



FBSL Saints

On the Horizon...

Announcements & News

Jan. 27 th	▶	Noon Dismissal - End of 2 nd Quarter [Aftercare Available]
Jan. 30 th	▶	3 rd Quarter Begins
Feb. 12 th	▶	Skate Night 4:30pm
Feb. 3 rd	▶	2nd Quarter Report Cards
Feb. 6 th	▶	Open Enrollment for 2017-2018 Registration for Summer Camp
Feb. 7 th	▶	Moving Up Night at 6:30pm
Feb. 20 th	▶	NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day
Mar. 3 rd	▶	3 rd Quarter Progress Reports
Mar. 10 th	▶	Noon Dismissal - Teacher-In-Service
Mar. 29 th	▶	Spring Pictures
Mar. 31 st	▶	Noon Dismissal - End of 3 rd Quarter [Aftercare Available]
Apr. 3 rd	▶	4 th Quarter Begins
Apr. 3 rd -7 th	▶	Standardized Testing
Apr. 7 th		3rd Quarter Report Cards
Apr. 10 th - 11 th	▶	Make-up Testing
Apr. 12 th	▶	6:30pm Easter Program
Apr. 14 th - 21 st	▶	NO SCHOOL - Easter Vacation
Apr. 24 th	▶	School Resumes

Dear Parents and Families of FBSL,

Well, we've made it half way through the school year. This winter can't seem to make up its mind that it is winter. I know many of you may not care for snow days and the inconveniences they can cause, but I'd like at least some snow. I miss it when we have none, being the Wisconsin boy that I am. And a snow day is always nice, in my book. ☺

There are many exciting events and great things still to come in the second half of the school year. There is the Easter Program on April 12. The trip to Sight & Sound (for older students) on May 23. Standardized testing (grades K-8) the first week of April. The Science Fair on May 19. Field Day on June 2. Some of those are my favorite times of the whole school year.

Open Enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year begins on Monday, February 6. We hope all of you with children in grades K3 to 7 are considering returning to FBSL next year. Remember that there is a \$100 discount on the registration fee until March 31st. Speaking of next year, in December a survey was sent out to parents. We only had a few respond, so we are going to be sending it out again. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey if you haven't already done so. It only has 11 questions asking about your thoughts and opinions on what we do well, what we could improve and more. The answers we have gotten already are helping us shape many of the goals we have for next school year and even this school year. We are already looking at new opportunities for additional technology from middle school all the way to pre-k. We are hoping to make some changes and/or additions to our curriculum so that all the students can have the best opportunities to learn. We are considering possible changes to the hot lunch program to better serve more families. The list goes on. If you would like to speak with me personally about next year or about any concerns, please let me know. I'd be glad to sit down and speak with you.

I hope you all have a great second semester of the school year. Pray for snow. Or not. Whatever you prefer.

Mr. Gall, Principal

Summer Camp Registration begins Feb. 6th

Save \$25 off registration fees by May 1st. Visit www.fbslaurel.com to download the Summer-in-the-Son registration form. Hurry! Spaces fill quickly!



Facebook Contest



FBSL families help spread the word! We are running a monthly giveaway. Like us on Facebook and Post a Review for a chance to win prizes.

Open Enrollment

2017-2018 Enrollment Begins Feb. 6th

To re-enroll, login to ParentsWeb. Click "Family Information" and select "Enrollment/Reenrollment".

\$100 OFF
registration fees
through Mar. 31st

Family Service Hours Opportunities

There are many ways for parents and grandparents to complete their volunteer service hour commitment. The first place is to contact your student's teacher. Chaperoning on field trips also counts! Some upcoming volunteer needs:

- Open House Saturday March 11th, 10am-12pm. Parents needed from all grade levels. To sign up see Sharon
- Spring Picture Day March 29th See Sharon for details
- PTO meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm in C217. The next PTO meeting is scheduled for **March 7th** (No meeting in February). For more information email PTO@fbslaurel.com

Weather Delays & Closings

We will close the school for inclement weather in accordance with Prince George's County Public School district's closing and delays. Please listen to your local TV and radio station for the latest notice of closing and delays. If FBSL is in session on a non-school day for PG County, the school administrator will make the determination of whether school will open on time, open on a delayed schedule, or be closed for the day. When this happens, the decision will be made by 5:30am and will be announced on the FBSL website. The decision will be based on other local school systems' determinations of whether or not they are scheduled to be open.



You can subscribe to receive instant updates for PG County School System by logging onto www.pgcps.org and signing up for text and emails alerts. We are also using the RenWeb's Parent Alert text and email system this year to notify parents of closings and delays. Please make sure your information is up to date in ParentsWeb by logging into your account and clicking on "Web Forms" under the "School Information" heading on the left of the screen. Choose the Family Demographic Form and choose which information you would like to change.

If there is a 2 hour delay for inclement weather we will follow the schedule below:

- Before Care will open at 8:00am
- Doors will open at 10:15am
- School will begin at 10:30am



Prayers and Praises

Prayers:

- Elessar Cruz's (5th grade) grandfather is recovering from a stroke.
- Zachary Carr's (former student) grandmother passed away.
- Darien Goodman's (2nd grade) uncle passed away
- Jeremiah Strong's (1st grade) passing of a loved one
- Coach BJ's (former P.E coach) Dad passed away

Praises:

- For all of our Student(s) of the Month for Nov. and Dec.
- For all of our students who made Honor Roll and High Honor Roll 1st and 2nd quarter.
- Safety Patrols for the Month Grace Miliner (Nov) and Amani Delisser (Dec).

Thank You!

A big **thank you** to everyone who donated hats, gloves, scarves and mittens and to everyone who donated their gently used shoes to support the chorus and Helping Hands.

Mark your calendars!

Tuesday, February 7th 2017- Come out and support First Baptist School's Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A (Contee Rd location) from 4-9pm.

Mention First Baptist School and a portion of your bill will go to the school.

Fundraising Updates:

Box Tops.....	\$ 167.30
CFA Calendar.....	\$ 296.00
CFA Spirit Night.....	\$ 207.71
Class Bundl.....	\$ 146.01
Meadow Farms/Christian Collection.....	\$1,536.65
Giant A+ Rewards.....	\$ 94.09
Scholastic.....	\$ 371.32
Uniform.....	\$ 203.00