the queue lanes may shift.

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