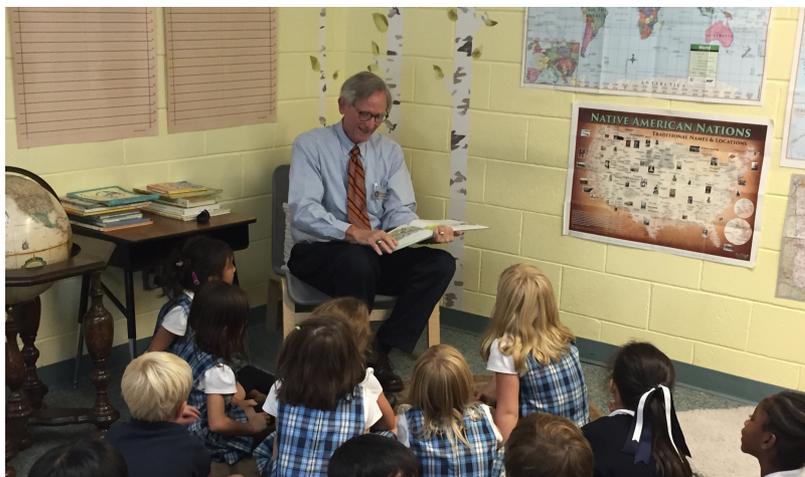




## Magic of the Written Word

Founding Board Member and lifelong educator [Dr. Lee Friedman](#) reads to our first graders each Friday. He shares his thoughts on the importance of reading.



### *Magic of the Written Word*

For nearly fifty years, I have had the privilege of working with young people. I was blessed to have two parents who modeled reading, and I grew up believing reading should be an important part of my life. Unfortunately, in the age of Progressive Education, I too often saw the “quick fix” solutions brought forward. Call me old-fashioned, but I believe that good sound literacy is the engine that runs a school. As an elementary principal, literacy was the number one priority for my students. On a personal note, I believed in this for my sons also.

### Did You Know?

Did You Know?  
Mr. V is a [master knitter](#).

February 5, 2018

### THIS WEEK

February 5 - February 11  
BABAB

2/6 - Informal Student Council Meeting in the Library, 7am

2/8 - Upper School Drama Performance at Wieuca Baptist Church, 7pm

2/9 - Principal Search Focus Group in the Cafeteria, 8:30am

2/10 - Park Naming Ceremony at Indian Creek, 10am - 12pm

2/10 - Lower School Drama Performance at Wieuca Baptist Church, 4pm

### NEXT WEEK

One of the great strengths of Atlanta Classical Academy is that the love of reading is exhibited on a daily basis. Whether through Riggs Phonics, the great books that are part of Core Knowledge, or the major works read by our high school students, Atlanta Classical Academy reinforces the importance of the written word.

In my days as an elementary school principal, one of the highlights of my day was reading to my students. I was able to share some of my favorite authors such as Beverly Clearly, Virginia Lee Burton, Kevin Henkes, Robert Louis Stevenson, and Arthur Conan Doyle. I chose authors who had exceptional writing acumen and who had a lesson to teach.

For the past four years it has been a pleasure to be able to read to our three first grade classes every week. I begin the year with some proven picture books such as Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel (Virginia Lee Burton) and Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse (Kevin Henkes) and then move on to chapter books. For my chapter books, I have chosen the Ramona and Beezus stories which are the creation of Beverly Clearly. Each of these picture and chapter books teach important lessons about never giving up, being kind, and the importance of doing the right thing.

In my role as a principal, I was often asked by parents what they should do to help their children. From reading this article, you probably already know that I told them to read to their children, and when their child was ready, let him/her read to them. I also told them that a library card is free.

What I have learned over the years is that students who love the written word will more than likely be successful and happy people. The love of reading is truly one of the greatest gifts we can give to our children.

## Conversations with Cavaliers

Welcome to Conversations with Cavaliers. In this

February 12 - February 18

ABABA

2/15 - Board Meeting, 6pm

2/16 - MLK Commemoration in the Gym, 8am - 9am

### COMING UP

2/19 - SCHOOL IN SESSION, make-up snow day

2/23 - Coffee House Performance at the Garden Hills Rec Center, 7pm

2/25 - Fine Arts Lecture Series, 7pm

2/26 - College Workshop for Juniors

2/27 - Town Hall Meeting, 7pm

2/28 - Deadline to Submit Intent to Enroll

3/2 - Cavalier Spirit Wear Day

3/5 - SCHOOL IN SESSION, make-up snow day

3/10 - SAT at ACA

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

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

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series, we get to know more about Cavaliers from all corners of our community: parents, students, faculty, staff, board members, and administration.

Mr. Barfield discusses food, wizardry, and authors with Miss Holscher.

**[Mr. Barfield] As you know, I love food. Can you tell me a NY foodie staple that you miss and a new southern staple?**

[Miss Holscher] I'd have to say that there are two different categories. From farm life, I miss real beef. We raise our own. I also miss Maple syrup. My NYC staple is from The Donut Pub - it was a great place near where I worked. Best place ever.

**What about southern?**

I haven't really explored the food options. Chick-Fil-A is new for me.

**Where did you grow up?**

Hobart, NY

**You are a lover of children's books. Do you have a favorite?**

That's a tough question. Lloyd Alexander wrote fantasy built on Welsh mythology. He was a prolific writer. Bill Peet is another favorite writer. He was one of the original illustrators for Disney.

**What inspires or impresses you?**

Examples of humble perseverance. I think of my parents. My dad is an adventuresome soul. If he didn't get married, he would have traveled the world. But he did get married, had eight kids, and he brought us with him on his travels.

**Do you share your father's *Wanderlust*?**

Yes, I share his sense of adventure and finding new areas of beauty and discovery. But I like a home to go back to. The farm is something that keeps us rooted.

**If you could be any Lord of the Rings character, who would you be?**

I'd choose one of the weird hobbits that didn't fit in. I would fit in with Frodo's family pretty well.

**This is an age-old question: who would win in battle Wizard or Jedi?**



## Important Links & Contacts

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## 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.

## Vision

To be a nationally regarded K-12 classical school and serve as a local and national incubator for the growth and promotion of classical education.

## Virtues

Courage

Ugh. When the new teachers went for Riggs Phonics training, we stood in a parking lot in Florida waiting for Mr. Baxter and Mr. Barfield to finish their heated discourse on this topic. I would say wizards because I'm lacking in Star Wars education, but I don't really know who would win.

Note: Mr. Greer walks into the room and says "Jedis would win all the way."

### **If you could have your life illustrated by an artist, who would you choose?**

First, I have to admit that I'm bad with names. Howard Pyle, who is an American illustrator, or one of the Dutch masters, because I'm Dutch.

### **C.S. Lewis or J.R.R. Tolkien?**

It's difficult because they are two of my favorites. If I look at who has changed and moved me, it's C.S. Lewis. A favorite book by him is *Till We Have Faces* which is based on a Greek myth; it's an exquisite story.

### **What three words would your family use to describe you?**

Quirky (my sister has used this one to describe me), Imaginative, and Faithful (both spiritually and in terms of loyalty).

### **Why Atlanta Classical Academy?**

About this time last year, I was considering where to go. I knew that I wanted to teach; I wanted to go back to NY, but there weren't many teaching options there. As I was thinking it through, a word popped into my head - "Atlanta". I believe that there was a plan for my life. As I continued to pursue that, the doors all opened, and it became evident. I know that I'm grateful to be here.

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 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](#) (school password for registration acalunch9).

**Remember, you must submit your order four days in advance.**

## **MST Mid-Year Survey & Town Hall**

The Mission Support Team (MST) functions as Atlanta Classical's continuous improvement platform. As a young institution, we understand that we are continuously assessing what works well and



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

in which areas we may need to improve. Just like last year, we are sending you a short mid-year survey. We will present a brief summary of the results and touch on other major happenings at Atlanta Classical at our Town Hall scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 7pm.

You will receive the mid-year survey via email on Monday, February 5. We ask that you answer honestly and completely before Friday, February 9.

## Principal Search Focus Group

We welcome you to join us for a Focus Group to provide input for the upcoming new Principal search. Click on the flyer below for more information.



**ATLANTA CLASSICAL ACADEMY**

### PRINCIPAL SEARCH

**PARENTS: You Are Invited to Join Us and Share Your Input**

*The mission of Atlanta Classical Academy is to develop graduates in mind and character through a classical, content-rich curriculum that emphasizes the principles of virtuous living, traditional learning, and civic responsibility.*

Please join us for a Parent Focus Group on February 9 to provide your input for the search for our new Principal.

- Do you want to help shape the future of our school?
- What do you think are the priorities and challenges facing our new Principal?
- Do you want to provide input for the screening process of our Principal candidates?

**BRING YOUR IDEAS TO OUR PARENT FOCUS GROUP**

<b>Date:</b>	Friday, February 9, 2018
<b>Time:</b>	8:30 – 9:30 am – This is a parent-only session
<b>Location:</b>	Atlanta Classical Academy Cafeteria (NOTE: Parking available at Northside Baptist. A shuttle will run.)

**Principal Search Update**

The Board has hired a specialist executive search firm to conduct a nationwide search for the best possible candidates for our new Principal. Barry Rowland, Senior Search Consultant with our search partner Carney, Sandoe & Associates, will be visiting ACA next week to get a feel for our school, our culture and our stakeholders. We invite you to join in this focus group to brainstorm ideas regarding the priorities and challenges that our new Principal must be prepared to face. This is a critical step as he prepares to meet potential candidates for our next Principal.

Mr. Rowland will utilize the feedback to create interview questions that will pointedly test for relevant experiences and competencies aligned to our specific needs. Your input is vital in assisting the Board to make their final decision to hire our new Principal.

**Everyone's Input Is Valuable**

We will have a separate session for faculty and staff. A combination of all our perspectives will give us a more complete picture of the priorities facing our new Principal. We look forward to working with you on this extremely important project.

Matthew Kirby and Heidi Mooney, Co-Chairs of the Principal Search Committee

## School Partners

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



\*Make sure you specify **Atlanta Classical Academy** as the charity.



## Governor's Honors State Semi-Finalists

Congratulations to our Governor's Honors State Semi-Finalists!

Natalie Spangler (Math), Serena Kapoor (Spanish) and Katie Wessinger (Latin) were selected to advance to the state semi-finals in February for the Governor's Honors Program this summer.

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## SAT and PSAT Registration

### Attention 11th Grade: It's Time to Register for the SAT

Atlanta Classical Academy is pleased to offer our junior class the opportunity to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), on site, Saturday, March 10, 2018, as we are now an official SAT site. Please note, each student is responsible for registering for the March 10 SAT through the [College Board website](http://collegeboard.org), collegeboard.org, prior to February 9.

As outlined in the class email earlier this week, helpful hints and screen shots are available to assist you with the registration process; contact Ms. Evans if you would like to use a school computer. Please submit the reimbursement form referenced in that email for the \$60 'SAT with Essay' fee and return it to the front office.

### Attention 10th Grade: Mark your calendars for the PSAT 10

Sophomores will take the PSAT 10 on March 27, beginning promptly at 7:45am at the school. PSAT 10 Student Guide Booklets were sent home via your literature class at the beginning of the week. Please come to school well rested and ready to do your best.

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## Park Naming Ceremony

Park Naming Ceremony and Clean-Up Day!

# CAVALIERS SERVE

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Saturday, February 10

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

transforming the properties at 3148 and 3162 Lenox Road into a beautiful community park

Friends of Indian Creek Park and students of Atlanta Classical Academy are pleased to announce the official Park Naming Ceremony of "Indian Creek Park" on Saturday, February 10 at 10:00 a.m. Along with Ms. Amy Phuong, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation for the City of Atlanta and Mr. Howard Shook, Member of the Atlanta City Council District 7 we invite parents, students, faculty and staff to attend the Park Naming Ceremony and Reception. Please plan to arrive by 9:30am. Parking will be available on Ferncliff Rd. and Canter Rd. Refreshments will be served and a clean-up day will follow the ceremony until 12:30pm. Remember to wear your Cavaliers Serve T-Shirts or Cavalier Spirit Wear! *(For this event, Clean Up Day is reserved for high school students, their parents, faculty, staff and neighbors.)*

**Friends of Indian Creek Park marks an Historical Day on Saturday, February 10-2018 at 10:00am with the Official Park Naming Ceremony of "Indian Creek Park" at 3148/3162 Lenox Road.**

It's hard to believe that just a little more than one year ago, Atlanta Classical Academy's high school students were presented with a rare opportunity and a challenge to put their thumbprint on a patch of greenspace located in the heart of Buckhead on Lenox Road, just south of Lenox Mall.

Specifically, our students were given the daunting task to create a park!! The Student Government met and discussed various ways of getting involved. Our high school students participated in a couple of major clean-up days on the property and launched outlets through social media. They had the pleasure of meeting with community and civic leaders, expressing their desire to serve their local community by creating a park located where two residential properties once stood. This property happens to be one of the few pieces of greenspace left in our ever-changing community and cannot be developed commercially. One of our students met with the former resident of one of properties who gladly shared much of the very rich history attached to the properties. As our neighborhood becomes more vertical in scope and our city-scape continues to sprawl, our students felt committed to "preserving" a bit of history and green space for all to enjoy.

The vision of our students aligned almost perfectly with the vision of Howard Shook, Member of the Atlanta City Council District 7 who sponsored legislation for the city's purchase of the two properties which were purchased by the city in two separate transactions. Howard Shook has worked hard to double the number of acres dedicated to parks and greenspaces in his district. His goal is to put everyone within a 15-minute walk to a park or trail.

Our students are fortunate to have an opportunity to be part of a long-term project within our community to create this "passive park" which will provide both tranquility and rest to our friends, neighbors and the community. Our commitment is to work with the local community and establish phases for ongoing high school student involvement which will include but not be limited to visioning, design, development and fund raising. We will continue to mature one of our schools' virtues of serving and giving back.

We are thankful to Howard Shook for his commitment in securing these properties and the opportunity to be involved. We also want to thank Garth Peters, Executive Vice President of the Buckhead Coalition, Nancy Bilwise, Chair NPU-B and Zone Chair for Pine Hills neighborhood, Dan Calvert and the folks at the Parks Department and John Ahern at Park Pride. They have been instrumental in providing guidance and encouragement to our students each step of the way.

With that in mind, we would like to invite all Atlanta Classical Academy families, faculty and staff, the Pine Hills Neighborhood and the local media to join Ms. Amy Phuong, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation for the City of Atlanta, Mr. Howard Shook and Mrs. Sally Silver from the Atlanta City Council, District 7, and the Indian Creek Park Steering Committee to the Official Park Naming Ceremony of "Indian Creek Park" – Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. After the presentation, ceremony and refreshments a Clean-Up Day will follow until 12:30pm.



# Prospective Parent Information Session and Intent to Enroll Period

The final information session for prospective parents will take place on Wednesday, February 21 from 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the gym. If you know a family that is interested in learning about the rich classroom experiences, talented teachers, and character-building lessons that are a part of each day at Atlanta Classical Academy, please invite

them to attend. Prospective parents may RSVP through our website.

The Intent to Enroll period is underway for all applicants (new students & siblings) to submit an application to participate in the enrollment lottery for the 2018 - 2019 school year. All families zoned to an APS school are eligible to apply. Deadline to submit the Intent to Enroll form via SchoolMint is February 28 at 11pm.

Questions? Please email [Mrs. Carlson](#).

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## **Valentine's Day** **Donut Fundraiser**

On Valentine's Day, February 14, student government will hold a Krispy Kreme [donut](#) fundraiser. Donuts will be sold to fifth through eleventh graders during carpool from 7:15am - 7:55am. Third and fourth graders will preorder donuts by giving money to their teachers between February 5 and February 9.

Individual donuts will be sold for \$1; a dozen donuts for \$10. Third and fourth graders will only be allowed to purchase one or two donuts.

See the flyer [here](#), or look for more information on Facebook, Instagram, and throughout school next week.

Thank you,  
The Atlanta Classical Student Government

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## **Monthly** **Cavalier Spirit Days!**



## 100th Day of School

Kindergartners celebrate the 100th day of school dressing up as 100 year olds!



## College Preparation Workshop "Mini Camp College"

Hosted by SACAC (the Southern Association for  
College Admission Counseling)

Saturday, March 24, 2018  
8:30am – 12:45pm

Georgia State University Centennial Hall  
100 Auburn Avenue NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Complimentary parking will be available in the W-  
Parking Lot located at 51 Courtland Street NE.  
GSU Centennial Hall is also close to the Georgia  
State and Peachtree Center MARTA stations.

[GSU Map](#)

Open to the public and recommended for 9th-11th  
grade students and families.

Workshops will include advice on preparing for  
college, hosted by university representatives from  
several selective institutions.

Please click here [ATLANTA MINI CAMP](#) to register  
by March 16!

## Save the Date!



We need your help. If you are interested in  
helping with the Parent Social please contact  
[Shanna Bradley](#).

## A Note from the Nurse:

## *Stay ahead of the curve*

During the teenage years, about 2-3% of children will develop a condition called scoliosis, a sideways bending of the spine that can be overlooked until it has become very noticeable. When this happens, medical treatment may be required, therefore **it is important to have your child checked for scoliosis.**

The school will be providing a screening examination as required by state law ([20-2-772](#)) to check for this condition. The screening is simple and easy. The children are screened privately by a trained scoliosis screener. You will receive additional information by email or mail about scoliosis and how and when the screening will be conducted.

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## 2017-2018 Yearbook

The 2017-2018 yearbook is on sale. Please click [here](#) to order your copy today for just \$35.

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## ACA Fine Arts

[2017-2018 Fine Arts Brochure](#)



# FINE ARTS

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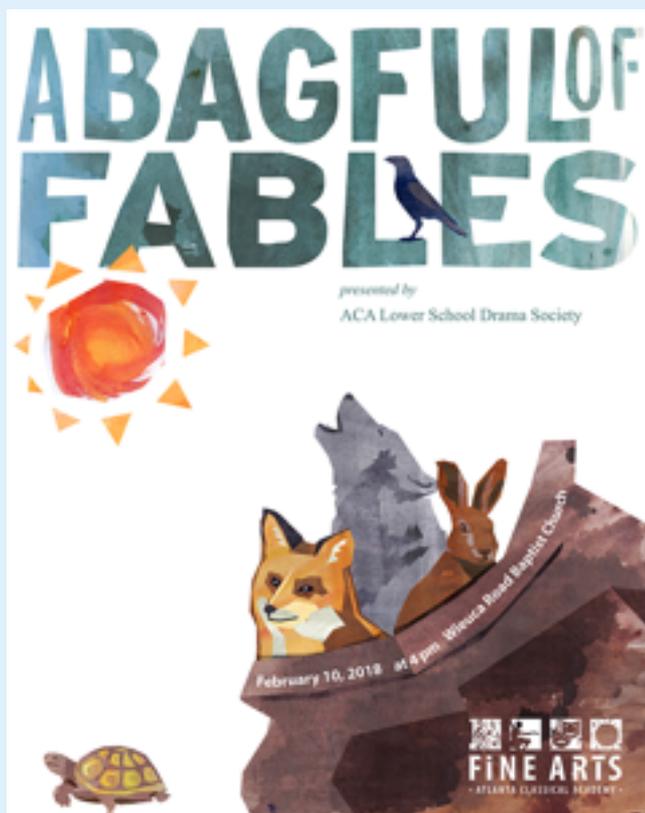
## Important Dates

We are ready for another great semester in the Fine Arts program. Below are some important dates for your calendar.

February 8: Fahrenheit 451 U/S Drama Society  
@ Wieuca Road Church, 7pm



February 10: A Bagful of Fables  
@ Wieuca Road Church, 4pm



February 23: Coffee House  
@ Garden Hills Rec Center, 7pm

## Applied Painting Class

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Our applied painting class will begin Wednesday, February 28. The cost of the class is \$85 and will meet for 10 sessions from 3:15pm - 4:15pm. The class is available to upper school students. If you are interested please email [Mr. Franklin](#).

## Junior Cavalier Choir

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Last semester was the beginning of our 4th, 5th, and 6th grade choir and we are ready to start up again. If you have a student who would like to join us for this semester please contact [Mr. Franklin](#).

## ACA Athletics GO CAVALIERS!

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



## Girls Soccer

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Girls high school and middle school soccer tryouts begin February 5. All students need an updated physical, registration completed online, and handbook pages signed and return to Coach Dunlap prior to the first tryout.

Anyone who doesn't complete registration and physicals will not be allowed to play or practice. If you aren't sure if you have completed these requirements, please contact Coach Dunlap. The schedule for tryout week follows:

- Monday, February 5, 3:15pm - 4:30pm
- Tuesday, February 6, 3:15pm - 5:30pm
- Wednesday, February 7, 3:15pm - 5:30pm
- Thursday, February 8, 3:15pm - 5:30pm
- Friday, February 9, 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Tryout results will be revealed Friday, February 9 with a parent meeting following at 4:30pm.

## **Middle School Golf**

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All 7th and 8th graders are invited to join the middle school golf team this spring. Coached by Mr. Andrew, the team will practice Wednesdays and Thursdays, 3:10pm - 5pm, from February 8 to April 19.

All students need their physicals updated and turned in to the athletic department and registered before they can participate. Fees are \$350 to cover instructor lessons, tournament fees, green fees, and team polos. Practices will be at North Fulton Golf Course. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Andrew.

## **Kilometer Kids**

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Kilometer Kids for students grades 3rd - 6th will begin Tuesday, February 20. Students need to be registered [online](#) and have a physical on file with the athletic department. Kilometer Kids will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15pm - 4pm, from

February 20 to May 3. Students will run only on campus. High Schoolers Pierce and Clara Mastrion will coach the students with Coach Dunlap overseeing the program. If you have questions, please contact Coach Dunlap.

## Winter Sports

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All basketball players need to make sure they have submitted updated physicals and registered under the school's [athletics page](#) on the website before they can participate this season in athletics. If you have any questions, please contact the boys and girls program manager.

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