

BACK TO SCHOOL PACKET 2019-2020

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
AUGUST 14, 2019

CHARACTER BEFORE CAREER
WISDOM BEYOND SCHOLARSHIP
SERVICE BEFORE SELF
PARTICIPATION AS A WAY OF LIFE

STRONGER TOGETHER

There are many parts, but one body.
When one part suffers, we all suffer;
when one part rejoices, we all rejoice.

1 COR. 12:12,26



THE FIRST ACADEMY

Preparing Children for Life
as Christian Leaders

A LETTER FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL STEVE D. WHITAKER, PH.D.

Dear TFA Families,

As I begin my seventeenth year serving as Head of School at The First Academy, I would be remiss if I didn't look back and celebrate. I celebrate that since August 16, 1987, The First Academy has been about one thing, and that is connecting students to Jesus, to one another, and to God's Truth. This is who we are, The Gospel is central to our mission. It is what makes us unique. It has the power to change lives and change the world. Of course, I celebrate all of the academic, athletic, and fine arts accolades as well, but all of those don't mean much if our main focus is not on Him.



Selecting the theme for the 2019-2020 school year was easy. I selected "Stronger Together" from 1 Corinthians 12:12, 26 - "There are many parts, but one body...When one part suffers, we all suffer; when one part rejoices, we all rejoice." The theme this year took shape as I thought about how we can grow from last year's theme, Built 2 Last. Now that we know the importance of a strong foundation and school culture, let's put those words into practice.

My prayer is that we will continue to build upon and place value in our strong community, understanding that we are truly stronger together and we are each an integral part of the three-fold cord of the church, the home, and the school. As we return to school in August you will see reminders all across campus of the importance of keeping our focus on our shared mission of building a strong community of Christian leaders.

Additionally, I wanted to point out our "TFA Top Ten," highlighting the ten need-to-know items for the upcoming school year. I hope this abbreviated list will assist your family in planning for some of our more important dates and events for 2019-2020.

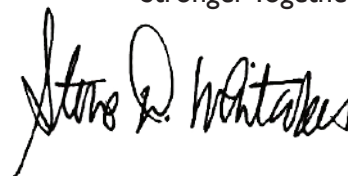
The TFA Top Ten

1. The Parent/Student Handbook is a cumbersome document. While everything in the handbook is useful and important, I have outlined the 15 Most Important Items in an easy-to-read format for parents and students. You can read the "Top 15" on [page 7](#).
2. Each year, we host our All Family Worship Event. This is one of the only times that our entire school family gathers together to pray and worship. This is the best way to kick-off the new school year, and I hope to see everyone on August 12 at 6:00 pm in the FBO Worship Center for this fantastic event.
3. Chapel is an essential part of our students' lives. We are blessed to have Victor Flores as our Campus Pastor. He organizes chapels, leads discipleship programs with our students, and serves families as well. Parents are always invited to attend our weekly chapels to praise and worship with students. Additionally, we host our Dads' and Moms' Prayer Time meetings monthly throughout the school year. Visit [page 15](#) of this packet for more information about our prayer time events.
4. Each year, we offer several development and partnership opportunities for parents through our Parent University courses. The goal is to equip parents with resources, ideas, and Biblical concepts that will bolster the work of our parents. More information about these courses is available on [page 14](#) of this packet.
5. Get involved at The First Academy! We offer several opportunities for parents to serve using their time and talents. Find out more about the Parent Association, Fine Arts Network, Friends of the Library, and Athletic Booster Club on [page 31](#) of this packet. You are also invited to our Service Opportunity Breakfast on August 28 at 8:15 am in the Language Ministry Center (Formerly Student Center).

6. Do you know what a valuable tool RenWeb/FACTS is? Everything that you need to know about grades, homework, the calendar, and even the lunch schedule is available for every student at the swipe of an app! Find out more on [page 29](#) of this packet.
7. Visit [page 46](#) to plan your year. This calendar page highlights some of our biggest school-wide events as well as Thanksgiving, Christmas, and spring breaks.
8. Homecoming Week and our Fall Carnival are a yearly highlight! Throughout this exciting week, there are so many opportunities for our families to come together and enjoy one another's company! You can learn more about the carnival on [page 13](#) and you can view the Homecoming Schedule on [page 35](#).
9. We desire excellence in every aspect of our institution. The Royal Nation Fund helps us achieve it. This yearly fund allows The First Academy to secure resources needed to advance the school as outlined in our Strategic Plan. Learn more about the fund and the goals for 2019-2020 on [page 26](#) of this packet.
10. In the fall, we host our Golf Classic and Tennis & Tea events. The events benefit The First Academy, but are also great community builders. I hope you will come out, whether you are a beginner or a seasoned golf or tennis pro. More information will be shared as dates are finalized for both events.

Each year it is a joy to see how God grows and matures us as a school when we take time to seek Him. The best is yet to come, and I look forward to celebrating a wonderful school year with you and your family.

Stronger Together,



Steve D. Whitaker, Ph.D.
Head of School



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MONDAY ♦ ALL FAMILY WORSHIP

One of the wonderful TFA traditions that sets the school year up for success is All Family Worship and Meet The Teacher. Please review the schedule below for all of the events on Monday, August 12.

- 3:30 pm Meet the Teacher - New Families - Classrooms
- 4:00 pm Meet the Teacher - Returning Families - Classrooms
- 4:30 pm TFH Parent Meeting - E2, Third Floor
- 5:00 pm New Family Dinner - Faith Hall Lakeside
- 6:00 pm All Family Worship - Worship Center

TUESDAY ♦ DAY OF PRAYER

Everyone is welcome to join us on campus for a time of prayer on Tuesday, August 13. Anyone who would like to participate in the TFA Day of Prayer can meet Victor Flores, Campus Pastor & Senior Director of Spiritual Formation, in Marie Williams Chapel from 11:00-11:30 am.

WEDNESDAY ♦ FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school is set for Wednesday, August 14. As we kick off another amazing year at The First Academy, please remember to park in designated areas and follow drop-off directions for your children. Parking is available in the Faith Hall and Language Ministry Center (formerly the Student Center) parking lots.

VISITOR CHECK-IN SYSTEM

Visitors to TFA's campus will need to check-in through a new system with their driver's license when they are visiting campus starting in August. This system allows for additional security screening. For more information, turn to the Safety and Security section on [page 17](#).

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Mark your calendars as the last day of school will be Thursday, May 21, 2020. To stay up to date on all of the year's events, check the main school calendar [online here](#).

CELEBRATING PAYNE STEWART

Remembering his life & honoring his legacy

Join us on Friday, October 25 at 7:00 pm at the Payne Stewart Athletic Complex as the Royals take on Grant Career Technical Center. This will be a special evening where we remember Payne, honor his family, and celebrate his impact on our school and the game of golf. We hope you will save the date and plan to attend.

THE 15 MOST IMPORTANT PARENT STUDENT HANDBOOK ITEMS

The items below are designed to bolster the relationship between home, church, and school. These items do not define who is and who is not a Christ-follower. They are not a measure of one's spiritual maturity. They are simply a set of principles that guide our partnership with parents in raising the next generation of Christian leaders. When someone makes a mistake, we will not judge their relationship with Jesus. Similarly, when certain behaviors require consequences, we will not describe those administering the consequences as "unChristian" or "unkind" for following through as outlined in the school handbook and in this document. Though short and simple, these items are non-negotiable.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION, CHRISTIAN SERVICE, & STUDENT ASPIRATIONS

Our primary purpose at TFA is to connect students and their families to Jesus, to others, and to God's Truth - our mission is to make disciples who make disciples. Biblical Worldview Integration is an essential part of the curriculum. We teach there is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and that those who reject the Gospel will face suffering for all eternity (Mt. 25:46). When disaster strikes, we serve our community, state, and nation in partnership with FBCO and the North American Mission Board. We serve global missions through FBCO and the International Mission Board. The MS/US chapel program is done in partnership with FBCO. Our five aspirations for students is for them to be 1) Devoted Christ Followers, 2) Committed Servant Leaders, 3) Respectful Relationship Builders, 4) Consistently Honest Communicators, and 5) Relentlessly Hard Workers.

CURRICULUM DESIGN AND CLASS SIZE

TFA chooses textbooks and resources that match our stated curricular objectives and are of high educational quality. Our teachers guide instruction; the textbooks do not. When elements of a secular textbook conflict with our Biblical Worldview, we embrace that as a teachable moment. Outstanding teacher quality and curricular alignment are the secrets to our multi-year National Blue Ribbon qualifying test scores, not class size. Class sizes are based on student dynamics and teacher profile, not local public school standards or independent school norms.

ADMISSIONS PHILOSOPHY

We enroll students from Christian and non-Christian families. The school follows a [Purpose Driven Enrollment Framework](#) when reviewing student applications. Those parents who support our Great Commission Philosophy, Biblical Values regarding Marriage/Family, are College-Preparatory Focused, and who desire their students to be trained as Christ-Following Servant Leaders may be considered for enrollment. Students may be admitted at all grade levels at any time of the school year.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS

We have a positive campus culture rooted in clear expectations and mutual trust. In the unlikely event that a parent disrupts the positive culture by failing to support the school as outlined in the handbook and in this document, they jeopardize the continued enrollment of their child. Some examples of unacceptable parent behavior include hosting a party or event for students where alcohol or drugs are present, treating school personnel with disrespect, failing to support student discipline measures outlined by the school, spreading negativity within the parent community by criticizing and complaining, inhibiting the work of professional educators by being unduly involved in the daily operations of the classroom/school, refusing to follow the conflict resolution process regarding school policy and/or personnel concerns, and treating other parents/students/staff with disrespect (Philippians 2:14-16).

CHURCH/SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

We enjoy a wonderful relationship with our founding church. FBCO has empowered the Head of School to lead The First Academy. The School Board sets policy and oversees the Head of School. They also oversee the implementation of the Strategic Plan. When TFA issues are brought to FBCO, they will be directed back to the Head of School for resolution as outlined in the school handbook.

THE 15 MOST IMPORTANT PARENT STUDENT HANDBOOK ITEMS

STUDENT BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS APPLY 24/7

We view our students as community leaders. As such, they are held accountable for their behavior 24 hours per day, seven days per week while enrolled at TFA. If a student's behavior violates handbook standards or negatively impacts the reputation of FBCO or TFA, suspension or expulsion may result. All student discipline is done with a redemptive and restorative focus. Disciplinary consequences are always confidential and will not be discussed with anyone other than the parent of the child involved.

SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

The most successful students at TFA are generally those whose parents resist the urge to rescue them from learning the valuable lessons that social struggles, academic challenges, athletic disappointments, fine arts frustrations, and the occasional unpleasant disciplinary consequences provide in the school setting. The parents of resilient students focus on preparing the person, not preparing the path.

CELL PHONES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Student cell phones must be turned off during school hours. Students must understand that social media posts are a public record and will be handled as if the student stood up in class and spoke the words or showed the image that was posted. The consequence for unacceptable posts include suspension at a minimum but may include dismissal or expulsion. This applies to all students, 24 hours per day, seven days per week while enrolled at TFA.

COMMUNICATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

So as to provide a healthy work-life balance, employees are not expected to respond to messages before 7:00 am or after 7:00 pm or on weekends so that they can focus on their own families. While disagreements between employees and parents rarely occur, we ask that when it does, the conflict resolution process start with only those directly involved and follow the process outlined in the handbook. School employees are required to resolve conflicts and solve relational/discipline problems face-to-face with students and parents rather than by email or text.

DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCES FOR RACE-RELATED INCIDENTS

We appreciate the work of our Committee for School Unity. This multi-racial group provides guidance regarding race-related discipline issues, including social media. Upon confirmation of the facts, any racial language, images, or behavior that is insensitive, hostile, offensive, or intimidating will be reviewed by the Co-Chairs of the Committee for School Unity and may be brought to the assembled committee. The Co-Chairs will work with divisional leadership to provide a disciplinary recommendation.

ATHLETIC AND ARTS CONCERNS

We are grateful for our coaches/directors and student-athletes/artists. We see student participation in athletics and the arts as a privilege, not a right. When conflicts arise, it should ideally be brought to the coach/director before anyone else is involved. If talking with the coach/director is not possible, the Athletics Director or Fine Arts Director will be available. The Assistant Head of School and the Athletics/Arts Appeals Committee may participate as well. Coaches and directors are required to resolve conflicts in person rather than by email or text.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL PREVENTION

Helping students make wise choices is of paramount importance at TFA. To that end, we have created guardrails to protect students. Students who smoke, vape, drink alcohol in any amount, or use illegal drugs while enrolled at TFA (on/off campus, before/after school) will face disciplinary consequences. The school reserves the right to randomly administer drug tests or require ongoing drug testing at any time. Law enforcement resources may be used for drug prevention purposes at the discretion of the Head of School. These guardrails are to assist students in resisting temptation and to give them another reason to say "no" if pressured to make poor choices.

THE 15 MOST IMPORTANT PARENT STUDENT HANDBOOK ITEMS

SUSPENSION, DISMISSAL, EXPULSION, AND STUDENT SEARCHES

While such difficulty seldom occurs, the school may suspend, dismiss, or expel a student when it deems necessary, with or without parental approval. A School Board-approved appeals process is outlined in the handbook because we believe there is wisdom in a multitude of counselors (Prov. 15:22). The Campus Pastor will create a restoration plan following a multi-day suspension, dismissal, or expulsion. To ensure the safety of the school community, student lockers, storage areas, backpacks, and purses may be searched without prior notice if school leaders believe illegal, dangerous, or prohibited items are contained.

SUBJECTS TO AVOID

TFA was established for the purpose of educating students in a Christian atmosphere with Christ-centered instruction. We wish to remain clearly focused on the Gospel, the non-negotiables of our Statement of Faith, and avoid the theological fringe issues. We encourage civil dialogue under the watchful eye of Christian teachers. However, campus protest activities and divisive political banter are not permitted on campus at any time. We do not permit political apparel, accessories, or promotional materials of any type on campus or at school-sponsored events.

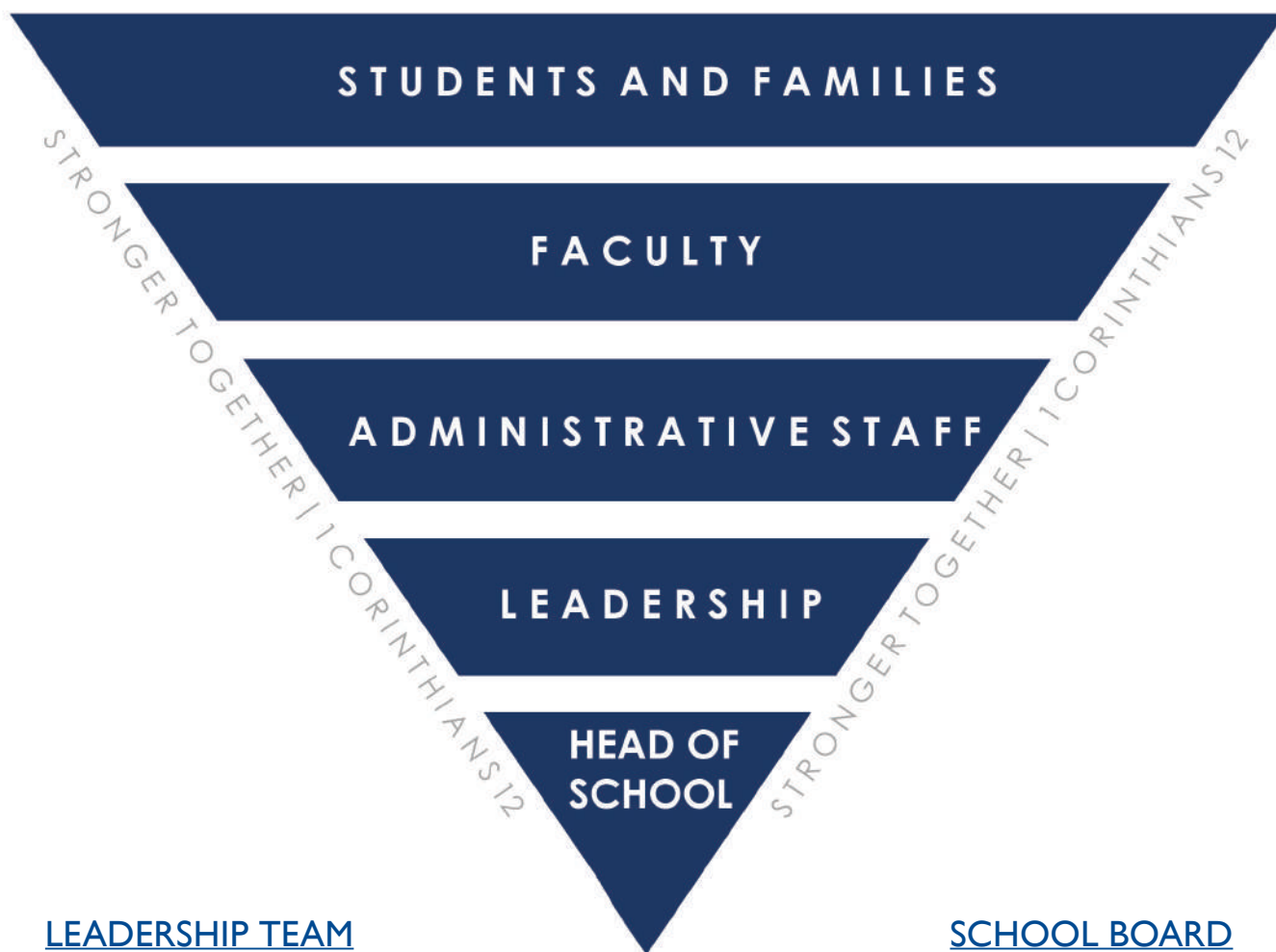
STUDENT SAFETY AND RESTRICTED AREAS

The school works diligently to provide a safe and secure campus. We ask students to follow restricted area guidelines and avoid being in any place on campus without adult supervision. Restricted areas include, but are not limited to, parking lots, PSAC, Field House, gym, athletic fields, buildings during lunch, classrooms, and FBCO.



THE FIRST ACADEMY

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dr. Steve Whitaker | Team Leader
Brian Rose | Campus Administration
Marci Chavalas | Professional Development
Sarah Donovan | Advancement/TEEP
Victor Flores | Campus Pastor
Dr. Shayne Grove | 6th-12th Students/Faculty
Leighann Harris | Finance
Jennifer Jackson | PK-5th Students/Faculty

SCHOOL BOARD

Clark Keator | Chair
Jeff Alexander | Vice Chair
Ada Pendas | Treasurer
David Dizney
Laura Eitel
Nikki Kearn
Hank Miller
Jason Weiss
Bishop Allen Wiggins

SCHOOL SCHEDULES

School Start & Dismissal Times

Start Time

Monday - Friday 7:50 am

Dismissal Time

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 2:45 pm

Wednesday 1:45 pm

Traffic Flow

All First Hope students will utilize Welcome Center A as the designated drop-off and pick-up location. Families arriving after the 7:50 start time will need to park and walk their child in using the 2nd floor entrance of building E2. Families arriving after 3:00 pm will need to pick-up their child at front desk on the 3rd floor. Please note that there is a \$1 per minute late pick-up fee if arriving after 3:00.

Carline Times

Monday - Friday 7:35-7:50 am

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 2:45-3:00 pm

Wednesday 1:45-2:00 pm

UNIFORMS

Dennis Uniforms

Our school uniform provider is Dennis Uniforms. They are located at 1101 North Keller Road, Orlando, FL.

- 407-960-1788
- School Code: ETF
- Dennis Uniforms is closed on Mondays
- www.dennisuniform.com



DRESS CODE & POLICIES

Our Uniform Policy is as stated below:

- Shorts/skirts must be no higher than 5 inches from the knee when standing. This is the same size as an index card.
- Although Dennis Uniforms will remain our uniform vendor, students may purchase similar-style shorts/skirts/pants from other vendors to ensure fit follows the 5-inch rule.
- All shorts/skirts/pants/jeans must be a solid color, plain front with no patches, rips, tears, holes, patches, studs, accessories, or extra pockets. Students in grades 6-12 may wear jeans five days a week.
- Both Dennis collared shirts and approved TFA-branded collared shirts (sold at the Royal Store) will be allowed during the school week. T-shirts may only be worn on Friday's, or approved "Spirit Wear" days.
- Acceptable shorts/skirts/pants colors include khaki, gray, charcoal, shades of blue, and black.

Spirit Wear

The last school day of each week is designated as a Spirit Day. To purchase Spirit Wear attire, stop by our school store or [shop online](#).

Cell Phones

The First Academy employs a no cell phone policy. However, within our Safety and Security procedures, students may keep their cell phone in their pockets or backpacks, turned off.



THE ROYAL STORE

Visit us in The Cramer Family Field House! The School Store is your source for all PE uniforms, Spirit Wear T-shirts, and outerwear, in addition to a large selection of gifts, golf shirts, hats, bags, and specialty items for various sports and clubs. Come see our new Fall 2019 Collection! You can also visit us [online](#).

Summer Store Hours

Tuesday 9:00 am-3:00 pm

First Week of School Store Hours

Monday 8/12..... 3:00 pm-8:00 pm

Tuesday 8/13..... Closed

Wednesday 8/14 & Thursday 8/15..... 7:30 am-3:30 pm

Friday 8/16..... 11:00 am-3:30 pm

2019-2020 Store Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday..... Closed

Tuesday & Thursday 7:30 am-3:30 pm

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE FALL CARNIVAL!

All families are invited to our annual Fall Carnival on Friday, October 11 from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm just prior to the Homecoming football game. The event will be hosted in the Upper School Parking Lot/Loop Road and will include thrill rides, a tot lot, carnival games, food trucks, and more! We look forward to seeing you there. For more information on Homecoming Week, turn to [page 35](#).



ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

The First Academy will hold its annual Veterans Day Celebration on Thursday, November 7th, in Faith Hall. There will be two separate services, the first beginning at 10:00 am for Middle and Upper School, and the second beginning at 1:00 pm for Lower School. Families and local veterans are encouraged to attend.

TCBI TOURNAMENT RETURNS

The City Beautiful Invitational returns to The Cramer Family Field House December 18 through 21. The First Academy Varsity Boys' Basketball team will take on local and national teams in this family-friendly tournament. For more information on tickets, sponsorship opportunities, and more head to thecitybeautifulinvitational.com.



THE BOYD-MOLINE LIBRARY

Please note the Boyd-Moline Library hours listed below. We look forward to serving our families throughout the 2019-2020 school year. For more information, please visit us [online!](#)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 7:30 am - 3:30 pm
Wednesday 7:30 am - 2:45 pm



PARENT UNIVERSITY

How many times have you wanted a personal guide to parenting? The First Academy created Parent University to help our families navigate the journey of parenthood together. Parent University provides courses to empower and equip parents with resources to raise children as Christian leaders. We invite you to join us as we grow and learn together from talented speakers and group sessions. Visit the TFA website in the fall to learn more and RSVP.

PARENT PRAYER TIME & BIBLE STUDY

Dads' Bible Study

Study dates and locations will be arranged by Pastor Flores. More information will be shared at the start of the school year.

Dads' Prayer Time

Cramer Family Field House 2nd Wednesday of each month 7:55 am - 8:10 am
beginning September 11

Moms' Prayer Time

Faith Hall 1st Wednesday of each month 7:55 am - 8:10 am
beginning September 4
(prior to Parent Association Meetings)

ORDER YOUR 2020 YEARBOOK EARLY

Each year Upper School Yearbook students spend countless hours working to craft the best Legacy Yearbook yet. To help ensure families have the opportunity to secure their memories for a lifetime, the 2019-2020 Legacy Yearbook will soon be available for pre-order. The Yearbook goes on sale in early August and offers the best deal of the year. It will be available [online here](#).

New this year, the Yearbook Staff will be looking for ways to incorporate Lower and Middle School students in the design process of the book. Students in 4th-8th grade should keep an eye out for RAAE class and volunteer opportunities to help make the 2019-2020 the best yearbook yet.

If you did not get the chance to purchase the 2018-2019 Legacy Yearbook, there are still a few copies available for sale. You can order [online here](#). If you have a rising senior, we have yearbooks available for sale from the past 3 years. For pricing and order details, email TFAyearbook@thefirstacademy.org.





HEALTH CLINIC

The Health Clinic is available on The First Academy campus (Lower School) from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, when school is in session. Services provided by the clinic include first aid, managing medical emergencies, and monitoring ill students until a parent arrives to pick them up. The clinic does not supply medications to students; all medications, prescription or over-the-counter, must be provided by the parents. Please make sure your contact information is current in RenWeb. This will enable us to contact you more efficiently should there be an emergency.



LIGHTNING POLICY & PROCEDURES

The school uses the WeatherBug system to detect if lightning is within 8 miles of campus. Should the horn sound, all students, faculty, and staff will immediately move indoors. Should we experience a lightning alert near dismissal time, students in grades 6-12 who have a parent-signed release form may be dismissed at the parents' discretion. Parents will be notified via text message if inside dismissal is required, or if there are any special instructions, for all other grade levels, The Preschool, The Classical School, and The First Hope.



VOLUNTEER AUTHORIZATION

For the safety of our students, all volunteers must undergo a background screening. For more information, visit our [Volunteer Page](#). To complete the background screening process, please create an account on [Candidate Link](#) and complete the application. If needed, you may save your work and complete any missing information at another time. TFA will not receive the screening results until all information is completed.

New for this school year is the full implementation of a visitor check-in system at TFA. VisitU automatically and instantly scans and compares all visitor information against offender database records at every sign in. Visitors to TFA receive a wearable badge for increased awareness on campus.

NOTE: Only those who have completed and passed the background screening may volunteer in classrooms or as chaperones on field trips.



DRUG & ALCOHOL PREVENTION PROGRAM

Several years ago, The First Academy implemented a Drug Prevention Program and has since partnered with Quest Diagnostics for implementation. Its primary purpose is to provide our students with a resource when faced with choosing for or against drugs. All students in Upper School (grades 9-12) are drug tested within the first few weeks of school. In addition, random drug testing will be done throughout the year. Students in grades 9-12 will be randomly selected for alcohol testing throughout the school year in addition to the regular and random drug testing that is currently in place. Students in grades 6-8 will also be randomly drug tested throughout the school year.

THE FIRST HOPE

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM

- ☐ One pencil box
- ☐ One pack of jumbo pencils
- ☐ One box of jumbo Crayons
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Liquid glue
- ☐ Two glue sticks
- ☐ Two reams of copy paper
- ☐ One pack of colored copy paper
- ☐ One pack of colored cardstock
- ☐ Two Five Star 2-Pocket Stay Put plastic folder (any color)
- ☐ Two rolls of paper towels
- ☐ One box of plastic forks and spoons
- ☐ Two packages of baby wipes
- ☐ One large container of disinfectant wipes
- ☐ One large box of tissues
- ☐ One box each of plastic bags (sandwich and gallon size)

Notes

*Each student must bring their own iPad or tablet (labeled with their name on it).

TRANSITIONS+ PRIMARY

- ☐ One box of #2 pencils
- ☐ Four boxes of 24 count Crayola crayons
- ☐ One box of Crayola colored pencils
- ☐ Two boxes of washable colored markers
- ☐ One box of EXPO brand black dry erase markers
- ☐ One box of EXPO brand colored dry erase markers (multi)
- ☐ One package of highlighters
- ☐ One 4 oz bottle of Elmer's washable school glue
- ☐ Four large glue sticks
- ☐ One package of multi colored construction paper (approx. 9" x 12")
- ☐ One package of Play Doh
- ☐ Two boxes of tissues
- ☐ Four rolls of paper towels
- ☐ One box of plastic forks and spoons
- ☐ Four containers of hand/face antibacterial wipes
- ☐ Four containers of disinfectant wipes
- ☐ One bottle of hand sanitizer

Items to label with your child's name:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> School box (approx. 5"x 8") | <input type="checkbox"/> One pair of blunt tip scissors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Headphones (No ear buds please) | <input type="checkbox"/> One plastic ruler |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One Five Star 2-Pocket Stay Put Plastic Folder | <input type="checkbox"/> Backpack (large enough for weekly papers) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One 1" three-ring binder | <input type="checkbox"/> Lunchbox and water thermos |

Notes

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THE FIRST HOPE

TRANSITIONS+ INTERMEDIATE

- ☐ One package of wide ruled paper
- ☐ One pack of pencils
- ☐ Pencil box
- ☐ Four reams of copy paper
- ☐ Two rolls of paper towels
- ☐ Four boxes of tissues
- ☐ Two bottles of hand sanitizer
- ☐ Four packages of baby wipes
- ☐ Four containers of disinfectant wipes
- ☐ Four Scotch tape refill rolls
- ☐ One pack of dry erase markers

Notes

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TRANSITIONS+ SECONDARY

- ☐ One 24-count pack of Crayola colored pencils
- ☐ One pack of thin Crayola Twistables
- ☐ One package of end cap erasers
- ☐ One large pink eraser
- ☐ Three reams of copy paper
- ☐ One package of EXPO dry erase markers
- ☐ Two packs of highlighters
- ☐ One box of tissues
- ☐ One roll of paper towels
- ☐ One box of plastic spoons (Kovie boys)
- ☐ One box of plastic forks (Johnson boys)
- ☐ One box of gallon size plastic bags (Girls only)
- ☐ One apron for messy project and culinary class

Notes

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THE FIRST HOPE

INCLUSION & INCLUSION ESSENTIALS K-2

- ☐ One pencil box
- ☐ One pack of #2 pencils
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ One package of glue sticks
- ☐ One box of crayons (non-twistable)
- ☐ One box of colored pencils
- ☐ One box of washable markers
- ☐ Four reams of copy paper
- ☐ One container of disinfectant wipes
- ☐ One box of tissues
- ☐ One package of multi-color (low odor) EXPO dry erase markers
- ☐ One set of headphones
- ☐ Three 2- pocket folders with prongs
- ☐ Two erasers
- ☐ One plastic ruler
- ☐ One pack of construction paper
- ☐ One roll of paper towels
- ☐ One box of plastic forks and spoons
- ☐ Two packages of 3x5 index cards
- ☐ One package of Play Doh
- ☐ One package of baby wipes
- ☐ One pack of K-2 Handwriting Paper
- ☐ One pack of highlighters
- ☐ One pack of lamination sheets
- ☐ One multi-pack of post-it notes
- ☐ One pack of multi colored pens
- ☐ One pack of multi colored Sharpies

Notes

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INCLUSION & INCLUSION 3-5 ESSENTIALS

- ☐ One pencil box
- ☐ One pack of extra large erasers
- ☐ Three packs of pencils
- ☐ One 12-count box of colored pencils
- ☐ One box of Crayola Markers (thin and thick line)
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Four reams of copy paper
- ☐ One large container of disinfectant wipes
- ☐ One large box of tissues
- ☐ One pack of dry erase markers
- ☐ One dry erase board eraser
- ☐ One set of headphones (not earbuds) with student name written on them
- ☐ Four Five Star 2-Pocket Stay Put Plastic folder (one should be blue) Two rolls of paper towels
- ☐ One package of paper plates
- ☐ One box of plastic forks and spoons
- ☐ One package of Play Doh
- ☐ One 2-inch 3 ring binder (any color)
- ☐ Two 1-inch 3 ring binder (any color)
- ☐ Two sets of subject dividers (16 total)
- ☐ One bottle of hand sanitizer
- ☐ One wide ruled spiral bound notebook
- ☐ One package of baby wipes
- ☐ Three packages of wide ruled paper
- ☐ One pack of highlighters

Optional Items for Classroom Needs

- ☐ Two packs of post it notes
- ☐ One package of erasable pens
- ☐ One package of Sharpie pens

Notes

*Each student must bring their own iPad or tablet (labeled with their name on it).

THE FIRST HOPE

INCLUSION AND INCLUSION 6-12 ESSENTIALS

- ☐ One 3-inch binder with pockets
- ☐ Two plastic folders with pockets and prongs
- ☐ One pack of dividers (preferably plastic for durability)
- ☐ One pencil bag that clips into binder rings
- ☐ One standard calculator
- ☐ One protractor, compass, and ruler
- ☐ One pack of colored pencils
- ☐ Pencil erasers
- ☐ Three reams of copy paper
- ☐ One pack of black and blue pens
- ☐ One roll of white out tape (not liquid)
- ☐ One roll of paper towels
- ☐ One container of disinfectant wipes
- ☐ One bottle of hand sanitizer
- ☐ One box of plastic forks and spoons
- ☐ One box of plastic bags (sandwich, quart, and/or gallon)
- ☐ One set of headphones (compatible with standard headphone jack)

Notes

*Each student must bring their own iPad or tablet (labeled with their name on it).



The
First Academy
Preschool

The First Academy Preschool provides a nurturing Christ-centered learning environment for children ages 8 weeks through 3-years-old. Every child is given the opportunity to flourish developmentally, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. It is our desire for our children to experience our school as a “school family.”

We work daily to ensure the children and their families feel this connection. It is a priority that we provide opportunities for our families to come together to grow relationships and build academic resources for at-home connections. We promote curiosity and creativity, while building our young learners’ self-esteem.

All of our staff members are trained in Early Childhood Education. Our core program hours are from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm with 5-day, 3-day, and 2-day options. Wrap-around care is available starting from 7:00 am to as late as 4:30 pm. We would love to personally share more with you about how you can become a part of our school family. Please contact us at 407-206-8704 to schedule a tour and an opportunity for us to share what amazing growth takes place on our campus each day.

For tuition, registration, and more information about TFA’s Preschool, [click here](#).





THE CLASSICAL SCHOOL OF THE FIRST ACADEMY

The Classical School of The First Academy (TCS) is a hybrid homeschool program that provides a true homeschool partnership. This program allows for flexible schedules with extended weekends. It provides an academically rigorous curriculum while giving students the gift of time to pursue their passions, such as athletics and the arts. Students at The Classical School experience increased family time and individualized instruction.

The Classical School offers classes from kindergarten through grade 12. Every class encompasses biblical worldview integration with dynamic and caring teachers. It offers enrichment activities that center on critical thinking skills within a Christian context. The Classical School offers two programs:

- The Hybrid Program is designed for students (K-12th grade) to receive instruction two days a week in a traditional classroom setting, while the instruction is parent-led the other three days of the week with curriculum and lesson plans provided by The Classical School.
- The Traditional Program (K-8th grade) is designed for families who wish to exclusively homeschool their child with support and quarterly portfolio reviews from The Classical School.

Please contact us at 407-206-8762 to schedule a personal tour and to learn more about The Classical School. For enrollment and more information, please [click here](#).





A LETTER FROM THE OFFICE OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Dear TFA Families,

The 2018-2019 school year was filled with many wonderful memories, events, and highlights. One of those highlights was the generosity of our families, which helped us to reach and surpass our goal of \$600,000 for the Royal Nation Fund. Thank you for your support and faithful giving!

Why give to the Royal Nation Fund?

Without our founding Gospel Patron, Tom Gurney, who made a \$1 million lead gift TFA would not exist today. With bold faith he approached Pastor Jim Henry and said he wanted to give a lead gift to establish a PK-12 private school in Orlando that was definitively Christ-centered and distinctly college preparatory.



[Click here for more ways to give](#)

Across the next 15 years, more than \$40 million was donated to advance a bold agenda. In each capital campaign, several lead gifts inspired others to make major gifts, with important additional gifts committed from many of our families. What united the hearts of this generous community were the words of Jim Elliot who said, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." Since 2003, TFA has been blessed with annual fund and campaign success far greater than any other private school in Central Florida.

Whether we are in the midst of a major campaign, or working to complete several smaller projects through the Royal Nation Fund, we are blessed with families who have prayed fervently, dreamed confidently, and given generously. The Royal Nation Fund represents the most fundamental elements of our educational program and allows you, our families & donors, to direct your gift to an area of interest to you. Your contribution demonstrates your confidence in our mission.

Making a Difference.

Every gift makes a difference and represents a strong commitment to our students and to our school. Through your gift to the Royal Nation Fund, each student, every day, will benefit from your generosity. Please begin praying with us about how you and your family might participate in our yearly Royal Nation Fund. Our desire is to continue to grow in our pursuit of excellence and that we might continue providing the very best in education for the next generation of Christian leaders.

Stronger Together,
The Advancement Team

WELCOME FROM THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

Few decisions have the lasting impact on your child as that of school choice. During their school days, life-long friendships will be made, spiritual formation will take place, and values will be instilled. The First Academy is here to partner with you in making those days the very best they can be. The First Academy exists today because parents like you found it important to educate their children in a safe, secure, college-preparatory environment that instills values, helps develop character, and cultivates wisdom manifested through academic excellence.

Our families make an eternal investment in their children by choosing Christian education. At all grade levels, the curriculum and classroom instruction are focused on maximizing individual student achievement and developing strength of character. Your child will benefit from state-of-the-art technology-enhanced learning, a world class athletic facility, modern classrooms and labs, and comprehensive sports, fine arts, and service programs. The First Academy's mission is to partner with you in preparing children to be Christian leaders who choose character before career, wisdom beyond scholarship, service before self, and participation as a way of life.

Thank you for being part of our TFA family!



UPCOMING EVENTS

The First Hope Admissions Events

Tues., Nov. 5 Open House, 9:00 am

Tues., Dec. 3 Open House, 9:00 am

Sun., Jan. 26 Open House, 2:00 pm

Tues., March 10 Open House, 9:00 am

Tues., April 21 Open House, 9:00 am

BE REWARDED!

Our Royal Reach Referral Program can earn you money! Share the news about TFA with a friend and invite them to tour our beautiful campus or spend the day with a TFA student. Contact Admissions for information on our Royal Reach Referral Program.

HOST A NEIGHBORHOOD MEET & GREET

Are you interested in hosting a Coffee Meet and Greet for prospective families in your home?

TFA Admissions and leadership will come to your home for a more casual event to showcase the TFA Advantage - an excellent college preparatory education that teaches the student's mind and reaches the heart!

Please call us at 407-206-8602 or e-mail admissions@thefirstacademy.org for further information.





IMPACTING THE WORLD AT THE FIRST ACADEMY

TFA GLOBAL

TFA Global is committed to meeting the unique needs of international learners while sharing our Christ-centered education. International students from around the world choose TFA for our highly ranked educational programs, incredible location, commitment to student safety, state-of-the-art campus, and a huge variety of extracurricular activities.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

Would you consider becoming a host parent to one of our international students? Our goal is to have every one of our international students in a Christian home to partner with the Christ-centered education they are receiving at TFA. We believe through this partnership, multiple students whom many have never heard the gospel before, will proclaim Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

For more information, please email
Kacey Chambers, Director of TFA Global at
kaceychambers@thefirstacademy.org

RENWEB IS NOW FACTS

Four years ago, FACTS and RenWeb united to provide the best education experience possible. Since that time, they've worked toward combining their services in a way that benefits our school and families. Now they've taken the final step and become a single company: FACTS. As of October 2018, RenWeb Student Information System is now FACTS SIS.



Over the coming months, you'll still see the RenWeb name. By the end of 2019, though, it will be completely phased out. You'll also notice improvements in the FACTS products in the near future. Those upgrades will happen incrementally, so you experience the changes over time and not all at once. In the meantime, you'll continue logging in to your accounts as you always have. If you have those pages bookmarked, the site will redirect you for a while. You can continue to check your student's grades and communicate with your student's teachers. You'll also still receive important information from our school.

Interactive, Mobile-friendly ParentsWeb

ParentsWeb is a private and secure website that allows you to see complete information specific to your child. All you need is an Internet-capable device to view information such as: Attendance, Daily Grades, Progress Reports, Lesson Plans, Homework, Discipline, Staff and School Directory, Teacher e-mail addresses, and other school information. This newest version of ParentsWeb is a free, accessible, and easy to use mobile experience. With our latest update, students and parents can access ParentsWeb from a desktop, laptop computer, tablet, or preferred mobile device (without having to purchase the Home app). A link to the ParentsWeb login page may be found in the top, right corner of [The First Academy website's homepage](#).



When you login to the new ParentsWeb at <https://tfa-fl.client.renweb.com/pw/> you will see a newly designed, mobile-friendly ParentsWeb.

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

Please visit <https://thefirstacademy.org/academics/facts/> for directions on using ParentsWeb. You will also find directions for creating a shortcut on your mobile-device home screen for the new ParentsWeb.

You may purchase the RenWeb HOME app if you prefer. It is available in Apple's [App Store](#) and Google's [Play Store](#).

Before you purchase the \$4.99 app for your family for the 2019-2020 school year, please take a look at the new mobile-friendly ParentsWeb on your mobile device. You may find that you like it more than the HOME app, and at no charge. Please visit <https://thefirstacademy.org/academics/facts/> for directions for creating a shortcut on your mobile-device home screen for the new ParentsWeb.

Please contact Jill Cape at jillcape@thefirstacademy.org with questions.





SCHEDULE

Students have snack time, homework time, and free play inside and outside. Special on-campus activities are also scheduled throughout the year.

2:45 pm - 6:00 pm
K4-6 report to LS 106
Grades 7-12 will report to an US room TBD

After School Care is closed on all official holidays, school holidays, and on Teacher Work Days. Please check TFA's school calendar.

K4-12 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Pricing Structure

Several pricing plans are available for the After School Program depending on the needs of the family and the frequency of use.

Unlimited Use

An unlimited use ticket qualifies participants to use the After School program any time it is open. The cost is \$1,880 per year, which may be paid in full or by payments made in FACTS. The Unlimited Use ticket should be [purchased online](#) at the After School Program page.

Occasional Use

Occasional Use tickets may be purchased online (30 hours for \$265 or 15 hours for \$165). Minutes are deducted from the ticket as they are used. Tickets may be split among siblings of any grades and can be carried over from one year to the next. No refunds for unused hours will be given. Parents will be notified when a new ticket should be purchased. Tickets should be purchased online at the [After School Program](#) page.

Emergency Use

We provide emergency care for unforeseeable events. The charge is \$15.00 per hour, or any portion thereof. These fees can be paid online prior to use or when you are billed for usage time.

Late charges apply for all payment plans.

After 6:00 pm, the charge is \$10.00 per quarter hour.



Parents are encouraged to get involved in these special interest programs:



Boosters

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

The purpose of the Booster Club is to support the school athletic program through volunteer service and financial aid. [The Booster Club](#) works in close conjunction with the Athletic Office to ensure that the needs of the athletic programs are met at The First Academy.

FINE ARTS NETWORK (FAN)

The purpose of FAN is to support the Arts and Media programs through volunteering of time and talents, sharing of ideas, and giving of financial resources. This support enhances the experience of every student who, at some point in his/her schooling, will be a part of these programs. FAN works closely with the Fine Arts and Media departments to ensure needs are met. See the [Fine Arts Network](#) page for more information on how to get involved.



PARENT ASSOCIATION

The Parent Association is a volunteer organization, comprised of all TFA parents, which seeks to promote the vision and purposes of the school. An active Parent Association provides many opportunities for parents to be involved in and connect with the TFA community. We hope you join us at our monthly meetings as we plan upcoming events like the New Family Meet and Greet, Shoebox Drive, Teacher Appreciation, Cookie Blessing, Grandparents Day, Uniform Resale, Admissions Events, and more! Please check out the many volunteer opportunities listed on the [Parent Association](#) webpage for more information.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends of the Library is a group of volunteers who support and help to provide for the needs of The First Academy's Library. They work closely with the Library staff to encourage habits of life-long learning through reading. Please visit the [Boyd-Moline Library](#) page for more information.



For more information or to volunteer for any of these organizations, visit our [Volunteer Page](#).

FINE ARTS NETWORK (FAN)

The Fine Arts Network (FAN) supports our Fine Arts departments and helps them flourish. FAN offers three ways for families and the community to support TFA Fine Arts - Individual Sponsorships, Corporate Sponsorships, and Advertising. For any of these opportunities, please contact Gordon Snyder at gordonsnyder@thefirstacademy.org or at (407) 207-8600.

FAN Advertising

FAN Advertising is a great way to get your message out while supporting TFA Fine Arts. Whether through the yearbook, concert programming or theater playbills, your support will be noted. Consider advertising with us today. Cost-based on size and availability of ad as well as number of performances per event.

FAN Individual Sponsorship

FAN Individual Sponsorships are a great way for you individually to donate towards TFA Fine Arts. At each level the individual receives various thank you for your support. Your support of each of the programs is greatly appreciated.

Fan - \$1-\$50

- ◆ Ideal for alumni and extended family to show support

Friend - \$100-\$499

- ◆ 2 tickets to a chosen Fine Arts event
- ◆ Priority seating at non-ticketed Fine Arts events
- ◆ Special Thanks in Fine Arts programs
- ◆ Access to a patron-only event

Partner - \$500-\$999

- ◆ 2 tickets to a chosen Fine Arts event
- ◆ 2 tickets to a chosen home Friday night game
- ◆ Special Thanks in Fine Arts programs
- ◆ Priority seating at non-ticketed fine arts events
- ◆ Access to a patron-only event

Patron - \$1000-\$2999

- ◆ 4 free tickets to a chosen Fine Arts event
- ◆ 4 free tickets to a chosen home Friday night game
- ◆ Priority seating at non-ticketed Fine Arts events
- ◆ Special Thanks in Fine Arts programs and media sources
- ◆ Access to a patron-only event

Producer - \$3000-\$4999

- ◆ 2 tickets to all Fine Arts events
- ◆ 2 tickets to all home Friday night games
- ◆ Priority seating at non-ticketed fine arts events
- ◆ Special Thanks in Fine Arts programs and media sources
- ◆ Access to a patron-only event

Noteworthy - \$5000+

- ◆ 4 tickets to all Fine Arts events
- ◆ 4 tickets to all home Friday night games
- ◆ Priority seating at non-ticketed Fine Arts events
- ◆ Special Thanks in Fine Arts programs and media sources
- ◆ Access to a patron-only event



FAN Corporate Sponsorship & Advertising

FAN Corporate Sponsorship/Advertising is a great way for your business to donate towards TFA Fine Arts while advertising for your company. At each level your sponsorship will be recognized through various methods including but not limited to social media, announcements, and print media. Please consider advertising with TFA Fine Arts.

Applause - \$100-499

- ◆ Recognized on Fine Arts website as well as social media sites
- ◆ Recognized at all Fine Arts events
- ◆ Appreciation Letter

Artisan \$500-\$999

- ◆ Company/Donor name announced at all home football games and recognition at Fine Arts events for one school year
- ◆ 2 free tickets to a chosen Fine Arts event
- ◆ Recognized on Fine Arts website as well as social media sites
- ◆ Recognized at all Fine Arts events
- ◆ Quarter page ad (when appropriate)
- ◆ Appreciation Letter

Maestro \$1000-\$4999

- ◆ Company/ Donor name and logo (small-medium) on related area t-shirt
- ◆ Company/Donor name announced at all home football games and recognition at Fine Arts events
- ◆ 2 free tickets to all Fine Arts events
- ◆ Recognized on Fine Arts website as well as social media sites
- ◆ Recognized at all Fine Arts events
- ◆ Half page ad (when appropriate)
- ◆ Appreciation Letter

Virtuoso \$5000+

- ◆ Company/ Donor name and logo (large) on related area T-shirt
- ◆ Company/Donor name announced at all home football games and recognition at Fine Arts events for one school year
- ◆ 4 tickets to all Fine Arts events with preferred seating.
- ◆ Recognized on Fine Arts website as well as social media sites
- ◆ Recognized at all Fine Arts events
- ◆ Full page ad (when appropriate)
- ◆ Appreciation Letter



2019-2020 FINE ARTS EVENTS

Below is a list of Fine Arts events scheduled for the 2019-2020 school year. These dates and locations are subject to change, along with the addition of other events. Please make sure you check the complete online [TFA Calendar](#) for the latest information.

SEPTEMBER

20	US VISUAL ARTS 3D	AP Mannequins	Courtyard
28	US BAND	Marching Band Competition	Colonial HS

OCTOBER

5	US BAND	Marching Band Competition	Seminole HS
26	US BAND	Marching Band Competition	University HS

NOVEMBER

2	US VISUAL ARTS	Chalk the Walk	Winter Park
2	US BAND	Marching Band Competition	Oviedo HS
7-9	MS/US THEATRE	Evening of One Acts	Black Box
21-23	US THEATRE	Thespian Districts	University High School
23	US BAND	Marching Band Competition	TBA

DECEMBER

3-9	US VISUAL ARTS	Winter Exhibit	TBA
9	US BAND	Christmas Concert	Henry Chapel
11	LS FINE ARTS	LS Christmas Program	Worship Center
11-16	MS VISUAL ARTS	Winter Exhibit	TBA
12-13	MS/US CHOIR	Winter Concerts	Marie Williams Chapel

JANUARY & FEBRUARY

JAN 8-11	US CHOIR & STEEL DRUMS	FMEA All-State Performance	Tampa
JAN 30-FEB 1	MS THEATRE	MS Musical	Black Box
FEB 6-8	MS THEATRE	Junior Thespian State Festival	Orlando Convention Center
FEB 20-21	US VISUAL ARTS	Raku & Street Painting	TFA

MARCH

18-21	US THEATRE	State Thespian Festival	Tampa
20-22	MS/US VISUAL ARTS	Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival	Park Avenue, Winter Park
26-28	US THEATRE	Spring Musical	TBA

APRIL

2-3.....	US THEATRE.....	Spring Musical.....	TBA
3-4.....	MS/US STEEL DRUMS	FMEA Steel Drum Festival.....	Field House
7.....	MS CHOIR.....	Spring Concert.....	Henry Chapel
9.....	US CHOIR.....	Spring Concert.....	Henry Chapel
21-24.....	US VISUAL ARTS	AP Studio Art Exhibit	TBA
23.....	MS/US STEEL DRUMS	Spring Concert.....	Alumni Commons
27.....	5th-8th GRADE BAND	Spring Concert.....	Henry Chapel
28-MAY 1.....	US VISUAL ARTS	US Visual Art Exhibit.....	TBA

MAY

MAY 6-11.....	MS VISUAL ARTS	MS Visual Art Exhibit.....	TBA
MAY 8-9.....	LS FINE ARTS	LS Evening At The Arts	Faith Hall

MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL THEATRE SEASON



Below are the following Middle & Upper School Theatre Productions for the 2019-2020 school year. These dates are subject to change so please refer to the complete TFA Calendar for the latest information. Audition Packets and Tech Interest Forms will be available to 6th-12th grade students at least a month in advance of audition dates. Audition dates will be announced at the beginning of the school year. If you have any questions, visit the [theatre webpage](#).



**NOVEMBER
7-9**



**JAN. & FEB.
30-1**



**MARCH 26-28,
APRIL 2-3**



TIME

EVENT

LOCATION

Friday, October 11th (Homecoming Spirit Day)

10:15 am.....	Parade Starts	Heading towards Field House from Welcome Center B
11:00 am.....	Start Pep Rally (All Divisions).....	Field House
12:00 pm	Dismissal (Half-Day).....	TFH
3:30-6:30 pm	Fall Carnival	US Parking Lot/Loop Road
7:00 pm.....	Homecoming Game.....	PSAC

Saturday, October 12th

7:00-10:00 pm.....	Homecoming Dance	Faith Hall
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Additional information on Homecoming Week will be sent out in the Homecoming Packet in the Fall.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Subject Credits

English	4.0
Math	4.0
Science*	3.0 or 4.0
Social Studies*	3.0 or 4.0
Christian Studies	2.5
World Language.....	2.0
Physical Education	1.0
Elective Credits	3.5
Fine Arts	1.0

Total Credits 25

Community Service Hours**..... 100

*Science and Social Studies must have a combined total of 7.0 credits

**Beginning with the class of 2021

COLLEGE GUIDANCE CORNER

Our Philosophy

We believe that students require persistent and consistent individualized shepherding toward high academic and collegiate goals. We believe that through Christian instruction, qualified teaching, parent partnership, and student effort that students can achieve their God-given dreams and aspirations.

College-Prep Meetings

Below are the essential group/individual guidance meetings to better assist our students and families with college preparation:

9th Grade - Classroom Meeting, Individual Student & Parent Meeting

10th Grade - Annual College Preparation Meeting, Parent Coffee with College Advisors, SCOIR Classroom Meeting

11th Grade - Individual Student & Parent Meeting, Annual College Preparation Meeting, Parent Coffee with College Advisors, SCOIR Classroom Meeting

12th Grade - Individual Meetings as Needed

SCOIR

We are becoming partners with an innovative and rapidly expanding college planning tool called SCOIR. We look forward to introducing you and your students to SCOIR and how it will help them in their college preparation process.

SAT Dates 2019-2020

Register for the SAT

[CLICK HERE](#)

ACT Dates 2019-2020

Register for the ACT

[CLICK HERE](#)



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

It is an honor to have the opportunity to serve as the Director of Athletics. As an alumnus of The First Academy, I personally know the impact that athletics can have on students.

As we approach the 2019-2020 school year, the Athletic Department has been working hard to build upon The First Academy's legacy of Christ-centered excellence.

Participation is central to our mission at The First Academy, and this year your students will benefit from increased sports offerings (50+ teams), first-class and expanding athletic facilities, a robust performance program, a five-year strategic plan for athletics, and a focused leadership training program.

More importantly, I want to emphasize that your students will be served every day by an elite team of coaches and staff. These dedicated servant leaders are the reason "why I love TFA!" Again, I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve your family this year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about Royals Athletics.

In Christ Alone

Willin Cohen

Will Cohen
Director of Athletics



LOWER SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAM

Grades K4-5 and The Classical School

Team Programs

Lower School Sports will offer a team program for flag football, volleyball, basketball, and soccer. This includes multiple teams with game competitions against other participating teams. Practices are held after school one or two days a week, with games usually on Friday evenings or Saturday mornings. The seasons generally last 6-8 weeks. Volunteers are very important to coach these teams, so we would love your help this year. Registration fees and uniform fees apply. Lower School team programs include:



Girls Volleyball (4-5)

Boys and Girls Basketball (K-5)

Boys and Girls Soccer (K4-5)

Individual Sport Clinics

Sports Clinics

In addition to our four Team Programs offered next year, there will be Sports Clinics for various sports. The clinics are designed to teach skills, strategy, technique, and game management by Varsity coaches and players. The Sports Clinics offered for TK-5th grade during the 2019-2020 school year include:

Baseball/Softball (Boys & Girls)

Basketball (Boys & Girls)

Cheerleading (Girls)

Football (Boys)

Lacrosse (Boys & Girls)

Soccer (Boys & Girls)

Tennis (Boys & Girls)



INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS (GRADES 6-12)

The First Academy is a member of the Florida High School Athletic Association. Participation in a sport for grades 6–12 at The First Academy may require an athlete to try out for the team. Student athletes are bound by the rules and regulations of the Florida High School Athletic Association in addition to school policies established by TFA's Athletic Department.

The Athletic Department establishes a fee per sport for all athletes (grades 6-12) participating in an interscholastic sport. A complete copy of the [TFA Athletic Handbook](#) is available online. The following sports are offered for the 2019-20 school year:

FALL	WINTER	SPRING
Cheerleading (Girls) Cross Country (Boys & Girls) Football (Boys) Golf (Boys & Girls) Swimming & Diving (Boys & Girls) Volleyball (Girls)	Basketball (Boys & Girls) Soccer (Boys & Girls) Wrestling (Boys)	Baseball (Boys) Lacrosse (Boys & Girls) Softball (Girls) Tennis (Boys & Girls) Track & Field (Boys & Girls) Weightlifting (Boys) Volleyball (Boys)

Required Documents

Students in grades 6-12 must complete and submit the following items, to be filed with the Athletic Trainer, before being permitted to participate in any tryout, practice, or game at TFA.

Students will not be allowed to participate without all items completed and on file. [Athletic Forms](#) are available online.

*Sports Physical Form**

*Physical forms must be turned into the Athletic Department or Athletic Trainer only. If current physicals are on file with the Admissions Office, it will be the parent's responsibility to obtain a copy and make sure that it is delivered to the Athletic Office or the Athletic Trainer. A physical is approved for 365 calendar days from the date of the examination.

TCS Athletics

TCS Hybrid Middle and Upper School students are eligible to try out for all sports and fine arts programs at TFA. There will be an annual, non-refundable activity fee of \$500 per student. This fee does not guarantee participation and will not be collected until a student has been placed on a team or in a fine arts program. There will also be athletic package fees, which will vary in amount according to the program level.

TCS Traditional Program students are eligible to try out for all sports at TFA. There will be an annual, non-refundable activity fee of \$1,000 per student. This fee does not guarantee participation and will not be collected until a student has been placed on a team. There will also be athletic package fees, which will vary in amount according to the program level.

For more information, please contact the Athletic Office at 407-206-8634.

ROYAL BOOSTER ASSOCIATION

The First Academy Royal Booster Association is a volunteer parent organization dedicated to promoting and enhancing TFA's athletic programs. For more than 25 years, the Boosters have contributed a significant amount of time and money to build a first-class athletic experience, contributing hundreds of thousands of dollars to improve our facilities and equipment, including:

- ◆ Royals TV
- ◆ Gymnasium Sound System
- ◆ Tennis Wind Screens
- ◆ Lacrosse Net System
- ◆ Volleyball Net Systems
- ◆ Soccer Goals And Nets
- ◆ Track And Field Equipment
- ◆ Nike Uniforms For Each Sport
- ◆ Padded Chairs For Gymnasium
- ◆ PSAC Concessions Equipment
- ◆ Stim Unit For Training Room
- ◆ Softball Soft Toss Net System
- ◆ Collegiate Level Pole Vault Pit
- ◆ Outdoor Portable Water System
- ◆ State Championship Rings
- ◆ Gymnasium Concession - Equipment
- ◆ Football Field Sound System/Scoreboard
- ◆ Post-Season Competition Fees/Expenses
- ◆ Gymnasium Championship Banners
- ◆ Varsity Coaches Retreat Sponsor
- ◆ Security Gates at PSAC
- ◆ Baseball Back Stop Netting
- ◆ Volleyball Air CAT System
- ◆ Warden Stadium Chair Seating

All Memberships Include Admission to the Boosters Kickoff BBQ

Lion's Den • \$300

- Membership Passes to All Home Athletic Contests*
- 1 PSAC Stadium Chair Seat
- \$25 TFA School Store Merchandise Voucher**

Varsity • \$550

- Membership Passes to All Home Athletic Contests*
- 1 PSAC Parking Pass
- 2 PSAC Stadium Chair Seats
- \$25 TFA School Store Merchandise Voucher**

Royal • \$1,000

- Membership Passes to All Home Athletic Contests*
- 2 PSAC Parking Passes (1 PSAC Reserved Parking Space)
- 4 PSAC Stadium Chair Seats
- \$50 TFA School Store Merchandise Voucher**

Grandparent Add-on to any Membership • \$100

- Membership Passes to All Home Athletic Contests for up to 2 Adults

Regal • \$3,200

- Membership Passes to All Home Athletic Contests*
- 2 PSAC Parking Passes (1 PSAC Reserved Parking Space)
- \$100 TFA School Store Merchandise Voucher**
- 2 Tickets to the Annual Athletic Awards Banquet
- 4 PSAC Stadium Chair Reserved Seats with Personal or Company Name
- Cramer Family Field House Scoreboard Advertising with Company or Personal Logo
- White Stadium Fence Panel with 4 Color Logo
- White Baseball or Softball Field Banner with 4 Color Logo

Crown • \$5,000

- All Regal Benefits Included Plus:
- \$1,000 Designated to Sport of Your Choice
- 1 Permanent PSAC Reserved Parking Sign for ALL TFA Athletics Sponsored Activities at PSAC during the School Year
- 1 Permanent Field House Parking Sign for ALL TFA Athletics Sponsored Activities during the school year
- 2 Additional Stadium Chair Seats with Personal or Company Name with Founder's Club Benefits (6 Total)
- 50% Off Purchase of Additional Stadium Chair Seats

Please register your membership [here](#).

*Pre/Post Season contests are not included. Membership passes for up to 2 adults and any non-TFA students in one family.

**Vouchers valid for TFA School Store merchandise sales only. Vouchers are non-refundable and valid through May 31, 2020.

Vouchers must be redeemed in full—no cash back.

RESERVED CHAIR SEATING OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities available at the Payne Stewart Athletic Complex and The Cramer Family Field House

FOUNDER'S CLUB \$500	PREFERRED PSAC INDIVIDUAL STADIUM CHAIR SEATING \$75 (PER SEAT)	PREFERRED CFFH INDIVIDUAL STADIUM CHAIR SEATING \$75 (PER SEAT)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (4) Reserved PSAC Chair Seats for all three seasons (Fall, Winter, Spring) • (2) Reserved CFFH Chair Seats for all three seasons (Fall, Winter, Spring) • Personal or Company Nameplate permanently placed on Chair Seats • Preferred Seat selection rights • Stadium Chairs can be renewed for \$50 per seat each year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reserved For Varsity Football Games Only • No Nameplates – General Admission in Reserved Section • Personal or Company Nameplate permanently placed on Chair Seats • Preferred Seat Selection Rights • Stadium Chairs Can Be Renewed For \$50 per Seat Each Year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reserved For All Varsity Athletic Events • Personal or Company Nameplate Permanently Placed on Chair Seats

SIGNAGE AND VIDEO BOARD OPPORTUNITIES

Cramer Family Field House

- ♦ Video Board Quarter/Set Advertisement \$5,000 (Space Limited - 4 available)
Advertisement would remain on the board for the entirety of the quarter for Basketball and set for Volleyball along with the score of the game. Advertisement is good for all regular season games in The Cramer Family Field House.
- ♦ Video Board Full Screen (Rolling advertisement) \$1,000
Advertisement scrolls through solo on video board (pregame, between sets, halftime, postgame)
- ♦ Video Board Sponsor Page \$500
(Replaces Natalie Thomas Gymnasium Wall Banner)
Advertisement scrolls through on video board (pre-game, between sets, halftime, postgame)

Warden Stadium/Kroy Crofoot Field

- ♦ Scoreboard Side Panel \$2,000 (Space Limited)
- ♦ Fence Panel \$1,200 (Space Limited)

Orel Hershisier Baseball Field or Softball Field

- ♦ Field Banner \$750 (Space Limited)



Sponsorship opportunities are valid from August 2019 through July 2020.
For more information call TFA Athletics at 407-206-8634.

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TFH Special Events

Aug 12 All Family Worship
 Sept 3 Picture Day
 Sept 25 See You at the Pole
 Oct 7-12 Homecoming Week
 Oct 17 Grandparents Day
 Nov 19 Thanksgiving Feast
 Dec 10 Holiday Shop
 Feb 21 Royal-Thon
 Mar 9-13 Teacher Appreciation Week
 Apr 20-23 .. Standardized Testing
 May 8 Muffins with Mom
 May 12 Spring Presentation
 May 21 Progress Ceremony

-  First/Last Day of School
-  Online Re-Enrollment Begins/Ends
-  Open House & Tours

-  Holiday/No School
-  Early Release
-  Special Events

Visit the [TFA Calendar](#) page for the latest information on school events.

TFA CONTACT DIRECTORY

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Head of School's Office

Head of School8601

Assistant Head of School's Office

Assistant Head of School8643

Director of Strategic Initiatives.....8643

Business Office

Senior Director of Finance & Business Development8701

Accounting Specialist.....8725

Accounts Receivable8758

Accounts Payable8645

HR Director8890

HR Coordinator8647

Institutional Advancement

Senior Director for Advancement & Parent Relations8639

Director of Development & Communications.....8819

Assistant Creative Director.....8639

Director of TFA Global.....8639

Executive Assistant.....8639

Admissions Office.....8602

Development Coordinator8748

Leadership & Professional Development

Senior Director8636

Operations

Director of Operations & Facilities8644

Maintenance Specialist8763

Operations Coordinator8604

Services Specialist8658

Technology

Director of Technology8654

Systems Administrator8787

Educational Technology Integrationist8692

Database Administrator (RenWeb).....8637

iPad & Genius Bar8692

Athletics

Athletic Director.....8634

Athletic Office Manager.....8634

PSAC Manager8765

Assistant Athletic Director8733

Assistant Athletic Director8696

College Placement Coordinator.....8634

Athletic Trainer8862

Arts

Director of Fine Arts & Bands8773

Lower School (LS) - Grades K4-5

Principal8605

Assistant Principal8612

Administrative Assistant8605

Receptionist.....8610

Health Aide.....8607

After School Program Director8619

Learning-i.e.....8776

Guidance Counselor8813

Middle School (MS) - Grades 6-8

Principal (Grades 6-12).....8659

Administrative Assistant (Grades 6-12)8659

Assistant Principal8617

Dean/K4-12 Curriculum & Learning Specialist.....8804

Reception/Attendance8620

Upper School (US) - Grades 9-12

Principal (Grades 6-12).....8659

Assistant Principal (Grades 6-12)8632

Administrative Assistant (Grades 6-12)8659

Reception/Attendance8630

Director of Guidance (TFA Global and Athanasius).....8822

Guidance Assistant.....8671

College Advisor (Wesley/Elliott)8633

College Advisor (Edwards/Tozer).....8761

Events Coordinator8702

Sr. Director of Spiritual Formation/Campus Pastor8653

The Extended Educational Programs

The Extended Educational Programs Administrator.....8762

The First Academy Preschool Director8691

The First Academy Preschool Assistant8704

The Classical School Director8762

The Classical School Assistant.....8762

The First Hope Director8697

The First Hope Assistant.....8801



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TFA LEGEND

- 1 Administration
Admissions/Library
- 2 Lower School
- 3 Natalie Thomas Gymnasium
- 4A Middle School
- 4B Upper School
- 5 Cramer Family Field House
- Royal Store
- 6 Playground
- 7 The Payne Stewart Athletic Complex
- 8 Student Center
- 12 The First Hope
The Classical School
The First Academy Preschool

North
Bruton Blvd
ENTRANCE

South
Bruton Blvd
ENTRANCE



ENTRANCE John Young Pky

PARKING

- A Lower School Admin & Admissions **GUEST**
- B Middle & Upper School **GUEST**
- C **TFA STUDENT** Parking
- D **BLUE** Parking
- E **RED** Parking
- F **GREEN** Parking
- G **PURPLE** Parking
- H **GOLD** Parking

CHURCH LEGEND

- 8 Student Center
- 9 Marie Williams Chapel
- 10 Faith Hall
- 11 Worship Center
- 12 E2 Building
- 13 E1 Building
- 14 Henry Chapel
- 15 Counseling
Pregnancy Center
- 16 New Orleans Baptist
Theological Seminary

ONLINE FORMS

ATHLETE FORMS

- ◆ [FHSAA EL2 Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation Form](#)
- ◆ [GA4 Affidavit of Transfer Compliance Form](#)

PARENT FORMS

- ◆ [Prox Card Assistance](#)
- ◆ [Conflict Resolution Request](#)
- ◆ [Booster Club Membership](#)

GUEST FORMS

- ◆ [Facility Use Request \(Payne Stewart Athletic Complex, Gymnasium, etc.\)](#)
- ◆ [Hall of Fame Nomination Form](#)

COACH FORMS

- ◆ [Online Application to Coach at The First Academy](#)



STRONGER TOGETHER

There are many parts, but one body.
When one part suffers, we all suffer;
when one part rejoices, we all rejoice.

1 COR. 12:12, 26

