

FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY

BACK TO SCHOOL
Elementary and PreK School
— 2019 - 2020 —



Welcome FBA LIONS!

Thank you for choosing to become part of the FBA family where every child is viewed as a special gift from God entrusted to our care. We recognize each child is created with a unique personality and purpose. Our dedicated teachers provide an active, learner-centered environment where every child is engaged and challenged to grow academically, spiritually and physically.

I look forward to leading and launching our school theme for this year: *Hooked on Learning ... Anchored in Truth*. PK and Elementary students... prepare to embark on a voyage like no other in pursuit of wisdom, knowledge and understanding Truth, using God's treasure map as our guide. The adventure will change hearts and lives for eternity.

Welcome Aboard Mates!

For His Glory,

Mrs. Linda Shaw
Elementary and Preschool Principal





FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school is set for **Wednesday, August 14**. As we kick off another amazing year at First Baptist Academy, please remember to park in designated areas and follow drop-off directions for your children.

A Woo Hoo Coffee is scheduled for all Elementary parents starting at 7:45 AM on the Elementary playground area during drop-off. This is a great time to fellowship with other parents as we start the new school year.

Parents, use **#FBALions** when posting your first-day pictures.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Mark your calendars as the last day of school will be **Thursday, May 14, 2020**. To stay up to date on all of the year's events, check the [school academic calendar](#).

UNIFORMS

Our school uniform provider is Risse Bros. The FBA logoed polos (in maroon, navy, grey or white) and Chapel uniforms may be purchased online at rissebrothers.com or Risse Bros will be on campus **July 30, 10 AM - 7 PM** in DC120.

Khaki uniform bottoms (skorts, shorts, and pants) may be purchased at any retailer of choice.



SPIRIT WEAR

The first Friday of each month is designated as a Spirit Day. To purchase your student's official Spirit shirt, PK/ES [complete this form](#) by **August 22**, and MS/HS [complete this form](#) by **September 22**.

DRESS DOWN FRIDAYS

Students may choose to participate in the various Dress Down Friday fundraisers: Chick-fil-A Night, TAPT, Fine Arts, and Rita's Ice. Dress Down Fridays occur on the second, third, and fourth Fridays of the month as outlined in the ParentsWeb calendar. Students can wear any attire that is modest and within handbook guidelines. [Click here](#) to register your students for Dress Down Fridays.



SCHOOL SCHEDULES

Start Times

Grades PreK3 - 5th	Monday - Friday	8:00 AM
Grades 6th - 12th	Monday - Friday	8:00 AM

Students may be dropped off as early as 7:30 AM

Dismissal Times

PreK3 Half Day	Monday - Friday	12:00 PM
PreK3 Full Day	Monday - Friday	3:00 PM
Grades K4 - 5th	Monday - Friday	3:00 PM
Grades 6th - 12th	Monday - Friday	3:07 PM

STUDENT CAR LINE & DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

PK/ES students will be dismissed for car line pick-up to the Portico. Parents, please remain in your vehicle and visibly display your car line sign. Your child will be escorted to your car. Car line signs will be provided by your child's teacher.

- **In the event of heavy rain / no lightning:** car line will run as usual.
- **In the event of a lightning alert before dismissal:** students will be dismissed from the Commons. Parents are to park at the Commons and pick-up their child from inside. Please bring your car line sign.
- **In the event the lightning alert sounds after car line is underway:** students will be escorted safely back inside to the Commons. Parents are to drive from the Portico to the Commons and pick-up their child from inside. Please bring your car line sign.
- **Centralized pick-up for families with children in multiple grade levels:** to have your ES student picked up at the MS car line, please complete a [permission slip](#) by Monday, August 12 and send to emcgriff@fbalions.org.
- **Students attending the Sports CLUB of Naples after-school program:** will be safely escorted to the NSC bus for pick-up from FBA. Parents must complete the [permission slip](#) by Monday, August 12 and send it to emcgriff@fbalions.org.
- **Students attending FBA After School Enrichment classes:** will be safely escorted to their activity.



STUDENT SERVICES

The ACCESS program supports students in their academic success who are of average or above-average ability but are not reaching their expected potential due to a mild learning difference or disability. Eligibility for elementary students does not require a psychoeducational evaluation.

ACCESS does not replace regular content area classes but may offer additional academic support and/or classroom accommodations to better equip students for learning. Elementary students receive services several times per week. Reading skill remediation and support is provided in small group settings using evidence-based programs. Math and writing are supported through an inclusive model inside the regular classroom.

NEW THIS YEAR

Genius Hour

Google asked its employees to spend 20% of their work time on a pet project. It could be anything. As a result of these projects, we now have Gmail, AdSense, and Google News. Innovative ideas and projects are allowed to flourish (or fail) without the bureaucracy of committees, budgets or a grade on a report card. From this concept, came Genius Hour.

Genius Hour is designed for teams of FBA 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, lead by Mrs. Shaw and facilitated by teachers, to have self-directed time to pursue their passions, choose what they will master, and inquire about their own curiosities. Over the course of Genius Hour, your child will learn how and why they are uniquely created by God. From idea to essential question to completed Passion Project, students will grow in their understanding and digital literacy skills through curiosity, connectivity, and creativity.

STEAM Fun Fridays

All aboard young scientists, artists, explorers, and innovators! STEAM Fun Fridays will take place once a quarter on the playground during First Friday from 3 - 4 PM. Students kindergarten through 5th grade will participate in hands-on learning, focused on the school theme ...*anchored in truth*. Parent volunteers are needed to help students "navigate the course" - join the other "adventurous captains" on these pirate adventure by emailing [Angela Blankenship](mailto:Angela.Blankenship).



Expanded Student Services

FBA is proud to be the only provider of NILD Educational Therapy in Southwest Florida. Our NILD therapists are trained to treat a student's cognitive or perceptual deficits, not just their academic symptoms to develop strategic, independent learners. NILD therapy provides one-on-one, individualized interventions that address the underlying causes of learning difficulties, rather than simply treating the symptoms as tutoring does.

In addition, we will be implementing Orton-Gillingham techniques in small group sessions for elementary students - focusing on improving phonological processing.

PARENT RESOURCES

Parent Volunteers

Parents are the heart of our Lion Pride and we are grateful for their volunteerism and service. We encourage all families to be involved at the level and within the areas of interest that they feel comfortable serving. Sign up to become a Parent Volunteer by [clicking here](#).

TAPT

Teachers and Parents Together (TAPT) is an organization of dedicated parents whose mission is to prayerfully come alongside staff, students, and families to enhance and enrich the educational experience. TAPT invites you to save the date for Boosterthon: October 22 - 30. Funds raised this year will be used towards making improvements to FBA's soccer fields! To become involved with TAPT, contact [Lindsey Touchette](#).

RightNow Media

As we encourage the integration of faith with our learning and living, we invite you to enjoy a complimentary subscription to [RightNow Media](#). Essentially the "Netflix of Video Bible Studies" - your family will have instant access to thousands of great videos for students, kids, youth, and families. To access, register you family by clicking [here](#).

Kingdom Education Ministries (KEM) Membership

Parents can gain access to a variety of resources by becoming a [KEM Member](#). Members have access to video training, weekly blogs and other materials and information designed to help parents, Christian teachers, and administrators educate future generations in line with God's Word and will. As a KEM school, membership for families is being offered at the special rate of \$15. [Click here](#) to become a member.



SPRING MUSICAL

FBA Fine Arts is excited to announce School House Rock, Jr. as the spring musical. An informational meeting will be held on October 3, with auditions taking place on October 21 and 22. Save the date for the performance: April 1, 2 and 3.

PARENTSWEB

Interactive, Mobile-friendly ParentsWeb

ParentsWeb is a private and secure website that allows you to see complete information specific to your child. All you need is an Internet-capable device to view information such as important announcements, attendance, daily grades, progress reports, lesson plans, homework, discipline, staff and school directory, and other school information.

A link to the ParentsWeb login page may be found in the top right corner of FBA's homepage: fbalions.org under "Parents".

It is the responsibility of each student's parents to update contact information and student medical information as soon as there is a change. Correct information will assure that important mailings from the school are delivered promptly and correctly, email and text messages are received as intended, and school officials have access to current information should an emergency arise. All demographic information can be updated by clicking the "Web Forms" link and completing the "Family Demographics Form" and the "Medical Information Update" form.

Please contact Sarah Crain at scrain@fbalions.org with questions.

LUNCH

This year, lunch will be \$5.00.



ELEMENTARY SUPPLY LISTS

Please bring your student's supplies to their classroom on Back to School Night.

Kindergarten

*Please do not label supplies

- Backpack (NO WHEELS)
- Ziploc Bags (All sizes appreciated)
- 1 - 1" 3-ring binder, white, clear view
- 1 ream of white copy paper
- 1 box of Crayola "classic colors" washable markers
- 1 paint set, watercolor, washable - 8 colors with a brush
- 1 pair of scissors (rounded tip)
- 2 Pink Pearl erasers
- 2 Clorox Wipes
- 2 Hand Wipes
- 3 - 4 oz. Elmer's School Glue (NO COLOR, GEL or GLITTER)
- 4 Boxes of 24 count Crayola crayons
- 24 Glue sticks (Elmer's White)

First Grade

*Please do not label supplies

- Backpack (NO WHEELS)
- NIV, NASB, ESV Bible recommended
- Ziploc bags (Girls- sandwich) (Boys- quart)
- 1 Pencil case (Preferred blue plastic) no fabric pouches
- 1 Box of colored pencils
- 1 - 4 pack of Expo chisel tip whiteboard markers
- 1 Elmer's school glue (NO COLOR, GEL or GLITTER)
- 1 Pair of scissors ("Fiskars" blunt tip)
- 1 Spiral notebook
- 1 ream of white copy paper
- 2 Clorox Wipes
- 2 Hand Wipes
- 2 Play Dough molding dough- any color
- 2 Mead Primary Journal (composition book) has a space for a picture
- 2 Plastic 3-prong folders
- 2 Boxes of 24 count Crayola crayons
- 2 Pink Pearl erasers
- 2- 1" 3 ring binders white, clear view
- 3 Packs of pre-sharpened #2 pencils
- 10 Glue sticks



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Second Grade

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- Backpack (NO WHEELS)
- NIV, NASB, ESV Bible recommended
- 1 Ruler (English and Metric)
- 1 Pair of scissors (blunt tip)
- 1 Blue & yellow plastic folder with only pockets
- 1- 4 Pack of Expo chisel tip dry erase markers
- 1- 12 Count Crayola colored pencils
- 1 Mead Primary Journal (Composition notebook) has space for a picture
- 1 Ream of white copy paper
- 1 Box of Ziploc bags (Girls- quart) (Boys- gallon)
- 1 Pack of wide-ruled notebook paper
- 2- 24 count packs of Crayola "classic colors" crayons
- 2- 1" 3 ring binders white, clear view
- 2 fabric pencil pouches (no plastic)
- 2 Clorox Wipes
- 2 Hand Wipes
- 3 Pink Pearl erasers
- 3 Composition notebooks (marbled black, yellow, green)
- 4 Boxes of 12 count #2 pencils pre-sharpened
- 12 Elmer's Glue Sticks

Third Grade

- Backpack (NO WHEELS)
- NIV, NASB, ESV Bible Recommended
- 1 Red, 1 yellow, 1 green plastic pocket folder
- 1 Box of Crayola "classic colors" Washable markers, fine tip
- 1 Box 24 count Crayola crayons
- 1 Box 12 count colored pencils, sharpened
- 1 Pair of scissors (5-inch, pointed tip)
- 1- 12" Ruler (Inches and cm) non-folding
- 1 Pack of wide-ruled notebook paper
- 1- 1" E-Z 3 Ring binder, clear view, white
- 1 Ream of copy paper
- 1 Pack of dry erase markers, low odor
- 1 Box of Ziploc bags (Girls- sandwich) (Boys- gallon)
- 2 Zipper pencil pouches
- 2 Red pens
- 2 Thin tip highlighters
- 2 Composition notebooks wide ruled (Non-spiral, black & white)
- 2 Spiral notebooks wide ruled 100 pages (1 Red & 1 Green)
- 2- 3 Subject notebooks, spiral wide ruled (1 Orange & 1 Blue)
- 2 Pink Pearl Erasers
- 2 Clorox Wipes
- 2 Hand Wipes
- 6 Glue Sticks
- 6- 12 Packs of sharpened #2 pencils



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Fourth Grade

- Backpack
- NIV, NASB, ESV Bible recommended
- 1 Pencil case (fabric, no boxes)
- 1 Pack of 8 count Crayola classic colors markers, washable, wide tip
- 1 Pair of scissors
- 1 Pack of 24 count colored pencils
- 1 Ruler (English and Metric) 12", non-folding
- 1 Blue spiral notebook
- 1- 1" 3 ring E-Z Ring binder, durable, clear view, white
- 1 Ream of white copy paper
- 2 Packs of notebook paper (wide ruled)
- 2 Book covers (JUMBO, stretchable, assorted colors)
- 2 Highlighters thin tip
- 2 Clorox Wipes
- 2 Hand Wipes
- 4 Red pens
- 6 Glue sticks (no bottled glue)
- 6 Spiral-bound notebooks
- 6 Folders (plastic, 2-pocket, 3-hole, assorted colors)
- 8 Boxes of 12 count #2 pencils (pre-sharpened)

Fifth Grade

- Backpack
- NIV, NASB, ESV Bible recommended
- Erasers
- Scotch Tape
- Calculator
- Mini stapler with staples (optional)
- 1 Pack of 5 dividers
- 1 Fabric pencil case
- 1 Box of 12 count colored pencils (pre-sharpened)
- 1 Pencil sharpener
- 1 Elmer's school glue (no color, glitter, or gel)
- 1 Pair of scissors
- 1 Ruler (English and Metric) 12"
- 1- 3 pack of Post-It Notes
- 1 Ream of white copy paper
- 2 Glue sticks
- 2 Red Pens
- 2 Blue Pens
- 2 Highlighters
- 2 Packs of wide-ruled notebook paper
- 2 Book covers (Jumbo or XL)
- 2 Clorox wipes
- 2 Hand wipes
- 3- 10 Count boxes of sharp #2 pencils
- 4 Composition notebooks
- 6 Spiral-bound notebooks



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FBA ELEMENTARY TEAM



Linda Shaw
Principle



Melissa Rose
Dean of Faculty



Robyn Ritchie
PreK3 Teacher



Gloria Marques
PreK3 Aide



Renee Moore
PreK3 Teacher



Alexis Bueltel
K4 Teacher



Jodi Bates
K4 Aide



Jennifer Crossan
K4 Teacher



Jen Lee
K4 Aide



Karen Purvis
K4 Director/Teacher



Esperanza Sanchez
K4 Aide



Lisa Anderson
Kindergarten Teacher



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Michelle Kirkpatrick
Kindergarten Aide



Sandra Williams
Kindergarten Teacher



Jena Phelan
Kindergarten Aide



Melissa Lane
1st Grade Teacher



Janae Zaks
1st Grade Teacher



Angela Blankenship
2nd Grade Teacher



Nicole Geri
2nd Grade Teacher



Jennifer Carter
3rd Grade Teacher



Violet Lup
3rd Grade Teacher



Anna Filbert
4th Grade Teacher



Amy Clydesdale
4th Grade Teacher



Janet Davison
5th Grade Teacher



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Kate Trefz
5th Grade Teacher



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HELPFUL FORMS AND LINKS

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[All School Calendar 2019 - 2020](#)

[School Health Entry Requirements](#)

[Risse Brothers Uniform](#)

[First Baptist Academy Website](#)

[ParentsWeb](#)