

I will learn the true. I will do the good. I will love the beautiful.

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Official School Communications and Social Media

March 31, 2017

From the outset, the school administration has issued official communications via several different formats: the school [website](#), school [email](#), school postal mail, *The Chronicle*, school meetings (such as board meetings, orientation sessions, etc.), and phone calls/text messaging (for emergencies). Social media have never constituted an official school communications channel. The "Unofficial Community Page" is an unofficial social media site that is not endorsed, moderated, or monitored by the administration.

Our primary vehicle for elevated discourse is *The Chronicle*. Constituents (parents, students, faculty, and staff) desiring to contribute to the conversation in a civil and respectful way are always welcome to submit their thoughts and ideas for publication in *The Chronicle* and at public Board Meetings.

The Mission Support Team (MST) has been tasked by the administration to evaluate all media in the context of a general desire to improve school communications. Constituents

NEXT WEEK

April 9 - 15

BABAB

4/3 - 4/7 - Spring Break

4/11 - Class Pictures; MS Girls Soccer ACA @ Boyd; Willy's Family Night

4/12 - **GA Milestones (3rd, 5th, 7th & 8th Grades)**; JV Girls Soccer ACA @ Boyd

4/13 - **GA Milestones (3rd, 5th, 7th & 8th Grades)**; Kindergarten Registration & Social for 2017-18

4/14 - **GA Milestones (3rd, 5th, 7th & 8th Grades)**; JV Girls Soccer ACA @ Boyd

wishing to express their views on this subject should contact their respective MST representative: Upper School Parent ([Mr. Braun](#)), Lower School Parent ([Mrs. Woods](#)), Upper School Faculty ([Mr. Schepps](#)), Lower School Faculty ([Mrs. Boyd](#)), and Staff ([Mrs. Busse](#)).

A Conversation with GA Tech's Undergraduate Admissions Office

On Wednesday, March 29, our college advisor, Ms. Elyse Marcellino, and I sat down with Mrs. Kathryn Faussemagne, the Senior Assistant Director for Undergraduate Admissions at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Sometimes referred to as the "MIT of the South," GA Tech is a high caliber institution of higher learning that only admits about a fourth of its applicants. (Selective schools typically have an admission rate of less than 33%.) Mrs. Faussemagne has graciously accepted our invitation to speak to our juniors and high school parents early in the fall semester.

In the meantime, here are a few interesting comments from a conversation which lasted just shy of two hours. Mrs. Faussemagne stressed that Georgia Tech reviews all candidates as cohorts from individual high schools, or within the context of their own school. "I will not be comparing oranges to apples—as in Atlanta Classical students to students from North Atlanta High School or Marist," she said. As she pointed out, "We will expect to see a rigorous course load with respect to what is being offered at Atlanta Classical. On average," she continued, "I would expect to see 1-2, perhaps 3, AP classes on a high-performing Atlanta Classical student's transcript. We are not going to expect a lot of AP classes from students at Atlanta Classical because the school does not offer a lot of them." They will also take into consideration our

FOLLOWING WEEK

April 16 - 22

ABABA

4/17 - GA Milestones (4th, 5th & 8th Grade)

4/18 - GA Milestones (4th, 5th & 8th Grade); MS Girls Soccer ACA @ Boyd; JV Boys Soccer ACA @ Boyd

4/19 - GA Milestones (4th & 6th Grade)

4/20 - GA Milestones (6th Grade); JV Girls Soccer ACA @ Boyd; JV Boys Soccer ACA @ Boyd; Board Meeting

4/21 - GA Milestones (6th Grade); Spring Supper on the South Lawn

COMING UP

4/26 - GA Milestones (9th & 10th Grades)

4/28 - Principal's Coffee; 9th & 10th Grade Spring Dance

5/1 - GA Milestones (9th & 10th Grades)

5/2 - GA Milestones (9th & 10th Grades); Upper School Spring Fine Arts Performance

5/3 - GA Milestones (9th & 10th Grades)

5/4 - GA Milestones (9th & 10th Grades); Athletic Awards Reception

5/5 - GA Milestones (9th & 10th Grades)

decision to offer AP classes in some disciplines, but not in others. Again, since each high school is unique, students will have to prove themselves within their context.

Interestingly enough, she told us that Georgia Tech's admission rate for Georgia students is hovering around 40%. Included in that rate are students admitted under the APS Scholars Program, which automatically admits every Valedictorian and Salutatorian from an APS school and provides full tuition. According to Mrs. Faussemagne, GA Tech values the following attributes more highly than anything else: intellectual curiosity, leadership, perseverance, progress in service, and impact.

In her words, "Find a problem and lean into it!" Service and extracurricular activities are not boxes to be checked. Instead, GA Tech values deep experiences and longevity. In the all-important personal essays, they are looking for students who describe genuine curiosity, problem-solving, perseverance, and commitment over those with a vast, but shallow, list of typical club memberships and accomplishments.

In reference to accreditation, Mrs. Faussemagne said the following: "It will not hurt a student in the admission process if the school is in the middle of seeking accreditation. Now, if you are not accredited four years after you graduate your first high school class, that's a problem." Please don't misinterpret us here—our goal is to attain our K-12 accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools well before our re-charter in 2019. However, schools like GA Tech understand that getting accredited can be a lengthy process.

If you're interested in learning more, be sure to attend Mrs. Faussemagne's talk in the new school year. In the meantime, we will be pursuing similar conversations with admissions staff from other local schools including Emory University, Mercer University, University of Georgia, and Morehouse College. Many of these future conversations will be determined by the

5/7 - Thespians Society and Dramatic Club Spring Performances

5/8 - AP Biology Exam; Willy's Family Night

5/11 - 2nd - 6th Grade Fine Arts Spring Performance

5/12 - Principal's Coffee; Talent Show

5/18 - Board Meeting

5/26 - Last Day of School

View the [online calendar](#) for the full list of school events.

Click [here](#) to view the 2016 - 2017 calendar.

Click [here](#) to view the 2017 - 2018 calendar.



Mission

To develop students in mind and character through a classical, content-rich curriculum that emphasizes the principles of virtuous living, traditional learning, and civic responsibility.

interests of our students. A key communication tool with universities is our school profile, which will be available for release in April. Please stay tuned for more updates in the future!

Sincerely,

S. Lambert
Assistant Principal

Virtues

Courage
Courtesy
Honesty
Perseverance
Self-Government
Service

College Newsletter

Please click [here](#) to see the newest college newsletter with important information and updates for college-bound students and their parents.

Class Pictures

Class Photographs will be taken Tuesday, April 11. Order forms were sent home via your student's backpack this week. If you would like to order a photo, please return the picture envelope with your payment **ON** picture day, April 11.

If you have any questions, please [email Mrs. Welcher](#).

Spring Fine Arts Performance

Parents of 2nd - 6th Graders:

Letters containing information about the Spring Performance on May 11 have been sent home. Please remember to fill out, detach, and return the bottom form to Mr. Henriques in order to RSVP.

Board Meetings

Board meetings occur on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the Library at Atlanta Classical Academy. These meetings are open to the public and parents are encouraged to attend. Community comments are limited to 2 minutes and we request they be submitted in writing. Board meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the [school's website](#).



CHEF ADVANTAGE

To order school lunches, [click here](#). **Remember, you must submit your order four days in advance.**

Classic Movie Club

Classic Movie Club will be Friday, April 21, from 3:15 - 5:30 pm. All students in grades 6 and up are welcome to join us in watching *Casablanca*.

Please know that students are expected to stay and clean up, after which they can be picked up by the front office. For safety concerns, please do not pick up students without at least one teacher's knowledge. Also, we ask each student who is able to bring a \$1-3 donation to cover snacks and movie rental. Please reach out to [Mrs. Edwards](#) or [Miss Flynn](#) with any questions!

Save the Date: ACA Talent Show!

Please mark your calendars for May 12, ACA's first talent show! It will feature all kinds of performances from 4th - 6th grade students. More details to follow!

ACA Athletics GO CAVALIERS!

To view the full athletics calendar, [click here](#).



Registration is open for Kiddos After School Program. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

School Partners

Remember to use your Partner Cards to raise money for Atlanta Classical Academy!



*Make sure you specify **Northside Education, Inc.** as the charity.



Basketball Open Gym

Calling all 4th, 5th, and 6th grade girls and boys interested in after-school basketball skill development! The last open gym for ACA basketball is Monday April 10 from 3:00 - 4:00 pm.

Please register your child [here](#).

Cheer Clinic

Our first cheerleading clinic was such a success! We had fun and learned what it is like to be an ACA cheer team member.

We are fast approaching our April 15 clinic for grades 4th - 5th from 9:00 - 11:00 am and grades 6th - 8th from 12:00 - 2:00 pm.

The last day to [register](#) is April 11 by 2:00 pm.

Registration on or before the deadline assures that your cheer team member will get a t-shirt.

We look forward to working with each cheer participant!

GO CAVS!

Cheer Team Tryouts

Calling ALL Cheerleaders! We are excited to host all new Cheer Team tryout participants in the rising 8th - 11th grades! We are so thrilled that you are interested in joining our team. There is so much in store for the new Atlanta Classical Cheer Team this upcoming year. Most of all, having you makes that even better! Please be sure to stop by the health clinic to sign up!

Pre-Tryout Practice: April 17 from 3:10 – 4:45

Tryouts: April 18 – 20 from 3:10 – 5:00

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