



# UPPER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 26, 2026

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## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**March 30-31** Senior video filming (no reshoots; students must be present)

**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 (7pm) & (1pm, 7pm Sat.)

**April 14** Athletics Signing Day @CT

**April 17** Bike to Breakfast / Prom (info below)

**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: Jocelyn Muckelroy, Assistant Head of Upper School

Thank you for ensuring that your student attends class on a regular basis and that a note is submitted when they are not here. We are slowly but surely winding down the school year and your help is truly appreciated.

As always, please find attached a reminder 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. [Link to Exemption Policy](#) [Link to Dress Code](#)

## STUDENT LIFE: Senior Year Edition from Mrs. Ford

Prom is a little over three weeks away! Seniors bringing a date that does not attend FBCA can pick up the permission forms from me or Mrs. Daigle at the front desk. These need to be turned in by Wednesday, April 15th.

Prom tickets are \$100 each and can be [purchased at this link](#). On April 1st the price will increase to \$125. I reminded the seniors this week that a full three-course meal is served at prom, there is no need to make dinner reservations!

The seniors are filming the senior video on Monday and Tuesday, March 30th - 31st. They must be present for the shoot. We will not be doing a reshoot. The video will be shown at Senior Dinner and Graduation.

### **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.

### **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



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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.

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

For the first time in school history, Fort Bend Christian Academy participated in the Tommy Tune Awards, the official regional program of the National High School Musical Theatre Awards® (The Jimmy Awards®). The Tommy Tune Awards represent public and private high schools across the Greater Houston area, with over 6,000 students and 70+ shows competing in 28 musical theatre performance and technical categories.

**After 26 preliminary nominations announced in the fall, we were honored to be recognized as FINALISTS in the following 5 categories:**

1. **OUTSTANDING MUSICAL FINALIST (the highest group honor of the Tommy Tune Awards):** 1 of 8 finalists across 70+ shows. The cast of 23 Honors Theatre Production students will perform a number from *Hadestown: Teen Edition* on the mainstage at the Hobby Center on Friday, May 8, 2026 and are eligible to win overall Best Musical.
2. **OUTSTANDING DIRECTOR: Sarah Patterson.** One of 10 director finalists across 70+ productions, eligible to win Best Director.
3. **OUTSTANDING LEAD FINALIST: Gabby Anthony as EURYDICE.** One of 17 Lead Performer Finalists. Gabby will undergo a rigorous, nearly three-week audition process along with other Lead Performer Finalists to determine which two students will represent the Greater Houston area at the National High School Musical Theatre Awards® (The Jimmy Awards®) in New York City this summer. Gabby will also perform as a soloist in medleys on the mainstage at the Hobby Center for the Tommy Tune Awards on May 8. Gabby is eligible to win Best Lead Performer along with other individual recognitions as part of this prestigious Lead Performer Finalist experience.
4. **OUTSTANDING DANCER FINALIST: Joellie Cadiz as WORKER/ENSEMBLE/YOUNG PERSEPHONE.** One of just 9 Outstanding Lead Dancer Finalists, eligible to win Outstanding Dancer. In addition to being eligible for this award, Joellie will perform alongside fellow nominees in a dance medley on the mainstage at the Hobby Center for the Tommy Tune Awards on May 8. Joellie also co-choreographed *Hadestown: Teen Edition*.
5. **OUTSTANDING HONORABLE MENTION FINALIST: Harper Brown as WORKER/ENSEMBLE.** One of just 7 Honorable Mention Finalists, eligible to win Outstanding Honorable Mention. In addition to being eligible for this award, Harper will perform alongside fellow finalists in a musical theatre medley on the mainstage at the Hobby Center for the Tommy Tune Awards on May 8.

In addition, **Zachary Rudge** was selected as the troupe's "Show Shirt Performer" and will perform on the mainstage alongside one representative from each Tommy Tune Award-participating school at the ceremony. Six FBCA technical theatre students and TUTS Teen Apprentices were selected to work behind the scenes at the Tommy Tune Awards Ceremony: **Zac Chen, Carmela Cordova, Abigale Hutchens, Aislinn Molinos, Austin Norton, and Rebecca Wijnja.**

This achievement represents the tremendous work of the 23 student performers, 12 student technical crew, and Stagecraft students who began work over the summer to conceive, design, and create the world of *Hadestown: Teen Edition*. We felt it was something very special last fall, and it is a true honor to be able to "sing it again" while representing our school and Creator among the region's best high school musical theatre programs. The Tommy Tune Awards Ceremony will take place on Friday, May 8 at 7pm at the Hobby Center in Downtown Houston. Tickets will be on sale to the public on March 25.

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

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

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