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## An Eye to the Future

May 1, 2017

As we approach the home stretch for the current school year, we are also working to build on the foundation we have laid over the past three years. To that end, we are thrilled to announce that we hired a Dean of Students for next year.

Mr. Jamaal Greer currently serves as the Director of College Persistence and Partnerships for KIPP Through College, and is a trainer for the Posse Foundation, a national college access and youth leadership development non-profit. Mr. Greer will join us today, Monday, May 1, and he will spend the month of May immersing himself into the life and culture of Atlanta Classical Academy. Mr. Greer, who has a compelling life story and a background uniquely suited to helping all our students thrive, will shepherd a portfolio that includes school culture, discipline, attendance, student services, school nursing, and college advising. As the Dean of Students, his chief vocation will be to help students flourish and mature—to develop their minds and characters through the principles of virtuous living, traditional learning, and civic responsibility. For the remainder of this school year, Mr. Greer will temporarily take up office in the small conference room next to the front office. Don't

### THIS WEEK

April 30 - May 6  
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- 5/1 - GA Milestones (Algebra I)**
- 5/2 - GA Milestones (Geometry); Upper School Spring Fine Arts Performance**
- 5/3 - GA Milestones (Literature - 9th)**
- 5/4 - GA Milestones (Writing - 9th); Athletic Awards Reception**
- 5/5 - GA Milestones (Biology)**
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### FOLLOWING WEEK

May 7 - 13  
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- 5/7 - Thespians Society and**

hesitate to drop in and say hello.

In other news, Mr. Bryan Franklin will be our Fine Arts Director for next year (in addition to teaching music in the classroom). He is currently busy at work shaping and designing an accelerated program, which will include offering new academic electives such as Art History for the upper school. We are also establishing an after-school Fine Arts program which will provide our students an opportunity to explore, develop skills, and be challenged in various art mediums.

Similar to our growing upper school competitive sports program, the Fine Arts program will seek to develop and foster high caliber, well-regarded scholar-artists. In many ways, this will be an opportunity for our students who are not as animated by sports, but who yearn for opportunities to be involved at Atlanta Classical Academy through the arts. On the performing arts side, we will focus on keyboards, strings, woodwinds, and chorale, thereby laying the foundation for a chamber music orchestra and accompanying chorale. Mr. Franklin is also concentrating on integrating our Thespian Society into the mix. On the visual arts side, the Fine Arts program will initially seek to develop talent in painting, drawing, photography, and possibly videography. Much more is forthcoming on this front—please look to future editions of the *Chronicle* for more information.

On the extra-curricular front, several students are in the beginning stages of developing new student clubs for the school, including a burgeoning Civil Air Patrol unit, a Debate Club, a Rifle and Shooting Sports Club, and an officially chartered Key Club. As a brief reminder, students interested in beginning a student club should forward their ideas to the administration via the student government. Students will also need to recruit a faculty or staff sponsor to help champion their efforts.

Several parents may also be launching a collaborative effort to develop swimming as a club sport. Club sports are a good way to introduce new sports to the school and to

Dramatic Club Spring Performances

**5/8 - AP Biology Exam**

**5/9 - Willy's Family Night**

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

**5/12 - Principal's Coffee; Talent Show**

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## COMING UP

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**5/17 - Rising 5th Grade Girls Uniform Try-Ons; Used Uniform Store Open**

**5/18 - Board Meeting**

**5/26 - Last Day of School; All School Picnic**

**6/14 - Uniform Try-Ons and Uniform Store Open**

**6/15 - Board Meeting**

**7/12 - Uniform Try-Ons and Uniform Store Open**

**8/14 - First Day of School**

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

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

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evaluate their long-term viability and potential.

Club sports can become successful when committed parent volunteers partner with our athletic department to bring them to life.

Finally, we will be sending out our end-of-year surveys in the near future. Our leadership team, our authorizers (APS and GADOE), and the accreditation agency (SACS) will be evaluating our survey responses and rates of participation; we thank you ahead of time for responding to the survey earnestly and in a timely manner. Also, if you have not had a chance to read through our inaugural school profile, please take a moment to do so [here](#). Our 2017- 2018 edition will be released in August. Finally, please join the conversation and send us your input and feedback. The easiest way to participate is via the [PTCA](#) or the [Mission Support Team](#).



## 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.

## Looking for Volunteers to Serve in 2017-18

Our school community needs and appreciates our little platoons of willing volunteers. From our dedicated group of Lunch Bunch parents to monthly faculty appreciation events, resource room organizers, and Cavaliers Serve helpers, parents reach out and touch the lives of our school community in numerous ways. That said, many of you would like to be more involved. This brief article is an attempt to spread the word on future volunteer opportunities and the ways to participate in the life of the school. Just like our faculty and staff, we expect our parent volunteers to support our school's mission and be ambassadors to the broader Atlanta community. Ideally, volunteers also have an affinity for the task or area in which they seek to serve.

We currently anticipate the need for volunteers (leadership and committed workers) in the following committees for the next school year:

- Athletics Support

## Virtues

Courage  
Courtesy  
Honesty  
Perseverance  
Self-Government  
Service

## 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

- Business Partnerships
- Cavaliers Care
- Chronicle
- Faculty & Staff Appreciation
- Fine Arts Support
- Lunch Bunch
- New Family Ambassadors
- Resource Room
- School Directory
- Special Events Support
- Spirit Wear
- Uniforms
- Yearbook

In addition to these committees, parents can also volunteer to become room or grade level parents for the year. Please look for the Willingness-to-Serve form when you fill out your annual registration forms in SchoolMint. These forms will be reviewed by the PTCA co-chairs over the summer and selections will be made before school starts. Generally speaking, committee leads ought to have prior experience on the committee they wish to lead.

The PTCA co-chairs are chosen by the administration and serve for alternating two-year terms; there is an upper school and lower school chair. The administration will announce the new lower school PTCA co-chair at our annual picnic on May 26, 2017.

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.**



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

## **2017 Summer Literature Courses**

This Summer, Mr. Schepps and Mr. Andrew will be offering two courses open to High School students.

First, they will lead a week-long seminar on Dante's *Inferno* from **June 19-23**. This is a 14th century epic poem that escapes our curriculum at ACA but endures as one of the great literary treasures of the western tradition. We'll spend one week with Dante, traveling through the nine

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circles of the *Inferno* with a mixture of short lectures and lively discussion. All rising 9th, 10th, and 11th graders are invited to join the seminar. Classes will begin at 9:30 am and end at noon. We will plan to meet at the school each day, though we are exploring alternate (outdoor) locations where we might meet for one day of the course. The cost for the seminar will be \$125.

From **July 24-28**, Mr. Schepps and Mr. Andrew will lead an intensive course on the AP Language and Composition exam that will parallel our humanities curriculum and accentuate certain skills we are already looking to build in class.

For the summer institute, we will meet at school at 9:00 am and meet until noon. This week in the summer will lead in to a continuing supplemental course that will take place on a few Saturdays during the school year. The cost for the summer course and the supplemental school year class will be \$400. If your student cannot attend the crash course, but would like to take the supplemental course, the cost will be \$300.

Mr. Schepps and Mr. Andrew are open to working with students that would like to request financial aid for either course. If you have any questions, please contact [Mr. Schepps](#) or [Mr. Andrew](#).

Please follow [this link](#) for more details on both courses, especially the AP Language option.



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



## ACA Classical Library Book Drive

For our 2016-2017 community wide service project we will be donating a library of classical and time-honored literature to Thomasville Recreation Center. Our ACA teachers and students have worked to curate a list of titles that will inform and inspire students of all ages for years to come. You will soon receive a link to a Sign-up Genius list from your room or grade level parents or you can find the list [here](#). You can help to create this timeless gift by selecting one or more titles from the list and placing the books in marked boxes located in the Front Office and in the High School Building. The books may be new or used (in good condition) hardcover or paperback. Many of these titles can be found inexpensively at Amazon or at local bookstores.

Please bring your books to school by Tuesday May 9. Thank you in advance for your support of this opportunity to share with our neighbors some of the things that we treasure at Atlanta Classical Academy. For more information please [contact Lisa Woods](#).

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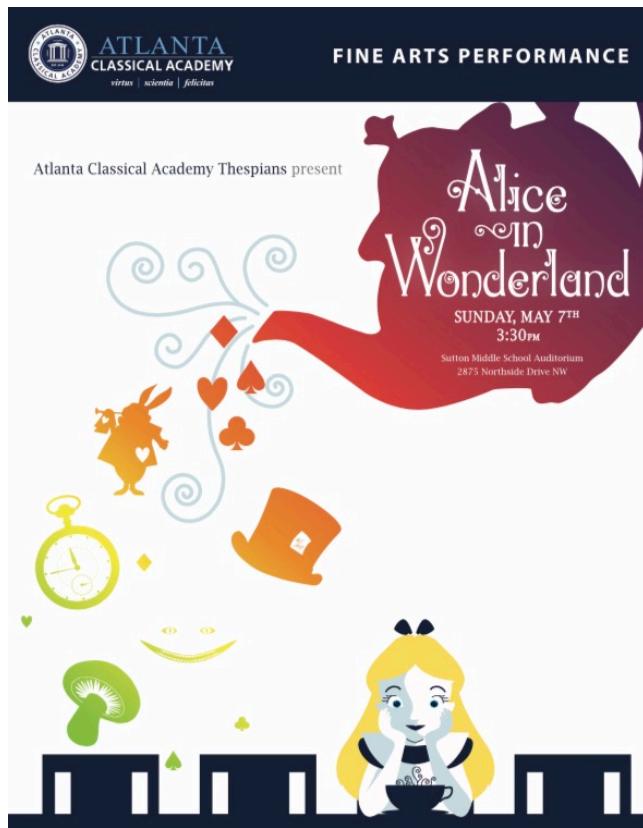
## Community Spotlight

Atlanta Classical Academy is always proud when their faculty, staff or students are featured in the community. Click [here](#) to read an article featuring our very own science teacher, Mrs. Huff.

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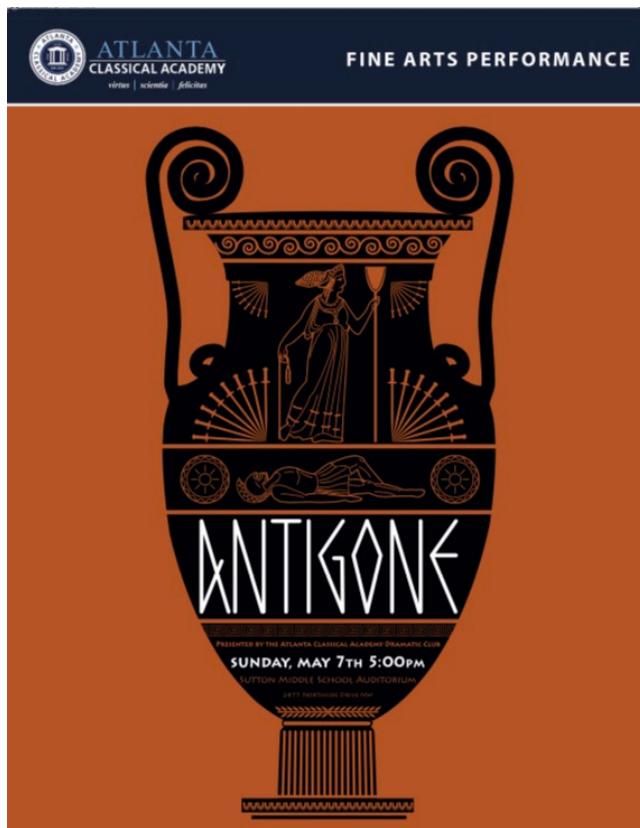


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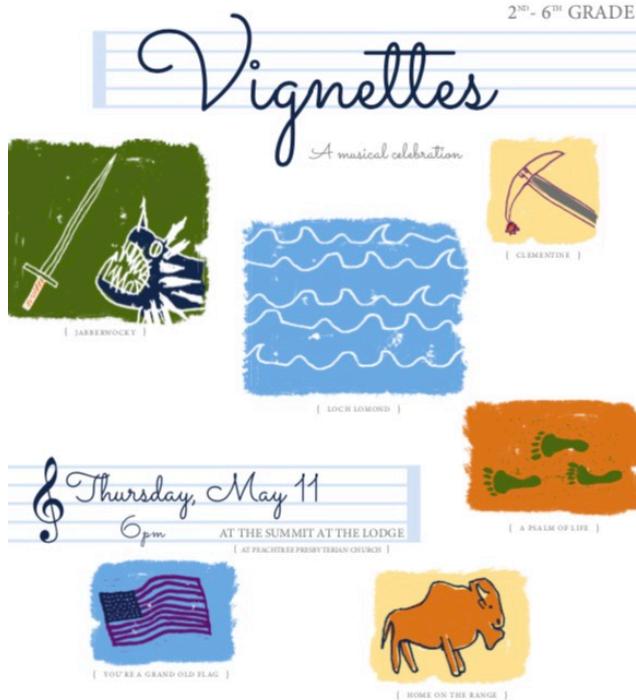
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## Lunch Bunch

Only 4 more weeks of school, and we can't believe it! We have **14 open spots** left to fill until the end of the year - would you please [sign up](#) to finish out this year successfully? Thanks for all your support this year - it's been amazing and we are so thankful for all of our volunteers!

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## Talent Show

Come one, come all to ACA's first talent show! The result of several 6th grade students' hard work and vision, this show will feature acts of all kinds from students in 4th-6th grades. Please join us for a fun evening to support our young performers! The talent show will be held on

Friday, May 12 at 4:00 pm in The Stable (a.k.a. the gym). Please contact [Mrs. Edwards](#) or [Ms. Lancaster-Thomas](#) if you have questions!

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## Rising 5th Grade Girls Uniform Try-Ons

The Uniform Team will host a special try-on date for rising 5th grade girls who will be transitioning from plaid jumpers to navy skirts and polo shirts and blouses on May 17 from 3:30 - 4:30 pm.

The Used Uniform Store will also be open for those that want to stock up for next year. The Uniform Committee will also have a Uniform Try-On Days on June 14 and July 12 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. The Used Uniform Store will be open during these times.

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## ACA Athletics GO CAVALIERS!

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



## JV Soccer

Congratulations to the Boys and Girls JV soccer teams for great seasons! The boys team finished the season with 5-4-1 record. Two of our signature wins were against our rivals AIS, with team leaders Casey Torres and Jose Perez setting the pace offensively for the rest of the team. Congratulations to Coach Holt and Coach Han, as well as all the players, for a winning season.

The JV Girls finished with two wins this season. With a series of injuries, the girls displayed lots of mental toughness and teamwork to improve their skills each game. Coach Wallach and Coach Martin coached the team well through all the adverse circumstances. Congratulate the girls and coaches for great leadership and perseverance all throughout the season.

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## Middle School Soccer

The middle school girls soccer team finished the year with a 5-5 record. The team grew stronger and more confident each week and ended the season with a playoff berth in the MAAC conference tournament. Led by McLean Eagleson's 15 goals, Sophia Levy's goalie saves, and Caroline Welcher's strong defense, the team demonstrated a great future for ACA soccer. Congratulate Coach Haiju and the girls on a terrific season.

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## Middle School Golf

The golf team has been a powerful competitor in the MAAC golf season this spring. Led by Will Hermann and Grant Pair, our student athletes grew to love the game and improve under the coaching of Coach Andrew. In the final tournament, Will Hermann tied for 2nd place with a 32 and Grant finished in seventh with a 38. Lulu Celecia finished fourth in the girls

tournament, one stroke behind third place.  
Congratulations golf team for a great season.

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## Athletic Awards Banquet

The athletic awards banquet will be held Thursday, May 4 in the ACA gym from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Please come to support all the ACA student athletes and coaches for all their hard work and achievements this season.

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## Blue Cross Blue Shield Peachtree Junior

The Atlanta Track Club is hosting a three kilometer, half kilometer, and 50 meter dash for ages 14 and under on May 13 in Piedmont Park. The school with the most participants receives an award at the end of the day. Let's come support ACA by having the most participants!

[Click here](#) for more information and registration or [contact Coach Martin](#).

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