#### TCS BACK TO SCHOOL PACKET 2019-2020

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AUGUST 15, 2019

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

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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. Additionally, we host our Dads' and Moms' Prayer Time meetings monthly throughout the school year. Visit page 14 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 29 of this packet.

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- 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 27 of this packet.
- 7. Visit page 41 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 33.
- 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 24 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/TCS 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.

- 4:15 pm New TCS Families Meet the Teacher K-12 E2 classrooms.
- 5:00 pm Returning TCS Families Meet The Teacher K-12 E2 classrooms
- 6:00 pm All Family Worship Worship Center

#### TUESDAY • DAY OF PRAYER • PARENT & STUDENT TRAINING

Everyone is welcomed to 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.

#### TCS Mandatory Parent Training

K-5th grade - 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, Parents only E2 classrooms

#### TCS Mandatory Parent & Student Training

6th-8th grade - 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm, E2 classrooms

#### **WEDNESDAY • PARENT & STUDENT TRAINING**

#### TCS Mandatory Parent & Student Training

9th - 12th grade - 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, E2 classrooms

#### TCS Mandatory High School Students Meeting & Lunch

9th - 12th grade - 12:00 pm, E2 - TCS

#### THURSDAY • FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school is set for Thursday, August 15. As we kick off another amazing year at The Classical School, please remember to park in the lot across from the Faith Hall Loop and cross at the cross walk.

#### **NEW THIS YEAR**



#### **NEW ONLINE BOOKSTORE FOR TCS FAMILIES**

We are excited to introduce a new TCS initiative for the 2019-2020 school year called MBS Direct - <a href="www.mbsdirect.net">www.mbsdirect.net</a>. This is an online bookstore that partners with FACTS and will allow you to purchase most books through one website. MBS is a needed book purchasing advantage for our families! Some other great features of MBS are guaranteed buyback, a period of free shipping, 24 hour MBS customer service support and different options for book rentals and/or purchasing.

#### THE BUS IS ROLLING!

We are very excited to announce a new transportation option for our K4 through I2th grade families! Our first route with Maya's Transportation runs through Keene's Pointe, Downtown Windermere, and The Grove.

As of August 14, 2019, families can hop on their golf cart and ride on down to The First Academy's various bus stops! TFA is celebrating the inaugural route with special on-board surprises for the riders. Additionally, registered families have the opportunity to participate in a 'Driver Meet & Greet' and 'Test Ride' this summer. There are limited spots still open for the Windermere route. If you are interested for the 2019-2020 school year, register now.

Each year additional routes will be considered, if you are interested in potentially utilizing this service or would like to learn more, please visit TFA's <u>website</u>.

#### **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 15.

#### **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.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

#### 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 I) 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/TCS 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. 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 <u>Purpose Driven Enrollment Framework</u> 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.

# GENERAL INFORMATION

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#### 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.

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#### 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.



#### ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

#### STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

FACULTY

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF** 

LEADERSHIP

HEAD OF SCHOOL

#### 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**

#### **NEW School Start & Dismissal Times**

#### Start Time

Grades K-12......7:50 am

#### Dismissal Time

Grades K-12 Monday - Friday.....2:45 pm

#### **TCS Traffic Flow**

During morning drop off and afternoon pickup, the Preschool Parking lot is only to be used for parents dropping off or picking up preschool students. Please do not use this parking lot as a drop off or pickup line. Dismissal begins promptly at 2:45 pm, any students not picked up by 2:55 pm will be waiting upstairs in the TCS office.

#### Student Parking

Parking on Campus: All students who drive to school and park on campus must fill out the online <u>Student Parking Application</u> each year. TCS Upper School student parking is located across from the Faith Hall Loop along Bruton Blvd.

#### **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





#### 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**

#### First Week of School Store Hours

Monday 8/12	3:00 pm-8:00 pm
Tuesday 8/13	•
Wednesday 8/14 & Thursday 8/15	
Friday 8/16	II:00 am-3:30 pm

#### 2019-2020 Store Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	Closed
Tuesday & Thursday	7:30 am-3:30 pm

# GENERAL INFORMATION



#### **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 approved "Spirit Wear" days.
- Acceptable shorts/skirts/pants colors include khaki, gray, charcoal, shades of blue, and black.
- For everyone's safety, security, and building access, all students in grades 6-12 will be required to wear a house lanyard and student ID. Lanyard/student ID must be worn around your neck or clipped to the top of your shirt (NOT in a pocket or backpack). Additional information available on page 15.

#### Spirit Wear

The Classical School has a Spirit Wear calendar please find it on the TCS calendar. 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 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

# REQUIRED SUMMER READING & ASSIGNMENTS

Get ready for the school year! All summer reading and assignments will be posted in RenWeb.



#### 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.





#### 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 <a href="mailto:thecitybeautifulinvitational.com">thecitybeautifulinvitational.com</a>.

#### 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
heginning September II		

#### Moms' Prayer Time

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



#### **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.



#### **ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS & ENRICHMENT**

The Royal Academy of Arts and Enrichment (RAAE) is an extra-curricular program for K4 through 8th Grade students that was implemented to meet the requests of families and to expand offerings and participation in the Fine Arts Program and other areas of enrichment.

RAAE classes are offered after school on a semester basis (generally 10 to 12 weeks, with a few courses spanning 8 months). Each course will include weekly classes (one day per week) and will be approximately one hour in length, beginning after the school day ends. A course fee is required for any student enrolled in a class, which generally covers all supplies and materials. Classes begin within the first weeks of each semester.

The courses offered are dependent on the availability of an instructor. We continually seek qualified instructors to teach classes, which may include TFA teachers, parents, or other qualified persons. If you have questions regarding the program, are interested in teaching a course next semester, or would like to recommend an instructor, please contact Debi Savage, Program Director, at <a href="mailto:debisavage@thefirstacademy.org">debisavage@thefirstacademy.org</a>. Click here for more information.

# SAFETY & SECURITY



#### SAFETY FIRST

The First Academy takes the safety and security of our students, faculty, and staff very seriously. Our campus is protected during the school year by law enforcement personnel, First Baptist Security, and our TFA Customer Service and Supervision Team.

We have robust procedures and plans in place to address a number of different safety and security concerns that may arise. The plan addresses prevention, mitigation, response, and recovery of medical, safety, and security incidents.

Our entire safety and security team believes safety begins with strong relationships with students and their families. Throughout the school year if you or your student hears or sees something of concern, please contact a teacher, staff member, or coach. We must all work together to provide a safe and secure campus.

We have a new safety resource this school year. Please visit our Safety Website to review Safety and Security at TFA!

As we continue to work to keep our campus safe, we wanted to share some important terminology with you that will help all of us as we communicate with you in the event of a crisis or safety and security situation.

#### Standard Response Protocol for Safety and Security Measures

- Lockout
  - » Threat off campus
  - » Students moved inside the buildings
  - » Perimeter is secured
  - » No one permitted to come or go from campus
  - » Inside activities continue as usual
- Lockdown
  - » Potential issue on campus
  - » Doors locked
  - » Lights off, students moved out of sight

- Evacuate to announced reunification location
- Reunification
  - » Students moved from school buildings to announced location
  - » Parents notified of reunification site where they can be reunified with their student(s)
- Shelter
  - » Weather related incidents

#### **ID CARDS**

All students will be issued a bar-coded student identification card. These cards are a safety and security measure for the protection of our students, which we take very seriously.

The ID cards allow students access to several exterior building doors around campus.

#### Grades 6-12

Students will be issued an ID card and lanyard, and must retain possession of their own cards.

- The card must be worn by the student at all times via either the school-issued lanyard or personal lanyard.
- Lost cards may be replaced by going to TFA's website and submitting the Prox Card Form.





#### **HEALTH CLINIC**

TCS does not supply medications to students; All medication, prescriptions or over-the-counter, must be provided by the parents. Please make sure your contact information is current in Ren Web. 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 leave the school building at 2:45 pm. 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, 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/TCS. VisitU automatically and instantly scans and compares all visitor information against offender database records at every sign in. Visitors to TFA/TCS 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. This includes TCS field trips, all adults attending must have a TFA background check.



#### **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.

#### **SUPPLY LISTS**



#### THE CLASSICAL SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN	FIRST GRADE
One (1) small plastic pencil box One (2) pack 24 crayons One (3) large Elmer's glue sticks Four (4) small Elmer's glue sticks Oversized t-shirt for painting Two (2) pocket folders (any design or color) please put your child's name on each One (1) roll paper towels One (2) pack wet wipes One (1) pack of multi colored (bright colors and/or white) cardstock paper One (1) box of sandwich size Ziploc bags One (1) box of gallon size Ziploc bags One (1) box of dry erase markers One (1) composition notebook	Four (4) packages crayons (24 count) Two (2) packages color pencils or twistable (12 count) Twelve (12) sharpened pencils (#2) Six (6) Eraser (pink) Four (4) Elmer's glue sticks One (1) large bottle of liquid glue Fiskars Student Scissors Plastic ruler with metric and standard One (1) Primary Journal Mead One (1) Pack of multicolor construction paper One (1) Plastic Folder - Red; Will go back and forth to school One (1) roll paper towel Two (2) pkg. Of baby wipes One (1) 30 oz pump hand sanitizer One (1) Pencil box
Optional Items for Classroom Needs  Small prizes for treasure Sets of books with CD box; i.e. stickers, books, read along prizes	Optional Items for Classroom Needs  Sandwich-size resealable Box of plastic forks and spoons Gallon-size resealable One (I)Pack of Play-Doh plastic bag Container of wet wipes

#### **SUPPLY LISTS**



#### THE CLASSICAL SCHOOL

SECOND GRADE
<ul> <li>□ One (I) Pencil Box</li> <li>□ EZ grader (I per family)</li> <li>□ Two (2) Packs of Crayons (24 count – Crayola Brand Only)</li> <li>□ Thick Washable Markers (8 count, primary colors)</li> <li>□ Color pencils (I2 count – Crayola Brand Only)</li> <li>□ #2 pencils (I2 count box)</li> <li>□ Large eraser (pink or gum)</li> <li>□ One (I) Elmer's Glue (4 oz.)</li> <li>□ Four (4) large glue sticks (Elmer's brand only, other brands dry out)</li> <li>□ Fiskars student scissors</li> <li>□ Plastic ruler</li> <li>□ One (I) package of baby wipes</li> <li>□ One (I) 4-pack of Expo markers</li> <li>□ 8 count tab binder dividers</li> <li>□ One (I) sturdy plastic folder</li> <li>□ Small pencil Sharpener with container to catch shavings</li> <li>□ One (I) I" 3 ring binder</li> <li>□ I blue folder with two pockets and brads (plastic preferred)</li> <li>□ 2 packs of notecards, white with lines on one side note cards</li> </ul>
Optional Items for Classroom Needs  One (I) Box of quart Ziploc bags Two (2) Boxes of tissues One (I) Pack of Baby Wipes One (I) Container of Clorox wipes One (I) box of gallon Ziploc bags One (I) Hand Sanitizer 12 oz

THIRD GRADE
Bible (for home use)   □ Dictionary (for home use)   □ Markers/Crayola Brights Thin Line and Thick Line   □ Colored pencils (12 count – Crayola)   □ Crayons (24 count – Crayola)   □ #2 sharpened pencils – at least 8   □ Yellow highlighter   □ Wide-rule notebook paper (1 pack)   □ Subject dividers (for binder) - a total of 8   □ One (1) 1 inch three-ring binder   □ Five (5) glue sticks   □ Small bottle of Elmer's gel or liquid glue   □ Scissors   □ Ruler (centimeter and inches)   □ EZ Grader (1 per family)   □ Pencil Box   □ One (1) blue folder with two pockets and brads (plastic preferred)   □ Three (3) packs of notecards, white with lines on one side note cards
Optional Items for Classroom Needs  Two (2) Box of Kleenex One (I) Container of baby wipes One (I) box of gallon size bags One (I) box of sandwich bags

#### **SUPPLY LISTS**



#### THE CLASSICAL SCHOOL

FOURTH GRADE	FIFTH GRADE
□ EZ Grader - at home use □ New American Standard Bible □ 2 yellow plastic folder (2 pockets) □ Colored pencils □ Wide-rule notebook paper (2 pack) □ 3 ring Black Binder for Reading and Writing □ Dividers □ Five (5) glue sticks □ Ruler (inch and cm markings) □ Two (2) pink erasers □ Two (2) pack of pencils □ One (1) binder for Interactive Notebook	□ Scissors □ Colored pencils □ 2" Binder □ One (1) pack of lined paper □ Pencils □ 3 ring pencil pouch or box (put all pencils, pens, scissors, erasers in here) Crayons □ Markers □ Ruler with centimeters and inches □ One (1) blue spiral notebook □ One or two (1-2) pink pearl erasers □ Tabs for binder □ One (1) 3-pack of glue sticks □ Box of #2 pencils □ One (1) Dry erase marker □ A 1" notebook with at least 150 sheets of notebook paper in it □ A pencil with an eraser □ Two (2) highlighters of different colors
Optional Items for Classroom Needs  A variety of colored pens A small pair of scissors Glue stick and clear tape Bounty paper towel roll One (I) Box of Kleenex One (I) small hand sanitizer Wet Ones Wipes	Optional Items for Classroom Needs  A variety of colored pens A small pair of scissors Glue stick and clear tape Tissues I container of Clorox wipes Roll of paper towels I bottle hand sanitizer

#### **SUPPLY LISTS**



#### THE CLASSICAL SCHOOL

SIXTH GRADE	SEVENTH GRADE
History  Three-ring binder Pens Pencils Notebook paper Colored pencils  Language Arts One (I) folder with pockets and brads One (I) package of colored pencils or markers 4 composition books or 4 spiral one subject notebooks or I five subject notebook Pencils	History  Three-ring binder Pens Pencils Notebook paper Colored pencils  Language Arts One (I) folder with pockets and brads One (I) package of colored pencils or markers Four (4) composition books or 4 spiral one subject notebooks or I five subject notebook Pencils  Pre-Algebra
Math  Plenty of pencils  Folder with brads and loose leaf paper or spiral with pockets  Graph paper/Notebook paper Calculator  Dry Erase markers for student use	Pencils Spiral Notebook Graph paper Protractor and compass Pack of 8 dark color dry erase markers and 2 erasers Calculator
Science  3-ring notebook with 4 dividers Colored pencils Lined notebook paper A device to access Canvas and Textbooks online Latin A I" notebook with at least 150 sheets of notebook paper A blue/black pen A pencil with an eraser	Algebra    Graph paper Spiral Notebook Pencils Pack of 8 dark color dry erase markers and 2 erasers Calculator  Science 3-ring notebook with 4 dividers Colored pencils Lined notebook paper A device to access Canvas and Textbooks online
Bible  Hard copy Bible  Writing utensils  A folder or binder to hold assignments in  Notebook paper	Latin  I" notebook with at least 150 sheets of notebook paper A blue/black pen A pencil with an eraser  Bible Hard copy Bible Writing utensils A folder or binder to hold assignments in Notebook paper

FIGHTH GRADE



#### THE CLASSICAL SCHOOL

History
☐ Three-ring binder
☐ Pens
Pencils
Notebook paper
Colored pencils
Language Arts
$\square$ One (1) folder with pockets and brads
One (I) package of colored pencils or markers
Four (4) composition books or 4 spiral one subject notebooks
or I five subject notebook
Pencils
Pre-Algebra
Spiral Notebook
Pencils
Graph paper
Calculator
Protractor and compass
Pack of 8 dark color dry erase markers and 2 erasers
Algebra
Spiral Notebook
Pencils
Graph paper
Calculator
Pack of 8 dark color dry erase markers and 2 erasers
Science
3-ring notebook with 4 dividers Colored pencils Lined notebook paper
☐ A device to access Canvas and Textbooks online
Latin
☐ I" notebook with at least 150 sheets of notebook paper
A blue/black pen
A pencil with an eraser
Bible
☐ Hard copy Bible
☐ Writing utensils
$\square$ A folder or binder to hold assignments in
☐ Notebook paper

#### 9TH-12TH GRADE

Supply lists for Grades 9-12 vary with each course and teacher. All 9th-12th grade teachers will have their supply lists available during Parent/Student Training on Thursday, August 15th, 2019.



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 First Hope of The First Academy is a Christian alternative to special needs education. Our vision is to create a Christ-centered environment of learning and development for special needs children. The First Hope offers a unique approach to teaching students with disabilities both cognitively and spiritually. Classes provide a 2:1 or 4:1 student to teacher ratio and support the efforts of every student reaching their highest potential. For more information and to begin the inquiry process, please contact 407-206-8801 or click here.

#### Five Exclusive Program Offerings

**General Inclusion Program:** This program partners with The Classical School to provide an opportunity for students to mainstream with typical peers on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students work on grade level instruction while receiving accommodations and/or modifications individually tailored to meet their needs.

Inclusion Essential Program: This program provides researched based instruction for students who are more than one grade level behind in core content areas. Students enrolled in this program will join The Classical School students during lunch, art, chapel, recess, and p.e. The purpose of the Inclusion Essentials Program is to provide a comprehensive balance of academic intervention and inclusive opportunities.



**Transitions + Program:** This program gives students an

opportunity to focus on developing academic skills in core content areas, as well as improve life skills, social skills, and levels of independence.

**Early Learning Program:** This program is designed for our youngest learners ages three and four. Students will learn foundational skills primarily through play along with speech and occupational therapies and ABA principles.

**Home Program:** This program serves families remotely and offers the flexibility of learning from home, along with the added support of a special needs program. The Home Program offers supplemental opportunities both social and academic, tailored to specific needs of each student.

#### Highlights of The First Hope

- Occupational and Speech Therapies
- Behavior Specialist on Staff
- Art Enrichment Class
- Therapeutic Listening
- Christian Education
- Student Accommodation Plans
- Culinary Class
- Job Skills Training

- Researched Based Curriculum
- Adaptive P.E.
- Two Fully Equipped Sensory Rooms
- Small Class Size
- Individualized Growth Plans
- Equine Angels Horse Therapy
- The First Hope Garden
- Social Skills Training





# 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.

Royal Nation Fund

<u>Click here</u> 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.

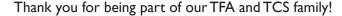
Stronger Together, The Advancement Team

#### 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 Classical School and 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.





#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Tues., Oct. I	Open House, 9:00 am
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 & TCS 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 & TCS Advantage an excellent college preparatory education that teaches the student's mind and reaches the heart!

Please call us at 407-206-8762 or e-mail dannettekelly@thefirstacademy.org for further information.













#### **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.

# WENEED 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

#### **TECHNOLOGY**



#### 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 <a href="https://thefirstacademy.org/academics/facts/">https://thefirstacademy.org/academics/facts/</a> for directions for creating a shortcut on your mobile-device home screen for the new ParentsWeb.

Please contact Jill Cape at <a href="mailto:iillcape@thefirstacademy.org">iillcape@thefirstacademy.org</a> 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 <u>purchased online</u> 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 <u>After School Program</u> 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:



#### 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 Greets, Shoebox Drive, Teacher Appreciation, Cookie Blessing, Grandparents Day, Uniform Resale, Admissions Events, and more!

#### 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 <a href="Boyd-Moline Library">Boyd-Moline Library</a> page for more information.



For more information or to volunteer for any of these organizations, visit our Volunteer Page.

#### **FINE ARTS**

#### 2019 2020

#### **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 anounced 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

#### **FINE ARTS**





#### **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		
28US BAND	Marching Band Competition	Colonial HS
OCTOBER		
5 US BAND		Seminole HS
26US BAND	Marching Band Competition	University HS
NOVEMBER		
2US BAND		Oviedo HS
7-9 MS/US THEATRE	Evening of One Acts	Black Box
21-23US THEATRE	Thespian Districts	University High School
23 US BAND	Marching Band Competition	TBA
JANUARY & FEBRUARY		
JAN 8-11US CHOIR & STEEL DRUM	IS FMEA All-State Performance	Tampa
JAN 30-FEB I MS THEATRE	MS Musical	Black Box
FEB 6-8 MS THEATRE	Junior Thespian State Festival	Orlando Convention Center
MARCH		
18-21 US THEATRE	State Thespian Festival	Tampa
26-28US THEATRE		
APRIL		
2-3US THEATRE	Spring Musical	TBA
3-4 MS/US STEEL DRUMS		
23 MS/US STEEL DRUMS		
MAY		
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-I



MARCH 26-28, APRIL 2-3

#### **HOMECOMING**









TIME EVENT LOCATION

#### Friday, October 11th (Homecoming Spirit Day)

10:15 am......Parade Starts ......Heading towards Field House from Welcome Center B

I I:00 am......Start Pep Rally (All Divisions).....Field House

3:30-6:30 pm ......US Parking Lot/Loop Road

#### Saturday, October 12th

Additional information on Homecoming Week will be sent out in the Homecoming Packet in the Fall.

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# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Subject Cred	its
English	
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 credi	ts
**Beginning with the class of 2021	

# TCS ADVISING CONTACTS

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#### **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

I Ith 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

#### **FORMAL SENIOR PORTRAITS\***

Formal portraits (tuxedo for men, black drape for ladies) are used both in the yearbook and for the graduation ceremony program. Formal portraits are required for all seniors and MUST be taken by DSP Photography. Appointments are required. Call 321-952-9876 or visit <a href="www.dsp-photo.com">www.dsp-photo.com</a> to make your appointment <a href="this summer">this summer</a>. Important - formal portraits, along with all yearbook photos, must meet handbook dress code requirements. Additional information will be emailed to families during the summer or can be found <a href="mailto:online here">online here</a>.



\*All pictures must adhere to TFA handbook guidelines.

#### SENIOR MEMORY PAGES

Senior Memory Pages are a tradition, not an obligation. This is a beautiful way to honor your graduate. Parents who choose to purchase a Senior Memory Page in the TFA Yearbook will have the choice between a half page and full page option. Additional information on Senior Memory Pages will be sent out to parents in August.

Senior Memory Page designs and payments **MUST BE** submitted by October 31. All Senior Memory Pages are subject to change pending yearbook editorial and TFA administration's approval.

#### 2019-2020 SENIOR DATES AT A GLANCE

Aug 15	Senior Service Day (seniors to wear senior T-shirt)
	All seniors must be at school to greet incoming students
Sept 27 (final deadline)	Senior Informal & Baby Pictures Submitted, Formal Portrait taken at DSP
	Completed Electronically: Senior Bio Sheet, Name Verification Form
Oct 16	Senior Cap and Gown Group Picture (Students Only)
Oct 31 (final deadline)	Photos Due: Informal, Group, Kindergarten & Baby; Senior Memory Page Deadline
Mar 5-9	Senior Ski Trip
Apr 4	Junior/Senior Prom
May 4-15	AP Exams
May ::	Seniors Last Day
May 13	Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal
May 15	Graduation Ceremony

\*\*All senior year information is available online at <a href="www.thefirstacademy.org">www.thefirstacademy.org</a> and on the Upper School Calendar\*\*

# 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.

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Director of Athletics

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#### 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)





#### **ATHLETICS**



#### **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) Basketball (Boys & Girls) Baseball (Boys) **Cross Country (Boys & Girls)** Soccer (Boys & Girls) Lacrosse (Boys & Girls) Football (Boys) Wrestling (Boys) Softball (Girls) Golf (Boys & Girls) **Tennis (Boys & Girls)** Swimming & Diving (Boys & Track & Field (Boys & Girls) Weightlifting (Boys) Girls) Volleyball (Girls) 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.

#### **ATHLETICS**



#### **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\*
- I PSAC Stadium Chair Seat
- \$25 TFA School Store Merchandise Voucher\*\*

#### *Varsity* • \$550

- Membership Passes to All Home Athletic Contests\*
- I 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 (I 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
- I Permanent PSAC Reserved Parking Sign for ALL TFA Athletics Sponsored Activities at PSAC during the School Year
- I Permanent Field House Parking Sign for ALLTFA 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)

- (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
- 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
- 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

#### Warden Stadium/Kroy Crofoot Field

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

#### Orel Hershiser 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.

Open House

#### 2019-2020 CALENDAR



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**Special Events** 

#### **DIRECTORY**

#### 2019 2020

#### TFA CONTACT DIRECTORY

Main Number: 407-206-8600 or Dial Direct 407-206 + Extension Below

Head of School's Office		Arts	
Head of School	860 I	Director of Fine Arts & Bands	8773
Assistant Head of School's Office		Lower School (LS) - Grades K4-5	
Assistant Head of School	8643	Principal	8605
Director of Strategic Initiatives		Assistant Principal	
Director of strategic initiatives	00 13	Administrative Assistant	
Business Office		Receptionist	
Senior Director of Finance & Business Development	870 I	Health Aide	
Accounting Specialist		After School Program Director	
Accounts Receivable		Learning-i.e	
Accounts Payable		Guidance Counselor	
HR Director			
HR Coordinator		Middle School (MS) - Grades 6-8	
		Principal (Grades 6-12)	8659
Institutional Advancement		Administrative Assistant (Grades 6-12)	
Senior Director for Advancement & Parent Relations		Assistant Principal	
Director of Development & Communications		Dean/K4-12 Curriculum & Learning Specialist	
Assistant Creative Director		Reception/Attendance	
Director of TFA Global		•	
Executive Assistant		Upper School (US) - Grades 9-12	
Admissions Office		Principal (Grades 6-12)	8659
Development Coordinator	8/48	Assistant Principal (Grades 6-12)	
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Leadership & Professional Development	0/2/	Reception/Attendance	
Senior Director	8636	Director of Guidance (TFA Global and Athanasius)	8822
Operations		Guidance Assistant	
Director of Operations & Facilities	0411	College Advisor (Wesley/Elliot)	8633
Maintenance Specialist		College Advisor (Edwards/Tozer)	
Operations Coordinator		Events Coordinator	8702
Services Specialist		Sr. Director of Spiritual Formation/Campus Pastor	8653
Tochnology		The Extended Educational Programs	
Technology	0/5/	The Extended Educational Programs Administrator	8762
Director of Technology		The First Academy Preschool Director	8691
Systems Administrator		The First Academy Preschool Assistant	8704
Educational Technology Integrationist		The Classical School Director	8762
Database Administrator (RenWeb)iPad & Genius Bar		The Classical School Assistant	8762
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Athletics		The First Hope Assistant	8801
Athletic Director	8634		
Athletic Office Manager			
PSAC Manager			
Assistant Athletic Director			
Assistant Athletic Director			

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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



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L.B. McLeod Rd

ENTRANCE

# 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

