

"Educating Students for Time and Eternity"

July 2022

Dear 3rd-5th Grade Parents,

First Baptist Academy welcomes your child to the new adventure of upper elementary school for the 2022-2023 school year. It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the summer break and only have six weeks until the start of school. I pray you are enjoying this time and are looking forward to what promises to be a very exciting school year. As we approach the first day of school, I wanted to highlight some important dates that you may want to place on your calendar for upcoming school events. These events will take place in the first couple of weeks of school and they are specifically designed to help us partner with you as we kick off this new school year. Our goal is to build strong relationships between the academy, our staff and your family.

We are excited about your child's steps from the primary level of elementary education into upper elementary grades. The jump from primary to upper elementary grades can be challenging and FBA is honored to partner with you in helping your child through this developmental period. Prior to third grade, students are learning to read, while in the upper elementary school grade, students are reading to learn. Critical thinking and application of concepts are an expected part of upper elementary grade levels.

Please note these helpful hints for parents as your child enters 3rd – 5th grade:

- Encourage your child to have a regular study time at home. The average daily homework time is 30-50 minutes, but will vary depending on your child's reading ability, attention to detail and concentration. No homework is given on Wednesdays.
- ➤ Grading is based not only on rote memory and identification, but moves to higher order thinking and application of ideas and facts. Discussing concepts students are learning with parents will benefit comprehension. Reading level and amounts increase at each grade level. It is very important in continued development of fluency, vocabulary and reading comprehension that students read daily.
- ➤ Communication is sent out via student daily folders, assignment pad, emails from the teacher, weekly school newsletter, Praxi (online source for grades and discipline), class newsletters, social media, and FBA website resources. Please keep in close contact with your child's teacher and read all communications to ensure knowledge of your child's progress, activities and events scheduled.
- ➤ Bible: all elementary students are to acquire the same ESV Bible. The ESV's Holy Bible for Kids; ISBN-10: 1-4335-5471-2 or ISBN-13: 9781433554711

 You can continue to use the NKJV Explorer Study Bible this year if you have it.

IMPORTANT DATES:

MONDAY, AUGUST 15th, 3:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M., FBA NIGHT (MANDATORY):

Parents and students will meet the teacher and bring supplies to the classroom. (Student attendance will be taken and counted as the first day of school). There will also be an area set up for parents to take care of ELS sign-up, School Nurse info, Yearbook order, Parent Auxiliary info and sale of spirit items, etc.



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- > 3:00 P.M. New Families Meeting (Who needs to attend? Anyone new to FBA, or Families new to Pre-School, Kindergarten, Sixth and Ninth Grade).
- > 3:00-6:00 p.m. FBA Night (Who needs to attend? Everyone needs to attend. If you are in the above meeting, you will meet your teacher after the meeting).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:

Drop off starts at 7:50 a.m. and school begins at 8:15 a.m. We apologize, but due to the congestion and our small campus, parents may not take their child to class. Children will be met by faculty and older FBA students who will help them from your car and walk them to class. Teachers will be waiting to welcome them at the door.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, BACK TO SCHOOL BASH:

- > 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- > Fellowship
- > Food
- Games
- > Fun

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, PARENT NIGHT:

- \triangleright 6:30 7:30 p.m.
- Discuss grade level (projects, expectations, curriculum, communication)
- > Time for questions

Please pray for your child's teacher, as she will be praying for you and your child.

In His Service,

Christine M. Povolish

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Dear ELS Parents,

It is my pleasure to welcome your family to our Extended Learning Session (ELS) Program here at First Baptist Academy. ELS is our before and after school childcare program at FBA. We will begin our program on August 16, 2022. Please refer to your 2022-2023 school calendar for specific ELS holidays.

The ELS leadership team consists of myself, and the Assistant Directors. My Director hours are from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. If I am not available, one of the Assistant Directors are always happy to help.

Please read your FBA Parent/Student handbook before the first day of school. Our handbook is posted on our school website, www.fbauc.org. If after reading this handbook you have any questions, I will be happy to answer them.

We have a security system installed in our glass doors in the ELS drop-off area. These doors will be locked at all times and can ONLY be opened from 6:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. with the security code. <u>Be</u> sure to stop by the ELS table on FBA Night (Monday, August 15) to get the code as well as your <u>ID</u> cards to check your child in and out.

<u>Preschool:</u> After 8:15 a.m. you will not be able to enter through these doors. YOU WILL NEED TO GET IN THE CARPOOL LINE TO DROP OF YOUR PRESCHOOL STUDENT.

Elementary & Upper School: After 7:50 a.m. your K5 THRU 7TH GRADE STUDENT MUST BE DROPPED OFF IN THE CARPOOL LINE. If you have any questions, please call me at (210) 658-5331 and ask for ELS.

We look forward to an amazing year with our ELS students and their families.

In His Service,

Debra Winkelmann

Director of Preschool & ELS

Email - dwinkelmann@fbauc.com

[&]quot;I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." 3 John 1:4

FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY

2022-2023 School Calendar

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(See July Welcome Packet for Details)

15- New Parent Orientation, 3pm PREK-12th FBA Night, 3-6pm

- 16 Full day of school/ELS open
- 19 Back to School Bash
- 25 PREK-5th Grade Parent Night 630-730pm

September 2022			FBA Closed ELS Closed				
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- 5- Labor Day No School/ELS closed
- 8- Picture Day, All Students (Makeups Sep. 22)
- 23- Teacher Workday- No school/ELS open

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10- Teacher Workday- No school/ELS open

- *Possible Weather Makeup Day 16- Class Pictures (Pre-K3- 5th grade)
- 20- Presidents' Day No school/ELS closed

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- 1- Spring Eagle Band Concert, 6:30pm Sanctuary
- 2- Spring Choir Concert, 6:30pm Peace
- **5** High School Awards
- 9-11- 12th grade Exams and Dual Credit
- 12- Noon Dismissal, Teacher Workday/ELS Open
- 18-3 year olds & K4 Field Day
- 19- Noon dismissal/ELS Open
- 19- High School Graduation, 6pm
- 22- K5-5th Field Day
- 22-24- 9th-11th grade exams
- 23- K3-K4 Last Day of School
- 23- 6th-8th grade Awards 2:00 pm
- 24- Last day of School for K5 -11th grade **Dismissal After Programs** 9:00 am, K5-5th End of Year Awards Noon dismissal, Middle School
- 24- Last day of ELS will close at 6pm
- 24- *End of Quarter
- 25- June 2 School office and ELS closed

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- 3 High School Christmas Banquet
- 6- Christmas Eagle Choir Concert, 6:30pm Peace
- 12- Christmas Eagle Band Concert, 6:30pm Sanctuary
- 14-16- High School Exams
- 16- Noon dismissal K5-12th grades / ELS Open *End of Quarter
- 19- Dec. 19- Jan 3, Christmas holiday ELS Closed Dec. 23,26, Jan. 2

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- 6-10- Spring Book Fair
- 7- PREK3-2nd grade musical, 6:30pm Sanctuary
- 10- Noon Dismissal Teacher Workday -ELS Open *End of Quarter
- 13-17- Spring Break No School/ELS Open
- 24- K3-12th Parent/Teacher Conf. 4th-12th grade students required to attend-No classes /ELS open

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June 5- First Day of SOS

Summer Office Hours

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- 10- Columbus Day No School/ELS closed
- 11-14- Fall Book Fair
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- Teacher Workday, No School/ELS Open
- 4- Students return
- 6- Report cards sent home
- 16- MLK holiday No School/ELS closed

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7-10 Good Friday / Easter Monday holiday

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17-21- Achievement Tests

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3-4 Independence Day Observed -FBA closed/SOS open July 3rd

End of Quarter ELS/SOS Closed

*Possible Weather Makeup Day - Feb. 10th

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First Baptist Academy Welcomes You To The Exciting 2022-2023 School Year!

THINGS TO DO IN JULY*

- Purchase PE clothes in office for K-5th grade; online through the school store for 6-12th grade.
- K3-12th pick up pre-ordered school supplies. (Must be picked up by July 29st to avoid a \$25.00 storage fee).
- Register/Login to PraxiSchool. Instructions will be sent separately.
- Check lunch account balance and add money in PraxiSchool or the school office. Remember, the August payment will be billed on August 1st and is due by the 15th of the month. Students will not be permitted to class if the August payment is not made BEFORE the first day of school.

School Office Summer Hours Monday-Thursday 9:00-3:00 PM; Friday 9:00AM-12:00PM

Important Dates – August 10, 15 & 16

- August 10 Class rosters will be posted in PraxiSchool under the Resource Tab
- August 15 FBA Night (attendance taken)
 - o Meet teacher
 - o Pick up schedule
 - o Bring supplies
 - Purchase spirit items
 - Verify student pickup list
 - o Receive Full Day Preschool-5th Grade Car Pool Placard
 - Visit Nurse Station
- August 16

 First Full Day of School

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16 – FIRST FULL DAY OF SCHOOL**

(K5 – 5th grades) Drop off 7:50 to 8:15am Students tardy after 8:15am Dismissal 3:30pm

(3yr.-K4 students)
Drop off 8:15 am
K3-4 ½ day 12:00 pm
K3-4 full day 3:30 pm

(6th-12th grades) Drop off 7:50 6th-8th grade tardy after 8:10am 6th-8th Dismissal 3:34pm 9th-12th grade tardy after 8:15am 9th-12th Dismissal 3:39pm

Before and After School Care

ELS available at 6:30am & 3:30-6pm for PreK-13 yrs. old

Hang Time available at 6:30am & from 4-6pm for 14 yrs. old & up

K5-12th grade: Make sure you have your uniforms 1st -12th grade: Remember to do your Summer Reading-Check website for details!

Athletes: Register on Rank One and have an up to date physical.



HELLO,

My name is Sarah Self and I am the Chair of the FBA Parent Auxiliary. The PA is one of many support systems for the school. We strive to serve our teachers and staff in many ways. One of the ways we help them is by hosting a work room the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month, with some variation depending on holidays. We need lots of hands to make those work rooms successful. As a member of the Parent Auxiliary, you will be a huge help to make our school year even better. We are constantly trying to find ways to assist our teachers and staff and do exciting things for our students.

On July 13, from 10:00-2:00pm, we will have a uniform sale in the lunchroom. Each uniform piece is \$5.00 with PE clothes being \$3.00 each. Our little girls sizes go very fast! If you have uniforms you need to donate, we will be accepting CLEAN, gently used uniforms, through the office during their business hours. We will not be accepting middle/high school PE clothes. Be sure to visit the Parent Auxiliary table at FBA Night to enter a drawing from the PA to win \$50.00 towards your account! You won't want to miss that opportunity!

Have a blessed and fun summer!! Do something fun with your kids!!

THANKS, Sarah Self

2022-2023 First Baptist Academy Spirit Shirt



Available Now in the School Office and on FBA NIGHT!

FRONT



BACK



The First Spirit Day is August 19th



WE HAVE YOUTH AND ADULT SIZES FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS.
GET ONE WHILE YOU CAN !!!

