



LOWER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 26, 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS: MARCH

- 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 below)
- 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
- 15** 4th Grade Tea and Sports Day
- 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 your week is going well! We had a wonderful turnout last Friday at our Ties and Tiaras event. It was so special seeing our dads/father-figures dancing the night away with our girls.

With the recent time change, we are noticing an increase in tardies in the Lower School. Please make sure you are giving yourself enough time to enter the carpool line. Students are tardy if they are not in their classroom at 8:00 a.m. Thank you so much for your attention to this. We don't want our students to miss valuable instructional time and feel rushed at the start of their day.

We are excited about the launch of the [FBCA Easter Devotional](#) that was sent home in the Tuesday folders this week. Thanks to our Spiritual Life Department, faculty, and staff that have been so intentional with these devotions!

We can't wait for our upcoming Grandparents and Special Friends Day on Thursday, April 2. We will begin with our program at 8:30 a.m. in the Upper School Gym. You will have an opportunity to shop in our Book Fair, visit your child's classroom, and there will be photo opportunities and refreshments. We will display a slideshow at the beginning of the program. Please submit your pictures of grandparents and special friends to: gpd@fortbendchristian.org.


As we head into Palm Sunday weekend, let's be reminded of the joy and hope that marked Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. May this weekend be a time of peace, reflection, and celebration for your family as we begin Holy Week together.


With gratitude,

Stephanie Clayton

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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

2nd-4th Grade March Madness Tournament - March Madness - Basketball Tournament (2nd-4th grade) - 2nd - 4th grade students will play their final four games of their March Madness Bracket during their PE time. The winners of the fourth grade tournament will play teachers/staff at 2:15 p.m.

- 2nd grade: 11:30-12:00 p.m.
- 3rd grade: 1:15 - 1:45 p.m.
- 4th grade: 2:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Parents are welcome to watch their child participate in the March Madness Tournament on Tuesday, April 7th. Only the top 4 teams will be competing that day. Students will compete in a regular season basketball game during PE, will be seated in a bracket, and will compete in playoff games, just like the NCAA March Madness Tournament. *Not all students will play in the Final Four at the times above. It's only those students that made it to that part of the tournament. Please connect with your child beforehand to know if they're playing in it. They should know by April 1st.

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 will be competing in the State PSIA Meet on May 2, 2026, at Texas State University! Please join me in celebrating the following students and keep them in your prayers as they prepare for and travel to the competition:

- 2nd grade - Ella Louise - Creative Writing
- 3rd grade - James Stegemiller - Music Memory
- 4th grade - Georgia Poroo - Listening Skills and Oral Interpretation, Josiah Ma - Listening Skills, Darasemi - Music Memory, Christian Sam - Spelling

Save the Date: April 17 - Pizza party during lunch for all participants (more details to come)

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 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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