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Did you know?

Did you know the 4th grade class will be the first graduating class that will go all the way through ACA, K-12?

August 20, 2018

THIS WEEK

August 20-26

ABABA

8/20 - College Advising Financial Aid Night, 6:00pm

8/22 - Back-to-School Night K-6th, 6-8:00pm

Parking at Northside Baptist

Parents only

8/23 - Back-to-School Night 7th-12th, 6-8:00pm

Parking at Northside Baptist

Parents only

8/25 - JV & Varsity XC compete in Saucony Battle of Atlanta Saturday, 7:30am at the Nash Farms Battlefield

FOLLOWING WEEK

August 27-31

BABAB

8/27- XC Middle School will be participating at the

Back to School Night

Please join us on the following evenings for Back to School presentations:

Lower School

K - 6th Grade

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

6pm - 8pm

Upper School
7th - 12th Grade
Thursday, August 23, 2018
6pm - 8pm

We will begin promptly at 6pm in the gym with a welcome and introduction of our faculty and a word from our principal, Mr. Knowles. Parents will then move to their students' teachers for a brief presentation. If you have more than one student in the Lower School, you will have the opportunity to hear the presentation by each child's homeroom teacher. Upper School parents will have an opportunity to circulate to their student's teachers.

Please park at Northside Drive Baptist Church and allow yourself time to park, board the shuttle and arrive at the school for a prompt 6pm start.

This event is for **PARENTS ONLY.**

MAAC trials, 4:00pm at the Galloway Athletic Complex

8/28 - Lower school spelling seminar

Parking at Northside Baptist

8/29 - Junior College Night, 6:00pm

8/30 - Lower school reading seminar; Faculty Fine Arts Recital, 7:00pm

COMING UP

9/3 - Labor Day - No School

9/4 - Middle School Boys Soccer first game of the season vs The Museum School, 4:00pm, at ACA

9/15 - Competition Cheer, Bulldog Classic at North Gwinnett High School

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

Click [here](#) to view the 2018 - 2019 calendar.

Reminders from the Administration

We have made it through our first full week, only 40+ more to go! Thank you for all of your support and patience as we worked through the first-week kinks. This is a team effort, and we are grateful for all of our amazing teammates throughout the Cavalier community.

As we continue to look for ways to improve, we need to make sure that everyone is clear about a couple of existing rules that we will be enforcing more regularly now that everyone has adjusted to being back in the swing of things.

Even though carpool definitely improved throughout the week, there is still room for improvement. One way we will look to improve is by enforcing a cut-off time for early dismissal. According to the Family Handbook (Page 36):

Early dismissal of students ends at 2:00 P.M. to



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.

Our Virtues

Courage
Courtesy

Honesty
Perseverance
Self-Government
Service

allow sufficient time to prepare for afternoon dismissal. No student will be allowed to leave the school between 2:00 - 2:30 P.M. for lower school students and 2:00 - 3:00 P.M. for upper school students. If your child needs to leave school before the regular dismissal time, please check them out in the Front Office before 2:00 P.M.

Following this rule will clear up a lot of traffic in the front office, and the breezeway parking area, helping to speed up the flow of the carpool line. It will also allow our front office keep all of our after-school activities organized, and allow our teachers to capitalize on as much classroom time as possible. Asking our faculty to stop teaching every couple minutes because a student is being called to the front office makes it very difficult for them to get through the lesson they are teaching.

Another rule that we will monitor more closely is students being prohibited from parking on nearby streets. This is a big issue for two reasons. The first is safety. We do not want any student to be harmed while walking along the street, or crossing a busy intersection. The second reason is that we have to be good neighbors. We are planning to expand our current building, but to do that we will need support from the surrounding neighborhoods. We need to be respectful of their space. Beginning this week, students who park on Argonne will be given detention. Please be patient with us while we explore other options for parking.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We really appreciate it!

The Administration
#WeAreACA

Vision

The vision of Atlanta Classical Academy is 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.

Important Links & Contacts

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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



Conversations with Cavaliers

Welcome to Conversations with Cavaliers 2018-19. This series has been overwhelmingly popular among our readers and a great way for our community to get to know our Cavalier faculty and staff. To kick off the year, who better to highlight than our new principal, Mr. Chris Knowles. Instead of a teacher or other faculty member conducting the interview, two of our *students* had the chance to be journalists for the day.

Here's what happened when second grader Tait Stubits, [Miss Ham's](#) class paired up with senior and student government president Natalie Spangler to ask Mr. Knowles some hard-hitting questions on their classmates' minds.

Tait: Who is your B.F.F. and why?

(Chuckles) My B.F.F. is my wife, Kendra. We have been married almost 10 years, and I've known her about 13 years. She is definitely my best friend. We have two daughters, Mari, a kindergartner, and Avery, a one-year-old. Right now they are really sweet with each other, and it's a lot of fun.

Natalie: If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

I would go back to Delphi, Greece - it's a small town in the middle of mountains with only a couple of streets. You're right by an amazing olive orchard and oversee the water on one side and Mount Parnassus on the other side. It's a beautiful place to

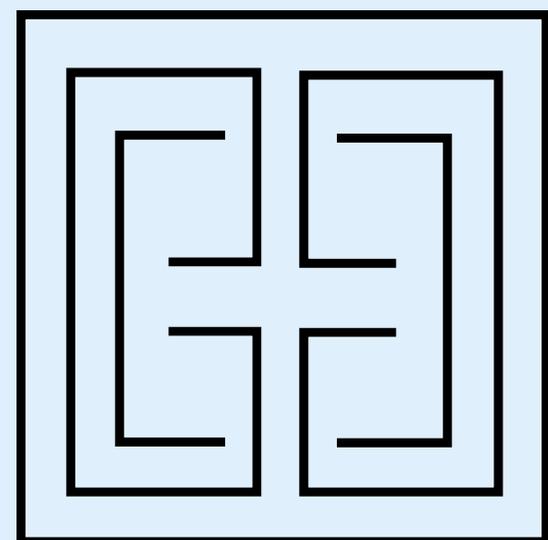
To order school lunches on the Boonli website, [click here](#). Remember, you must submit your order four days in advance.



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

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Natalie: Is that where the Oracle of Delphi was?

Yes! And it was there because it's so beautiful.

Tait: I want you to fill in the blanks.

Ready?....Your favorite color is...?

Blue!

Tait: Your favorite animal is...?

Dog.

Tait: Your favorite food is?

Barbeque. Specifically, barbeque from Eastern North Carolina.

Tait: Your favorite ACA virtue is...?

Perseverance. Do you want to know why? Because it's easy to want to stop doing things that are difficult. I read about that to you guys this morning in *The Little Engine That Could*.

Natalie: What is your favorite thing about living in Atlanta and the South?

My favorite thing about Atlanta is how many diverse opportunities around the city there are, from restaurants to music. That's one of the best things about it. About the Southeast in general, the friendliness. It's a bit easier to get to know people here, and people generally tend to be pretty nice. I told some parents today that my wife says grocery trips take twice as long in the South because people want to stop and chat.

Tait: Did you play any sports as a kid? If so, did you ever have any injuries?

I did play sports as a kid, and I did get injuries. I loved baseball, and I used to wear a shirt that said "Baseball is life, the rest is just details." But when I was in eighth grade, I hurt my shoulder and I had to stop playing.

Natalie: What was your favorite subject in high school?

I loved studying history. It's hard not to sound cliché, but I love the sense of being able to reflect on, and learn about, the past, and inform the the decisions we make for the future. In high school, the more I got into history, the more I saw the value in learning from those before us.



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Natalie: You spoke about how you played baseball. Are there any sports teams you're passionate about?

I have kept my Atlanta team loyalties strong. It's basically Atlanta teams, then Boston teams. But the Atlanta Braves started in Boston, so that kind of makes sense together. I'm a big Braves fan, and a Falcons fan.

I like the Golden State Warriors for basketball because Steph Curry went to Davidson, but mostly Atlanta teams are where my loyalties lie. I felt conflicted in the Super Bowl because the Falcons and the Patriots were playing.

In college football, I'm a Georgia fan. In college basketball, I'm a UNC fan - unless they are playing Davidson, and then I'll root for Davidson.

Tait: Can you fly an airplane?

I can fly IN an airplane. Does that count? I can't fly one, but that would be super cool!

Natalie: What is your favorite elementary, middle or high school memory? What's your favorite college memory?

When I was in high school, I was able to travel to several places in Latin America. We went to Mexico, the Dominican Republic, and Peru. I loved being in a place that had a totally different cultural frame of reference. Everything was different - from the language to the food. I loved being able to travel to a lot of those places.

In college I took a classics trip where we went abroad and studied Greek and Roman history firsthand. We went all over the place. There is nothing like seeing these places for yourself and experiencing what was there. If it was a battle or a piece of art you studied, then you'd go see it. When you're able to connect realistically to what you studied and see where people walked, and experience the cultural differences - I loved that.

Tait: Do you have any hidden or cool talents?

Is it a talent that I can stretch my finger to the back of my hand like this? (Shows Tait)

(Tait shakes head no.)

I like to play guitar and to sing. Better?



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



Tait: Ooooh...I like both!

Natalie: When Mr. Greer first came to ACA, he told us that he noticed people were so friendly. What have you noticed in first week and a half of school?

Friendliness definitely stands out. I also noticed the way that the day runs, and the sense of order. But, it's order with friendliness - that's a good combo.

Tait: Do you like being a principal, and if so, why?

I do like being one - I get to work with older and younger students, parents, teachers, and others who work at the school - so many different kinds of people.

Natalie: Do you have any words of wisdom for all of the ACA students?

Going back to the virtue of perseverance - there will be a wide range of challenges inside and outside the classroom, and with that, have perseverance - don't quit. I encourage you all to take it one day at a time, or even one hour at a time.

Tait: Do you like roller coasters?

I do like roller coasters! It's been years, Tait. My favorite is Six Flags, but I haven't gone in about 25 years. I probably need go back! Is the Scream Machine still there? The Mind Bender? The Cyclone?

Natalie: Yes! But it's no longer entirely wooden!

Oh good, that's probably for the best.



Spelling, Literacy Seminars: K-6 Parents

Come to a seminar all about spelling hosted by Literacy Coordinator Mrs. Boyd on August 28. Mrs. Boyd will walk you through how Atlanta Classical teaches spelling and the best ways to help your child. Even if you came last year, come again for new information and new resources.

There will be a morning session from 8-9:30am and an evening session from 6:30-8pm. Please RSVP if you plan on coming [here](#).

Mrs. Boyd will also host an all about reading seminar on August 30. Mrs. Boyd will walk you through the three components of reading: decoding, fluency on and comprehension. There will be lots of helpful information and resources. This session is strongly encouraged if you plan on volunteering for K-2 reading groups this year. There will be a morning session from 8-9:30am and an evening session from 6:30-8pm. Please RSVP if you plan on coming [here](#). More information and parking details are available on the Eventbrite site when you RSVP. Contact [Mrs. Boyd](#) with any questions.

Campus Parking

We are an urban campus and as we are all too well aware, on-campus parking is a precious commodity. As our community grows and our campus evolves, here is a reminder about our parking policies:

Designated Spaces

The school will communicate designated parking spaces. Employees and parents are asked to adhere to the parking plan.

The south lot near the tennis courts is always reserved for faculty and staff only. No one should park in the lined area in the middle of the south parking lot as that area provides clearance for

school buses.

The school has established five “five-minute parking only” spaces just south of the entrance to the main office for brief visits. Volunteers for Lunch Bunch or meetings with the administration, faculty and staff may utilize the 5-minute spaces, but must 1) inform Mrs. Thompson that they are doing so, and 2) be gone by 2:20 p.m. in time for afternoon carpool.

Visitors staying longer than five minutes may park in the main lot in front of the school, or in the north lot near Moores Mill, when spaces are available. In the event no permitted spaces are available on campus, visitors and employees are asked to park on a nearby street (e.g., Argonne) on the side closest to Atlanta Classical, making sure to stay a safe distance from intersections, stop signs and driveways.

Shuttles will run to nearby parking lots for special events and details will be communicated.

Student Parking

From Mr. Knowles and Mr. Kirby: It is clear that one of the pressure points of the daily routine at Atlanta Classical is the lack of student parking. I, Mr. Knowles, join with Mr. Kirby to affirm the action steps we have been taking to continue to explore opportunities for student parking.

In the past few weeks, we have re-connected with some of our church neighbors to see if any renewed options might exist. Additionally, we have explored other groups that have available parking nearby, none of which have delivered a feasible solution.

In terms of recent connections, we are revisiting any options that may exist at the watershed property just across the street, in addition to reaching out to newly-contacted locations that are within approximately one mile of the school.

Please know that we are working hard to leave no stone unturned as we navigate this process. We are immensely grateful for your patience, and we value any insight or connections you might have to

help us move forward in this process.

UPPER SCHOOL NEWS

College Advising

Seniors and parents, please join Mrs. Dollacker for Financial Aid Night on Monday, August 20th at 6pm.

Juniors and parents, please join Mrs. Dollacker for Junior College Night on Wednesday, August 29th at 6:00 p.m.

Next Week's College Visits:

University of the South (Sewanee) - Tuesday, Aug. 21 @ 2pm

John Cabot University

Please see the Atlanta Classical [College Advising Calendar](#) for the dates of college visits.

Senior Portraits

Atlanta Classical Academy has selected Legacy Studios to be your official senior photographer for this year. If you missed Senior photos last week, retakes and **last call** will be **September 20** after lower class photos. Yearbook photos will be a traditional head and shoulder pose in the required tuxedo or drape provided by Legacy with a standard blue background. Please click [here](#) for more details.



Cinderella

Auditions for our first Musical, *Cinderella*, will take place in Mr. Franklin's room on Wednesday, August 22nd, after school. All Upper School students are welcome to audition, but only students who are new to the school or who are not already known to the Fine Arts Director must audition – come and show us what you have!

Rehearsals will begin in October and will take place on Mondays and Thursdays from 5-6:30pm. Not all cast members will attend all rehearsals and the schedule will depend on the role(s) assigned. A tentative rehearsal schedule for each performer will be available when casting is complete. Register for the audition and get more information about our musical on the new Fine Arts page on the ACA Website.

Please volunteer to help with the Musical! We will need help with sets, props, costumes and ticket sales and more. Email [Emery Bourne](mailto:Emery.Bourne) to volunteer!

Cavalier Coffee House

Deadline to sign up for the Cavalier Coffee House is August 24th. Click [here](#) to submit an entry for the fall coffee house.

Faculty Showcase Coming Soon!

On Thursday, August 30th we will be having our second faculty showcase. This event will be taking place at Wieuca Road Baptist church in their Peachtree room. Come see your teachers demonstrate their hidden talents. Last year was a lot of fun and this year promises to be even better. The event begins at 7:00pm but arrive early to see some of the artwork that will be exhibited.

ACA Athletics GO CAVALIERS!



Athletics Update

Our JV & Varsity XC Teams will be participating at the Saucony Battle of Atlanta Saturday, August 25th at 7:30am

Location: Nash Farms Battlefield

XC Middle School will be participating at the MAAC trials on August 27th at 4:00pm at the Galloway Athletic Complex.

Practice News

Practice begins next week for all levels XC & Middle School Boys Soccer on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 3:30pm-5pm.

XC practice

Piedmont Park(MS) & Cochran Shoals (HS)

Middle School Boys Soccer practice

Hammond Park Turf field

Competition Cheer

Gymnasium

Please visit our [website](#) for updated information & news regarding athletics.

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