



## Remote Learning Newsletter (Vol. 9)

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### Prayer: The Most Important Thing We Can Do

Dear TFA Families,

Today is National Day of Prayer. The theme for National Day of Prayer this year is *Pray God's Glory Across the Earth*. "For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." Habakkuk 2:24

Take some time today to pray with your family for our school, our community, our country, and the world. Now more than ever, we need to turn to prayer to fill us and guide us. You can view a helpful guide for the National Day of Prayer [HERE](#).

Additionally, for our final Royal Appreciation Week of the 2019-2020 school year, we want to focus on the importance of prayer. Below, I have outlined some opportunities and suggestions for prayer and praise throughout next week, May 11-15:

- **Monday-** Prayer or praise for expected and unexpected blessings during this challenging time.
- **Tuesday-** Prayer for health- for those struggling with COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 related health needs. Prayer for healthcare workers helping those in need.
- **Wednesday-** Prayer for those who are facing struggles with employment/businesses during this time.
- **Thursday-** Prayer and praise for our church families who have been serving us so well during this time with virtual services and spiritual support.
- **Friday-** Prayer for our students and teachers. Praise for a successful and graceful Remote Learning experience, prayer for staying Stronger Together throughout the end of the school year, and to stay committed and focused.

Families can share their prayers and praises and send photos to [caseyvaughn@thefirstacademy.org](mailto:caseyvaughn@thefirstacademy.org) for TFA sharing.

You can post on your own social media sites with the hashtag #TFARemote or #StrongerTogetherAtHome. We are so blessed to have a strong community of believers and

we look forward to honoring and appreciating our families during this time, and moving forward. We truly are Stronger Together!



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

*“While our school buildings may be closed, The First Academy teachers and students will be actively engaged in remote learning. We are working together to flatten the curve and serve one another as a community of devoted Christ-followers (Psalm 46:1).”*

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## Honoring our Artists & Athletes



### Athletics

This week, we will honor our student-athletes involved in our **Tennis, Boys Varsity Basketball, and Weightlifting Programs**

### **A Note from Coach Casalese**

*Even though our season was cut short, our team was showing promising growth. I am excited to see the team return next season to find ourselves even further ahead from where we left off. We will look at our season as a “pre-season warm up” to next season!*

<b>Varsity Tennis</b>	<b>MS Tennis</b>	<b>Varsity Boys Volleyball</b>	<b>Varsity Weightlifting</b>
Carsten Balao	John Cash	Colin Adams	Caleb Andarge
Gerard Gearity	Alexander Curtis	Connor Aragao	Elijah Barron
Sergey Hash	Andrew Grady	Bryce Barbon	Tyrese Coleman
Jeoy HE	Shande Han	Evan Chioli	Rocco Figus
Mark LI	Eli Koon	Sean Grant	Aidan Gerrity
Alejandro Luna	Andrew Rogers	Sergey Hash	Louie Jackson
Andrew Middleton	Mathew Rose	Brent Jordan	Christian Mercado
Trey Newsome	Joshua Russo	Brody McNulty	James Millar
Miguel Otoch	Trey Simpson	Victor Norman	Ryan Oliver
Enzo Sioson	Tye Sosebee	Timothy Reid	Robert Ruble
Andre Torres	Maddox Weinberg	Elvis Requejo	Lucas Smith
Mia Barbon	Anna Bronson	Joshua Russo	Luther Tupponce
Isabella Fraley	Nicolette Grady		Austin Vines
Cameron Koon	Ava Mathis		
Megan Mims	Kylie Miller		
Alexandra Moncada	Zoey Pastis		
Andrea Moncada	Aniston Risinger		
Brittnee Newsome	Rymer Rizzo		
Brooke Ramsey	Lauren Rose		
Alyssa Risinger	Addison Taylor		
Hope Russo	Brianna Valois		
Lauren Spaulding	Julia Zhu		
Francesca Vahamonde			
Sabrina Wang			
Sonia Wang			



## Fine Arts

This week, we will honor our **Marching Royals!**

### **A Note from Mr. Snyder**

*Even though the season wasn't what we expected, I'm proud of the hard work, dedication, and willingness to try that I see every day in the band students. They inspire me to be more creative everyday. I look forward to the next time we can work together in person!*

<b>The Marching Royals</b>	
<b>Flute</b>	Ariana Argyrakis Charlotte Bozeman Faith DeBoom
<b>Clarinet</b>	Judy Jin Alicia Shi
<b>Oboe</b>	Lydia Erickson
<b>Bassoon</b>	Warren Boschen
<b>Alto Sax</b>	AJ Gutzmer David Han Dylan Hugill Cole Toenges
<b>Tenor Sax</b>	Alex Curtis Burton Pringle
<b>Trumpet</b>	Andrew Argyrakis Brant DeCook Justin Harris Parker Hemphill Peter Melley Liam Philbin Tiana Witherspoon
<b>French Horn</b>	Benjamin Englund Daniel Holter Tucker Kemp Lauren Philbin

<b>Baritone</b>	Will Crawford Katelyn Erickson Brent Jordan Eli Harrison Patrick Melley
<b>Tuba</b>	Jacob Crump Matthew Melley
<b>Percussion</b>	Karis de la Fuente Jayden Dailey Nico Dimas Foster Elkins Logan Georgi Joshua Hartnett Dean Harvey Jordan Hockenberry Jeremy Liu Cole Martin Daniel Melley Timothy "Joel" Reid
<b>Intern</b>	Sthefanny Silva



## Celebrating The Class of 2020

On May 1, the Class of 2020 celebrated their official last day of school at TFA in grand style. We lined the streets of TFA with our faculty and staff to honor these seniors, from a safe distance, as they drove by in college-decorated vehicles. The campus was once again filled with spirit and pride as cheers filled the air! We are so proud of the Class of 2020, and although they have faced a very different ending to their senior year than expected, they have shown such grace during this difficult time-they truly are Stronger Together!

Please join us in celebrating this special graduating class. Click [HERE](#) to read more about our Royal Class of 2020, their accolades, and watch the specially created video from Friday's car parade - you don't want to miss it! We look forward to continuing to honor this class in the coming weeks.

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## Diaper Drive Success!

The Diaper Drive that was hosted during our Royal Appreciation *Help A Neighbor Week* was an absolute success! With Victor N's leadership (TFA senior), our TFA families and students were able to collect over 2,000 diapers in 31 packages, valuing almost \$900!

Victor shared, "Without your time, and your blessing, I would not have been able to host this fundraiser, and I am so grateful to you for letting me do this!"

TFA is so grateful to Victor for his leadership and servant heart during this time. A huge pat on the back and THANK YOU to Victor and our TFA families and community who participated!

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## Masks & Meals Drive

First Baptist Orlando is hosting a Masks & Meals Drive in partnership with The Hope Church to provide needed food and masks to our neighbors. You can participate by dropping off food, making homemade masks, or volunteering at a Meals & Masks on Mondays distribution event! Learn more from TFA sophomore Connor R. by clicking [HERE!](#)

For more information about these upcoming events, click the link below:

<https://www.firstorlando.com/mealsandmasks/> If you have any questions, please call First Orlando at this number: 407-425-2555

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## TFA Bus Route

The TFA Bus has been rolling through Windermere this school year and it has been a huge success for our students and benefit for our families! If you are interested in registering for the Windermere bus route or other potential routes for the 2020-2021 school year, please do so by May 28 [HERE](#).

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## Uniform Donation

TFA's Uniform Resale/Exchange, hosted by our Parent Association, is such a fruitful ministry! If you have gently-used uniforms that you would like to donate to our Uniform Resale/Exchange, please feel free to bring them to your divisional lobbies when you visit to pick-up materials or turn in technology items, etc. for the summer.

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## Royal Store Sale

[The Royal Store](#) has a special offer to thank you for your partnership throughout this time of Remote Learning! The store will be hosting a BOGO sale, beginning today, extending through the end of the school year on ALL sale items. Now is the perfect time to stock up on Spirit Wear for your Friday Class Meetings and Facebook Live sessions with our principals!

[SHOP THE SALE NOW](#)

Here are the details:

- Buy one item get one item free on ALL SALE MERCHANDISE!
- Use code: **BOGO at checkout.**
- All purchased items will be filled and available for pick up in the Lower School lobby between 9:00am - 3:00pm the Friday after the order is placed from Friday, May 1st- Friday, May 22nd.

We love to see you show-off your Royal Spirit in your neighborhoods so shop the sale, snap some pictures, and post them on your social media accounts for us to see! We are #StrongerTogetherAtHome!

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## Family Resources

### **Christian Counselor Directory**

Our Family Ministry Team is dedicated to serving the social, emotional, and spiritual needs of our families. For your convenience, the team has created a directory of Christian counselors that our families can access during this time of social distancing. You can access the directory [HERE](#).

### **Focus on the Family**

Focus on the Family is always an excellent resource for our families, and they are offering free digital access to their children's magazines during this time! Click the links below to access these magazines.

[Clubhouse Jr.](#) (For Boys & Girls, Ages 3-7)

[Clubhouse](#) (For Boys & Girls, Ages 8-12)

[Brio](#) (For Teen Girls)

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## Admissions Is Open!

Our goal is to provide prospective families with Admissions opportunities based on what is convenient for them during this challenging time. TFA's Admissions Team is offering a menu of virtual options:

- **Personal Virtual Tour** - families can learn more about The First Academy with an Admissions team member virtually. Our principals have been popping in to say hi too!
- **Virtual Open House Events**- the live events are now recorded to share with prospective families.
- **Virtual Meet and Greet**- families can connect and ask questions with current parents and students.



- **New Virtual Admissions Webpage**- includes on-demand videos, photo galleries, and more! Prospective families can now virtually experience The First Academy as they walk through a personal virtual admissions tour.

Click [HERE](#) to view the Admissions Events page and invite a friend to visit TFA virtually today!

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## Camp Roar

TFA's SummerQuest has been rebranded as Camp Roar! The new Camp Roar is geared for students entering Transitional Kindergarten through 5th grade and is an ALL DAY camp, with options for half-day mini-camps as well, spanning the entire summer. Camp Roar will feature engaging opportunities and selections for all 8 weeks of the summer, whether your child is interested in sports, the arts, or other activities.

In the attached program booklet, you will find all of the details outlining the weekly camps offered and the pricing structure.

**Camp Roar is now open for pre-registration for this summer!** Families are able to pre-register [HERE](#) for all of the Camp Roar sessions beginning today through Friday, May 22. To best serve our families, we are currently offering pre-registration for all of the camps, without a financial commitment.

By pre-registering, your child's spot is secured for our exciting summer programs. Those families who have pre-registered will have the first opportunity to finalize their registration and payment when we roll out our new Camp Roar platform. Classes will fill up quickly, so be sure to reserve your spot by completing the selections in the pre-registration form for each camper.

For questions and information, please contact Corey Wall, Camp Roar Director, at [camproar@thefirstacademy.org](mailto:camproar@thefirstacademy.org). Feel free to share this information with your friends or neighbors who may be interested in a summer camp for their children. Thank you and we look forward to serving you this summer!

**[Pre-Register Now!](#)**

# CAMP ROAR

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## Lower School Updates

### STRONGER TOGETHER

There are many parts, but one body. When one part suffers, we all suffer; when one part rejoices, we all rejoice. 1 Corinthians 12: 12, 26

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Dear Lower School Families,

Next week, we are looking forward to some special Remote Learning Spirit Days and exciting Facebook Live sessions.

#### **Remote Learning Spirit Days**

Check out our spirit days for next week.

- Monday, May 11th: Twin Day
- Tuesday, May 12th: Inside Out Day
- Wednesday, May 13th: Bless An Older Person Day
- Thursday, May 14th: Wear Words On Your Shirt Day
- Friday, May 15th: Spirit Wear-Blue and Gold

Don't forget to send us your pictures! Please post with #TFARemote and #TFAStrongerTogetherAtHome or email to [caseyvaughn@thefirstacademy.org](mailto:caseyvaughn@thefirstacademy.org). I will take some too at [jenniferjackson@thefirstacademy.org](mailto:jenniferjackson@thefirstacademy.org).

#### **Lower School Chapel**

Click [HERE](#) to view this week's Chapel.

#### **Remote Learning Student/Family Links**

[TFA Remote Learning Webpage](#)  
[Remote Learning-Student Online Resources](#)  
[Remote Learning Help Request](#) (For Families)  
[Resources to Access Reading Material](#)  
[Using Google Hangouts](#)  
[Mrs. Walton's Tutorial Tips for Helping Students using Google Hangouts Meet](#)  
[Student Technology Help Desk](#)  
[Lower School Student iPad Loan Agreement](#)  
[Lower School Daily Schedule Recommendation](#)  
[Lower School Remote Learning Timeline-Family](#)  
[Remote Learning Lower School Student Responsibilities](#)  
[Remote Learning Lower School Parent Responsibilities](#)  
[TFA Facebook Live](#)  
[Student Technology Help Desk](#)  
[Accelerated Reader-Access from Home](#)

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## Middle & Upper School Updates

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#### **Virtual Assembly**

We hope this week of Remote Learning is going great and Seniors are enjoying some more free time. We have our latest Virtual Assembly [video attached](#). Be sure to watch the whole thing for some special announcements including:

- End of Year Updates
- Senior Thesis Winners
- Thespian Troupe Inductions

#### **Weekly Chapel Services!**

MS/US Chapel is back! We are excited to let you know that we now have a virtual MS/US Chapel experience to include in our Remote Learning schedule! The truly special part about this is the way in which God has supplied this special chapel service for us!

Recently, a group of our TFA Upper School students created an online **student-led** church service experience that they are calling ***Fusion Church***.

**From 11:15 am-11:50 am** MS/US Chapel will be hosted and presented by *Fusion Church*, a collaborative effort of TFA Students, as our weekly Chapel! The chapels will be pre-recorded for you to access at any time, but we truly hope that you will take the scheduled time on Thursday's to view them and worship as a student body. The Chapel will be hosted this way for as long as we are in Remote Learning mode. View the video attached for a special invitation from the student-leaders of *Fusion Church*.

You can access the weekly services [HERE](#).

### **Meeting Requests**

- Schedule a meeting with Dr. Grove [here](#)
- Schedule a meeting with Dr. Holter [here](#)
- House of Athanasius & TFA Global Schedule your meeting with Mrs. Kwak [here](#)
- Houses of Tozer & Edwards. Schedule your meeting with Mrs. Toliver [here](#)
- Houses of Elliot & Wesley. Schedule your meeting with Mr. Wood [here](#)

### **Resources**

[How to Save Select Pages in a PDF File](#)

[Remote Learning Help Request](#) (For Families)

[Remote Learning Plan Resources-Middle & Upper School Students](#)

[MS & US Remote Learning Class Schedule](#)

[TFA REMOTE LEARNING WEBPAGE](#)

[Facebook Live](#) events

[Remote Learning Advisors](#)

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## The Classical School Updates



You can review the full Remote Learning Plan for The Classical School [HERE](#).

Mrs. Gentry will be on Facebook Live on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 AM. We will be available to support any family in need of assistance to the best of our ability. We are committed to making this process as smooth as possible for our students, parents, faculty, and staff.

Susan Gentry, The Classical School Director  
[susangentry@thefirstacademy.org](mailto:susangentry@thefirstacademy.org)

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## The First Hope Updates



You can review the full Remote Learning Plan for The First Hope [HERE](#).

We will be going live on Facebook ([The First Hope Facebook Page](#)) daily at 8:30am for an interactive experience with your students.

Our goal is to find the best balance between keeping the instructional momentum we have achieved this year with our students and being sensitive to challenges our families may be working through with having children at home due to extended school closure. We are here to work through this process with our students and parents and you will have the full support of our faculty, staff, and leadership.

Tonya Roskaft, The First Hope Director  
[tonyaroskaft@thefirstacademy.org](mailto:tonyaroskaft@thefirstacademy.org)

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## The Preschool Updates



You can review the full Remote Learning Plan for The Preschool [HERE](#).

We will be going live daily at 10:30am on Facebook ([TFA Preschool Facebook Page](#)) for the children to still experience Morning Greeting/Prayer time with Mrs. Grayson as part of their daily routine. Teachers will also be sending out text messages to include additional learning ideas as well as songs for you to sing with your child to provide music and movement.

We will continue to provide updated information via email as it becomes available so please be mindful and regularly check your email. Your teachers will be accessible via text and email between the hours of 9:00am-3:00pm if you have a concern or need additional guidance.

Praying for you and your sweet family until we are together again!

Blessings!

Mrs. Grayson Merritt, Preschool Director  
[graysonmerritt@thefirstacademy.org](mailto:graysonmerritt@thefirstacademy.org)

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All of our Principals and Directors will be available to support any family in need of assistance to the best of their ability. As a school, we are committed to making this process as smooth as possible for our students, parents, faculty, and staff. We will also be in regular communication with families for the duration of the



Remote Learning environment. Instead of greeting the students as they come on campus in the morning or waving in the carline each afternoon, we will be touching base with families remotely through Facebook Live, email, and Google Hangouts.