



## Meet Our New Principal

*Wednesday May 9, 6:30pm  
Atlanta Classical Gymnasium*

On Friday the Board of Directors [announced](#) that Mr. Chris Knowles will join Atlanta Classical Academy beginning July 1, 2018 as our new principal. Mr. Knowles will be on campus this week to begin his immersion and transition. Please join us Wednesday evening, May 9, at 6:30 pm in the gymnasium for a conversation with Mr. Knowles to welcome him to the Cavalier community. [Parking at Northside Baptist.](#)

### Did You Know?

When [Mrs. Kapelina-Thomas](#) was seven, she was home-schooled for a year while traveling in a caravan around North and Central America.

**May 7, 2018**

### THIS WEEK May 7 - May 13 BABAB

**5/8** - Informal Student Council Meeting, Library, 7am

**5/9** - Lower School Fine Arts Performances, 8:45am -

12:55pm, [parking at Northside Baptist](#)

**5/9** - Uniform Try-On, 5th/9th, 3:30pm

**5/9** - Meet Mr. Knowles, our new principal, 6:30pm in the Gym, [parking at Northside Baptist](#)

**5/10** - Student Government Elections, 7:45am

**5/10** - Lower School Fine Arts

## Conversations with Cavaliers

Welcome to Conversations with Cavaliers. In this series, we get to know more about our faculty and staff Cavaliers.

[Miss Ham](#) (second grade) talks with [Mrs. Teeple](#) (kindergarten) about the Red Sox's record, her love of travel, and buying her first house.

**[Mrs. Teeple] How are the Red Sox doing?**

[Miss Ham] We're doing great! 20 and 7. We still have one of the best records in baseball.

### Where did this love of Red Sox come from?

My parents are from the East Coast. I grew up all over the world, but we came back every summer to Connecticut, so I adopted my parents' team, which was the Red Sox. The best memories of my summers were when all my cousins would sit in front of the TV, and we'd watch Red Sox games. There are a couple outliers who are Yankees fans, but we don't talk about them.

### You spent a lot of your life traveling. Which countries or cities have you visited or lived in?

I've been to twenty-seven countries, so I won't list all of them. Some of my favorites are Italy, Australia, and probably Prague as far as cities go. I lived in Singapore and Hong Kong before moving back to the States. I'd move back to Singapore in a heartbeat.

### What do you think about living in Atlanta, Georgia?

The weather is great. Growing up in Singapore, I spent time in this kind of weather. I love it. I don't mind the humidity. I am a creature of warmth and sunlight.

### Have you acquired any Southern tastes?

I don't do sweet tea, but I'm getting used to grits. Biscuits and gravy are great too.

### I understand you are an avid angler.

[Miss Ham laughs and explains.] I went fishing this year for the first time with Mrs. Teeple's family, and I actually caught two fish! It was fun. I would do that again in a heartbeat.

### It surprised me that you had never been fishing.

Now that I have started going backpacking, I want to learn how to fish and hunt, so then I can survive in the wilderness.

Performances, 8:45am -

12:55pm, [parking at Trinity](#)

[Presbyterian](#)

5/11 - Grandparents Day, 8:30am -

10am, [parking at Trinity Presbyterian](#)

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### NEXT WEEK

May 14 - May 21

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5/14 - Uniform Store, 8am

5/15 - Upper School Awards

Ceremony, 7pm, [parking at Northside Baptist](#)

5/16 - Student Government Formal Meeting, Rm H106, 3:30pm

5/17 - Board Meeting, 6pm

5/18 - Field Day, 1pm Dismissal

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### COMING UP

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5/25 - Last Day of School, 1pm Dismissal (NO KIDDOS)

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

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

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## Describe a little bit about your Hillsdale experience.

Hillsdale is a tiny, tiny school. It's its own little culture, little world. It was very insular, but they do a good job of prepping you for being an adult outside in the real world. My favorite part was my job; I worked all four years there as a librarian.

## You were a history major?

I was actually an American studies major with a focus in history.

## What is your favorite historical era?

Modern military history. And by modern, I mean nineteenth and twentieth century. My kids get blurbs of World War I and World War II if we have extra time at the end of the year.

## Do you enjoy the battles?

I love the battles. You see the best and worst of humankind during war.

## Speaking of battles, tell me about your experience in second grade?

[Laughter.] Other than the fact that I'm struggling to find shoes big enough to be taller than my kids? I've got three students this year who are taller than me. It may just be two, but I might have a third. I just try not to stand next to them too much.

## What was Miss Ham like in elementary school?

I was an energetic child. I repeated fourth grade which angered me greatly at the time, but I'm now really thankful for it. We were moving back from Singapore to the United States, and my parents thought real hard about it and decided that I wasn't quite ready. It was one of the best choices they made for me. It gave me a chance to be a kid a little longer, and I wasn't ready to grow up. Before that, all my teachers had pandered to my temper tantrums. If I wanted to lock myself in the bathroom, they would let me. I wish now they hadn't. My fourth-grade teacher in the States was the first teacher who gave me consequences for my



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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

behavior. In second grade, I was always getting in trouble for talking. I rarely got a sticker for good behavior; I never stopped talking.

### **Have you changed much?**

[Laughter.] I just channeled it. Now I teach! I get paid to talk the whole time.

### **Traveling, Red Sox, model airplanes, what else do we need to know about you?**

I have three things. I will know you're a friend of mine if you can tell me these three.

1. I lived overseas for a number of years.
2. I am a Red Sox fan.
3. I am adopted.

I was born in South Carolina actually.

### **So you have the South in your blood. We have to get you drinking sweet tea.**

I have known all my life that I was adopted; it has always been a special thing for me. My official adoption day is April 14, the same day Lincoln was shot and the Titanic sank. Clearly something good had to happen on that day! My younger brother, of whom I am very proud, was also adopted. He was an All-American soccer player at his college, just got a job as an assistant coach at Morehead State University, and is getting married this September.

### **I've heard a rumor that you may be settling roots in Atlanta.**

Yes, I put an offer in on a house the other day, and it was accepted. Assuming nothing bad happens in the next month, I will be getting the keys on May 30. I am a bit terrified, but excited. So I am here to stay!

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

I came for the heat and Braves baseball. [Laughter.] I had to fight for this job actually. I wanted to teach here because of Dr. Moore. I'd never taken any of his classes, but I knew him by reputation and had spoken with him a few times. I really admired him. Mr. Kirby and Dr. Friedman interviewed me, and I

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.**



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

liked the vision of the school, having grown up on the Core Knowledge curriculum. I had always wanted to come down South and explore more of the country, as the Northeast, the West Coast, and the Midwest had already been checked off my list. I had a history of giving everything to things I cared about, but neglecting what I wasn't passionate about. Dr. Moore had heard about this from some of my teachers. I went to his office six or seven times trying to get this job. He decided to take a chance on me, and, by the end of the first year, he told me it was one of the best choices he had made, at least in regards to me. I have not regretted it.

## Upper School Awards Ceremony

Atlanta Classical Academy will host its inaugural formal Annual Upper School Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, May 15, at 7pm. In addition to recognizing this year's National Latin Exam Maxima and Summa Cum Laude winners and our first cohort of National Honor Society inductees, we will present individual awards for high academic achievement in literature, history, foreign language, mathematics, and science. We will also present the scholar athlete, fine arts scholar, perseverance, and leadership awards.

We encourage all our upper school parents and students (grades 7-11) to attend this special ceremony as we recognize students who have shown excellence in scholarship and character.

## Formation of a Student Honor Council

We are pleased to announce the creation of an Atlanta Classical Student Honor Council in the coming 2018-2019 school year! After the implementation of the official ACA Honor Code this past year it became apparent that such a council is

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the logical next step in our endeavor to foster self-government in our student body.

Students have been nominated to serve on the council based on the examples of integrity, humility, and leadership they have set for their peers and the wider school community. For service on the inaugural council, teachers have nominated more than sixty-five students from each of the Upper School grades (rising 7-12th graders). The council will be made up of twelve students, a young man and a young lady from each grade.

Although the particular duties of the council are yet to be fully enumerated, the purpose of such student-leadership is to create opportunities for students to more fully participate in the accountability mechanisms of self-government. The hope for this council is that our young men and women will grow their character through the exercise of holding one another accountable to the oath they sign: to never lie, cheat, or steal.

We look forward to taking this next step in the growth and maturation of our school and we will release further details as this new institution becomes fully formulated.

## Atlanta Classical Academy Field Day!

*Friday, May 18*



Field day will be held Friday, May 18 on campus. We are looking forward to a great day filled with fun and games. As a reminder, this event will be for students only and is an early dismissal day at 1pm.

Also, please remember to send your child with a sack lunch if they did not sign up for Chick-fil-a. All volunteer slots have been filled. Thank you for your commitment to making this a great event. For questions please contact [Emery Bourne](#).

## Grandparents Day!

*Friday, May 11, 8:30am*

Please join us for our inaugural Atlanta Classical Grandparents Day!



Please register [here](#).

We will start in the cafeteria, enjoy coffee and light breakfast foods, then hear from a few teachers, students, and administrators. After, we will move to the individual classrooms where the grandparents will get to experience a taste of student life at ACA.

The parking will be off campus at Trinity Church with shuttle buses running to the school. We will reserve a few handicap spots, but they will be limited.

**Unfortunately, due to the logistics of our buildings, we are unable to accommodate visitors with mobility issues. Please note that**

there are no elevators in the school and it has multiple levels.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Huguen at (404) 663-3341.

## The First Cavalier Fund: Let's Finish Strong!

The Cavalier Fund 2017-2018 is Atlanta Classical Academy's first-ever annual fund, and our goal is to raise \$216,000 with 100% participation by the last day of school (May 25). We are excited to begin this new fund to support our students inside and outside of the classroom, and we need your help. Let's achieve our goals and demonstrate the strength of our community and our collective dedication to the Atlanta Classical mission. *That gives us three weeks (15 school days) to finish strong!*

To date, we have gifts and pledges of \$127,326.15, with 36% overall participation, including 56% faculty and staff participation. [Thank you to our families, faculty and staff who have already donated so generously!](#) Help us encourage the rest of our fellow Cavaliers to join us in the campaign. *We can do this!*

Help us reach 100% participation by making your pledge or gift for pledges TODAY, but no later than Friday, May 25, 2018, with all Cavalier Fund pledges paid in full by the close of our fiscal year, June 30, 2018. [Donate online by credit card or by cash or check to the school.](#) Download your pledge forms here:

[Cavalier Fund 2017-18 pledge form](#)

[Giants Capital Campaign pledge form.](#)

All Cavalier Fund donors receive this awesome new weatherproof Cavalier Fund 2017-18 sticker for

cars, coolers, laptops, water bottles or wherever you want to telegraph your Cavalier Fund support!



### What's Funded?

The Cavalier Fund provides unrestricted resources to help every student thrive, including support for athletics, fine arts, technology, development and communications, orientation, community events, financial aid, and more. This annual fund will run concurrent with our school year annually, so the Cavalier Fund 2018-19 will kick off with the start of the school year in August.

### On the Shoulders of Giants Capital Campaign

Separate but parallel to our annual fund, On the Shoulders of Giants is a long-term capital campaign to prepare our school for an enduring K-12 campus. Phase One runs through May, 2018 and seeks to raise \$420,000 to fund the upper school expansion to 12th grade this summer. Phase Two runs through May, 2019, seeking \$800,000 to fund much-needed HVAC infrastructure renovations in our existing north and south buildings. Both endeavors will help create a proper learning environment for our students to reach their potential and develop into intelligent, virtuous citizens.

We seek two-year pledges to reach our combined \$1,220,000 Giants goal for Phases One and Two by May, 2019. *To-date we have received \$779,085.40 in pledges and gifts, with \$356,650.61 paid as of April 19. It is pivotal that our donors who have pledged toward Phase One pay their pledges by May 30, so that we*

*may begin construction on the upper school expansion in June.*

Faculty/Staff Recognition 2017-18 Deadline:  
May 20

**Make your gifts by May 20** to be eligible for our new Faculty/Staff Recognition program, which allows you to honor a faculty or staff member anonymously with your 2017-18 gift. [Learn more](#) about this wonderful way to express your gratitude to the faculty and staff who make our school so special.

### Why We Fundraise

Atlanta Classical Academy is an open-enrollment, tuition-free, public charter school open to all students residing in the Atlanta Public Schools (APS) district, operating under a three-way charter agreement with APS and Georgia's Department of Education. Through this charter agreement, APS provides per-pupil revenue (PPR) to Atlanta Classical at an amount equivalent to approximately 65 percent of the total funding the district spends per student at a traditional public school. We operate "bell-to-bell" on this per-pupil public revenue. Like many of our peer schools, Atlanta Classical seeks to raise additional outside capital from our school families, community friends, corporations, and foundations to support supplementary programming (Cavalier Fund) and facilities needs (capital campaigns) that cannot be funded with public revenue.

Please contact [Frost Osborne](#) in the development office with any questions or call 404.369.3500.

*Thank you for supporting our beloved school!*

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## Planning a College Visit?

Just a Reminder...

All College visits must be approved by the principal in advance of your visit to be counted as an excused absence. Additionally, students must consult with their teachers in advance to make arrangements for any missed work or to schedule taking in advance tests or quizzes that would be given during their absence.

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## Cavalier Coffee Recap: What is a Charter School?

On Friday morning several Cavalier parents gathered with Mr. Kirby, Mr. Greer, and Mrs. Faux, along with PTCA and board members, to discuss this month's Cavalier Coffee topic, "What is a charter school?" Admittedly the topic may sound clear and dry, but is critical for us as a community to understand. There were lots of "ah-ha moments" during the discussion. [Here is a very high-level summary document](#) shared on Friday that anchors the discussion.

Most importantly, how do you answer your youngest children when they ask, "Is our school public or private?" The answer should be emphatically, "Public. Atlanta Classical Academy is a charter school, and charter schools are fully public but independent - which means we can hire our own principal, choose our own teachers, and teach our own lessons."

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## Uniform Try-On Sessions

### Uniform Try-Ons - Rising 5th & 9th Graders

All rising 5th & 9th grade students and parents are invited to stop by the Uniform Store on Wednesday, May 9 from 2:30pm - 4:30pm. Students will be able try on new uniform requirements and purchase used uniforms for next year. Checks, Cash, and Credit Card will be accepted at the try-on session. If you have any questions, please [send us an email](#).

### Uniform Store Open & Used Uniform Collection

The Uniform Store will be open on Monday, May 14 from 8am - 9:30am and will accept Check, Cash, and Credit Card. We will also be holding a used uniform collection drive during AM and PM carpool. This is a perfect time to clean out any uniforms your child has grown out of and collect uniform bucks to use at the store. We will have volunteers collecting from 7:30am - 8am and 2:30pm - 3pm on Monday, May 14. Alternatively, you can always drop off uniform donations at the front office anytime.

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## 2017-2018 Yearbook

The 2017-2018 yearbook is on sale. Please click [here](#) to order your copy today for just \$40. Yearbooks will be distributed on the last day of school.

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## ACA Fine Arts

[2017-2018 Fine Arts Brochure](#)



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## Fine Arts Update

***Lower School End of Year Performances***  
*May 9 - 10, 2018*

*2nd - 6th Grades*

The end of the year is fast approaching, as is the

2nd - 6th grade performance. This year we are excited to introduce a new format: a "Day in the Life" of our music classroom! Each one of our sessions will include performances by the strings ensemble, various piano students, songs learned in class, and a mini-lesson. Our students are very excited to show you what they have learned during the past school year and hope you can come!

### K - 1st Grades

Mr. Franklin will also be hosting Kindergarten and First grade parents in to watch a class on the following days. Come see all the exciting things your students are learning.

### May 9 Parking will be at Northside Baptist.

- Adam's Kindergarten Class - 8:45am - 9:25am  
(Mr. Franklin's room)
- 2nd Grade - 9:40am - 10:20am (Cafeteria)
- 5th Grade - 8:50am - 9:30am (Cafeteria)
- Keim 1st Grade Class - 11:30am - 12:10pm  
(Mr. Franklin's room)
- O'Rourke Kindergarten Class -  
12:15pm - 12:55pm (Mr. Franklin's room)

### May 10 Parking will be at Trinity Presbyterian.

- Hope's 1st Grade Class - 8:45am - 9:25am  
(Mr. Franklin's room)
- 3rd Grade - 8:50am - 9:30am (Cafeteria)
- 4th Grade - 9:40am - 10:20am (Cafeteria)
- Shelton's 1st Grade Class - 11:30am - 12:10pm  
(Mr. Franklin's room)
- Teeple's Kindergarten Class - 12:15pm - 12:55pm  
(Mr. Franklin's room)

\*Please RSVP by sending back your form.

# ACA Athletics GO CAVALIERS!

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



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## Spring Sports

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Go Cavs!

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