



UPPER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

April 9, 2026

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

April 10,11 Grease the Musical @ the Stafford Center (7pm) & (1pm, 7pm Sat.)

April 14 Athletics Signing Day @CT

April 14 Senior Privilege Lunch

April 15 National Honor Societies "Night of Honor" Induction. (6:30, US Gym)

April 17 Bike to Breakfast / Prom (info below)

April 21 Junior Dedication Breakfast (see info below)

April 24 Academic Awards Program / Class of 2026 Campus Walk-starting at 8:40am. (all Senior parents are welcome to attend the awards program & walk) 9th -12th grade parents will be notified by email if your student is receiving a class award)

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

We are looking forward to our annual Bike to Breakfast next Friday, April 17th. Seniors will need to wear their green Senior shirts they were given at Senior Retreat! Please make sure your child

has their shirt. Seniors are dismissed for the day after Bike to Breakfast so they can get ready for prom!

As we approach all the events at the end of the year, you can [use this spreadsheet](#) to see if you've purchased tickets, turned in forms, etc.

Attention Junior Moms!

Save the date for Junior Dedication and Breakfast- 8am - April 21st. Please RSVP at [this link](#). To respond to the short questions about your child, please [use this link](#). As a reminder, the juniors are dismissed for the day following the ceremony. The attire is Sunday best (no jeans, please).

Reminder: save the date for Senior Retreat - August 7th -9th (for all rising Seniors)

COUNSELORS' CORNER:

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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: **2026-2027 FBCA Instructional Calendar**

Link: <https://fortbendchristianorg.finalsite.com/fs/resource-manager/view/60e7e782-5c19-4ac4-916e-f174b7e1e8e7> Also on the website. <https://www.fortbendchristian.org/calendar>

Letterman Jacket Orders:

Order packets are available at the front desk. [Click here to order.](#) Or contact 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. If you have any questions, please contact her at 281-263-9175.

2026 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards National Winner- Grayson Borbidge

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- About **2,000–2,500 works receive National Medals (Gold + Silver combined) out of** 335,000 original works.
- Silver National Metals in Texas, where 120 total.
- **National Announcements for the 2026 Scholastic Awards came out on March 25, 2026**

To: Grayson Borbidge

Congratulations, you are now a 2026 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards National Winner! The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, the nonprofit organization that presents the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, is pleased to present you with the award(s) listed on your dashboard in recognition of this achievement.

Over 110,000 students entered more than 335,000 original works of art and writing to the 2026 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Your work was selected by some of the foremost leaders in the visual and literary arts for excellence in originality, skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision.

Since 1923, the Awards have celebrated teen artists and writers from across the country. You are now part of that legacy, joining the ranks of notable alumni including Tschabalala Self, Stephen King, Kay WalkingStick, Charles White, Joyce Carol Oates, Amanda Gorman, and Andy Warhol—all of whom won Scholastic Awards when they were teens.

We are proud to publish your work in our online galleries at artandwriting.org. Your name will also be listed in Yearbook 2026, a companion to our annual art and writing anthologies that feature selections of works by National Medalists.

Once again, congratulations. The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, our supporters, and our partners are honored to celebrate your accomplishment.

Sincerely,

Christopher Wisniewski

*Executive Director
Alliance for Young Artists & Writers*



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

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