

FIRST BAPTIST ACADEMY

BACK TO SCHOOL
MIDDLE SCHOOL
— 2019 - 2020 —



Welcome **BACK LIONS!**

It's my joy to welcome you back to the start of another school year. As you know, this is my first year here at FBA, and I can already tell what a great place this is. With all the warm welcomes via email and in person, it has been a good start to my time here, and I am eager to get the school year rolling. Arriving in July, we have already been at work in anticipation of and preparation for the upcoming school year.



I am looking forward to all that God has in store for us this year as we seek to live out our year's theme. As we continue to be "hooked on learning, anchored in Truth", I fully expect God to continue to His work in us and among us that we may know Him and make Him known. The middle school years provide us with a remarkable time of wonderment and exploration by which students can begin to discover the gifts and talents God has bestowed upon them so that they start to understand their role in God's redemptive story. What a privilege it is to walk alongside our middle schools students on that journey and see them become excited about God's call on their lives.

Again, I am excited to be a part of the FBA family and with hopeful expectation in our great God, look forward to a wonderful year together. I hope to meet many of you at our Back to School Night (Aug 9) and our Curriculum Night (Aug 20).

With grace and hope,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William R. Fisher".

Mr. Billy Fisher
Assistant High School and Middle School Principal



Welcome FBA LIONS!

Students welcome back to another school year! The middle school faculty and staff have been working hard to prepare for a great experience for your student. We are ready to challenge our students to be life-long learners diving into their own curiosity while understanding that God is the author of Truth.



Hebrews 6:19 says “we have as an anchor of the soul a hope both sure and steadfast.” We are blessed to be able to know the One who is our anchor and hope for our future. Allow me this opportunity to alert you to changes at the beginning of the year activities. Friday, August 9 will be a new format. Our Back to School Night will include our annual barbecue as well as a special time for our new families to meet current families. There will also be some time for new and current families to walk through the buildings and meet teachers.

On Tuesday, August 20, we will have a Curriculum Night for parents only. This will give you an opportunity to follow your student’s schedule, meet their teachers, and learn how to help your student have success this year. Please mark your calendars for these two events.

I also want to welcome and introduce you to our new faculty and staff for this year. Mrs. Tammie Mihet will be returning to FBA as a part of the 6th-grade team. She is joining Mrs. Nancy Wilbanks who is returning to a full-time position. I know they are both excited to work with the sixth graders and their transition to middle school. Please join me in praying God’s protection, provision, and blessing for this school year as we get Hooked on Learning! Looking forward to seeing you all soon and all the Lord has in store for us this year.

Blessings,

Leigh Anne Bates
High School and Middle School Principal



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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.

Use **#FBALions** to help us capture all of the first-day fun.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Mark your calendars as the last day of school will be **Wednesday, May 20, 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 DAYS

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 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 7:35 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

Students will be released or picked up at 3:07. If you are picking up a Middle School student, please remain in your vehicle.

- **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.
- **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 to the Commons and pick-up their child from inside.
- **High School students with Middle School siblings:** High School drivers will be allowed to leave with parent permission. If they are picking up younger children they will have to follow Middle School car line procedures.
- **Students going to the Naples Sports CLUB Afterschool 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 kbonnett@fbalions.org.
- **Students attending FBA After School Enrichment classes or Athletics:** 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. Middle and high school eligibility does require an evaluation detailing a learning disability or other health impairment affecting academic function.

Middle and high school students may enroll in ACCESS (resource) class for 2-5 periods per week during an elective period. A Student Services teacher will provide content support, organizational and study skills, self-advocacy coaching and testing accommodations to meet individual student needs. ACCESS students may receive classroom accommodations, however, their content and curriculum are not modified.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS

For middle school classes, students textbooks will be provided by the teacher.

NEW THIS YEAR

Elective Wheel

We are piloting a new program that will give 7 and 8 grade students new elective options for their eighth period course. The elective options are centered around enriching studies of the Bible and worship, creative writing, music and band, physical fitness and health, and forensic science. Additionally, students in 8 grade have the potential for beginning their Spanish studies by taking Spanish I. Parents received an email on July 15 describing course options. Students will be placed in one elective per quarter for a total of four different electives throughout the course of the year.

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 Demographic 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.

ATHLETICS

For the upcoming Fall sports season the athletic program will be offering volleyball, football, cross country, golf and cheerleading. To participate in athletics you must complete all required [forms](#). Athletic fees for most sports is \$100, football is \$125. Visit fbalions.org/athletics for more information.



SIXTH GRADE SUPPLY LIST

English:

- True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi
- Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls
- Pencils
- 2 Composition books
- 1 Highlighter
- 2 Pocket folders
- 1 Pack of loose-leaf paper
- 1 Pack of index cards

Math:

- 1- 2" Binder
- 4 Thin Expo markers
- 5 Dividers
- Pencils
- Pens
- 1 Pack of loose-leaf paper
- 1 Pack of graph paper
- Ruler with cm and inches
- 1 Folder

History:

- 1- 1" Binder with 5 dividers
- 1 Pack of loose-leaf paper
- 1 Highlighter

Bible:

- 1 Bible (NIV, ESV, or NASB)
- 1 Composition notebook
- 1 Pocket folder
- 1 Pack of glue sticks

Science:

- 1- 1" Binder with 5 dividers
- Pencil holder in binder
- 1 Pack of loose-leaf paper
- Earphones
- 1 Basic Calculator
- 1 Pack of thin Expo Markers

General Supplies:

- Backpack (rolling allowed)
- 1 Pair of scissors
- 1 Pencil sharpener
- 1 Elmer's glue stick
- 1 Pack of colored markers
- 1 Pack of pencils
- 1 Pack of highlighters
- 1 Pack of 24 count colored pencils
- 1 Pack of Kleenex



SEVENTH GRADE SUPPLY LIST

English:

- Crispin* by Avi
- Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt
- Pencils
- 2 Composition books
- 1 Highlighter
- 2 Pocket folders
- 1 Pack of loose-leaf paper
- 1 Pack of index cards

History:

- 1- 1" Binder with 5 dividers
- 1 Pack of loose-leaf paper
- 1 Highlighter

Math:

- 1- 2" Binder
- 4 Thin Expo markers
- 5 Dividers
- Pencils
- Pens
- 1 Pack of loose-leaf paper
- 1 Pack of graph paper
- Ruler with cm and inches
- 1 Folder

Bible:

- 1 Bible (NIV, ESV, or NASB)
- 1 Composition notebook
- 1 Pocket folder
- 1 Pack of 3x5 note cards
- 1 Pack of Crayola markers "Supertips"

Science:

- 1- 1" Binder with 5 dividers
- Pencil holder in binder
- 1 Pack of loose-leaf paper
- Earphones
- 1 Pack of thin Expo markers
- 1 Pack of Zip Lock bags (Gallon size)

General Supplies:

- Backpack (rolling allowed)
- 1 Pair of scissors
- 1 Pencil sharpener
- 1 Elmer's glue stick
- 1 Pack of colored markers
- 1 Pack of pencils
- 1 Pack of highlighters
- 1 Pack of 24 count colored pencils
- 1 Pack of Kleenex



EIGHTH GRADE SUPPLY LIST

English:

- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor
- The Giver* by Lois Lowry
- Pencils
- 2 Composition books
- 1 Highlighter
- 2 Pocket folders
- 1 Pack of loose-leaf paper
- 1 Pack of index cards

Math:

Mrs. Maloney

- 1- TI-84 Calculator- Honors Algebra
- 1 Pack of thick Expo markers
- 3 Ring 2" binder
- 3 Dividers for binder
- Pencils
- 1 Pack of loose-leaf paper
- 1 Pack of graph paper

Math:

Mrs. Tyree

- 1- 2" Binder
- 1 Pack of thin Expo markers
- 5 Dividers
- Pencils
- Pens
- 1 Pack of loose-leaf paper
- 1 Pack of graph paper
- 1 Ruler with cm and inches
- 1 Folder

History:

- 1- 1" Binder with 5 dividers
- 1 Pack of loose-leaf paper
- 1 Highlighter

Bible:

- 1 Bible (NIV, ESV, or NASB)
- 1 Pocket folder

Spanish:

- 1- 2" binder or spiral notebook
- 1 Pack of pencils
- 1 Folder

Science:

- 1- 1" Binder with 5 dividers
- Pencil holder in binder
- 1 Pack of loose-leaf paper
- Earphones
- 1 Pack of Ziploc bags (Quart size)
- 1 Pack of thin Expo Markers

General Supplies:

- Backpack (rolling allowed)
- 1 Pair of scissors
- 1 Pencil sharpener
- 1 Elmer's glue stick
- 1 Pack of colored markers
- 1 Pack of pencils
- 1 Pack of highlighters
- 1 Pack of 24 count colored pencils
- 1 Pack of Kleenex



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FBA MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM



Leigh Anne Bates
Principal



Billy Fisher
Assistant Principal



Melissa Rose
Dean of Faculty



April Radcliffe
Science Teacher



Michelle Tyree
Math Teacher



Lindsay Villemont
History Teacher



Nancy Wilbanks
Bible Teacher



Tim Wilbanks
Bible Teacher



Leeanne Scullin
English Teacher



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HELPFUL FORMS AND LINKS

[First Baptist Academy Website](#)

[ParentsWeb](#)

[Parent & Student Handbook](#)

[All School Calendar 2019 - 2020](#)

[School Health Entry Requirements](#)

[Risse Brothers Uniform](#)