

SECOND BAPTIST SCHOOL

EAGLE

2025 - 2026



Second Baptist School

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Established in 1946, SBS provides a world-class education for the leaders of tomorrow. SBS is a learning community for over 1,200 students (PK-12) who enjoy a breadth of educational opportunities – from customized learning experiences to travel exposure to technological advancement. Nurtured by a Christ-centered community that edifies the soul and an academically rigorous environment that enriches the mind, SBS graduates are armed with the character, confidence and capability needed to succeed in the world they confront in the 21st century.

Our Mission

The mission of Second Baptist School is to equip students to think critically, live biblically and lead courageously to impact the world for Jesus Christ.

Our Passion

Our passion is to bring every student into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ while equipping them to do with excellence that which God has called them to do.

Core Values

Christ-Centered
Pursuit of Excellence
Caring Community

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Dear SBS Family,

This was a year worth savoring.

From the first morning of Convocation to the last notes of the Class of 2026 walking across that stage, this school year delivered in ways that remind you exactly why you chose a school like this.

Our theme, Live the Call, was more than a phrase on a banner. It became a lens. It shaped how we approached the classroom, the competition, the stage and the hard conversations in between. Ephesians 4:1 challenges us to live a life worthy of our calling, and across every division of this school, that is what we saw.

Students who didn't just achieve. They became.

And achieve they did. From the opening kickoff in August to the final out in May, our student-athletes competed with grit, discipline and character all year long. Across every season and every sport, our coaches built more than winning programs. They built young men and women of character. Our arts students matched that energy on every stage they stepped onto, earning recognition across the city and the state. And in our lower school, students responded to the gospel in ways that stopped us in our tracks and reminded us what this work is really about. When moments like that define a school year, it doesn't read like a highlight reel. It reads like a mission statement.

We also invested meaningfully in the future. The Eagle Golf Center opens a new chapter for our student-athletes. The Distinguished Speaker Dinner set a new fundraising record. And Second Fund finished strong, raising over \$1,402,000 to fuel the programs, spaces and opportunities our students experience every single day. That is a community saying we believe in what God is doing here.

This spring also marked a milestone years in the making. For the first time, the B. Jane Hursey Faculty Endowment Fund made disbursements to faculty and staff to honor service milestones ranging from 5 to 45 years, with many of the honorees celebrating a decade or more. Recently retired faculty and staff were included as well, a recognition long overdue. The total impact exceeded \$500,000. That is not just a number. It is a statement about who we are and how much we value the people who have poured themselves into this school and into our students.

None of this happens without you. The families who pray, give and show up. The students who push themselves. The teachers, coaches and staff who show up every day and give their best to the students in front of them.

You are the reason SBS is what it is.

The best days of this school are still ahead.

Thank you for a remarkable year.

In His Service,

John Card
Head of School



2021-2026

Five-Year Strategic Plan Summary

IMPACT



FIVE YEARS. FIVE PRIORITIES. ONE MISSION.

In 2021, Second Baptist School set out to do something intentional and measurable. The result was IMPACT, a five-year strategic plan shaped by the voices of students, faculty, parents and staff, and carried forward by that same community, year after year, in classrooms and hallways and practice fields and beyond.

The plan was ambitious by design. Nearly 40 initiatives. Almost 100 specific outcomes. By the close of the 2025-2026 school year, 93 of those outcomes had been completed.

But the numbers only tell part of the story. A new lower school building opened its doors. Curriculum guides were developed across all disciplines, aligned to the Portrait of an SBS Graduate. Students found new spaces to create, compete, lead and serve. The community that shaped the plan watched it become real.

IMPACT was a five-year act of faithfulness to the mission, to the community and to the God who calls SBS to equip students to think critically, live biblically and lead courageously.

As this chapter closes, the work of the next begins. And as always, that work is held in hands greater than our own. A new strategic plan is in development and will be unveiled in fall 2026.



PRIORITY 1 Mission and Distinctives

Throughout IMPACT, SBS used intentional experiences to evaluate and strengthen mission alignment.

PRIORITY 2 Enhanced Student Experience

The arts department invited grades 4-8 students each semester to experience arts opportunities in their upcoming division.

Lower school students experienced Golden Girls programming in their new dedicated practice space.

SBS expanded service opportunities to intentionally cultivate hearts for servant leadership.

The Office of College Guidance expanded programming to connect students and families with the college preparation process.



PRIORITY 3 Staffing and Professional Development

SBS designed and implemented a new observation tool, evaluation framework and goal-setting to support professional growth and strengthen instructional practice.

PRIORITY 4 Institutional Advancement

SBS established an annual middle school grandparent program, welcoming approximately 400 grandparents to campus each year.

The Office of Admissions introduced new initiatives to better serve applicant families.

PRIORITY 5 Facilities

The new four-story, 117,000-square-foot lower school building opened its doors to students in August 2023.

The sixth floor project delivered state-of-the-art labs, classrooms and a Learning Commons for upper school students.

LIVE THE CALL



TO LEAD



TO TEACH



TO GIVE

I URGE YOU TO LIVE A LIFE WORTHY OF THE CALLING YOU HAVE RECEIVED. EPHESIANS 4:1

Paul did not write those words to pastors or missionaries. He wrote to ordinary people living ordinary lives, and he asked them to do something extraordinary with both. He asked them to let the call of God shape everything: how they worked, how they served, how they led, how they gave.

At Second Baptist School, that call is not background noise. It is the foundation. It is the reason teachers show up before the sun rises and stay long after the bell rings. It is why families give generously, serve faithfully and invest in something larger than any single school year. It is what connects a classroom in the lower school to a conversation at graduation, a

chalk-dusted hand to a life changed for Christ.

This year's theme, Live the Call, is an invitation and a challenge. Not to add more to already full lives, but to see what is already there differently. To recognize that the ordinary moments, the lesson planned, the door held open, the gift given, the student known by name, are not separate from the calling. They are the calling.

In the pages that follow, three members of the SBS community reflect on what it means to answer that call. The thread running through each one is the same: a life surrendered to purpose, shaped by faith and pointed toward something that lasts far beyond a school year.

This is what it looks like to Live the Call.

LIVE THE CALL TO LEAD

HEAD OF SCHOOL JOHN CARD



Leadership is not tied to position. It is tied to influence, and every one of us has it.

That is worth sitting with. The way a teacher greets a student at the door in the morning. The way a coach responds when a player falls short. The way any one of us handles a hard moment when nobody is watching. That is leadership. Not the title. Not the office. The life.

Ephesians 4:1 does not say live a life worthy of your position. It says live a life worthy of your calling. A position defines a role. A calling defines a life. That distinction shapes everything about how this school leads.

It starts with people. Knowing them, not managing them. So early in the year, I started having lunch with students. Small groups of upper school students, week after week, just to know them. Not to assess them. To know them. Those lunches have been the highlight of my week since we started.

That is not a program. That is a posture. It is what servant leadership actually looks like when it comes off the page and into the hallway.

Jesus is the model to return to every time. He had every right to be served. He knelt instead. He washed feet. He moved toward people, not away from them. He led with a kind of humility that had nothing to do with weakness and everything to do with strength fully surrendered for others. That is the standard worth reaching for, and it is not one anyone reaches alone.

True leadership looks like that. Humble, willing and not waiting to be asked.

Real impact often happens in the quiet moments nobody sees. The conversation after class. The note left on a desk. The decision made with integrity when the easier path was right there. Those moments are not footnotes to the work. They are the work.

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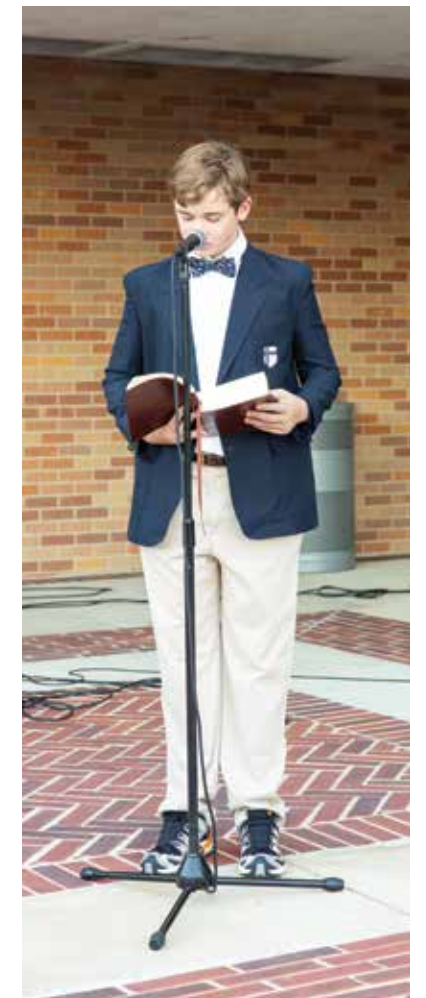
Prayer is how we stay oriented to that. Not as a backup plan when everything else falls short, but as the first move. It is how we invite God into the middle of the decisions, the hard conversations and the moments that require more wisdom than any of us can manufacture on our own. Lead from your knees. I believe that with everything in me.

Across this campus, that kind of leadership is everywhere. In classrooms and on fields, on stages and in offices, in the small moments nobody applauds. Faculty and staff who show up every day not because it is easy but because they believe it matters. Families who trust this school with what they love most. Students who are learning, growing and beginning to understand who God made them to be.

We want them to stand out not simply for what they know but for how they live. That is the whole thing. That is why we are here.

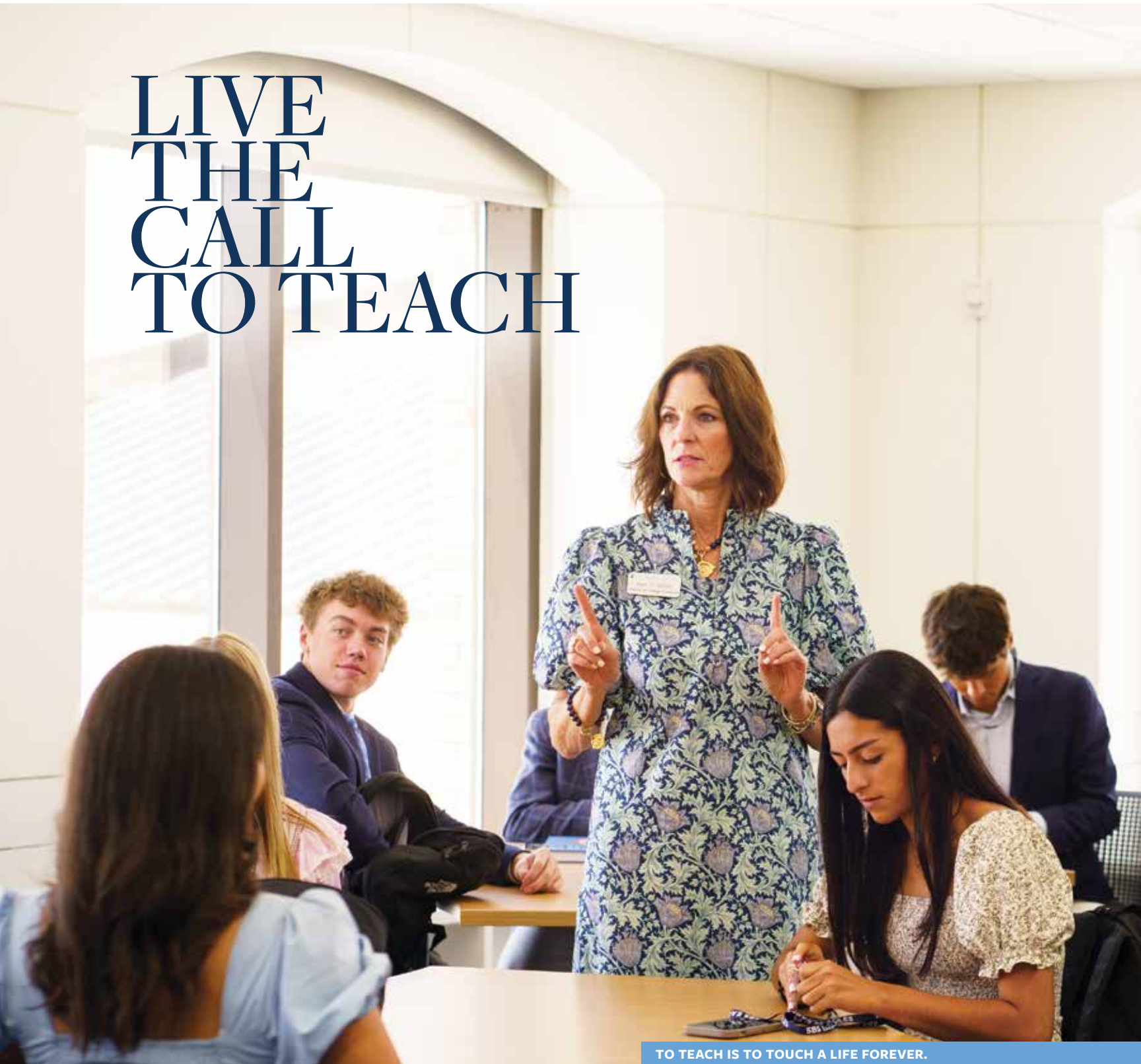
This work is different because it has eternal impact. And we do not take that lightly for a single day.

We are grateful to walk this road alongside this community, to pray for you, encourage you and serve with you. That is not a formality. It is the best part of this calling.



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LIVE THE CALL TO TEACH



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The framed print has followed Amy St. Denis through three homes and more than three decades. A gift from a student at the end of her very first year in the classroom, it reads simply: “To teach is to touch a life forever.” It sits on a shelf in her bedroom today, not packed away, not forgotten, because the truth inside it has never stopped being true.

“Often, the gravity of that sentiment takes my breath away,” she said.

That gravity found her early. It was 1987, and she was a freshman at Baylor University, sitting in her dorm room with two questions she couldn’t shake: What do I want to be? What should I study? She reached for her Bible. Flipping through the pages, she landed on Ephesians 4:11-12: “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers for the equipping of the saints.” The answer was there in plain language. He called some to be teachers. She knew.

“The rest, they say, is history,” she said. “But in this case, that was actually only the beginning.”

She came to Second Baptist School straight out of Baylor in 1991, teaching English and building the upper school’s French program from the ground up. She became the upper school counselor, poured herself into students and families and eventually stepped away in 1999 to pour herself into a different calling: raising her three children with her husband, Greg. Years later, she and a former SBS colleague launched an independent college counseling firm, continuing to do for families on the outside what she had always done on the inside. But something kept pulling her back. In 2019, she returned to SBS as director of college guidance.

She was coming home.

Then came the thing she hadn’t anticipated. In the 2025-2026 school year, she was back in the classroom. Senior English. The call that had started everything had circled back around, and with it came something that felt less like a career move and more like a confirmation.

“Imagine my surprise and delight,” she said.

Because teaching, as she knows better than most, is not a clean or glamorous calling. It is not theoretical. It is daily and demanding and deeply human.

Responding to the call means making flashcards after midnight and decorating bulletin boards at dawn.

Responding to the call means spilling paint on new desks.

Responding to the call means reading from torn pages.

Responding to the call means erasing until there is a hole in the paper.

Responding to the call means drawing smiley faces on work well done.

Responding to the call means creating assignments during meal time.

Responding to the call means showing up.

Responding to the call means standing in the gap.

Responding to the call means listening and hearing.

Responding to the call means holding dirty hands and fragile hearts.

“In all the in-betweens,” St. Denis said, “the call grows and wanes and turns and surprises and disappoints and impresses, but the messy voyage becomes the very beauty God intended.”

Fifteen years into her time at SBS, spread across two chapters and several roles, she has never drifted far from that original answer. And as she steps into a new responsibility at the school, that answer remains the foundation beneath everything else she does.

“What a privilege,” she said, “to be a part of the mission to change lives for His kingdom, to help shepherd the future, to be a part of His ‘Yes.’”



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LIVE THE CALL TO GIVE



At Second Baptist School, no effort is insignificant when it is offered for the cause of Christ. Through the faithful support of parents, grandparents and alumni, every gift, prayer and act of service reflects a shared commitment to shaping students who think critically, live biblically and lead courageously.

For more than a decade, Director of Advancement Dyanne Kimmel has had a front-row seat to how God works in the hearts of His people. She has witnessed families give not out of obligation, but with joy and expectation for what He will accomplish through this school.

Every family at Second Baptist School has purpose when it comes to giving. That purpose is expressed through three distinct lenses: time, talent and treasure. None stands alone. Together, they reflect the range and beauty of how God equips His people to serve.

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TIME

Giving your time reveals what you value.

“I believe that time is our most valuable resource, and it is not a simple thing to give,” Mrs. Kimmel said. “Our parents have busy lives, and yet they continue to offer their time because they believe in the mission of our school. They see this as ministry and want to show our students Christ-centered love and support.”

Events such as EagleFest, the Second Fund and the Distinguished Speaker Dinner are visible examples of that commitment. These moments of celebration and generosity do not happen by accident. They are built on volunteer hours, thoughtful planning and families willing to step in and carry responsibility.

“Nothing here happens by accident,” Mrs. Kimmel said. “We are able to plan and execute meaningful events because families come alongside us. The Office of Advancement could never do that alone.”

Time given also strengthens relationships. Serving shoulder to shoulder builds trust and friendship. As families seek to bless students, they often find themselves blessed in return, known and woven more deeply into the life of the community.

TALENT

God has uniquely gifted each family, and SBS benefits from that diversity.

“Our parents and staff know each other well, so there is always an opportunity to encourage someone to use their talents,” Mrs. Kimmel said. “This can look like event planning, creative brainstorming, entrepreneurship, athletics or academics. When people bring what they do well, it elevates the entire experience for our students and their families.”

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From parents who lend professional expertise to those who offer creativity, leadership or mentorship, these contributions shape programs and experiences in ways that extend beyond what a school could accomplish on its own. The collective strength of the community becomes an asset for every student.

TREASURE

Financial generosity is one more expression of partnership in the mission of our school.

“I think our families see the mission of Second Baptist School being lived out in the lives of their children,” Mrs. Kimmel said. “Because of that, they give out of thankfulness that their children are here. They feel blessed by the experiences their children are having, and that makes them desire to be part of the continued success of our school.”

Financial generosity strengthens the SBS experience at every level and in every division. It sustains excellence in the classroom, on the field and court and on the stage, and supports the faculty, staff and programs that shape life at our school.

Like time and talent, treasure is a tangible way families invest in the life and future of Second.

ALL THREE IN TANDEM

Time, talent and treasure are not separate expressions of generosity. They work together to strengthen the life of the school. When families give their time, share their gifts and invest their resources, they participate in something larger than any single event or initiative.

The overflow of faithful service is seen in friendships formed, relationships strengthened and memories created. As families serve at SBS, they also help build and sustain a community that cares deeply for one another.

“It is so evident that your experience at SBS will be richer for your involvement,” Mrs. Kimmel said. “It’s not only what each parent brings to the community but also the opportunity to build lifelong friendships that will impact and encourage them for years to come.”

Gratitude, paired with a shared sense of purpose, fuels the generosity of our families at SBS.

“Our mission is to equip students to think critically, live biblically and lead courageously to impact the world for Jesus Christ,” Dyanne Kimmel said. “That mission shapes everything we do. We are passionate about students knowing Christ personally, and we are committed to being Christ-centered, pursuing excellence and building a caring community. When families see that lived out day after day, they don’t just support it. They join it.”

Through each family’s time, talent and treasure, the SBS community pursues present excellence while trusting God for lasting impact. Because Christ is woven into everything we do, we look expectantly to how He will use the seeds planted here to foster opportunities for our students long after they graduate.

“And being a part of that story is truly remarkable,” Mrs. Kimmel said.





SECOND BAPTIST SCHOOL WINS THE TAPPS HENDERSON CUP

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There is a trophy on the campus of Second Baptist School that represents something most schools never achieve.

It is the Henderson Cup, awarded annually by the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools to the school that earns the most points across all competitive activities during the school year. Not just athletics. Not just arts. Not just academics. All of it together, measured against every other private school in Texas competing at the same level.

This year, it is Second Baptist School.

For the 2025-2026 school year, SBS claimed the TAPPS 5A Henderson Cup with 88 total points, the highest in its classification in the state. It is the fifth time in school history SBS has won the award, and the first time in 20 years.

The Henderson Cup did not come alone. SBS also earned TAPPS plaques as the 5A Overall Champion in Fine Arts and Overall Champion in Boys Athletics. Three separate honors. One school year.

What the Henderson Cup Actually Means

TAPPS has awarded the Henderson Cup since the late 1990s, naming it in honor of Johnnie and Evelyn Henderson. Johnnie served as TAPPS’ first executive director and helped build the organization into what it is today. The cup bearing their name is considered the most prestigious honor TAPPS bestows.

Points are earned through state tournament finishes and deep playoff runs across every TAPPS-sponsored activity, including athletics, arts and academic competition. A school cannot win by

being great at one thing. It has to be great at many things, consistently, across an entire school year.

That makes this win meaningful. It is not a championship in a single sport or a single performance. It is a cumulative statement about an entire school community: students, coaches, directors, teachers and families, all performing at the highest level at the same time.

A 20-Year Wait

SBS first won the Henderson Cup in 1998-1999, then again in 2000-2001, 2004-2005 and 2005-2006. Programs grew. Students came and went. The school expanded. Twenty years later, the Eagles won it again.

Head of School John Card knows exactly what this moment means for the SBS community.

“This is what we believe God has called us to, pursuing excellence in all things for His glory,” Card said. “Our students are called to bring their best to everything they do, whether on a stage, a field or in a classroom, because they are representing something far greater than themselves. I couldn’t be prouder of our Eagles.”

More Than a Trophy

For those who know SBS well, there is something fitting about this award. The Henderson Cup does not reward specialization. It rewards wholeness, and wholeness is exactly what Second Baptist School is built around.

That is not an accident at Second Baptist School. It is who we are.

The students who earned points toward this cup are the same students being

shaped every day to think critically, live biblically and lead courageously. They are learning to see the world through the lens of biblical truth, being drawn into a relationship with Christ and being equipped to do with excellence what God has called them to do.

The Henderson Cup is what happens when that kind of formation takes root and an entire community, students, coaches, teachers and families, commits to living it out.

Three plaques. Five Henderson Cups. One extraordinary year.



TAPPS OVERALL CHAMPION IN BOYS ATHLETICS



TAPPS 5A OVERALL CHAMPION IN FINE ARTS



FALL IN REVIEW



CONVOCATION

**“GOD DOESN’T
CALL THE QUALIFIED,
HE QUALIFIES THE CALLED.”**

This August marked my eleventh convocation at Second Baptist School. Walking into the Worship Center, I felt eager to soak in every moment of my last year at the place that has shaped me. I welcomed new students, remembering how it feels to enter a new community, sang alongside classmates I’ve grown up with and listened as Head Prefect Mady Schmidt encouraged us to be bold in our faith.

One of the moments that stayed with me the most about Mady’s speech was that “God doesn’t call the qualified, He qualifies the called,” a truth that challenges me as I step into my senior year. Her words reframed my hopes for this year: I want to walk through this year with courage and faith, knowing God will give me what I need.

In my eleven years here, I have been guided, challenged and encouraged in my faith. This year, my prayer is to finish well, live boldly and carry that courage into whatever comes next.

—Sarah Cela ’26,
Communications Fellow

SENIOR RETREAT

Since I came in sixth grade, I've known this class was special. Kicking off high school with freshman retreat brought us together, but senior retreat felt like a full-circle moment. The growth of myself and my grade was clear during free time because our class has become so comfortable with each other. It's encouraging to see friend groups merge into a true community—where lunch tables change every day, prayer groups are co-ed and ping-pong games are competitive between people who might not even be “best friends.”

My favorite part of senior retreat was the campfire devotional led by Mr. V, followed by receiving letters from loved ones. That moment made me realize this is really my last year. It encouraged me to make the most of this year and reassured me that God has a plan for my future, with my family, teachers and classmates cheering me on the whole way.

I'm excited for what senior year holds and can't wait to see where God takes me and the rest of the class of 2026.

—Mady Schmidt, Head Prefect

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FRESHMAN RETREAT

Freshman retreat was an incredible experience for everyone involved, giving the freshman class the opportunity to bond and grow in their faith in Jesus. The freshmen participated in a variety of activities. Senior Mac Northrup, service prefect, joined the other prefects and senior fellows to lead a game designed to surprise the freshmen with something unforgettable and challenging. Using cow tongues in a round of capture the flag, the leaders created a unique experience that initially disgusted the freshmen but quickly turned into a memorable lesson in teamwork. The students learned to push through their hesitation, rely on one another and work together to reach their goal. Another highlight of the retreat was worship, a powerful and moving time led by Coach Zack Heaton '17. The retreat gave the Class of 2029 a strong foundation for their high school years.

“I believe they will continue to reflect Christ in meaningful ways, and I look forward to seeing all that God will do through them,” Mac said.

FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

The first Friday Night Lights of this year revealed a promising season for the Second Baptist football team. With fresh paint, a brand new scoreboard and an updated press box, the football field was prepared to welcome the Second Baptist School community, including parents, friends, students and athletes. Fans poured into the stands, ready to watch an amazing game of football as kickoff neared and the high school Vision choir sang the national anthem. Pouring out from the Eagle tunnel, the varsity football players took the field, prepared to play. Senior Mac Northrup '26 said that he and his team “had practiced for this moment and couldn't wait to show it on the field.”



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IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

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One evening at Houston’s Alley Theatre became an unforgettable moment for the Second Theatre Company. For one show only, our students performed Oscar Wilde’s classic comedy *The Importance of Being Earnest* on the Neuhaus Stage.

Performing on a thrust stage, where the audience surrounds the actors on three sides, demanded a new level of awareness and focus. Director Cindy Blades explained, “We really only had three weeks to rehearse once we knew we would be able to perform at the Alley. The entire show was blocked from a proscenium to a thrust.” With discipline and dedication, the cast embraced the challenge, delivering a production that reflected their preparation, growth and creativity.

Theatre at Second Baptist School is more than lines and costumes. It is a way for students to grow in courage, creativity and collaboration as they live out our mission to think critically, live biblically and lead courageously. This performance of *The Importance of Being Earnest* reminded us that theatre is not only entertainment but also a place where faith and artistry come together to shape lives.



BUG DAY

For 35 years, this beloved tradition has marked the culmination of kindergarten’s insect study, giving each student the chance to share their bug collection with classmates. From stink bugs to grasshoppers to butterflies, students proudly collect, preserve and present their fascinating finds. The hands-on experience sparks joy in learning and strengthens their ability to communicate with confidence!

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While the thought of moving away from home scares me, and I have no idea where I will end up, I am filled with excitement for that chapter of my future! Navigating preparations for college applications, I'm learning the importance of relying on the Lord through this journey, trusting that He will lead me in straight paths wherever I am meant to go!
 —Carson Patterson '27, Communications Fellow



SEE YOU AT THE POLE

Each year, See You at the Pole is a wonderful opportunity and reminder of the gift that it is to gather together to worship the Lord. This year's event was no exception, leaving the community of Second Baptist School filled with gratitude after a morning of worship and prayer!

COLLEGE DAY





EXTREME EAGLE

Middle School Spirit turned the gym electric with a high-energy routine that wowed the crowd.

Blue and gold spirit took center stage at last week's Extreme Eagle Pep Rally, one of the most exciting middle school traditions of the year. Students, teachers and athletes packed the E Gym for an afternoon of school spirit, laughter and celebration. The crowd went wild for the always-popular Class Yells, with the fifth graders claiming the title for most spirited this year! Teachers Caroline Patterson '08 and Cole Ryden brought the energy as emcees, hyping up the crowd and cheering on our fall athletes in volleyball, football and cross country. Middle School Spirit turned the gym electric with a high-energy routine that wowed the crowd. Extreme Eagle is a day when middle school comes alive with our school colors, lots of cheers and creativity. From teachers in costumes to students chanting their hearts out, it is a celebration that brings everyone together. The pep rally is the highlight, but the real win is the joy, spirit and community that fill the E Gym from start to finish.



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BOOK FAIR

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Great adventures don't always require hiking boots or passports. This year, our lower and middle school students discovered that the greatest adventures can be found within the pages of a good book! During this year's book fair, themed "Adventure Awaits," students had the opportunity to explore hundreds of books and choose new stories to call their own.

Upon entering the Book Fair, students were immediately immersed in an atmosphere of adventure. Thanks to the generous work of our parent volunteers, the space was transformed with camping gear, maps, national park posters and trees adorned with the title pages of beloved books, bringing the "Adventure Awaits" theme to life from floor to ceiling. While the decorations captured everyone's attention, the real excitement came from exploring the wide variety of books on display. Lana Wallace, SBS lower school librarian, recalled, "Every student's face lit up when they walked in and spotted

all the books. They loved choosing their own books and discovering new stories that interested them."

The Book Fair not only fosters a love of reading but also gives students a chance to share their excitement and interests with their families. From Dads and Donuts and Family Night to class visits throughout the week, parents and grandparents enjoyed plenty of opportunities to join in the fun and experience this one-of-a-kind book adventure.

Our librarians are incredibly grateful for another successful year of helping our students grow in their love for reading. "This year's Book Fair was a wonderful way to get students excited about learning all while bringing our community together, with parents, students and teachers all sharing in the joy of books," said Lana. "We are thankful for everyone who participated in the Book Fair and helped play a vital role in supporting our SBS libraries."



DREAM BIG

Astronauts, athletes, scientists and singers took the stage as our first grade students traded the playground slide for the career ladder during the Dream Big program. Acting out the roles of their future jobs, students stretched their imaginations and learned that no dream is impossible with God.

A long-standing tradition at Second Baptist School, Dream Big encourages students to dream boldly and trust that God has a purpose for every life. As the opening number, "When I Grow Up," played, first graders paraded down the aisle in lab coats, leotards, scrubs and scuba gear. With eager steps and

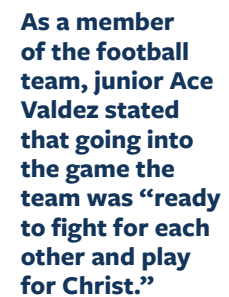
cheerful grins, they proclaimed their hopes for the future to an audience of beaming parents, grandparents and friends.

Closing the performance with the song "I Wanna Be Like Jesus," first graders declared that, whether on the football field, in the operating room or serving our country, their ultimate job is "to be like Jesus, so others will see Jesus in [them]."

Reflecting the passion of Second Baptist School, the Dream Big program encourages students to pursue a relationship with Jesus Christ and teaches that our ultimate goal is to bring glory and honor to Him. Full of promise, possibility and potential, these first graders remind us that, with God, we are all a "great big bundle of potentiality!"

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Each fall, schools across the country, including Second Baptist School, participate in the spirit-filled tradition of Homecoming. Starting on Wednesday, students filed into school each morning dressed to impress according to that day's theme. With the close of the week, the all-school pep rally featured not only performances from the varsity cheerleaders and the Golden Girls but also an introduction of all fall sports teams and the 2025 Homecoming Court.

nominees took the field, ready for the long-awaited announcement of this year's Homecoming royalty. The 2024 Homecoming queen and king, SBS alumni and cousins, Lillian Baker '25 and Wes Baker '25, crowned each grade's prince and princess as well as the 2025 Homecoming queen and king, Quin Harder '26 and Shia Francis '26.

A yearly SBS tradition, Homecoming emphasizes the tightly knit community of Second Baptist as well as the spirit of the school and its members. Homecoming 2025 was no exception as it was a massive success, packed with fun from the theme days at school to the Homecoming dance on Saturday night.

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DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER DINNER

With nine rows, ten tables in each row and ten seats to a table, the Hilton Americas Hotel ballroom brimmed with almost a thousand guests for the Distinguished Speaker Dinner held by Second Baptist School. The Distinguished Speaker Dinner event raises money for teacher bonuses while simultaneously hosting a beautiful event for all who attend. Each year, a carefully selected distinguished speaker shares a message, testimony and encouragement to the SBS community.

For the 20th annual dinner, Shannon Bream, FOX News host, spoke to an audience of Second Baptist School families, teachers and friends. Bream, FOX's Chief Legal Correspondent and anchor of FOX News Sunday, joined the network in 2007 as a correspondent covering the U.S. Supreme Court and has worked her way up to her current role.

In addition to working on TV, she hosts the FOX News Radio podcast, *Living the Bream*, which features inspirational stories, personal accounts and her perspective on

the justice system. While Bream's primary role at FOX involves media, she's also the founding author for FOX News Books.

Bream began by sharing her love for Christian education, which stems from her mother, a Christian school teacher, who planted seeds of faith in her life at home and at school. Bream recalls her teachers, who "were much more than just educators," because they cared for her, encouraged her and taught her biblical truth. She commended the teachers, students, faculty and parents of the SBS community, recognizing that through the faith of parents and staff, students receive the necessary encouragement, support and preparation to be vessels of Christ.

After sharing her personal story, Bream encouraged the students of Second Baptist School, explaining that we "can be missionaries in whatever we choose to do" by being reflections of Christ wherever we go. She highlighted God's faithfulness in providing her with teachers who told her, "She could be a better writer" and a better

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student, while simultaneously including her faith in her work and dreams.

She explained, "Every teacher I had on the way was pouring into me," and she suggested that, through her mother and other Christian teachers, she learned the value of humility, prayer and love. Bream emphasized she knows that "the teachers at Second Baptist are the same kind of angels" that her mom was.

As I listened, my teachers from my past six years at Second Baptist flooded my mind. A few teachers who have already had a lasting impact on my faith are Mr. Brooks, Mr. Cooper, Mrs. Guthrie, Mr. Burnham and Mrs. Box. These are just five of the many teachers, coaches and administrators who have poured into me with kindness and encouraged me to continue my academic pursuits. Most importantly, I know that they have prayed over me and demonstrated care for my well-being and faith.

—Carson Patterson '27,
Communications Fellow

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OUR TOWN

The Second Theatre Company brought Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* to life on stage at the Cullen Theater in the Wortham Center this fall. With two back-to-back performances, the cast and crew captivated audiences with a timeless story that celebrates the beauty of everyday life and the importance of cherishing each moment.

This marks the third time *Our Town* has been presented on the SBS stage, following earlier productions in 1981 and 2012. The play also holds special meaning for Director of Arts Cindy Blades, as it was the first production she directed when she began her teaching career at Second Baptist School. Members of

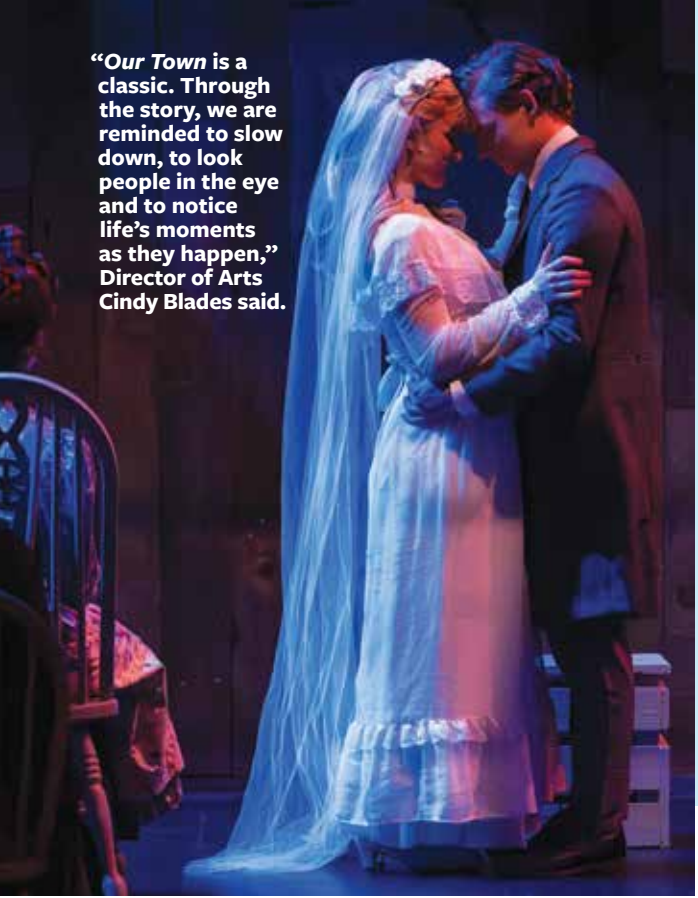
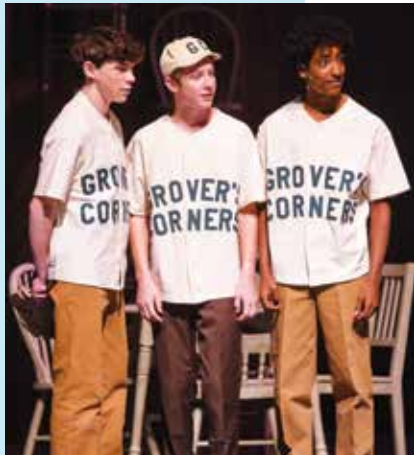
her original cast, still part of the SBS community, were in the audience for this year's performances, celebrating the lasting impact of her work and the tradition of theater at SBS.

"This production required our students to think differently about acting," said Director of Arts Cindy Blades. "They had to master the art of pantomime and use expression, timing and connection with the audience to create entire scenes out of imagination. It stretched them creatively and deepened their understanding of what true theater can be."

Blades reflected on the impact of the play, noting how it reached her students beyond the stage. "*Our Town* is a classic. Through the story, we are reminded to slow down, to look people in the eye and to notice life's moments as they happen," she said.

"After our performances, some of our students shared how deeply this production moved them. They said they want to slow down, to hug their friends, to look their parents in the eye and to remember that life is fragile. The Lord tells us to number our days, and these students are taking that to heart. For them to take away something so real and spiritual from a play written generations ago gives me great hope for our students and for our community."

Through simplicity and sincerity, *Our Town* reminded audiences and the SBS community of the beauty found in ordinary days and the extraordinary stories within them.



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WHATADAY



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Our first-ever WHATADAY! delivered exactly what we hoped for, giving upper school students an hour to relax, laugh and enjoy being together.

Under blue Houston skies, students picked up their Whataburger boxes and spread out across The Green and the athletic fields with friends. Spikeball and cornhole sets stayed busy, giant Jenga drew some curious players and the basketball and soccer inflatables kept a steady line of challengers. Others jumped into spontaneous pick-up games, enjoyed ice cream and soaked up the break in the day.

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As music carried across The Green, it was clear that students made the most of every minute. When cleanup time rolled around, you could hear it in their conversations. WHATADAY was a hit and well worth repeating.

INTO THE WOODS



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Second Baptist School’s seventh and eighth graders brought their favorite fairytale characters to life as they performed *Into the Woods, Jr.* this November. In three shows on Friday and Saturday, the cast and crew of nearly fifty students transformed the SBS C Gym into a storybook page, telling a tale about what happens when “happily ever after” takes a twist.

Adorned with mossy trees and charming castle facades, the spellbinding stage beckoned audience members to their seats and invited viewers on a fascinating journey. This reimagined fairytale follows a baker and his wife as they journey through the woods and encounter familiar storybook characters. Despite the obstacles they encounter throughout their journey, each character fulfills their wish and learns the value of perseverance in the face of hardship.

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FOURTH GRADE GOSPEL

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16). Each year, our fourth grade students live out this truth in Mrs. Bolling’s lower school Bible class as they learn to share their faith with confidence. “SBS desires to equip our students to engage with scripture through study and with others through apologetics to effectively communicate the truth of God’s word,” said Mrs. Bolling.

One of the sweetest expressions of this goal is the annual gospel-sharing activity, now in its ninth year, in which our fourth graders present the gospel one-on-one to members of the senior class. Each fourth grader sits with a senior and shares the gospel in his/her own words. Amidst the busyness of senior year, this moment allows these students to slow down and hear the simplicity of the gospel. Even more special is that this class of 2026 seniors was the first fourth grade class to participate in the activity, meaning that the first “sharers” became the “receivers” this year.

Through this experience, our fourth graders discover purpose and confidence in sharing their faith, and the seniors are blessed and encouraged in a meaningful way. “Each year a new group of seniors hears the gospel through the voice of a child, each of whom is uniquely equipped by God to share His truth in clear, simple ways,” said Mrs. Bolling.



THANKSGIVING PRAISE

As Thanksgiving approaches, I’m reminded of the community God has placed around me. Moments like today remind me to slow down and be grateful, recognizing the blessings that surround me every day. Heading into Thanksgiving break, I’m thankful for a community that encourages me and points me to Christ.

—Sarah Cela ’26,
Communications Fellow



STATE FOOTBALL

From the outside, another trip to the state championship could suggest a smooth, dominant season for Second Baptist School football. The reality was far different. Tested early by a demanding pre-district schedule, the Eagles entered district play at 1-4. Two early district losses followed, dropping SBS to 1-6 in the season. What unfolded was a team choosing to grow through adversity, leaning on Christ and continuing to compete when circumstances refused to fall in their favor.

Senior quarterback **Canon Toon**'s season mirrored the adversity the Eagles faced as a team. After a shoulder injury early in the year and later a noncontact ankle injury, his season was repeatedly interrupted. With each setback, Canon leaned on his faith and stayed present with his teammates, trusting God's plan while continuing to lead and support them. When he returned for the regional matchup against The Woodlands Christian Academy, he played through the injury, limping his way through a performance that helped secure a win few expected.

As the roster adjusted to injuries and uncertainty, others stepped into expanded roles. Sophomore **Casey Dunn** assumed the quarterback position during a critical stretch of the season, showing poise and leadership. Dunn provided stability for the offense and offered a glimpse of the program's future.

The Eagles leaned heavily on senior running back **Langston Davis** throughout the year. Battling turf toe during the playoffs, Davis continued

to deliver consistent production and explosive plays, recording multiple games with runs of 50 or more yards and scoring three rushing touchdowns against LSA. His toughness and reliability in the backfield kept SBS competitive from week to week.

By the time playoffs arrived, Second Baptist was no longer the team that opened the season. SBS began the postseason with a dominant performance against Victoria St. Joseph. That confidence carried into the regional round against The Woodlands Christian Academy, a familiar opponent that had defeated the Eagles earlier in October.

The rematch told a different story. The Eagles responded when it mattered most, playing with confidence and urgency from start to finish. **Jordan Jones** '26 sealed the win with a pick-six in the last thirty seconds of the game. What many expected to be a one-sided matchup became one of the season's defining moments.

Momentum carried into the semifinals, where SBS battled past Lutheran South Academy to earn a return to the state championship.

Throughout the postseason run, the outside noise remained loud. Senior **Kelvin Baptiste** answered it with a simple question: Why not us? The phrase became the team's playoff motto and the belief that steadied them every week.

The state championship brought a familiar opponent. Second Baptist faced Fort Worth All Saints', the same team that ended its season in last year's title

game. SBS won the coin toss and deferred to the second half, then set the tone defensively by stopping All Saints' first two drives. The Eagles scored first with a diving pylon touchdown by **Canon Toon** '26, followed by a field goal from **Luc Normand** '28 to take a 10-0 lead late in the first quarter. SBS carried a 10-7 advantage into halftime.

All Saints' responded in the second half, pulling ahead early in the third quarter. A highlight interception by **Will Newhouse** '27 earned a spot on ESPN's SportsCenter Top 10, but momentum continued to shift. By the end of the third quarter, All Saints' held a 21-10 lead. The Eagles continued to compete, but the gap proved too much to close. The final score read All Saints' 34, SBS 16.

This season will not be remembered solely by a final score. It will be remembered for the character this team displayed through adversity and for the steady faith that anchored them in every moment. The legacy of this team will extend beyond this season and continue to shape Second Baptist School football for years to come.



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JINGLE BELL CLASSIC



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After months of anticipation and waiting, the day had finally arrived for me to rejoin the soccer team for the annual Jingle Bell Classic. Before Christmas break, this yearly event invites family and friends to come support the soccer programs! The women's team plays a match at 5 p.m. followed by the men's team at 7 p.m. The home games built excitement about the soccer season as our district season approached in January.

Because of football's exciting playoff run and the cheer team's incredible State Championship win, I had yet to participate in soccer pre-season games. With my last game being the State Championship match in March, I was eager to join my teammates and best friends back on the pitch to kick off my junior season.

To prepare for the game, I gave myself plenty of time to get ready, do my lucky hairstyle of a bubble braid and get excited with my teammates before warmups. The team took the field together to stretch and warm up for the game. Before we knew it, it was game time, and 10 of my teammates and I ran onto the field ready and excited.

The whistle blew, and within seconds our team gained possession of the ball. To start strong, we initiated our offensive drive, playing the ball from Madison Kalife '26, center midfielder, out wide to Syriah DeBakey '26, right wing, and up the line to Peyton Walsh '26, forward. Peyton received the ball and began a pursuit up



the line. When she saw the open shot, she took it, and SBS was up 1-0 in the first minute of the game. The team and fans erupted in celebration, knowing this would be a great game.

We went on to score nine more goals, winning the game with a shutout score of 10-0. The victory boosted team morale and built confidence as we prepared for our district season in January. In hopes of returning to the State Championship and bringing home a state title, we are growing team chemistry, training hard and staying focused on the goal at hand!

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2025-2026

FALL

ATHLETICS

RECAP

FOOTBALL
SEASON RECORD
7 wins, 7 losses
DISTRICT RECORD
2 wins, 2 losses
AWARDS/HONORS
State Runner Up

ALL-DISTRICT First Team
Kelvin Baptiste '26
JB Burnett '26
Langston Davis '26
Peyton Jones '27
Luc Normand '28
Mac Northrup '26
Canon Toon '26
Dillan Whitfield '27

Second Team
Edric Jasmine '27
Gray Koerner '27
Enoc Lemus '26
Will Newhouse '27
Siaosi Patton '26
Drew Shears '28
Allen Thomas '26

Honorable Mention
Chase Bob '27
Bradli Harris '27
Jordan Jones '26
Wade Lambert '28
Griffin Lewis '27
James Murphy '26

ALL-STATE First Team All-State
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Dillan Whitfield '27

ESPN TOP 10 PLAYS
Will Newhouse '27

VOLLEYBALL
SEASON RECORD
16 wins, 16 losses
DISTRICT RECORD
5 wins, 5 losses

Newcomer of the Year
June Berry '29

ALL-DISTRICT First Team
June Berry '29
Mady Schmidt '26

Second Team
Lauren Davis '28

Honorable Mention
Reese Bratcher '27
Harper Lindenberger '29

ALL-STATE Honorable Mention
June Berry '29

CROSS COUNTRY
KARDIA CLASSIC 9/6
Varsity Women –
1st Place Team Finish

KARDIA CLASSIC 9/20
Varsity Women –
1st Place Team Finish
Taylor Zimmerman –
Individual Champion

SBS Soaring Eagle Invitational
Varsity Women –
3rd Place Team Finish

TAPPS 5A District Championship
Varsity Women –
4th Place Team Finish
Varsity Men –
4th Place Team Finish

TAPPS 5A State Championship
Varsity Women –
13th Place Team Finish
Varsity Men –
12th Place Team Finish

CHEER
AWARDS/HONORS
State Champions –
1st in school history

ALL-STATE First Team
Alex Alpe '26
Quin Harder '26

Second Team
Micah Nini '27

Academic All-State
Alex Alpe '26
Quin Harder '26

NCA SUMMER CAMP AWARDS All-Americans
Alex Alpe '26
Lizzie Baker '27
Quin Harder '26
Presley Rodgers '28
Chloe Zieben '29

GOLDEN GIRLS
TAPPS DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
5A Large Team State
Champion – Superior
Rating

ALL-STATE First Team
Ellen Klare Brown '26
Kambell Crites '26
Tessa Garcia '26

Second Team
Anna Kate Asby '27

High Kick Company
Caroline Morrisett '28

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WINTER IN REVIEW



A beloved tradition at SBS, the Festival of Christmas brings our community together for an evening of festive performances each December.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE ARTS



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at SBS! Hosting three Christmas programs, including Festival of Christmas, the Winter Art Show and Lyrics & Lattes, the SBS Arts Department brings our community together for these cherished events that mark the start of the Christmas season.

Performances from theatre, the Drumline, the jazz ensemble and fifth grade hand chimes filled the Worship Center with joy throughout the evening. An annual favorite from the Vision and Reflection Choirs, "O Holy Night," began with solos from Christopher Key '26 and Emma Hodge '26.

This year's Winter Art Show featured pieces from middle and upper school students, highlighting the creativity and talent of the SBS Arts Department. Brimming with vibrant hues and intricate designs, the annual Winter Art Show celebrates the God-given gifts and hard work of our students.

Lyrics and Lattes invited the SBS community to gather around and sip hot chocolate as students performed festive musical numbers underneath Christmas tree lights.

PARADE OF PRESIDENTS



Through preparation, students deepened their understanding of our nation's history while strengthening their public speaking and leadership skills.

Second graders at Second Baptist School brought history to life as they took the stage for a beloved tradition more than 30 years in the making: the Parade of Presidents. Each student fully embraced their role as a former president or first lady, dressing in historical costume and addressing a large, enthusiastic audience with confidence and dedication. Parents, grandparents and friends watched with excitement as students honored our nation's story through song and individual presentations.

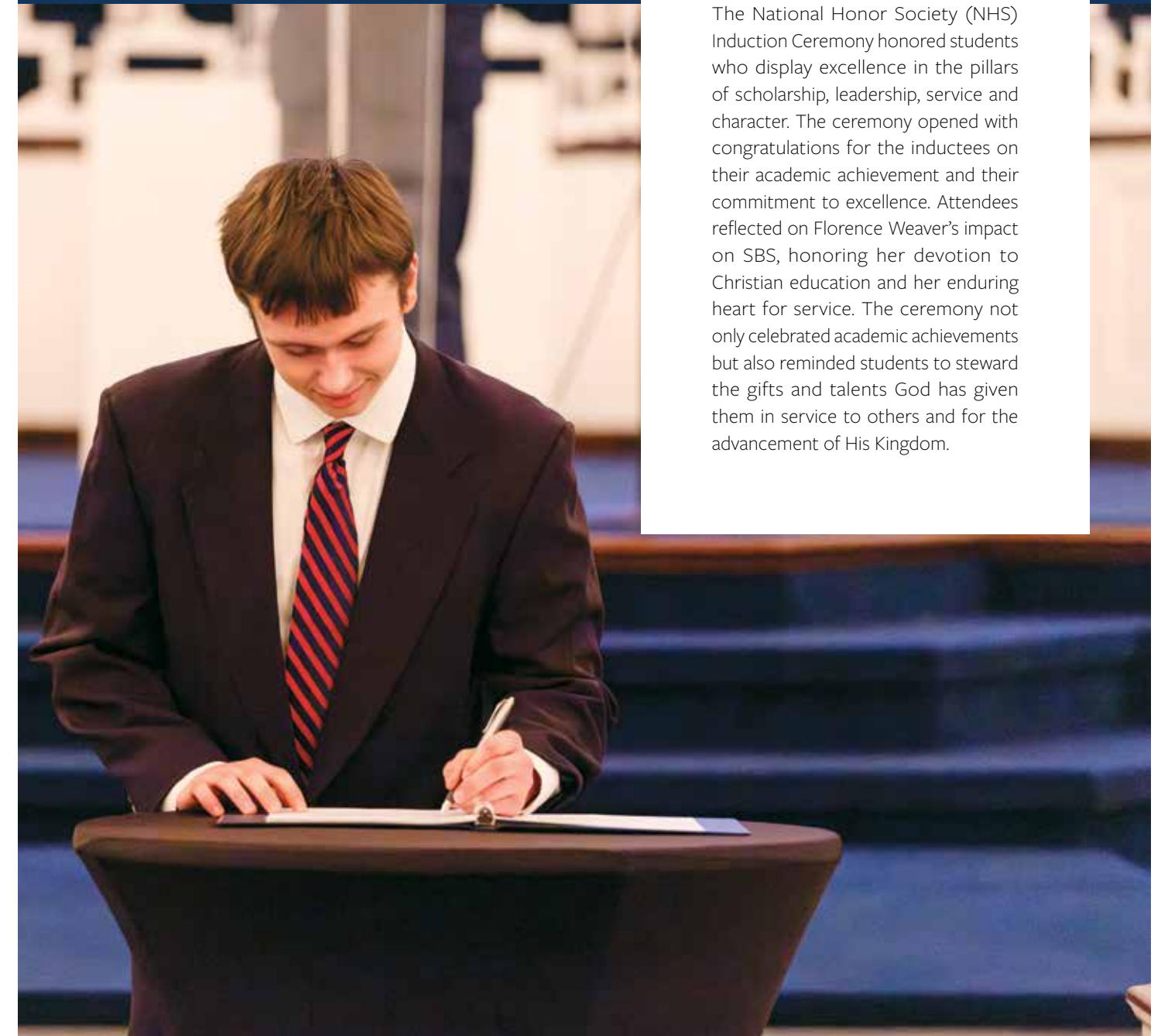
In the months leading up to the program, as part of the second grade unit on American history, each student selected a historical figure at random to research and portray. Through preparation, students deepened their understanding of our nation's history while strengthening their public speaking and leadership skills.

With bright smiles and enthusiastic waves, the second graders made their way to the stage, proudly embodying their chosen presidents and first ladies. Once on stage, each student spoke with poise and confidence, sharing meaningful facts and memorable quotes from their figure's life and legacy.

The program concluded with a performance of "Blessed is the Nation," followed by a tribute honoring family members who have served or are currently serving in the military. It was a fitting close to a morning that honored our nation's history while pointing to God as the ultimate source of strength and hope.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The National Honor Society (NHS) Induction Ceremony honored students who display excellence in the pillars of scholarship, leadership, service and character. The ceremony opened with congratulations for the inductees on their academic achievement and their commitment to excellence. Attendees reflected on Florence Weaver's impact on SBS, honoring her devotion to Christian education and her enduring heart for service. The ceremony not only celebrated academic achievements but also reminded students to steward the gifts and talents God has given them in service to others and for the advancement of His Kingdom.



CHEER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Second Baptist School cheer made school history this season at the 2025 Tier IV TAPPS Cheer Championship State Competition, earning a first-place finish in the 5A Spirit Game Day division. After years of growth and perseverance, the team rose above 10 private schools across Texas to claim the top spot and secure the first TAPPS state championship in program history!

This marked the program’s fourth appearance at the state level, following previous trips in 2019, 2021 and 2024. Each return brought new experience and deeper unity, and this year, that steady progress came together in a championship performance.

The team was led by senior cheer captain Quin Harder and spirit captain Alex Alpe, guided by Head Varsity Coach Andrea Spence, Assistant Varsity Coach Elleana Yarborough and JV Coach Kim Marshall. The 26-member squad, made up of 19 varsity cheerleaders, seven JV cheerleaders and three spirit crew members, worked together to bring energy, precision and spirit to the team’s overall performance.

The team’s success also brought individual state-level recognition. Seniors Alex Alpe and Quin Harder earned First Team All-State and Academic All-State honors, while junior Micah Nini was named Second Team All-State. Selections were made by TAPPS judges based on

competition-day performances.

Beyond the results, the team’s season reflected a shared commitment to excellence and faith. Their perseverance and joy both in competition and on the sidelines served as a testimony to Colossians 3:23, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.”

Second Baptist School celebrates this historic achievement and the example these students set for the SBS community through discipline, leadership and Christ-like character. As they continue to Live the Call, their legacy points the way forward for the future of SBS cheer.

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GOLDEN GIRLS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



The Second Baptist School Golden Girls dance team claimed the TAPPS 5A Large Team State Championship, earning a Superior Rating and marking the program's first state title since 2017.

The team performed both a lyrical and pom routine at the state competition, showcasing growth, precision and unity developed over the course of the season. Led by head coaches Madelyn Whitehead and Jacqueline Rose, the Golden Girls rose to the challenge of increased difficulty and high expectations on the state floor.

"While we have always been proud of their consistency and excellence, finally winning the title after coming close for so many years adds a defining moment to the program," Whitehead said. "They've performed at a high level for 10 years, and it's incredibly special to celebrate that anniversary with a state championship."

This championship was especially meaningful for the team's seniors, three of whom had been pursuing the title throughout their high school careers. Senior captain Kambell Crites reflected on the journey and the moment the team's name was announced.

"We've put in hours of hard work through early mornings, lunches and weekends, and what makes it worth it is the environment we have as a team," Crites said. "When our name was called, we all burst into tears. After coming so close for years, it was overwhelming in the best way."

Senior captain Tessa Garcia shared that the team's pride went beyond the final results.

"Even before the awards were announced, we were proud of how we performed," Garcia said. "The girls danced their hearts out, and we moved together as a team. Hearing our name called was such a special way to end senior year."

Throughout the season, the Golden Girls remained focused on a deeper purpose. Their lyrical routine, *Brighter Days*, reflected the hope found in Christ, while *Gold* celebrated the program's 10-year legacy.

"Not at any point did we need to redirect their mindset," Whitehead said. "Their goal was always to bring glory and honor to Jesus Christ."

The championship performance also brought individual recognition, with Ellen Klare Brown '26, Kambell Crites '26 and Tessa Garcia '26 named to the All-State First Team; Anna Kate Asby '27 earning All-State Second Team honors; and Caroline Morrisett '28 selected for High Kick Company.

Together, the Golden Girls' achievement stands as a testament to perseverance, sisterhood and excellence on and off the floor.

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FLIGHT NIGHT

Flight Night 2026 brought together students, families and faculty for a campus-wide celebration of SBS winter athletics. From a pep rally earlier in the day to championship recognitions and decisive wins on the court, the night reflected the pride and support that define the SBS community.

The celebration began with a schoolwide pep rally recognizing SBS winter sports teams. Highlights included a student soccer challenge that earned a schoolwide free dress day and a faculty and staff pickup basketball game in which middle school Bible teacher Philip Addison secured the win for the Lower and Middle School team. The pep rally also marked a milestone moment as SBS unveiled the state championship banner for the cheer team.

Basketball action followed later in the day with the JV men's game, highlighted by a halftime performance from the Middle School Spirit Team. The momentum carried into varsity women's basketball, where seniors Grace Wehring and Casey Krueger were honored during Senior Night before taking the floor against Fort Bend Christian Academy. Swim senior Charis Chambers was also recognized for her contributions to SBS athletics.

The varsity women delivered a dominant performance, defeating Fort Bend Christian Academy 81–23 as the student section stayed engaged throughout the game.

During halftime, the cheer team performed its state championship-winning gameday cheer. The routine reflected the focus and preparation that led to the first state title in program history.

The Golden Girls followed with their state championship pom routine, highlighting the consistency and excellence that have long defined the team.

Following the varsity women's game, SBS honored the 2025 state championship golf team with a ring presentation recognizing senior Christopher Torn.

Later in the evening, varsity men's basketball recognized seniors Maverick Manginello and Shia Francis, along with senior basketball manager Kristian Abiassi, before closing the night with a 73–47 win over Fort Bend Christian Academy.

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HOEDOWN

There’s no better way to celebrate Go Texan Day than the annual Hoedown! Our SBS PK4 and Bridge students galloped into the E Gym, beaming with Texas pride and dressed in their Texas best: cowboy hats, boots, denim and bright bandanas. The morning was filled with lively square dancing, a walk down the “lonesome trail,” presentations of Texas fun facts and meaningful songs that reflected on their love for Christ.

The program began with an enthusiastic performance of “Deep in the Heart of Texas.” The Bridge class then bravely took center stage to recite their Texas facts to a lively audience of parents, grandparents and friends.

As students celebrated the rich history and wonders of our great state, they also paused to recognize God’s faithful provision as our ultimate Provider. “Students learn that God is the Creator, not only of people, but of the land we live in. We sing about all the good things He provides, and that helps cultivate hearts full of gratitude and thankfulness to Him,” said lower school Bible teacher Ashley Corbin.

This cherished tradition prepares our youngest students to lead with confidence and courage into the future. Mrs. Corbin shared, “The Hoedown is the first time for most students to perform in front of a large crowd. Through hard work, practice and courage, they discover they are capable of singing, dancing and speaking with confidence in front of others.”

Hoedown is now a more than 30-year tradition, and the legacy of this beloved performance is reflected in the audience. This year, 22 of the students performing are children of former SBS students or alumni, many of whom sang and danced to the very same songs when they were in lower school.

The program concluded with a spirited rendition of “God Bless Texas,” wrapping up a sweet celebration of hard work, growing confidence and thankful hearts for God’s many blessings.

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RODEO ART

A hallmark of rodeo season, the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Art Competition celebrates the artistic talent of students across the Houston area. Each year, thousands of students from more than one hundred school districts submit rodeo-themed artwork for the opportunity to have their pieces displayed in NRG Center throughout the rodeo season.

Second Baptist School art students from lower, middle and upper school participated in this year’s competition. Two SBS students, Alyssa Zhang ’27 and Sophie Yue ’30, earned the prestigious “Best of Show” award. Selected from thousands of submissions, their artwork was displayed at NRG Center during the rodeo.

The Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Art Competition challenges students to stretch their creativity and refine their skills. From charcoal sketches to watercolor paintings, each piece reflects careful thought and artistic discipline. We are proud of every SBS student whose work was recognized, and we are grateful for the art teachers who invest the time, skill and encouragement that make this kind of achievement possible.

CRAZY FOR YOU

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Second Baptist School students brought show-stopping dance numbers, comedic moments and a heartwarming story to life at The George Theatre during this year's upper school musical, *Crazy for You*. Set in the 1930s, *Crazy for You* follows New York native Bobby Child as he travels to Dead Rock, Nevada, on a mission to acquire the small town theatre. When he falls for the charmingly stubborn town sweetheart, Polly Barker, Bobby must unite the sleepy locals and the lively city girls as they organize a production worthy of saving the theatre.

As SBS family and friends were ushered into their seats on opening night, the anticipation was palpable from the orchestra to the mezzanine. Large-ensemble numbers, such as "I Got Rhythm," had the audience dancing in their seats, while solos, such as "Someone to Watch Over Me," performed by Kambell Crites '26, added depth and complexity to the story. From curtain call to final bows, the hard work of the cast and crew was on full display.

While bold tap numbers, impeccable comedic timing and powerful vocals stole the show, the true heart of Second Theatre Company lies behind the scenes. Directors Cindy Blades and Claire Westmoreland encourage our students to challenge themselves and to use their talents to glorify God, building confidence and character that extend beyond the stage. Their hope for our students is that they leave the theatre program with respect for one another and an appreciation for the unique gifts God has given them.

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BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

A championship can define a season. Back-to-back championships define a program. Second Baptist School varsity men’s basketball claimed its second consecutive TAPPS 5A State title, adding a fifth championship to a growing legacy.

This year brought a different kind of challenge. With a target on their backs, the Eagles stepped into every game knowing they would get their opponent’s best. “This year was a lot different than last year,” said Will Goolsby ’27. “Everyone wanted to knock us off, and that’s why this one feels even more special.” That mindset fueled a season built on discipline, unity and a shared commitment to finish what they started.

The team’s resilience showed up in defining moments throughout the season. A comeback victory in the Private School Classic championship, after trailing by 15, became a turning point and reinforced what the group was capable of when they stayed composed and played together. From there, the Eagles built momentum, stacking key wins and growing stronger with each challenge.

For younger players, stepping into a championship culture required trust and humility. “When I first joined the team, I was a bit reserved,” said Kaiden Smith ’28. “But everyone treated each other like brothers, so I was able to fit right in and trust the team with everything.” That bond carried onto the biggest stage, where the team relied on each other when it mattered most.

In the state championship game, Smith faced a moment that could have sidelined him. Instead, it revealed the heart of the team. “I was scared I wouldn’t be able to play the rest of the game,” he said. “But I thought about everything we went through to get there. I knew I needed to be out there with them and for them.”



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That selfless mindset has defined this group. “It took a lot of preparation and dedication to win back-to-back championships,” said Reese Alston ’27. “We were the team being hunted, and we still persevered.” With their faith in Christ guiding them and a strong community behind them, the Eagles approached each game with purpose, representing something greater than themselves.

Beyond the trophies, the experience has shaped the players. “Winning these championships has shown me how much work it takes to achieve something you want,” Goolsby said. “It makes you appreciate the journey as much as the end goal.”

With five state titles now in program history and two secured in consecutive seasons, Second Baptist basketball continues to build a legacy marked by excellence, perseverance and faith. And as the celebration settles, one thing is clear—the standard has been set, and the Eagles are not finished yet, continuing to pursue excellence in a way that honors Christ.

WINTER ATHLETICS RECAP

MEN’S BASKETBALL

SEASON RECORD
31 wins, 4 losses
DISTRICT RECORD
8 wins, 0 losses
AWARDS/HONORS
Undeclared District
Champions
Back-to-Back State
Champions

**District MVP/TAPPS 5A
Player of the Year**
Reese Alston ’27

Guy V. Lewis Award
Reese Alston ’27

**ALL-DISTRICT
First Team**
Reese Alston ’27
Shia Francis ’26
Will Goolsby ’27
Cason Hall ’27
Kaiden Smith ’28
Second Team
Jude Brown ’27
Griff Lewis ’27
Noah Lewis ’28
Maverick Manginello ’26
Honorable Mention
Chase Bob ’27
Harrison Knape ’28
Aaron Smith ’27

**ALL-STATE
All-Tournament Team**
Reese Alston ’27
Shia Francis ’26
Kaiden Smith ’28
First Team
Reese Alston ’27
Shia Francis ’26
Will Goolsby ’27
Kaiden Smith ’28
Second Team
Cason Hall ’27
Academic All-State
Jude Brown ’27
Shia Francis ’26
Cason Hall ’27
Maverick Manginello ’26

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

SEASON RECORD
25 wins, 7 losses
DISTRICT RECORD
8 wins, 0 losses
AWARDS/HONORS
Undeclared District
Champions
State Final Four

**ALL-DISTRICT
District MVP**
Grace Wehring ’26

First Team
Caroline Baker ’29
Reese Ertan ’29
Casey Krueger ’26
Eloise Tackett ’27
Grace Wehring ’26
Second Team
Sloane Secrest ’28
Charly Schmidt ’29
Honorable Mention
Mackenzie Sloan ’27
Kailey Sloan ’29

**ALL-STATE
All-Tournament Team**
Grace Wehring ’26
Casey Krueger ’26
First Team
Grace Wehring ’26
Second Team
Eloise Tackett ’27
Honorable Mention
Casey Krueger ’26
Academic All-State
Eloise Tackett ’27
Grace Wehring ’26

MEN’S SOCCER

SEASON RECORD
17 wins, 4 losses, 1 tie
DISTRICT RECORD
8 wins, 0 losses
AWARDS/HONORS
Undeclared District
Champions

**ALL-DISTRICT
First Team**
Nathan Blair ’26
Titus Brown ’27
Aaron Burghardt ’27
Matthew Corbin ’26
Thomas Haun ’26
Second Team
Javier Iglesias ’29
Carter Blair ’28
Caleb Husser ’29
Honorable Mention
Zac Normand ’29
Daniel Tarazona ’29
James Murphy ’29

**ALL-STATE
First Team**
Nathan Blair ’26
Titus Brown ’27
Aaron Burghardt ’27
Thomas Haun ’26
Second Team
Matthew Corbin ’26
Academic All-State
Nathan Blair ’26
Titus Brown ’27
Aaron Burghardt ’27
Matthew Corbin ’26

WOMEN’S SOCCER

SEASON RECORD
13 wins, 4 losses
DISTRICT RECORD
10 wins, 0 losses
AWARDS/HONORS
Undeclared District
Champions
State Final Four

**ALL-DISTRICT
First Team**
Syriah DeBakey ’26
Berkley Blount ’27
Jeannie Hollingshead ’28
Sophie Nicholson ’28
Carson Patterson ’27
Bailey Ultis ’28
Peyton Walsh ’26
Second Team
Aubrey Jackson ’27
Madison Kalife ’26
Honorable Mention
Willa Levine ’27
Presley Rodgers ’28

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First Team**
Berkley Blount ’27
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Peyton Walsh ’26

SWIM
**TAPPS EASTERN
REGIONAL SWIM MEET**
**Women’s 200 Medley
Relay, 8th Place**
Grace Badenhorst ’28
Charis Chambers ’26
Alyssa Zhang ’27
Taylor Zimmerman ’27

**Women’s 200 Freestyle
Relay, 7th Place**
Grace Badenhorst ’28
Charis Chambers ’26
Alyssa Zhang ’27
Taylor Zimmerman ’27

Individual Competitors
Travis Chvatal ’29
50 freestyle – 18th place
William Stewart ’29
50 freestyle – 16th place
100 freestyle – 19th place





SPRING IN REVIEW

EIGHTH GRADE WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP

At the beginning of March, our eighth grade students traveled to the nation's capital for the annual Washington, D.C. trip. Rich in history, meaningful fellowship and moments of reflection, this experience gave students the chance to step beyond the classroom and engage with history in a tangible way, considering not only what has happened but why it matters.

Over the course of the trip, our students visited significant historical sites such as Mount Vernon and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, as well as iconic landmarks including the Jefferson Memorial and the Washington Monument. One highlight of the trip was the group's visit to the Museum of the Bible. There, students had the unique opportunity to view a limited-time exhibition featuring the Dead

Sea Scrolls, followed by an immersive experience that walked them through the Old Testament and the enduring truth of God's Word. Another highlight was visiting the National Archives, where students viewed original copies of some of America's foundational documents, including the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, prompting reflection on the principles that have shaped our nation.

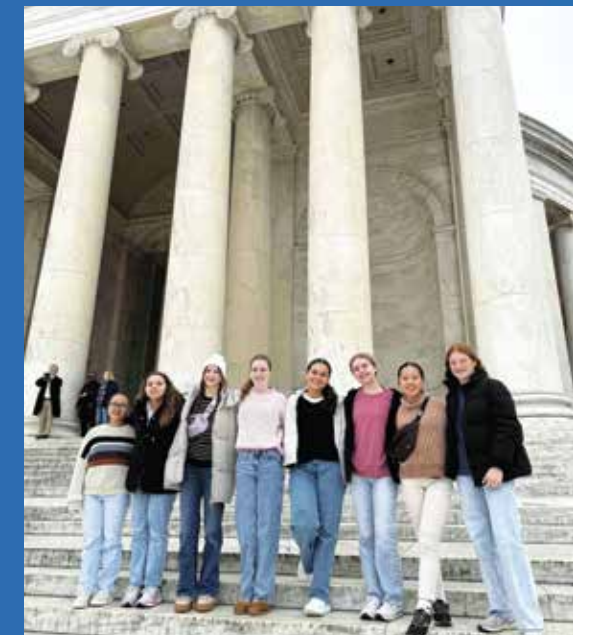
In addition to these powerful learning opportunities, students experienced meaningful fellowship that strengthened their connection as a class. Whether playing in the snow on the National Mall, attending a Rockets vs Wizards professional basketball game or experiencing a flight simulator at the Air and Space Museum, the eighth grade class made lasting memories that

marked this trip as a defining part of their middle school journey together.

Reflecting on this trip, eighth grade social science teacher Jason Price hopes students remember that "history is more than dates and famous names, it's the study of how we arrived at this moment in time." He also emphasized the importance of understanding U.S. history, noting that "learning about the past informs our present, guiding us to live with greater empathy for others and gratitude for those who sacrificed their lives to secure our freedom."

After a week in D.C., our eighth grade students returned to campus more unified, with a deeper understanding of our nation's history and a renewed appreciation for the sacrifices that have secured their freedom.

SBS STUDENTS STEP BEYOND THE CLASSROOM AND ENGAGE WITH HISTORY.



JESUS FREAK



With each song and dance, students boldly proclaimed with joy and enthusiasm what it truly means to live a life for Christ.

Our fourth grade students put on their “gospel shoes” as they brought the gospel story to life through song, dance and 70s flair in the annual Jesus Freak performance. With each song and dance, students boldly proclaimed with joy and enthusiasm what it truly means to live a life for Christ.

The performance opened with a “Baby Jesus Freak” who sets out to understand what it truly means to become a Christian. Along the way, heroes of the faith, including Peter, John, James, Paul and Philip, guide the journey, boldly sharing the gospel through songs and lively dances while showing what it means to develop a faith of one’s own. Joined by a vibrant ensemble, these characters brought classic songs to life with an energetic Christian twist, including “I’m a Believer,” “Bad to the Bone” and “Stayin’ Alive.” Through each number, the “Jesus Freaks” joyfully

proclaimed how God transforms hearts, inspiring believers to go out and share the good news with everyone they meet.

As “Baby Jesus Freak” reached the end of the stories and songs, both she and the audience were invited to respond in faith. Through the voices of these courageous fourth grade students, every person in the audience had the opportunity to hear the gospel and respond in faith.

Lower School Student Life Coordinator Lorraine Koerner reflected on this pivotal moment of the performance, stating, “Jesus Freak moves each student from simply hearing and learning the message in Bible class to actively proclaiming it, which is a powerful step in learning how to live out and share their faith beyond the stage and become the ultimate ‘Jesus Freak.’”



TED TALK

Every spring, Second Baptist School juniors in Mrs. Brooks’s AP English Language and Composition class participate in the semester-long TED Talk project. After spending months researching topics of their choosing, these students stood before teachers and peers to share their findings in a TED Talk-style presentation.

With subjects ranging from “The Power of Testimony” by Carson Pratt ’27 to “The Rubik’s Cube (And How to Solve It)” by Henry Going ’27, each presentation reflected the unique interests and diverse experiences of our students. Though an intimidating assignment at first, the project challenges students to share their passions, push the boundaries of their knowledge and communicate with confidence and conviction.

This annual project pushes our students to ask thoughtful questions and dive deeper into the interests God has given them. At the conclusion of the project, students not only further develop important skills such as public speaking and research but also gain valuable insight into their own passions and God-given gifts. What starts as just another assignment quickly evolves into an invaluable experience that prepares our students to lead with courage and live according to the purpose God has for them.

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FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE MUSICAL: *PIRATES PAST NOON KIDS*

With energetic dance numbers, amusing characters and heartfelt dialogue, Second Baptist School's fifth and sixth grade musical, *Pirates Past Noon Kids*, showcased the talent and dedication of the middle school cast and crew that made the show such a success.

Based on a novel from the *Magic Tree House* series by Mary Pope Osborne, *Pirates Past Noon Kids* follows Annie, played by Elizabeth Gwin '32, and Jack, played by Cole Kinney '32, as they time-travel to a tropical island, hoping to escape a rainy day at home. When Annie and Jack find themselves captured by a crew of pirates, they must

work together to escape, find the buried treasure and make it home safely. Though challenging and, at times, dangerous, Annie and Jack's adventure on the island taught them the importance of teamwork and reminded them to appreciate the ordinary moments back home that they previously took for granted.

Directed by middle school theatre teacher and SBS alumna Caroline Patterson '08, *Pirates Past Noon Kids* provided an opportunity for middle school students to step outside of their comfort zone and try something new. Patterson's joyful teaching style and passion for

theatre creates an environment where students feel consistently supported and encouraged.

As they memorize lines, work as a team and perform in front of a crowd, these fifth and sixth grade students develop invaluable confidence and work ethic that they carry with them throughout middle school and beyond. Reflecting the passion of Second Baptist School, the fifth and sixth grade musical encourages students to step forward with confidence as they use the gifts God has given them to honor Him both on and off the stage.

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SPRING SWING

Spring Swing at Second Baptist School delivered a full day of excitement, from early morning traditions to a packed crowd under the lights. Students, families and faculty came together to celebrate spring sports and cheer on the Eagles.

The day began with familiar favorites as student-athletes welcomed lower school students at morning carpool, followed by senior autograph signings during lunch. By the afternoon, the entire school gathered in the E Gym for a lively pep rally celebrating spring sports. Performances from the cheerleaders and Golden Girls energized the crowd, while the senior boys' dance once again proved to be a highlight. The fun continued with the annual hot dog eating contest, where Coach Nick Mascioli defended his title, finishing 11 hot dogs to remain the reigning champion.

As the school day ended, Spring Swing shifted outdoors. The junior varsity baseball team opened the evening on the field, setting the tone for a full slate of competition.

Varsity softball faced Houston Youth Christian Academy and showed flashes of offensive strength at the plate. Ella Darby '26, Peyton Walsh '26 and Cammy Shepherd '28 each

delivered home runs, highlighting the team's fight throughout the game. Despite the effort, the Eagles fell 16-5.

As the sun set, the crowd packed Michael Stephens Baseball Field for the varsity baseball matchup against Fort Bend Christian Academy. What followed was one of the most memorable games of the season.

The Eagles found themselves in an early battle, tied 2-2 after the first inning before falling behind 6-2 heading into the bottom of the fifth. With momentum slipping, KJ Johnson '26 delivered a turning point with a grand slam, tying the game 6-6 and reigniting the dugout and the stands.

From there, the game remained tight. Both teams traded runs, carrying a 9-9 tie into the bottom of the seventh. With the crowd on its feet, Christian McCleary '26 stepped up and doubled, driving in the winning run and sealing a 10-9 victory for the Eagles.

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INTERIM TERM

"I have always had an interest in United States history! I loved looking outside the window of the Old State House and seeing the intersection where the Boston Massacre took place. Viewing the balcony where the Declaration of Independence was read aloud for the first time was an unforgettable experience."

EMMA HODGE '26



"My favorite memory from the trip was walking through Boston in the snow. We did a lot of walking tours exploring the city, and this particular tour left us underneath the beautiful snow and pretty city skylines. It was beautiful but also so memorable to be bundled and away from the Texas heat."

KAMBELL CRITES '26



"My favorite moment on the trip was when we got a private tour of Fenway Park! I also loved learning more about United States history and remembering all the historical events that allowed us to be able to live freely in the United States today."

ELLEN KLARE BROWN '26

INTERIM TERM



"I loved spending time at the beach with my friends, participating in nightly devotionals with our group leaders and building meaningful connections with people from different grades. I'm incredibly grateful for the experience and for the memories we created, ones I know I will carry with me for a lifetime."

AVERY GLAUSER '27



"This trip shaped my view of God's creation and reminded me how beautiful the world is."

MAC NORTHRUP '26





INTERIM TERM

“One unforgettable moment from the trip was when we were on the boat and an entire pod of dolphins swam right in front of us and splashed us all with their jumps. This trip allowed me to see God’s creation flourish in a way that I am not used to seeing. The way everything works together perfectly to support each other and maintain life shows how clearly God supports and holds together everything in the world. It was truly amazing!”

GRACE WEHRING ’26

“My favorite memory is when we took a boat ride to Bartolome Island because it was a great bonding moment for our class and made all of us appreciate God’s beautiful creation.”

CASH FRANZ ’27



“From my experience in Guatemala, I learned the joy of the Lord that so many people have in all of their circumstances, and this experience taught me to be more grateful for all that the Lord has done in my life.”

LIZZIE BAKER ’27



“It changed my perspective to truly see how everything we were doing on the trip actually makes a difference. With or without me, God would have been able to supply their needs, but it made me so grateful just to be a part of God’s work, knowing that the houses that were built weren’t just built by me but they were built by God, and I was just used as a tool to serve.”

JOSEPH BONDAKADI ’26





“I loved seeing the Cliffs of Moher and exploring Dublin with my friends. The trip shaped my perspective on Irish culture because I got to see one of their biggest cities and learn more about their history.”
MILA VEENINGEN '27



“I enjoyed visiting the Cliffs of Moher because they highlighted the beauty and diversity of nature throughout the world, which is one of the reasons I love to travel. This year, as I visited Ireland, I realized that reading about history in books is one thing, but truly experiencing it makes the past tangible.”
TAYLOR ZIMMERMAN '27

SOUTHERN COLLEGE TOUR



“One of my favorite experiences from this trip was going to an Ole Miss baseball game because we got to walk through Oxford, eat amazing food and we even got on the screen at the game! I also enjoyed having dinner with SBS Alumni at Auburn University. It was comforting to be with such a kind group and get to learn more about their experiences.”

EMME BLAINE '27



“My favorite memory from this trip was getting a tour of Bryant-Denny Stadium at the University of Alabama. We got to walk on the field and stand where their head coach gives post-game conferences!”

MACKENZIE SLOAN '27

TEXAS COLLEGE TOUR



“For Interim Term, I participated in Texas College Tour. I was drawn to this trip because I had never visited any colleges in Texas, so I was interested to see and experience the culture of each campus. In addition to the tours, the events at the end of the day, such as Top Golf and Main Event, were some of my favorite moments because I got to bond with my classmates.”

MAYA SCHMIDT '28

“I participated in Texas College Tour, and I was drawn in by the opportunity to experience the different colleges I was interested in. My favorite moment was playing games each night with the group and growing closer to other students on the trip.”

CAROLINE MORRISETT '28

“My favorite memory from the trip was seeing the UT campus. I loved it! It was so exciting to see the college I've been interested in for a long time. The trip challenged me to keep pushing myself to make good grades so I can go to an amazing school in the future!”

EVIE KING '28

INTERNSHIPS

“I interned at the International Robotic Surgery Center For The Heart and Chest. I watched Dr. Gomez perform three surgeries on patients. The most meaningful thing I learned from the experience was the importance of learning more than one language because it increases the number of patients you can help. While I learned that I personally don’t want to perform surgery myself, I still want to pursue something in medicine such as radiology or anesthesiology.”

Chase Bob ’27



“I interned with Daniels & Tredennick LLP. I learned a lot about the corporate culture and key communication skills when working with a team. It was a really great experience developing tangible deliverables with the resources of a company to work with. We especially focused on AI and tech use, and we learned a lot about how AI is used in the legal industry. The internship shed more light on the law industry for me, and it definitely has its appeals.”

Ethan Chan ’26

“I interned with JRC at the Houston Rodeo. I worked on 5 different committees and learned so much about what each committee does for the rodeo. I was drawn to this internship because I grew up going to the rodeo and have family that is a part of the rodeo. My brother also did this internship and spoke highly of it, so it made me want to do the same!”

Kate Miers ’27

“I enjoyed my internship at Avera, a real estate development company focused on commercial construction and investing. I was drawn to the company because it gave me the opportunity to think about the various college majors that could prepare me for this particular industry. My final assignment for this internship was to present my research to the entire team. I am thankful that Second Baptist School has given me many opportunities to create presentations in my classes, because I felt that it prepared me well for this experience.”

Grant Williams ’27



LOCAL COURSES

COLLEGE DORM ROOM COOKING

“During College Dorm Room Cooking, I learned how to fend for myself by cooking meals that are common and easy for college. I grew closer with the people in my class, and when someone made a mistake, we all laughed it off and helped each other try again.”

Abby Berkman ’28

HOUSTON DAY TRIPS

“I participated in the Houston Day Trips course this year. One of the highlights was going to the zoo and getting to walk around and see all of the animals with my friends. We circled around the entire zoo and were very entertained by the sea lions!”

Reese Robert ’26

JANE AUSTEN

“For interim term, I took the Jane Austen Regency England class and Painting with a Purpose. I love *Pride and Prejudice*, and I find painting super fun and relaxing, so I loved these courses! From my experience, I learned that Interim Term is a time to foster relationships. It doesn’t matter where you go so much as the bonds you can build and strengthen through this sweet time, and that can happen anywhere! My favorite memory from Interim Term is sitting outside and eating lunch with just me and another girl. There was practically no one there and it was so peaceful!”

Ruth Parrish ’29

PERFORMING ARTS AT NIGHT

“This year I participated in the Performing Arts at Night! I was drawn in by the idea of getting to go to a show each and every night! I really enjoyed getting to watch *The Great Gatsby* at the Hobby Center! It was our last night and such a wonderful experience! I loved getting to watch all the talent, tap dancing and singing!”

Audrey Hudson ’28

“I participated in Performing Arts at Night this year for Interim Term. For the past three years, I have done this class, and it appeals to me because I am

fascinated by the shows that are put on every year in Houston and the talent that is on display everywhere you go. One thing I learned from this experience is to appreciate the hard work that goes into these shows, allowing audiences to experience wonderful performances. A highlight of my experience was seeing *The Great Gatsby* musical at the Hobby Centre. I have personally read the book, seen the movie and watched the show on Broadway, so it was incredible to see it in my hometown and learn more about the 1920’s.”

Oliver Dawley ’27

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GOLDEN GIRLS SPRING SHOW

“When I grow up, I want to be a Golden Girl.”

The frenzied fervor that grips my four-year-old whenever she spots the Golden Girls on campus rivals that inspired by any Disney princess.

In March, a dream came true for her and over 100 other girls, all donning shirts emblazoned with “Future Golden Girl,” as they participated in a clinic hosted by the team, learning choreography they would later perform at the annual Golden Girls Spring Show.

One of the sweetest parts of being a PK-12 school is watching our upper schoolers mentor, lead and build a legacy for the students coming up behind them. Over the past ten years, this has been an area in which our dance program, led by Head Coach Madelyn Whitehead and Assistant Coach Jacqueline Rose, has excelled.

For Whitehead, what started as a step of faith has become something far more meaningful.

“It has been one of the most unexpected and precious blessings to coach the Golden Girls for the last 10 years,” she shared. “I took a leap of

faith and said yes, and I’m so grateful that God nudged me to do so.”

That investment is felt not only in performances but in relationships that extend well beyond graduation.

“The young women I have had the pleasure of coaching have impacted my life forever,” Whitehead said. “What is so special is that now I consider many of them dear friends as they enter adulthood themselves.”

While the talent and style of the Golden Girls have evolved over the years, the foundation has remained the same.

“The commitment to faith, character and sisterhood has been our constant,” Whitehead said. “Our goals are bigger than us, and we know they are only achieved when we work together and genuinely love one another.”

Before you assume that I am waxing poetic about character in the absence of achievement, let’s be clear: over the past decade, our Golden Girls have been dubbed:

Two-time TAPPS State Champions

Four-time TAPPS State Runner-Up

Four-time Crowd Pleasers Overall Grand Champion Classic Team

These young women don’t just glitter. They are solid gold.

That standard has been built year after year, team after team. It was on full display this past fall, when former and current Golden Girls gathered for a 10-year reunion and performed side by side at the 2025 Homecoming game.

“Having so many incredible young women back at SBS dancing, laughing and worshiping together again had my cup overflowing,” Whitehead said of the 10-year alumni reunion. “We were able to simply reflect on God’s faithfulness in our lives and in the program.”

She added that this year’s team was a fitting group to mark the milestone. “They have a deep love for one another, and it has shown all year.”



**THESE YOUNG WOMEN DON’T JUST GLITTER.
THEY ARE SOLID GOLD.**

EAGLEFEST



Cheers echoed throughout the gym as students rallied behind their teams, building momentum that carried through the entire day. In the end, GOLD claimed the 2026 victory, securing a long-awaited win.

EagleFest marked a milestone this year as the Second Baptist School community gathered for the 20th annual celebration, one that will not soon be forgotten.

The day began with the traditional EagleFest parade as students made their way onto the athletic fields, class by class, under gray skies and a light sprinkle, with parents and families watching from the stands. Midway through the parade, as the younger grades were still making their way in, the skies opened up. What followed was a quick and memorable shift as students, faculty and families made their way to the E Gym, where the day continued without hesitation.

Inside the gym, the final group in the parade, seniors alongside their PK buddies, took their

lap. It was a moment that captured the full SBS journey from beginning to end. For many in the Class of 2026, EagleFest has been part of their SBS story since their earliest days on campus. What began years ago as a small child's parade came full circle as they now participated as seniors, waving to friends, family and teachers who have been part of their journey.

Class by class, students took the floor for the traditional Blue vs. Gold competitions. From tug-of-war to dodgeball and everything in between, the games were marked by enthusiasm, determination and a strong sense of camaraderie. Cheers echoed throughout the gym as students rallied behind their teams, building momentum that carried through the entire day. In the end, GOLD claimed the 2026

victory, securing a long-awaited win.

Even with adjustments to the schedule, the spirit of the day did not waver. Students showed up fully, cheering, competing and making the most of every moment, a clear reflection that the heart of EagleFest was present.

Twenty years in, EagleFest continues to do what it was created to do: bring the community together in a way that is both meaningful and lasting. This year was a clear reminder that even when plans change, what matters most does not.

Thank you to the EagleFest Chairs and their committees, the Office of Advancement and the many parent, faculty and staff volunteers whose work made this day possible.



EagleFest's impact extends far beyond a single event. The generosity and participation of SBS families through EagleFest directly supports the B. Jane Hursey Faculty Endowment Fund. This year, we were able to award milestone gifts that recognized the dedication and long-term commitment of our outstanding faculty and staff, both existing and recently retired. This year alone, that impact exceeds \$500,000, a direct investment in the people who shape the student experience every day.

SPRING ART SHOW

The annual Spring Art Show showcased the artwork of SBS students in kindergarten through twelfth grade, highlighting the talent and creativity of students across all three divisions. From hand-made clay sculptures and vibrant watercolors to intricate oil paintings and prize-winning Rodeo Art submissions, each piece reflected the unique perspective and God-given gifts of these artists.

A highlight of the spring semester, the Spring Art Show encourages our students to ask thoughtful questions, engage in meaningful reflection and challenge themselves creatively. From ceramic tic-tac-toe boards and papier-mache shoes to watercolor landscapes and oil-pastel portraits, the intricate detail and diversity of each piece within the gallery reflect the heart of the artist and remind us that, like these pieces of art, we are all fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of our Creator.



SPRING CHOIR CONCERT

The Spring Choir Concert brought the SBS community together and highlighted the growth of students across every level of the program. Whether participating in their first choir concert or performing their senior solo, these students showed talent, leadership and growth from start to finish.

During the concert, three seniors were recognized for their leadership and musical impact on the choir program:

Director's Award: Recognizes a student who displays consistent engagement in the choir program and a passion for music. This year, the award was presented to **Tessa Garcia '26**.

Outstanding Senior Boy and Girl: This award honors seniors who display

exceptional musical talent and strong leadership qualities in their choir section. This year, the recipients were **Kambell Crites** and **Christopher Key**.

Middle School Choir opened the concert with a lively performance of "Feeling Good" featuring soloist Maddie Gardner '31.

Freshman Choir followed with renditions of "Forever Young" and "Another Day of Sun" with solos from Elizabeth Spittal, Ruth Parrish and Caleb Husser.

Vision Choir performed "Can You Feel the Love Tonight" with solos from Kelvin Baptiste '26 and Anabella Alfaro '26.

Reflection Choir followed with their set that included "When I Fall in Love" and

"Before the Parade Passes By" with solos from Tessa Garcia '26 and Kambell Crites '26. Each group added its own style and sound to the evening.

As the evening drew to a close, the senior choir members wrapped up the concert with the highly anticipated Senior Showcase. From heartfelt acoustic pieces like "Sign of the Times" performed by Syriah DeBakey and "Good Riddance" by Kambell Crites to powerful crowd-favorites like "I Miss the Mountains" by Emma Hodge and "All of Me" by Christopher Key, each solo reflected the depth of talent in the Class of 2026.

This year's Spring Choir Concert highlighted the work, growth and talent that define the SBS choir program.

Student Devotionals

A highlight of the ceremony was the devotional portion, where students reflected on Scripture through personal stories.

Mia Lurie spoke about the peace and strength she finds in the Lord during times of difficulty or uncertainty.

Ella Reynolds read Psalm 16:11 and encouraged her classmates to develop a habit of seeking joy in difficult moments.

Nathan Reiner challenged his classmates to remember Ephesians 4:14-26 as they step into high school and accept the call of maturity.

Betsy Asby reminded her classmates to have the courage to choose kindness and compassion in a world that is quick to tear others down.

Kate Bonine spoke on Philippians 4:6-7, urging her peers to transform their worries and anxious thoughts into prayers.

Everitt Eixmann reflected on our calling to remain steadfast in our faith even when we encounter failure.

Natalie Nix emphasized that our hope is not dependent on our own actions, but on what Jesus has done in our lives.

Tatum Kinder challenged her classmates to remain faithful and trust the Lord even with the small things.

Colt Bell encouraged his peers to persevere, knowing that their faith would grow stronger through the challenges they faced.

Eighth Grade Promotion *Celebrating the Class of 2030*

The Second Baptist School community gathered to celebrate the Class of 2030 as they advance from middle to upper school. The spiritual maturity and dedication to excellence that this class embodies were evident throughout the ceremony as they shared self-written devotionals and received awards for their academic and personal achievements.



CHARGE TO STUDENTS

Jason Daniels '17, SBS alum and Harvard Law graduate, opened his charge to students by sharing the impact that Second Baptist School has had on his life. From attending his own Eighth Grade Promotion ceremony to making lifelong friendships and even meeting his future wife, Jason emphasized the many ways that SBS shaped who he is today. As these students move beyond middle school, Jason challenged them to seek God's will daily through His Word, to choose their friends wisely and to live differently and lead by example as they enter upper school.

AWARDS AND PROMOTION

At the conclusion of the ceremony, students received their promotion certificates, and three students received the following awards:

Mary Emma Allen received the 2026 Youth Scholarship DAR Award.

Gemma Lane & Everitt Eixmann received the Karen Jensen Scholar Award.

Congratulations to the Class of 2030!

Middle School ATHLETICS RECAP

Second Baptist School proudly recognizes the remarkable accomplishments of our middle school athletes. Under the leadership of Middle School Athletic Director Jeff Schroeder, our student-athletes demonstrated exceptional growth and success across every sport. With **3 HJPC championships** and **2 runner-up finishes**, our teams showcased the hard work, perseverance and competitive excellence that define SBS athletics. These achievements set the stage for continued success in the years ahead.



8th Grade Football
HJPC CHAMPIONS



MS Girls Soccer
HJPC CHAMPIONS



8th Grade Boys Track
HJPC CHAMPIONS



MS Softball – Runner-up HJPC



MS Boys Golf – Runner-up HJPC



MS Boys Golf
Zidane
Fullick '30
1ST PLACE
shooting a 68

2025-2026

SPRING

ATHLETICS RECAP

BASEBALL

SEASON RECORD
26 wins, 8 losses
DISTRICT RECORD
9 wins, 1 losses
AWARDS/HONORS
District Champions
State Final Four

ALL-DISTRICT
First Team
Ford Allen '27
KJ Johnson '26
Christian McCleary '26
Carson Pratt '27
Logan Santos '26
Second Team
Sam Arrendell '27
Casey Dunn '28
Will Newhouse '27
Noah Salazar '27
Honorable Mention
Austin Fuhrman '27
Nate Long '29
Finley Thrasher '27
Sam Willingham '29

ALL-STATE
First Team
Christian McCleary '26
Second Team
Ford Allen '27
Carson Pratt '27
Honorable Mention
KJ Johnson '26
Academic All-State
Ford Allen '27
Sam Arrendell '27
Austin Fuhrman '27
KJ Johnson '26
Christian McCleary '26
Carson Pratt '27
Noah Salazar '27

SOFTBALL

SEASON RECORD
9 wins, 13 losses
DISTRICT RECORD
4 wins, 4 losses

ALL-DISTRICT
First Team
Ella Darby '26
Elizabeth Newhouse '28
Sam Wagner '26
Peyton Walsh '26
Jordan Warnica '27
Second Team
Vanessa Canas '28
Sofia Duarte '26
Frannie Funk '29
Honorable Mention
Maggie Bailie '29
Reese Ertan '29
Evie King '28
Lillian Vaughn '29

ALL-STATE
Second Team
Ella Darby '26
Sam Wagner '26
Academic All-State
Ella Darby '26
Sam Wagner '26
Peyton Walsh '26

TENNIS
DISTRICT RECORD
7 wins, 1 losses
District Tournament
Men's 2nd place
Women's 3rd Place

Individual Finishes
Marcos West '26, 2nd Place
Sophia Buehler '27, 3rd Place
Isabella Woodfill '29, 4th Place
Molly McFarland '27 &
Bellamy Staley '27, 5th Place

State Tournament
Marcos West '26 (Men's
Singles), Bronze Medal
Josh Rhames '26 & Grace
Wehring '26 (Mixed
Doubles), Silver Medal
Academic All-State
Josh Rhames '26
Bellamy Staley '27
Grace Wehring '26
Marcos West '26

TRACK
TEAM STATE AWARDS
Men's Team, 3rd Place
Women's Team, 4th Place

Women's 4x100 Relay,
2nd Place
Bailey Ultis '28
Leah Garner '28
Cate Collins '27
Sienna Walter '28
Men's 4x400 Relay,
3rd Place
Edric Jasmine '27
Peyton Jones '27
Zac Normand '29
Jordan Jones '26
Women's 4x400 Relay,
3rd Place
Cate Collins '27
Samantha Griffin '28
Syriah DeBakey '26
Leah Garner '28

INDIVIDUAL STATE AWARDS
Gray Koerner '27,
State Champion
Men's Triple Jump
Luc Normand '28,
State Champion
Men's High Jump
Sienna Walter '28,
State Champion
Women's 100m

Sienna Walter '28,
State Champion
Women's 200m
Peyton Jones '27,
3rd Place
Men's 400m
Siaosi Patton '26,
3rd Place
Men's Shot Put

ALL-STATE
First Team
Luc Normand '28
Gray Koerner '27
Sienna Walter '28
Second Team
Cate Collins '27
Leah Garner '28
Bailey Ultis '28
Honorable Mention
Syriah DeBakey '26
Edric Jasmine '27
Peyton Jones '27
Jordan Jones '26
Samantha Griffin '28
Zac Normand '29
Siaosi Patton '26
Academic All-State
Jordan Jones '26
Edric Jasmine '27
Cate Collins '27
Syriah DeBakey '26

GOLF
District Tournament—
Quail Valley Golf Course
Team – 1st Place
Nate Long '29
Micheal Maestas '27
Mason Mettenbrink '29
Christopher Torn '26
Sam Willingham '29
1st Place
Christopher Torn '26

ALL-DISTRICT TEAM,
2nd Place
Laura Hardin '29
Mason Mettenbrink '29
Christopher Torn '26

ALL-REGIONAL TEAM
Nate Long '29
Christopher Torn '26
Laura Hardin '29

State Tournament—
Squaw Valley Golf Course
Laura Hardin '29
3rd Place
Christopher Torn '26
7th Place

ALL-STATE TEAM
Laura Hardin '29
Christopher Torn '26

Academic All-State
Christopher Torn '26



CELEBRATING

THE CLASS OF 2026



CLASS OF 2026 GRADUATION



Second Baptist School honored the Class of 2026 with a commencement ceremony that recognized the academic achievements and personal growth of these students. A meaningful evening full of heartfelt speeches and inspiration for the years ahead, the 2026 Commencement Ceremony not only highlighted the diligence of these graduates, but also celebrated all that God has done in their lives throughout their time at SBS.

At the start of the ceremony, Charis Chambers '26, who will attend Samford University in the fall, welcomed parents, teachers and loved ones and thanked them for their unwavering support over the years. Acknowledging God's faithfulness throughout her time at SBS, Charis encouraged her classmates to continue trusting in the Lord, saying "as we walk into the next chapter of our lives, we can do so with confidence and without fear, knowing that [God] is with us and we can trust [Him] with every aspect of our lives."

Following Charis's welcome, the Vision Choir performed "Be Thou My Vision," and Louis Massuttier '26 read the class verse, Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

Salutatorian Evangeline Sahinen '26, who will attend the University of Texas in the fall, spoke to her classmates about the value of not always getting what you want. With humorous anecdotes and insightful reflection, Evangeline encouraged her classmates to remember that "only through the moments ridden with disappointment, trial, fear, anger and

despair can someone really strip life of all the noise and truly be confronted with the issue of life value and worth." Evangeline closed with a statement of heartfelt gratitude for her classmates, saying "I couldn't have asked for a better class to graduate with."

Valedictorian Sara Griffin '26, who will continue her education at Texas A&M University in the fall, shared her love for stories and encouraged her peers to trust God with their future because He "is the most creative writer, the most imaginative storyteller and already has a plan far beyond the scope of what [they] can even imagine for [their] lives." Sara read Ephesians 3:20: "Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine" and challenged her peers to surrender their story to God, to pray big prayers and to wait expectantly for all that God will do in their lives.

This year, two graduates were nominated by their classmates to share their favorite memories from their time at SBS. The first speaker, Madison Kalife '26, reminisced on the memories they've shared since lower school and expressed her gratitude for SBS, stating that "through Bible classes, retreats, chapel, coaches and conversations with teachers, we were reminded where our identity should come from and what truly matters." The second memory speaker, Matthew Corbin '26, walked down memory lane as he shared funny stories and thanked the teachers that encouraged and supported him. Closing out the student speeches with a heartfelt goodbye, Matthew addressed his classmates, saying "thank you for making this place feel like home."

Following student speeches, Dr. Ben Young addressed the Class of 2026 and

spoke on Philippians 2:3, encouraging the graduates to remain humble as they enter college. Head of School John Card then congratulated the Class of 2026 on all that they've accomplished throughout their time at SBS. He went on to recognize the parents of the graduating class, thanking them for their support of the school and commitment to Christian education.

To close the evening, Ethan Chan '26 delivered the benediction, thanking God for the families, faculty and friends who provided unwavering support and encouragement during his time at SBS.

Congratulations to the Class of 2026! We are proud of you and can't wait to see all that God is going to do in your lives as you continue to think critically, live biblically and lead courageously in the years ahead.

Closing out the student speeches with a heartfelt goodbye, Matthew addressed his classmates, saying "thank you for making this place feel like home."

CLASS OF 2026

Kristian David Thomas Abiassi*
University of Houston
Magna Cum Laude

Anabella Marie Alfaro*+
Oral Roberts University
Summa Cum Laude

Alexandra Cate Alpe*
Texas Christian University
Summa Cum Laude

Jackson Blake Arnoult*+
University of Texas
Cum Laude

Kelvin Lamar Baptiste, Jr.
Lamar University

Nathan Grant Blair+
University of Texas
Magna Cum Laude

Joseph Isaiah Bondakadi*+
Baylor University
Summa Cum Laude

Ellen Klare Brown*
Texas A&M University
Summa Cum Laude

Edward Lewis Burnett
University of Charleston

Jamie Daniela Caballero*
University of Texas
Summa Cum Laude

Sarah Noemi Cela*
Texas A&M University
Summa Cum Laude

Charis Elissa Chambers*
Samford University
Summa Cum Laude

Ethan HokHim Chan*+
Texas A&M University
Summa Cum Laude

Matthew Bradley Corbin*
Texas State University
Summa Cum Laude

Emma Kate Cornelius*+
Baylor University
Summa Cum Laude

Kambell Camille Crites*
Texas Christian University
Summa Cum Laude

Ella Darby*
Dartmouth College
Summa Cum Laude

Langston Alexander Davis*
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
Cum Laude

Syriah Lynn DeBakey*
Franklin Pierce University
Summa Cum Laude

Benjamin Elliott Drinnon*
Texas A&M University
Summa Cum Laude

Sofia Alexandra Duarte Giron+
University of Houston
Cum Laude

Ellianna Lynn Echols*
Carroll University
Summa Cum Laude

Carson Andrew Ford*+
Florida College
Summa Cum Laude

Shia Dayne Francis
Eastern Illinois University
Summa Cum Laude

Tessa Marie Garcia*
Boston Conservatory at Berklee
Summa Cum Laude

Larkin Emma Graeter*
Auburn University
Summa Cum Laude

Sara Elizabeth Griffin*
Texas A&M University
Summa Cum Laude

Quinlan Noelle Harder*+
Texas A&M University
Summa Cum Laude

Blake Olivia Harrison
Auburn University
Summa Cum Laude

Kirby Amelia Harrison
University of Colorado Boulder

Thomas Reuben Haun+
Blinn College

Clayton Douglas Hedges
Arizona State University
Summa Cum Laude

Emma Karen Hodge
University of California San Diego
Summa Cum Laude

Kelyn Errol Johnson*
Dallas College Brookhaven
Cum Laude

Jordan Nicholas Oneal Jones*
East Texas Baptist University
Summa Cum Laude

Madison Leigh Kalife*
Texas A&M University
Summa Cum Laude

Christopher Robert Key
University of Oklahoma

Casey Ann Krueger*
University of Arkansas
Cum Laude

Caroline June Lapuerta*+
Auburn University
Summa Cum Laude

Enoc Dolores Lemus
Texas State University

Ava Katherine Maffet*+
Texas A&M University
Summa Cum Laude

Maverick Nicholas Manginello*+
University of Texas
Summa Cum Laude

Federico Christian Martellini
University of Texas
Cum Laude

Louis Massuttier+
Texas A&M University
Summa Cum Laude

Christian William McCleary*+
James Madison University
Cum Laude

Jenna Ann Mirza*
University of Texas
Summa Cum Laude

James Turner Murphy*+
Baylor University
Cum Laude

America Sophia Navarrete*
University of Texas
Magna Cum Laude

Aiden Charles Nick*
Baylor University
Magna Cum Laude

Marcus Brian Northrup Jr.*
Trinity University
Summa Cum Laude

Owen James Osowski*+
Abilene Christian University
Cum Laude

Siaosi Joshua Patton
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
Magna Cum Laude

Ava Christian Pruiett*
University of Oklahoma
Magna Cum Laude

Joshua Christian Rhames*+
Baylor University
Summa Cum Laude

Kennadie Rose Robbins*
Auburn University
Summa Cum Laude

Reese Margaret Robert*+
Auburn University
Summa Cum Laude

Evangeline Annaliese Sahinen*
University of Texas
Summa Cum Laude

Logan Matthew Santos*
Alfred University
Cum Laude

Madyson Lynn Schmidt*+
Texas Christian University
Summa Cum Laude

Nicholas Reagan Schweers+
Shenandoah University
Summa Cum Laude

Jack Edward Secrest
University of Tennessee
Summa Cum Laude

Hudson Cade Soussan*
Texas A&M University
Summa Cum Laude

Avelynn Elizabeth Sue Stovall*+
University of South Florida-St. Petersburg
Summa Cum Laude

Emilia Tarasiuk*
University of Houston
Summa Cum Laude

Sofia Caroline Tarazona*+
Louisiana State University
Summa Cum Laude

Allen Jay Thomas
East Texas Baptist University

Canon Wesley Toon*+
University of Houston
Summa Cum Laude

Christopher Jefferson Torn II*+
Texas A&M University
Summa Cum Laude

Daniel Esteban Ventura*
University of Alabama
Summa Cum Laude

Lauren Ashleigh Wagner*+
University of Oklahoma
Cum Laude

Samantha Jane Wagner*
University of Arkansas
Summa Cum Laude

Peyton Kathryn Walsh*+
University of Mississippi
Summa Cum Laude

Grace Elizabeth Wehring*+
Baylor University
Summa Cum Laude

Marcos Julian West-Rodriguez*+
Texas A&M University
Summa Cum Laude

Adam Shawn Wharton*+
University of Tennessee
Summa Cum Laude

Sa'Niya Andrea Willis*
Houston Christian University
Summa Cum Laude

Elizabeth Chavanne Wise*
University of Texas
Summa Cum Laude

Vivian Claire Wise*
Texas A&M University
Summa Cum Laude

Reese Catherine Womble*
University of Texas
Summa Cum Laude

* National Honor Society Member
+ School of Distinction



SENIOR TRADITIONS

AT SECOND BAPTIST SCHOOL

The Second Baptist community was out in mass as Class of 2026 waved from cars decorated in paint, with streamers and balloons, representing the universities they will attend in the fall. The annual tradition captures a bittersweet feeling known well among high school seniors: nostalgia for the memories and friendships of the past four years paired with excitement and anticipation for the next chapter ahead.

Following the car parade, students donned their tennis shoes to participate in the Senior Fountain Run, another cherished tradition: taking a celebratory splash during their final week of high school.

Students began inside the school, racing through the same hallways and down staircases they have traveled countless times as upper schoolers, before arriving breathless at the fountain, where cheers of “We made it!” and congratulations echoed through the courtyard.

While students and parents are often focused on what comes next, senior traditions allow for the gift of the present, soaking in memories and their final moments together as classmates. These traditions serve as a reminder that no matter where these graduates go, it is their relationships formed along the way that will leave the biggest mark.

As teachers, coaches, staff and underclassmen, we know that a bright future is ahead for the Class of 2026. Equipped to think critically, live biblically and lead courageously, we are confident that they are prepared to do with excellence that which God has called them to do!



WHEN IT'S Your Last One

For families who have walked this road before, the final graduation at Second Baptist School carries something different, a closing of a chapter that belongs to them, too.

There is a particular kind of feeling that comes with a last graduation. Not better or worse than the ones before it, just different. More present. For the families who watched their final SBS student cross the stage this spring, the moment held something that doesn't translate easily into words.

They tried anyway.

When asked to describe their senior’s time here in a single word, the answers came quickly:

transformational. formative. extraordinary. blessed. foundational. memorable. guided.

What struck most was how many of those words pointed not just to their child’s journey, but to their own.

“Legacy. Nostalgia. Full circle. Completion.”
— The Wise Family

For many of these families, SBS is woven into the story of their lives in ways that go far beyond drop-off lines and calendar reminders. The Womble family captured it plainly: “Second will always be where I became a Christian, where Will and I met, where Reese was baptized, where countless prayers have been prayed with other moms, where we’ve lived some of our most difficult moments and made some of our best memories.” The Bondakadi family, who moved from Toronto to Houston in part because they felt God leading their son Joseph here, described SBS as providing not just a strong academic foundation but “godly mentors, encouragement, fellowship and a true sense of belonging.”

For the Kalife family, the answer was equally clear: SBS was the right choice. What confirmed it over the years was watching their daughter absorb and display what she was taught, surrounded by a Christian community and role models who shaped who she became.

That kind of depth doesn’t happen overnight. It’s built through years of football games,

spring musicals, early morning schedules and the small, unremarkable moments that somehow become the ones you remember most. When asked what they’d miss, parents didn’t reach for the big events first. They reached for the ordinary ones.

“It was not just one activity, but many that I thoroughly enjoyed, including Gatekeepers, watching football and baseball, choir and theater.”
— The Bondakadi Family

“The football games, the time to talk to the other moms and praying over the boys.”
— The Burnett Family

Ask these parents about a favorite SBS moment, and their answers paint a picture of a school with traditions worth holding on to. The Harrison family will remember the Senior Car Parade and Fountain Run. The Navarrete family remembers grabbing popcorn while watching their daughter play softball at the SBS field. The Brown family watched their daughter perform as a Golden Girl and said watching her dance for any occasion was a highlight. The Johnson family will never forget watching KJ hit a grand slam during Spring Swing that tied the game and shifted the momentum entirely. The Wise family treasures their daughters reciting Luke 2 during the Lower School Christmas chapel. The Key family will remember watching their son sing at the senior year choir concert. And the Cela family treasured watching their daughter grow in confidence through the Parade of Presidents, the Jesus Freak program and student leadership retreats.

Turns out the small stuff wasn’t small at all.

Faith runs through nearly every reflection these parents shared, not as an abstraction, but as something they watched take root in real time. The Key family said it directly: “SBS has given us such a wonderful Christian foundation; they’ve helped my son grow in his faith and also awakened our family faith.” The Corbin family pointed to their son’s character formation and faith journey as what mattered most. And the Davis family summed up their message to their senior in six words: “Pray constantly. Work hard consistently. In that order.”

Several parents saved their deepest gratitude for the teachers and staff who invested in their children day after day. The Thomas family said it plainly: “I’m grateful for the faculty, coaches and administration who invested in Allen spiritually and academically. The impact on our family will last far beyond graduation.”

And then there’s the question of what surprised them most. The answers there were telling.

“How equipped Grace is to walk forward with purpose and well, grace.”
— The Wehring Family

“How quickly the time has gone by and how much Allen has grown into a confident young man, ready and prepared for his next chapter of life!”
— The Thomas Family

“I will miss the way the teachers pour into their students and the joy being on campus creates.”
— The Key Family

For the Johnson family, the surprise was personal in a different way. Their son KJ came to SBS as a newcomer, and watching him find his place turned into one of their most cherished memories. “We’ll never forget the day he came home and said, ‘I like my old school and my friends there, but I love being at Second.’ That’s when we knew we made the right decision.”

As for what comes next, these parents aren’t anxious. They’re expectant. The West family looks forward to seeing their son “navigate the future with the same integrity and grace he’s shown so far, growing not just in his achievements but in the depth of his faith.” The Cela family put it simply: “Seeing Sarah step forward with confidence, rooted in her faith and ready for what God has ahead.” And the Wise family, sending two daughters off to two separate cities and schools, is watching them “lean into the newness of this chapter, confidently forging new paths and friendships.”

One thread runs through every response: SBS didn’t just educate their children. It shaped their families. The Wehring family said it as well as anyone: “How much people care, and how much SBS has meant to our family in a nurturing way, feeding her spirit, shaping her character and strengthening her faith.”

And to their graduates, these parents had a few final words worth keeping:

“KJ, the world isn’t going to hand you anything, but there is so much out there for you if you’re willing to keep showing up and going after it. Keep your faith at the center of who you are and trust that God is guiding your path, even in the hard moments.”
— The Johnson Family

“You are leaving with more strength, wisdom and resilience than you realize. Don’t be afraid to take up space in the world.”
— The Garcia Family

“Keep your sights on God and trust in His work for you.”
— The Key Family

“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”
Isaiah 40:31
— The Wehring Family, to Grace

When asked what they’d suddenly have more of once their senior graduates, the answer was nearly unanimous: time. Seven families said it without hesitation. It’s a small, funny thing, and also not funny at all. Time is what all of this was made of.

These families represent hundreds of collective years at SBS. And when asked what it all added up to, the answers kept circling back to the same things: faith that grew deeper, kids who were known by name and a community that showed up. Not just for the big moments, but for all the ordinary ones in between. That’s what a last graduation really marks. Not an ending, but proof that something was built here worth remembering.

LIFE AS AN SBS PARENT

ONE HABIT YOU’LL HAVE TO UNLEARN

“Getting all the SBS school events on our calendar before the year starts.”

— THE WOMBLE FAMILY

“Double and triple-checking the calendar to ensure we don’t miss an event.”

— THE KEY FAMILY

“Checking Blackbaud. It’s going to take a while to realize we don’t need to monitor it like a full-time job anymore.”

— THE JOHNSON FAMILY

ONE SKILL YOU’VE MASTERED

“Praying more.”

— THE BURNETT FAMILY

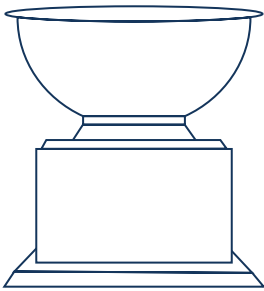
“Preparing a full day of athletic fuel before the sun rises.”

— THE WEST FAMILY

“Navigating Blackbaud.”

— THE CORBIN FAMILY

BY THE NUMBERS: CLASS OF 2026



2025-2026 TAPPS 5A Henderson Cup Winner

This award honors the top-performing TAPPS 5A school in Texas, celebrating excellence across academics, arts and athletics.



79

Class of 2026
Graduates



1221

Average SAT
Score



90%

Held a GPA of
3.5 or Higher



\$14.1

Million in
Scholarships



429

Acceptances
Received

Class of 2026
Will Attend

30

Colleges in

18

States



15

Lifers (Attended
PK - Grade 12)

6

Second Generation
Graduates

71

National Honor
Society Members

22

AP
Scholars

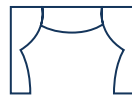
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Schools
of Distinction
Graduates



4

Tommy Tune
Awards Won by
Class of 2026 for
Crazy for You



3

Graduates will
Attend Audition-Gated
Conservatories for
Musical Theater



2

TAPPS Visual Arts
Competition Winners
from Class of 2026



6

State Championships
Won by Class of 2026
Student-Athletes



12

Graduates will
Compete in College
Athletics this Fall;
Five at the
Division I Level



24

Academic All-State
Student-Athletes
in Class of 2026



NEXT-LEVEL ATHLETES CLASS OF 2026



Kelvin Baptiste
LAMAR UNIVERSITY



JB Burnett
UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON



Syriah DeBakey
FRANKLIN PIERCE UNIVERSITY



Shia Francis
EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY



Ella Darby
DARTMOUTH



Langston Davis
UNIVERSITY OF MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR



KJ Johnson
BROOKHAVEN COLLEGE



Jordan Jones
EAST TEXAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

NEXT-LEVEL PERFORMERS

CLASS OF 2026



Christian McCleary
JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY



Mac Northrup
TRINITY UNIVERSITY



Siaosi Patton
UNIVERSITY OF MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR



Allen Thomas
EAST TEXAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY



Canon Toon
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON



Tessa Garcia
BOSTON CONSERVATORY AT BERKLEE



Kambell Crites
TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY



Nic Schweers
SHENANDOAH UNIVERSITY

LETTER FROM A SENIOR

Sarah Cela '26



As my time at Second Baptist came to a close, I couldn't help but feel overwhelmed, in the best way, by the community that has become my second family. I came here in second grade, and in so many ways, I've grown up alongside the same people ever since. Many of my teachers have not only taught me but also watched me grow up over the past 11 years. They've seen me in different seasons, walked with me through challenges and been there for me in ways that go far beyond the classroom.

It's strange to think about how something that once felt so ordinary—walking these halls, seeing the same faces every day, being known—won't be part of my daily life anymore. While there's sadness in that, there's also a deep sense of comfort in knowing the relationships built here don't end when I leave.

I can still picture what it felt like to be younger, walking into school without really understanding how much this place would shape me. Back then, it was just school, but now I see that it was so much more than that. It was where I learned who I am, what I value and what it looks like to be supported by people who genuinely care.

Second Baptist School has given me more than an education; it has given me people. Some of my favorite memories come from places like the yearbook room, where I found a love for writing and telling stories I didn't even know I had. It gave me a voice and a way to capture moments that matter. Even sweeter, though, are the memories that came long before that. As a new second grader, I found so much peace in the communications office. Every day after school, I would write books about my dogs and read them out loud to the team. Looking back now, it feels so full circle that years later, I became the Communications Fellow. That office has been part of my life for as long as I can remember, and working alongside them during my junior and senior years has meant more to me than I can explain.

Beyond that, I've been surrounded by teachers who have poured into me in deeply meaningful ways. They have challenged

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me, encouraged me and cared about who I am becoming. The support here doesn't stop in one place. The communications office has given me opportunities to grow and connect across all parts of the school, and the college guidance team has walked with me through one of the most stressful and uncertain seasons, offering constant encouragement and wisdom that made the process feel easy. To have friends that feel more like family than classmates reminds me that this community is rare, and it's something I will never take for granted.

What makes this place so unique isn't just the size or familiarity; it's the way faith is woven into everyday life. Being in an environment where I can openly talk about my faith, be challenged in it and grow in it is something I know I won't find everywhere. It's something I didn't fully appreciate until I realized I wouldn't always have it.

Heading to Texas A&M next year will be a big change. It's a place where I won't automatically be known, where I'll have to step outside of what's comfortable and start fresh. And while that's a little intimidating, I also know I'm not walking into it unprepared. This place has shaped me in ways I'm only beginning to understand, and I trust that God will continue to guide me in what's next.

SBS, thank you for stretching me, for challenging me and for walking with me through the highs and the hard moments. Thank you for being a place where I was known, supported and pushed to grow into the person I am today. The people here, the relationships and the sense of community are things I didn't fully realize were so special until now, and that's something I will carry with me long after I leave.



PORTRAIT OF AN SBS GRADUATE

C L A S S O F 2 0 2 6



Joseph Bondakadi

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

BIOLOGY: PRE-MED

“While some students are memorable due to their volume, others make it known through their hard work and results. Joseph was a quiet force in the classroom. He rarely raised his voice but always raised the bar. He turned commitment into brilliant success. True excellence doesn’t need to shout, as clearly seen through Joseph, impact can be made through quiet determination.”
– **Angela King**, *Government Teacher*

“Joseph is a man of high character and conviction. As I have had the privilege to know him, I have seen the fruit of the Spirit pour out to those around him. Joseph lives out his faith in Christ in humility, compassion and faithfulness. I am confident that God will continue to powerfully use him to spread the hope of Jesus to many.” – **Benjamin Kelly**, *Bible Teacher*

Favorite tradition: Interim Term

Extracurriculars at SBS: Business Club, Chinese Club, FCA, Football, Soccer, Track

What is one experience at SBS that had a lasting impact on who you are today?

Missions trips over the Interim Term have had a lasting impact on me and will stay with me for my life. Being able to serve others on mission was such a blessing.

I have learned that successful leaders are not those who are served, but the ones who serve.

I learned that a good leader has a compass that is pointed towards others because, in serving others, they are a witness and ambassador for the kingdom of God.



Charis Chambers

SAMFORD UNIVERSITY
PSYCHOLOGY & STUDIO ARTS

“Charis Chambers is the true definition of a humble leader. She leads with kindness, patience and humility. She always makes time to help with the new staffers and offer encouragement. Her calm presence has made such a difference in the yearbook class. She has the unique ability to look at a problem and know exactly how to solve it; her creativity knows no bounds.” – **Julia Beddingfield**, *Journalism and Yearbook Advisor*

“In class, we often said ‘Stay Hungry’ and strive to be W.A.T.E.R. Charis consistently lived out these values:

- W – Work with excellence
- A – Attitude of gratitude
- T – Time used wisely
- E – Encourage others
- R – Respect everyone and everything

Charis led by example and encouraged others to do the same.” – **Christopher Lewis**, *Art Teacher*

Favorite tradition: Interim Term

Extracurriculars at SBS: Varsity swim, yearbook, student leadership – arts fellow & EIC of yearbook, cast and crew for musicals and fall dramas, Chinese Club, Book Club, Art Club

Is there a particular teacher, coach or staff member that has an impact on you? How?

Mr. Lewis had the most impact on me. He was the teacher who not only encouraged me to do well in his class, but was also there for me when it came to things outside of art. He’s been one of the most uplifting and encouraging mentors in my life and has absolutely covered my high school career with patience, prayer and encouragement.



Ethan Chan

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

“Ethan Chan has left a lasting mark on our academic program through both his leadership and his ability to inspire others. As academic prefect, he didn’t just participate; he created opportunities for students to grow. From launching a local Quiz Bowl team to helping lead Second Baptist into its first-ever TAPPS Academic State Competition, Ethan consistently challenged those around him to aim higher. His energy, confidence, and commitment turned ideas into accomplishments.” – **Andrea Spence**, *History Teacher*

“Ethan is a high-energy achiever. Any goal he sets, he diligently works toward and accomplishes with excellence. Ethan radiates positivity and encouragement to everyone around him. He is truly a light for Jesus. It has been a joy to know Ethan and see him grow into a godly man. I know he will do great things for the Kingdom of God.” – **Benjamin Kelly**, *Bible Teacher*

Favorite tradition: Interim Term

Extracurriculars at SBS: Eagle Band, Middle School Cross Country & Soccer, Quiz Bowl, Student Leadership, Theatre (2026 Spring Musical)

What is your favorite memory at SBS?

One of my favorite memories was in my junior year when we went to Alaska for Interim Term. It was really fun to bond with my friends looking at glaciers and mountains in the cold spring air. It was a blast looking for northern lights at midnight in an open snow field and flying high on snow mobiles.



Kambell Crites

TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
THEATRE – ACTING

“She is truly one of the sweetest souls whom I have ever taught. Kambell is grace personified. No matter the noise and setbacks around her, she never complains and always manages to find the silver lining. Despite being so accomplished, she does not seek attention or praise. I know that because of her gracious spirit and her love for the Lord, she is going to bless people wherever the Lord leads her.” – **Shannon Brooks**, *English Teacher*

“Kambell Crites is a gift to all who encounter her. Her genuine kindness and love for the Lord and people shines through her. Her smile is radiant! Kambell is extremely talented and is a humble leader in every activity she does. Kambell is intentional, a listener and a prayer warrior. If you are in her circle, you are blessed. But even if you are not, she will treat you just the same.” – **Emma Box**, *Bible Teacher*

Favorite tradition: “Can I say all of the above?”

Extracurriculars at SBS: Varsity Dance Captain Lieutenant and Chaplain, Reflection Choir, Theater, Just Dance Club, Service Club, Spanish Club, Student Ambassador, Ministry Committee, sang at Chapel and Convocation events

What is one experience at SBS that had a lasting impact on who you are today?

The Ted Talk project that I had in junior year has really impacted me. For a few weeks in a semester we worked on a mini version of a Ted Talk that would later be presented in front of our AP language classes or other fellow students. Not only did it challenge me to stand bold in front of my peers and respected adults, but it required me to research a mature topic and manufacture a well worded essay.

Ava Kate Maffet

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
ENGINEERING

“Ava Kate Maffet is mature and steady. She knows who she is and does not waver. Ava Kate is a brilliant, diligent student, yet she never brags. Ava Kate is personable and intentional with all she encounters. If you are lucky enough to have her in your circle, you will have someone who is loyal, who listens and pours her wisdom. Love that girl!” – **Emma Box**, *Bible Teacher*

Favorite tradition: Class Trips/Retreats

Extracurriculars at SBS: Volleyball

How long have you been at SBS? Describe your experience.

I have been at Second Baptist School for 14 years. I have always loved being a part of the Second Baptist School community. There have been so many shared memories throughout the year that I will genuinely cherish forever.

What is one experience at SBS that had a lasting impact on who you are today?

My sophomore year Bible class. My teacher was Mrs. Box, and she became such a mentor to me during this class, and she encouraged me to find stronger friendships than what I had at the time. Through her class and mentorship I found my best friends that love Jesus just as much as I do, and I will be forever grateful for that class.





Maverick Manginello

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
FINANCE

“Maverick demonstrates the rare kind of leadership that makes everyone around him better. He doesn’t dominate or delegate; he collaborates. His peers trust him, and he earns that trust through consistency and a deep sense of responsibility. Whether in the classroom or on the basketball court, Maverick brings out the best in others.”
– **Dr. Jill Foote**, *Dean of Schools of Distinction*

“Mav is the ultimate teammate. The epitome of humility, Mav is always thinking about the needs of his brothers before himself. It takes a special skill to deliver that effective combination of truth and compassion. Mav has it. As a result, he transformed into a crucial leader for us not only because he was loved, but also deeply respected. We will miss him and wish him well knowing he leaves every place better than he found it!” – **Coach Taylor Land**, *Head Basketball Coach*

Favorite tradition: Class Trips/Retreats

Extracurriculars at SBS: Varsity Basketball, MS Football, Varsity Basketball Capitan Senior Year

What is one thing you learned or gained from SBS that you will carry on with you to college and beyond?

The time management that SBS has taught me is truly a blessing. I love all the independence that SBS gives you in completing assignments, and the fact that you have to learn how to manage your time to succeed at SBS is a life skill.



Mac Northrup

TRINITY UNIVERSITY
BIOLOGY: PRE-MED
COLLEGIATE SPORT | FOOTBALL

“We are so happy Mac joined STC his junior year. He is what STC needed! He is such a joyful leader and is a leader for good. He is extremely respectful and I always see him reaching down and talking and mentoring underclassmen. He is a delight to have in class and work with in the musical.” – **Claire Westmoreland**, *Theater Music Director*

“Big Mac is the kind of player, student and young man every coach hopes to have the opportunity to lead. I have rarely seen a student work with the level of diligence, discipline and intentionality that he brings each day. His impact on those around him has been significant.

“Mac is respectful, humble, determined, resilient and caring. He leads by example and has a unique ability to encourage, challenge and inspire everyone around him.

“One thing many people may not know about Mac is that he took the initiative this year to start a Bible study for the offensive line. He faithfully led the group, openly sharing both personal challenges and successes while consistently pointing his teammates back to Christ. I have no doubt that God has great things ahead for this young man, and I am excited to see how He continues to use Mac in the years to come.” – **Eric White**, *English Teacher/Football Coach*

Favorite tradition: EagleFest/Powder Puff

Extracurriculars at SBS: Varsity Football, Honors Theater, Honors Select Choir, Student Leadership (Head Fellow and Service Prefect), Business Club, Medical Club

What is one thing you learned or gained from SBS that you will carry on with you to college and beyond?

The thing I learned at SBS that I will carry to college and beyond is how to incorporate God into every aspect of my life.

Canon Toon

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
SPORTS ADMINISTRATION/BUSINESS
COLLEGIATE SPORT | FOOTBALL

“Canon is a highly competitive, multi-sport athlete and an impact player in both of his sports. His drive comes from within. He is self-motivated, intelligent, disciplined and embraces competition at every opportunity. I have had the privilege of watching Canon compete since he was in third grade in our PE department, and his passion for sports has always been evident. Even in lower and middle school, he thrived on competition and consistently gave his best effort. Canon competes with intensity, determination and a relentless work ethic, making him the type of athlete every coach wants on their team.” – **Coach Keith Page**, *Head Football Coach*

“When I hear the name Canon Toon, one word comes to mind: competitor. Canon pursues excellence in every drill, game and challenge I have witnessed. He consistently puts the team first, and his genuine care for his teammates is what makes him such a strong leader. Canon gives maximum effort in everything he does and brings an enthusiasm that is contagious. His joy for competition elevates those around him and inspires us all!” – **Coach Taylor Land**, *Head Basketball Coach*

Favorite tradition: EagleFest/Powder Puff

Extracurriculars at SBS: Varsity Football, Varsity Basketball, Honors Choir, Business School

How have you grown to think critically, live biblically and/or lead courageously?

I have grown to think critically by seeking out different perspectives and trying to come to an understanding of where other people are coming from and analyzing information before forming conclusions. This habit has helped me approach challenges with curiosity and humility, making me more open to learning and change.



Grace Wehring

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
BUSINESS

“Grace is one of the kindest people you will ever meet. She always has a smile and a positive attitude. She is not only incredibly intelligent, but also an outstanding athlete who leads by example in everything she does. Grace has a way of making those around her better, both on and off the court. I have no doubt she will be successful in whatever path she chooses in life. She is one of one – ‘Grace the Great.’” – **Coach J.R. Harrison**, *Head Women’s Basketball Coach*

“Grace Wehring is a diligent and thoughtful student who consistently contributes in meaningful ways to class discussions. She is intelligent, aware of the world around her and approaches both her classmates and teachers with respect and maturity. Grace is well liked by her peers, who value and respect her opinions and perspectives.” – **Robert Cooper**, *Social Science Teacher*

Favorite tradition: EagleFest/Powder Puff

Extracurriculars at SBS: Basketball, tennis, Chinese Club, FCA

How has your time at SBS shaped the way you understand and live the call?

Ultimately, I learned that living the call is living out the will and purpose that God has set out in our lives, which may look different for each person. But what doesn’t change is that we are called to live set apart and in a way that is pleasing to the Lord and that requires obedience and sacrifice.

Sa’Niya Willis

HOUSTON CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

“Sa’Niya Willis is one of the quietest leaders I know, yet her impact is among the loudest. As a student, Niya acts with integrity and takes pride in everything she produces. Her work is thorough, on time and well-done. She treats her peers with respect, and in turn, has earned their respect. She is one of the most conscientious students with whom I have ever worked.” – **Amy St. Denis**, *Head of Upper School*

“Niya Willis, a student who deserves my admiration and respect by being a trustworthy, peer leader, meeting every challenge put to her. She is conscientious and shows outstanding ability for the job at hand. A talented young woman who performs to the best of her ability. Her ability to connect with her peers and her great work ethic have helped her to be a leader at school and in the community.” – **Nathan Nease**, *Chemistry Teacher*

Favorite Tradition: Class Trips/Retreats

Extracurriculars at SBS: Spanish Club and Student World Affairs Council Club (SWACC)

What is one experience at SBS that had a lasting impact on who you are today?

One experience at SBS that has a lasting impact on me today is my freshman year when I took Mr. V’s Biblical Theology class. I came into freshman year really struggling with my faith and constantly facing doubt. Due to Mr. V’s amazing lessons and wisdom, I was able to grow as a Christian and strengthen my faith.



LIVE THE CALL

CLASS OF 2026

Second Baptist School
CLASS OF 2026



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BABY STEPS

to

BIG DREAMS



- KEY**
1. Kelvin Baptiste
 2. Reese Robert
 3. Quin Harder
 4. Fed Martellini
 5. Emilia Tarasjuk
 6. Christopher Key
 7. Siasa Patton
 8. Tessa Garcia
 9. Joseph Bondakadi
 10. Matthew Corbin
 11. Canon Toon
 12. Casey Krueger
 13. Josh Rhames
 14. Adam Wharton
 15. Aiden Nick
 16. Avelynn Stovall
 17. Madison Kalife
 18. Kennadie Robbins
 19. Kambell Crites
 20. Shia Francis
 21. Vivian Wise
 22. Mac Northrup
 23. Sofia Tarazona
 24. Ben Drinnon
 25. Nic Schweers
 26. Marcos West
 27. James Murphy
 28. Alex Alpe
 29. Allen Thomas
 30. Larkin Graeter
 31. Jordan Jones
 32. Jack Secrest
 33. KJ Johnson
 34. Clayton Hedges
 35. Kristian Ablassi
 36. EK Brown
 37. Enoc Lemus
 38. Nathan Blair
 39. Charis Chambers
 40. Elizabeth Wise
 41. Ava Kate Maffet
 42. Jenna Mirza
 43. Maverick Manginello
 44. Emma Cornelius
 45. Peyton Walsh
 46. Christian McCleary
 47. Ella Darby
 48. JB Burnett
 49. Niya Willis
 50. Elliana Echols
 51. Owen Oswski
 52. Sophie Navarrete
 53. Evangeline Sahinen
 54. Jacks Arnoult
 55. Langston Davis
 56. Sarah Cela
 57. Ava Pruiett
 58. Sara Griffin
 59. Syriah DeBakey
 60. Logan Santos
 61. Emma Hodge
 62. Hudson Soussan
 63. Mady Schmidt
 64. Christopher Torn
 65. Ethan Chan
 66. Blake Harrison
 67. Sofia Duarte
 68. Thomas Haun
 69. Sam Wagner
 70. Kirby Harrison
 71. Daniel Ventura
 72. Louis Massutier
 73. Grace Wehring
 74. Lauren Wagner
 75. Reese Womble
 76. Carson Ford
 77. Caroline Lapuerta
 78. Bella Alfaro
 79. Jamie Caballero



CLASS OF 2026 LIFERS

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| Nathan Blair | Tessa Garcia | Jack Secrest |
| Matthew Corbin | Quin Harder | Canon Toon |
| Kambell Crites | Madison Kalife | Christopher Torn |
| Ben Drinnon | Ava Kate Maffet | Daniel Ventura |
| Ellianna Echols | Evangeline Sahinen | Peyton Walsh |

SECOND GEN FAMILIES

JAMIE CABALLERO '26
Mike Maldonado '05

KAMBELL CRITES '26
Travis Crites,
Kennedy Crites '22,
Kristal (McCorvey) Crites '95

JAMES MURPHY '26
Saskia Murphy '27,
Jay Murphy '90,
Tam Murphy,
Nell Murphy '28

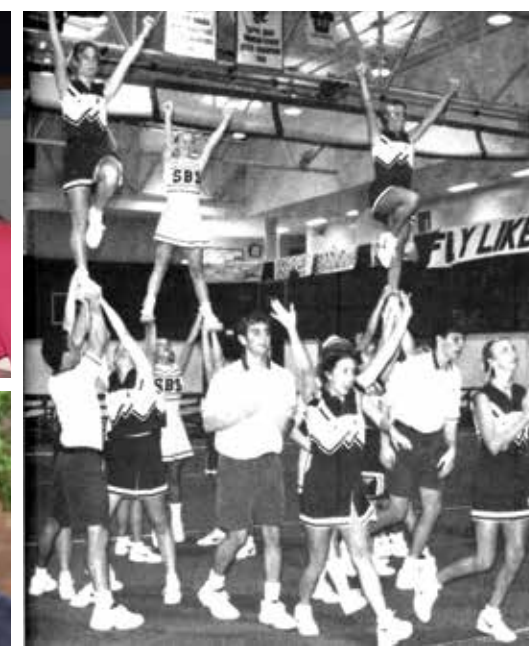
AVA PRUIETT '26
Lance Pruiett,
Grace Pruiett '25,
Emily (Spikes) Pruiett '94

**ELIZABETH WISE '26
& VIVIAN WISE '26**
Lisa (Turner) Taylor,
Paige (Turner) Swiggart,
Lindy (Turner) Minter,
Marlo (Turner) Wise '93

REESE WOMBLE '26
Marrissa (Mariner) Womble '95



SECOND BAPTIST SCHOOL
ALUMNI





1994

LUCIAN BUKOWSKI '94 started a new role as the managing director & vice chairman of Steam Realty in Dallas, TX.

1997

JOSH BRINGHURST '97 serves as a colonel in the United States Marine Corps. Last summer, he moved with his wife and two sons to Okinawa, Japan! They are enjoying the culture, food and travel while still getting accustomed to driving on the left side of the road! They look forward to what will be a four-year tour on the island.



2001

DOUG WEBSTER '01 taught a class at the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at SMU and celebrated two years of his commercial real estate bridge lending business, Webster Landing.

2002

FARAH (DEGANI) ESCALONI '02 ran the London Marathon this year, which broke the Guinness Book of World Records for the most finishers in a single marathon event! This was Farah's twenty-second marathon, and she ran it in honor of her friend and fellow SBS alumna, Priscilla Lo '02.



2004

RUSSELL DIXON '04 and his wife, Liz, welcomed their daughter, Everly, in April 2024. Russell and Liz are enjoying raising their family in the Texas Hill Country where Russell serves as the senior pastor at Canyon Church. They miss being near their SBS community but stay up to date through family and friends!

2004

NATHAN KASPAR '04 and his wife, Katie, live outside of Atlanta with their four children (William 8, Journey 6, Brayden 5 & Grayson 5). Katie is a pediatric nurse practitioner in oncology. After their oldest son was diagnosed with autism, Nathan and Katie felt called to create a support system for parents of children with autism. Nathan is now a cofounder of The Village, a peer support community created specifically for fathers of children with autism. Their mission is to provide a safe, empowering and resource-rich environment where fathers can share experiences, gain practical insights and build meaningful connections with other dads navigating similar challenges.



2005

CALE DOWELL '05 and his family had a blast at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo this year, and Cale's son, Loch, won the Mutton Bustin' competition!

2005

MAEGAN (TOUPS) JOACHIM '05 married Carson Joachim in November 2025 in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. It was a joyful celebration with many SBS alumni in attendance, including **Sarah (Toups) Young '08**, **Elizabeth (Suffield) Wilhite '05**, **Lauren (Allen) Sweeney '05** and **Rachel (Twining) Kelly '05**.





2005

PAIGE (PARTIN) MCINTURFF '05 is a Houston-based photographer who co-founded Lifestyle and Lenses, a podcast and education platform for photographers and creative entrepreneurs who want to build a business. The podcast is all about giving creatives the tools, support and confidence they need to grow in their business!

2006

DRAKE DOMINY '06 is the senior vice president of Pelican Builders, a residential development company. Drake and his wife, Phoebe, are enjoying raising their three kids and looking forward to their oldest son entering PK4 at SBS in the fall.



2006

ANDYSHEA SABERIOON '06 recently married his wife, Yasmine, and they are excited about this new season together. Andyshea is the CEO of ALP Builders, a residential construction and remodeling company.

2007

JOEY DUNN '07 and his wife, Reese, welcomed their first daughter, Fallon Ivey, in January.



2008

CAROLINE (SUFFIELD) PATTERSON '08 is excited for her daughter, Violet Patterson, to join her big brother, Jack Patterson, and cousin, Emma Wilhite, at SBS in the fall!

2008

LESLIE (GARZA) TALAMANTES '08 married Henry Talamantes in July 2025 in Dallas, Texas at their home church. The couple lives in Dallas where Leslie works as a senior marketing director at Presidio.



2008

SARAH (TOUPS) YOUNG '08 is the founder and owner of Lily Lane Aesthetics, a medical spa named after her daughter. Located in the heart of Memorial, Sarah loves caring for her clients who travel from all over the country. Sarah's son, Gentry Young, will be joining his sister, Lily, at SBS in the fall.

2009

KENDALL (BURGESS) HENRY '09 and her husband welcomed their daughter, Katherine Michelle, on April 29, 2025. Katherine joins her big sister Kennedy who is in PK 4 at SBS and her big brother Kip who will be in PK 3 next year!



2009

JENNIFER (GURNEY) MORGAN '09 and her husband, Zach, welcomed their daughter, Miller Adele, on December 1, 2025, and their son, Marshall, is loving his new role as an older brother!



2010

JEFF PRICE '10 recently launched his business, TEXAS SLAB GUYS, which provides concrete solutions built for Texas. Jeff and his wife, Kennedy, are loving this season as their family continues to grow!

2010

KELSEY (NOBLE) ADAMS '10 and her family moved back to Texas last March. They're excited for their daughter, Madison, to grow up close to family! Kelsey started working as a third grade teacher at Tamarron Elementary in the fall and is loving the excitement that comes with the job!



2010

SHANNON (DODDS) WATLER '10 and her husband welcomed their fourth daughter, Margot Collins on August 11, 2025. Margot's big sisters are the best helpers, and the Walters are so grateful for the gift that Margot is to their family.



2009 & 2010

KIRSTYN (DOMINY) DUNCAN '10 and **CHRISTOPHER DUNCAN '09** are excited for their daughter, Kallie, to enter PK 3 at SBS in the fall. Kallie's big sister, Kathryn '39, is looking forward to seeing her sister in the hallways at SBS!

2010

BECCA (DIXON) MCCORMACK '10 and her husband Clark welcomed identical twins, Samuel Clark and Benjamin David, on March 3, 2025. After spending a month in the NICU, Samuel and Benjamin are thriving at home, and the McCormacks are grateful for God's healing and protection. Their other children, Paul (6), Molly (4) and Cole (2) love their baby brothers!



2010

ALEXANDRA (TRIP) WHALEY '10 and her husband, William, are raising their daughters, Emma and Olivia, and are excited for Emma to begin PK 4 at SBS in the fall! William serves as CFO of Cambrian, while Alex works part-time at ExxonMobil, allowing her to spend meaningful time with her daughters.



2011

WILLIAM MCMICHAEL '11 and his wife, Kristi, welcomed their daughter, Hallie Frances, on June 9, 2025. She has been warmly welcomed by proud big brother, Jack '40, and big sister, Katie.





2011

JACOB WALLACE '11 became a senior associate at PwC where he works as a senior AI full stack engineer with the Commercial Technology & Innovation practice in Advisory.

2013

EMILY EVANS '13 just celebrated her third year of teaching art at SBS. With classes including fifth grade art, sixth grade art, advanced art and art ops, Emily inspires her students to use their artistic abilities to glorify the Lord.



2011

DANIELLE (COPE) WATERMAN '11 and her husband have moved back to Houston, and Danielle recently began a new role at ExxonMobil as a commercial representative.



2013

JAMES RICHTER '13 married his wife, Nicole, in December 2025 in Richmond, TX. SBS alumni in the wedding included **Ben Tour '13** and **Preston Williams '13**. James and Nicole now live in Fort Worth, TX where James is a mechanical engineer for the FAA and Nicole is a middle school choir teacher.



2012

SAM MANNETTI '12 married Caroline McQuade on April 11, 2026, at The Bourne Mansion in Oakdale, New York. Sam and Caroline first met in New York City in 2020 and now call NYC home, along with their cavapoo, Sophie. Sam is a film producer, and Caroline works in the financial technology sector. Their wedding was a beautiful celebration surrounded by family and close friends, marking the beginning of an exciting new chapter together!

2013

LAUREN (WHITAKER) SANDERLIN '13 and her husband, Tim, welcomed twins, June Eleanor and Barrett, as their third and fourth children!



2012

EMILY (HARVIN) MARTINS '12 and her husband, Ben, welcomed their second son Charles (Charlie) Harvin in October. The first son, Miles, loves being an older brother!

2013

BAILEY (WILKERSON) POST '13 married Jared Post on September 6, 2025 at St. Theresa Church followed by a reception at Lakeside Country Club. Bailey's co-maids of honor were fellow alumni, **Hannah Huguenard '13** and **Mary Paige (Stevenson) Harris '13**, who have been her friends since PK at Second Baptist School.

2014

ANNIE (PITNER) BASS '14 and her husband, Benjamin, welcomed their son, Henry Luke, on July 21, 2025. Their daughter, Marigold “Goldie” Louise, is loving her new role as Henry’s big sister.



2014

TORREY (TOWNSEND) SCHMIDT '14 and her husband welcomed Palmer Grace in December 2025 just in time for Christmas. Born in Gilbert, Arizona, Palmer is the first granddaughter on both sides of the family and is already so deeply loved.



2014

REID TOWNS '14 works as a managing director at The Caregiving Company. He and his wife, Jaci, are enjoying this sweet season together as they raise their daughter.



2015

SARAH JOHANNESSEN '15 moved to Los Angeles in 2022 to pursue a career in film making and now serves as an executive producer of a television show.



2015

SCHLEA (THOMAS) MASANZ '15 married Alex Masanz on December 13, 2025 at Barr Mansion in Austin, Texas after meeting 10 years ago at LSU. Their two dogs, Enzo and Ellie, were their ring-bearer and flower girl. Their wedding party was full of SBS Alumni, including **Emma (Prestage) Box '15**, **Elizabeth (Iloff) Tran '15**, **Elizabeth Plezia '14**, **Denton Thomas '13**, **David Abbott '13**, **Kyle Hendrick '13** and **Tim Williams '13**.



2015

MARYBETH (MCMICHAEL) TAGHDIRI '15 and her husband, Naveed, welcomed their first baby, Cooper Edward, on January 20, 2026!

2015

ELIZABETH (ILOFF) TRAN '15 married Sam Tran at Tiny Boxwoods in Houston on March 15, 2026. Alumni in the wedding party included **Emma (Prestage) Box '15**, **Cristina Iloff '19** and **Schlea (Thomas) Masanz '15**.



2015

PARKER (PLATO) VOLZ '15 and her husband Mat Volz joyfully welcomed their son, Barrett Matthew, on July 22, 2025. His big sister, Blair, is loving her role as a big sister and will be starting PK 3 at Second Baptist in the fall. Parker and Mat are enjoying this sweet season with two little ones.



2016

LIZZIE DARWIN '16 started her own business, Modern Muse, which focuses on repurposing materials to create custom artwork. After earning her masters in Global Affairs from Rice University, Lizzie launched Modern Muse in 2023. She went on to host her own booth at Round Top in 2025 where she collaborated with fellow SBS alumna, **Lindsey Williams '16**, for social media coverage and content creation. Follow Modern Muse on Instagram @modernmusebylizzie or visit her website at modernmusebylizzie.com to view or purchase her artwork.



2016

GRACE (HARRISON) LANE '16 married George Lane in December 2025 in Aspen, Colorado. Grace is a singer/songwriter currently recording her sophomore album in Nashville, TN. In 2025, Grace filmed a commercial with actors Matthew McConaughey, Denis Quaid, Woody Harrelson and Renee Zellweger. At this year's Houston Rodeo, Grace served on the Contestant Services Committee and sang the National Anthem at NRG Stadium before Christ Stapleton's performance.

2016

CORBIN SCHWINGER '16 married his wife, Laura, in July 2025. Their wedding party included SBS alumni **Charley Schwinger '23** and **Sam Brown '16**. Corbin and Laura live in Gainesville, Florida, where Corbin is pursuing a Master's of Science in Sport Management at the University of Florida.



2017

ALYSSA (ARAMBURU) BECK '17 married Carter Beck in September 2025 in Houston, TX. Their wedding party was full of SBS alumni, including **Ellie Towns '17**, **Kendall (Shroeder) Modica '17** and **Michael Aramburu '15**. Alyssa and Carter are both Aggies who met through mutual friends at the Houston Rodeo. Carter works in oil & gas and Alyssa is a CPA in financial reporting.



2017

KENDALL (SPURLIN) BRATTON '17 married Kyle Bratton in June 2025 in Galveston, Texas. SBS alumni in the wedding included **Lauren Latinkic '17**, **Haleigh Inthavong '17**, **Jasmine Zaretsky '17** and **Grant Spurlin '20**. Kendall and Kyle are excited to begin this new chapter and look forward to all the memories still to come.



2017

JASON DANIELS '17 and **KATE (STEELMAN) DANIELS '17** welcomed their first son, Joshua Jason, on September 17, 2025. After Jason's graduation from Harvard Law School in May 2025, he and Kate moved back to Houston and are excited to be surrounded by friends and family as they begin this new season.



2017

JAKE LITTLE '17 and **JARET PROTHRO '17** started their own business, JLP Homes, a residential redevelopment company that focuses on restoring and upgrading homes.

2017

ELLIE (TOWNS) MCKITRICK '17 married Jacob McKitrick in March of 2026. Ellie works as a pediatric nurse at Kids Care Home Health near Dallas.





2017 & 2018

KENDALL (SHROEDER) MODICA '17 and her husband, **MAX MODICA '18**, welcomed their first daughter, Berkley Scott, on November 8, 2025.

2017 & 2018

PAUL RUSH '17 AND HANNAH (PRICE) RUSH '18 welcomed their first daughter, Lilly Lander, on January 23, 2026.



2018

JOSEPH BOLLING '18 lives in Houston, Texas where he recently purchased a house and became a certified financial planner.



2018

LAUREN (WILLIAMS) OLIVER '18 and her husband, Colby, welcomed their son, Scottie Ryan, in May 2025. He has already brought so much joy into their family. Laura runs a wedding venue and sells real estate, and Colby coaches football and works as a next-generation pastor at their church. They are enjoying every moment of this new chapter!

2019

HANNAH (BERKMAN) CROSSLEY '19 and her husband, Matt, welcomed their first daughter, Molly Ryan, on March 26, 2026. Becoming parents has been such a blessing to Matt and Hannah, and they are soaking in every sweet moment with their little girl!



2019

LIZZIE (WIESEN) NEUMANN '19 married Landon Neumann on March 14, 2026 in the Sanctuary at Second Baptist Church. Several alumni were in the wedding party, including **Lauren (Aycok) Markham '19** and **Catherine (Cela) Taylor '19**. Lizzie teaches first grade at Second Baptist School, and many of her students attended the wedding!



2019

AVERY (WHITAKER) POTTS '19 married Richard Potts in Houston, Texas at Sandlewood Manor. Her sisters, **Lauren (Whitaker) Sanderlin '13** and **Robyn (Whitaker) Snyder '15**, were her matrons of honor. Avery and Richard met at Auburn University and now live in Atlanta, Georgia. They are enjoying this new season and love being an aunt and uncle to their four nieces and six nephews!



2019

JENNA (BOBBORA) THOMPSON '19 married Mickey Thompson on June 7, 2025, at St. Michaels Church. Jenna and Mickey graduated from Texas A&M in the spring of 2024. Jenna is pursuing a master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Liberty University, and Mickey serves as a First Lieutenant and Armor Officer in the U.S. Army. They live in Belton, Texas, where they are stationed at Fort Hood.



2019

SHELBY (CLARK) VOSBURG '19 married Jeremy Vosburg on November 1, 2025 in Dallas, Texas. The wedding party included SBS alumni, **Bailey Neumann '19** and **Princess Matthew '19**. Shelby and Jeremy are excited for this new chapter in Dallas where Shelby works as a broker associate for Institutional Property Advisors.



2020

CAROLINE (TORN) ANDERSON '20 married Taylor Anderson on May 2, 2026, at Second Baptist Church. Their wedding party was full of SBS alumni including **Olivia Antona '20**, **Caitie (Torn) Baggett '22**, **Ben Dicecco '19**, **Ellie Little '20**, **Victoria Ryan '20**, **Christopher Torn '26** and **Mary Claire Torn '24**.



2020

EMILY BLACKMON '20 celebrated 1 year of working as a regional coordinator for the National Republican Senatorial Committee. Living in Washington, D.C., Emily does fundraising for Senate Republicans through the NRSC.



2020

CAROL ELLIS '20 recently started a new role as a personal trainer and group fitness instructor at Crunch Fitness in Lynchburg, Virginia. Creating nutrition plans and assisting clients with their personal goals, Carol enjoys meeting new people and helping them take control of their health.



2020

KENDALL PENNINGTON '20 recently completed her master's capstone working as an external consultant for Vera Bradley to create a marketing campaign revitalizing the brand for Gen Z. In May, Kendall graduated from Georgetown University with her MPS in Integrated Marketing Communications and is excited to move back to Houston and begin working at Vanderbloemen as a revenue operations manager.



2020

MARY TURNER '20 launched her photography and content marketing business, Mary Turner Create, in October 2025. Mary enjoys working with families, couples and businesses to capture life's joyful moments. Visit her website at <https://maryturnercreate.mypixieset.com/> for more information.



2021

BRYCE GANIOUS '21 graduated from Wake Forest University in August 2025 and will continue his journey as a professional athlete. Bryce recently signed a two year contract with the Montreal Alouettes, and this will be his first year in the Canadian Football League!

2021

CLAIRE TIDMORE '21 is excited to begin her Doctor of Occupational Therapy program in the fall at the University of St. Augustine in Dallas, Texas.



2021

MAKAYLA WILLIAMS '21 is graduating from Baylor University with a M.A. in communications. Now an official TEDx speaker, Makayla recently hosted a TEDx conference in November where she was invited as one of the inaugural speakers. Her talk is titled “Why You Should Make Time for Stillness,” and you can watch it on the official TEDx Talks YouTube channel.



2025

CHATHAM CARLSON '25 opened Hemline Tuscaloosa, a women’s boutique, during her freshman year at the University of Alabama. Chatham has enjoyed the challenge and excitement of navigating being a full-time student and a business owner.



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IN MEMORIAM

Class of 2024



ZANE THOMAS LUMAN '24

Zane Thomas Luman '24 entered into Heaven on November 20, 2025. Born a preemie, Zane entered the world earlier than most. You would never know, though, as he grew into a 6’2” kind-hearted soul! Zane thrived at Briargrove Elementary School, a half-mile walk from home, which he happily made every day, enjoying every weekend sport in its season. During his middle school days, Zane rode his bike everyday to Tanglewood Middle School, where he ran cross-country, played baseball, basketball and football. In high school, Zane attended Second Baptist School, continuing in baseball and football, and wrapping up with a season in the STC theatre (lighting, not acting!). After graduation, Zane attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, a place he loved almost as much as Texas! While excelling in school played a significant part in his life, Zane’s passions came from life’s experiences outside the classroom. Zane spent his summers road-tripping around the U.S. with his family, camping, hiking in the mountains and exploring the great outdoors. Zane will be remembered as a blessing to his family, friends and everyone he met.



CLASS OF 1990

35-Year Reunion

The Class of 1990 is a tight-knit group that meets frequently throughout the year, but this year was special as they celebrated their 35-year reunion with a luncheon and dinner!



CLASS OF 2020

5-Year Reunion

The Class of 2020 celebrated their 5 year reunion in June 2025. With over 30 alumni in attendance, the gathering was a meaningful time of fellowship as these former classmates caught up on life after graduation.



CLASS OF 2005

20-Year Reunion

The 'Mad Plaid' Class of 2005 got together for their 20th reunion with alumni traveling from as far as California. Scott Danvers commented, "It's really something to walk into a room and know the life stories of everyone there. Our class kept up its reputation of excellence and good looks! We can't wait for the next one!"



CLASS OF 2021

5-Year Reunion

In May, the Class of 2021 gathered for their five-year reunion. The evening provided a special opportunity to reconnect, reminisce about their time at SBS and celebrate the experiences that have shaped them since graduation.



alumni **CLASS OF 2022**

Our Class of 2022 alumni are getting ready to enter the ‘real world’ as they round out their college years. Take a look to see what 17 of them will be doing next!



LUELLA BAKKER-BARRINK
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY
Degree: Sport Management
WHAT’S NEXT: I will live in Australia for two months for modeling, and then I’ll be moving to New York City. I have signed with a top high fashion agency, DNA Models, and plan to pursue modeling full time.
NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK



KELSIE BURNS
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Degree: Psychology
WHAT’S NEXT: I will be moving back to Houston to pursue a masters degree in Speech Language Pathology.
HOUSTON, TEXAS



CHLOE BURTON
TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
Degree: Finance and Marketing
WHAT’S NEXT: I will stay in Fort Worth to pursue a banker development path as a credit analyst at Worthington Bank.
FORT WORTH, TEXAS



KENNEDY CRITES
BELMONT UNIVERSITY
Degree: Honors Nursing
WHAT’S NEXT: I will begin my nursing career in the Surgical ICU Nurse Residency Program at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE



KENDALL FELTON
SPELMAN COLLEGE
Degree: Theatre and Performance
WHAT’S NEXT: Over the summer, I will be working as a brand ambassador for the World Cup while continuing to pursue my career in the performing arts as an actress and musician. I am grateful to have completed my journey at Spelman College, the #1 ranked Historically Black College and University. I proudly represent the Atlanta University Center (AUC) and strive to share its distinction, legacy and cultural importance.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA & HOUSTON, TEXAS



NAOMI KONUMA
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN
Degree: Business Honors, Finance
WHAT’S NEXT: I will be working as an investment banking analyst at Evercore Partners.
NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK



HUNTER LOVELESS
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN
Degree: Economics
WHAT’S NEXT: I will be pursuing a masters in finance at the University of Texas at Austin.
AUSTIN, TEXAS



KATE MANNING
UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA
Degree: Nursing
WHAT’S NEXT: I will be working as a labor and delivery nurse at The Women’s Hospital of Texas in the Texas Medical Center.
HOUSTON, TEXAS



AUTUMN MALONE

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
Degree: Health Science Studies

WHAT'S NEXT: I will be attending graduate school to become a physician assistant.



DANIEL MICHAEL

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
Degree: Computer Science

WHAT'S NEXT: I will remain at OSU to complete a Master of Science in Nutritional Sciences, a Dietetics Research thesis, and a Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management, while serving as the elected 2025–2026 Student Body Vice President.

HOUSTON, TEXAS



HELENA PLATIS

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Degree: Nutrition

WHAT'S NEXT: I will be pursuing a career in optometry.

HOUSTON, TEXAS



JULIA SAUVAGEAU

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
Degree: Finance

WHAT'S NEXT: I will be working in technology sales.

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE



BECCA SLOAN

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
Degree: Industrial Distribution

WHAT'S NEXT: I will be working as an analyst for CEC Facilities.

DALLAS, TEXAS



ELI SMITH

VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY
Degree: Communications

WHAT'S NEXT: I will attend graduate school at Notre Dame University pursuing a masters in finance.

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA



KENNEDY SMITH

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
Degree: Nursing

WHAT'S NEXT: I will be working at Children's Memorial Hermann as a pediatric ICU nurse.

HOUSTON, TEXAS



EVA VEENINGEN

PURDUE UNIVERSITY
Degree: Geology and Geophysics

WHAT'S NEXT: I will attend graduate school in the Netherlands! Shoutout to Mr. Brooks for teaching me to always ask questions and be curious!

UTRECHT, THE NETHERLANDS



BRANDON YOUNG

RHODES COLLEGE
Degree: Business and Economics

WHAT'S NEXT: I will attend officer candidate school for the United States Navy with the hopes of commissioning as an officer later this year.

NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

20 questions with PK3 PARENTS



What was it like dropping your child off on the first day of PK3?

"We were both a little nervous going into it – me because he seemed so tiny and young. But by the second day of school, he was already so confident and the big man on campus!"

When did it finally start to feel "normal"?

"After the first week of school! While I was emotional on the first day, I adjusted pretty quickly!"

"When our son started telling us about his new friends and how much fun he was having."

What's the funniest thing your child has said about school?

"It took him a while to figure out his teacher's name was 'Mrs. Pulido' and not 'Mrs. Play-Doh.'"



"Our most fashionable child was very confused when she came home from the first day of school because 'Everyone had on the same dress as me....'"

What moment made you especially grateful for PK3?

"It truly is a partnership; parents are very involved with supporting the learning environment and reinforcing things at home. Teachers are very communicative and really treat your child as a unique individual with unique needs."

What were you most unprepared for?

"The fiancés. My daughter has proposed to multiple young men, with varied results."

"The first time my daughter got out of the car and walked to her room all by herself. I was so proud, but then I pulled away, tearing up at how grown up she is becoming!"

"How big kid this would all feel, and then how much she would learn and come home and tell me."



What's your child's favorite thing to do at school?

"Bible with Mrs. Corbin and playing with her friends!"

"She loves going to centers!"

"Singing in Mrs. Hall's music class!"

In one sentence, how would you describe the PK3 experience at SBS?

"I am blown away by all the activities that my daughter gets to participate in! This has been so fun and so memorable!"

"I am amazed not only at the educational aspect of PK3 at SBS, but also at how my son can already talk about the Bible stories he is learning and the love that Jesus has for him."



Who is their best friend, and why?

"Everybody is my best friend!"

"Evans, Harlow, Matthew — because they are kind and they play with me."

"Walker and Jack because they like to play police."

What skill or habit has grown the most since August?

"I hear him singing to himself a lot about Jesus and the songs he sings at school. He is always excited to sing them to us."

"She is absolutely obsessed with making art now! She colors all the time!"

"She is very proud of her cutting skills and how they have 'advanced.'"

What's the weirdest thing your child has brought home in their backpack?

"Nature, aka acorns and leaves."

"A bag full of acorns."

"He loves to give us rocks as gifts."

"Rocks...on the regular."

"An inconceivable number of acorns."



What's their go-to lunchbox request?

"Drinkable yogurt with a straw, PB&J, strawberries."

"PB&J in a dinosaur shape"

"Let's be honest, I'm not packing four lunches every day. They get lunch from school lol."

"We buy hot lunch; FREEEDDDOOOMMM!!!"

What's been the biggest change you've seen in your child this year?

"Hands down independence. We see that everywhere – in getting ready for the day, playtime, during meals – everything"

"Regulating her emotions better while at school and learning to communicate."



"He has really grown up from a toddler to a little boy. He has his own quirks and personality, and it's so fun getting to know him at this age."

"Her vocabulary and fine motor skills!"

What's the most embarrassing thing your child has told their teacher?

"My mom is pregnant.' I am not."

"That she prays for her baby brother... I am not pregnant!!!"

What's the first thing your child does when they get in the car after pickup?

"Mommy, I'm hungry!"

"Tries to talk me into going to the park and Tiny's Milk and Cookies."

"Demands snacks. If we don't have snacks, it's a SNACKTASTROPHE."



What's the most surprising feedback you have received from your child's teacher?

"If we can harness her attention, then one day she can run a small country."

What's something your child can do now that they couldn't do at the beginning of the year?

"Writing their name without having to trace it – such an exciting milestone!"

"Sound out words and clap for the syllables."

"Carry her backpack inside, lol. It used to be too heavy, but now she is bigger and stronger and proudly walks in with it on her back 'like the big kids.'"

What's been your favorite moment from this year?

"Getting to be the parent reader and attending chapel to watch him and his classmates so excited to worship."

"Seeing the old faces from when I went to school at SBS. Now our children will grow up together. It is pretty neat seeing everything go full circle."



What's one word that describes your PK3 year?

"Sweet." "Memorable." "Amazing!" "Patience." "Impactful." "Blessed!"

What's one thing you hope your child remembers about PK3?

"I pray he remembers the different Bible stories he learned throughout the year."

"How much their teachers love them!"

"How freeing this year has been and how fun school can be."

What's something you'll never forget about this stage?

"His smiling face when I pull up to him in the carpool line."

"How much she has grown. I wish she could stay this age forever!"





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2026-2027 DATES*

AUGUST 12, 2026

First Day of School | Early Dismissal

SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

Labor Day Holiday for Students, Faculty and Staff

OCTOBER 9, 2026

Student Holiday
Professional Development for Faculty and Staff

OCTOBER 12, 2026

Columbus Day Holiday for Students, Faculty and Staff

NOVEMBER 3, 2026

Parent/Teacher Conference Day for PK3-Grade 8
Full Day for Grades 9-12

NOVEMBER 23-27, 2026

Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER 18, 2026

Early Dismissal for Christmas Break

JANUARY 5, 2027

Spring Semester Begins | Students Return

JANUARY 18, 2027

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday for Students, Faculty and Staff

FEBRUARY 15, 2027

President's Day | Student Holiday & Professional Development for Faculty and Staff

FEBRUARY 24, 2027

Parent/Teacher Conference Day for PK3-Grade 4
Full Day for Grades 5-12

MARCH 8-12, 2027

Spring Break

MARCH 26, 2027

Good Friday
Easter Holiday for Students, Faculty and Staff

MARCH 29, 2027

Easter Monday
Easter Holiday for Students, Faculty and Staff

MAY 20, 2027

Last Day of School

MAY 21, 2027

Class of 2027 Commencement

*All dates listed are subject to change.