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| **Very VAN NECESSARY:**  Growing up there were certain events that generated great excitement and anticipation for what was to come. Among them was Christmas Eve, NASA space launches, opening day of Trout season when my mother let me skip school to go fishing, going to my friend's house to watch the Daniel Boone TV series on Thursday nights (we did not have a TV at the time), and perhaps at the top of the list was the first day of summer break. Many years later, other events have trumped my boyhood list of "Great Anticipations."  That list includes meeting and marrying my wife, having children and becoming a grandfather, coaching championship games, sensing God's next call on my life, and the list could go on and on, but the last day of school continues to bring great anticipation of summer, family, and a little more relaxation.    As I write, we are three days away from the last day of school. The seniors have returned from Disney and are looking forward to graduation, the 4K Class, Kindergarten class, 6th grade class, and 8th grade students have already had their end of year ceremonies, and the middle and high school underclassmen are cramming for their final exams. Each of these events brings heightened excitement and anticipation, except for those facing final examinations!    As we sprint to the finish line, I am sure students, parents, teachers, and administrators are experiencing different levels of anticipation, anxiety, and a myriad of other emotions. Some students will miss their school friends over the summer months, some will enjoy every second of freedom from school life, others will be bored, and some will just be indifferent. Parents will be glad their students are home, and perhaps in some cases will be ready to send them back to school in the fall.    There is however, one other future event that should bring us great anticipation and hope, but it is often clouded by our daily lives that are packed with events, responsibilities, burdens, and other distractions. I am referring of course, to the great hope we embrace as Christ followers for the time when we will be free from all the struggles we face here on earth. This is our great hope that allows us to face life today and tomorrow. This is our hope that we and all of creation will be made perfect. This is our hope that promises us no more tears, sickness, and death. This is our hope that encourages us to run the race well here on earth knowing that what awaits us at the finish line is our Heavenly Father who loves us unconditionally. The more we understand all that the Father promises us about our future as Christ followers, the more we will experience joy and hope in our daily lives. The celebrations of graduation, summer vacation, and all the other joys will pale in comparison. The trials and struggles we face, like taking final exams, will diminish knowing that our future is filled with the hope of the restoration of all things.    So here we are, days away from summer break! The anticipation and excitement of having more freedom is running high. May we celebrate all of this in light of our greater hope of when God will make all things new. May our Heavenly Father bless you in your time together as a family. I trust that this time will be productive, safe, and memorable.    NOTE: I would like to thank all those parents who agreed to run for a seat on the Board of Trustees this past month. It was encouraging to see all the names of people who wish to serve The King's Academy. I would also like to congratulate those who were elected to serve. I believe our Father has wonderful plans for TKA as we look to the future.        **Awards Day Corrections:**  Carter Fox should have received A/B Honor Roll and and Academic Pin.  **Board of Trustees Elections:**  Congratulations to the newly elected members of the Board of Trustees:  Laura Hunt, Richard Alexander, Aaron Fox, and Scott Shelley  Thank you to all who used online voting!!!  **Extra Yearbooks:**  There are a handful of Yearbooks available for purchase in the TKA office! Your account can be charged the $50 sale price for your convenience. Don't miss out on all of the memories of the 2018-2019 school year!  **Thank You for the Donations:**  A huge thanks to our parents who have donated items for our new 3K Classroom!! We have received some very nice items. Below is a revised list of items still needed.   * trucks and tractors * farm animals * puzzles with large pieces * play-dough and play-dough toys * farm playset * cardboard brick blocks * wooden blocks * sensory table or light table * play food * train table * musical instruments for pre-schoolers * sand toys * tricycles * dress-up playsets * puppets * kinetic sand   **Senior Picture:**  Next Thursday, May 23 is Baccalaureate practice for the Senior Class. Immediately prior to this practice, Fred Salley will be taking a picture with all students wearing a t'shirt representing the college or university they will be attending or branch of military that they will be serving. This is a professional picture that will be used for various opportunities throughout the year. All students should arrive in khaki shorts or pants, or white jeans. All clothing must be in dress code! Students should arrive at 11:45 at the sanctuary. Please arrive on time and dressed accordingly. This is an annual tradition and makes for a fantastic keepsake!    **PREMIER BELL CHOIR COMING TO FLORENCE, SC!**  Come and hear and experience the rich history, the power, and the beauty of bells!  One of America's premier youth hand bell choirs, THE BELLS OF CHRIST CHURCH, hails from historic Christ Church Anglican (1733) in the Historic District of Savannah, Georgia. This exceptional bell choir will be performing their summer tour concert at Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church (1021 S. Ebenezer Road, Florence, SC) at 6:30p.m. Wednesday, June 12.  Ringing on 15 octaves of hand bells and chimes, the group has performed in Washington D.C., Colonial Williamsburg, by invitation at the international music festival Spoleto in Charleston and throughout the eastern and southern United States. The auditioned 12-member bell choir, now in its 20th year, is made up of college and high school students who have produced three professional recordings to date.  Their 1.5-hour-long concert includes some of the finest bell repertoire in the genre and includes a history of bells and hand bells.   We guarantee that the program will be joyous and entertaining for the entire family.    **Events at TKA:**  Not all TKA events are listed on the public calendar which is accessible from our website. For privacy and the safety of our students, many events are listed on the RenWeb calendar. All parents and TKA faculty and staff have access to this calendar through the Parents Web link on the front page of the TKA website.  **The Blessing House:**  Please consider donating used items to the Blessing House. Donations benefit the International Ministry of TEPC. Items such as clothes, shoes, blankets, household items, etc. can be placed in the collection closet attached to the TKA Administration building. Large items can be collected from your house by calling the office of Trinity Presbyterian Church at 843-665-8022. When you are cleaning closets or emptying your attic, donate those unwanted items to the Blessing House.  **Alumni Corner:**  "One of the many reasons I loved my time at TKA was because of the Christian atmosphere. I was constantly encouraged to grow in my relationship with Christ by faculty, teachers, and my peers. I'm so thankful that I was able to go to a school where I not only was challenged academically, but also challenged to grow spiritually. TKA helped prepare me for the real world through community service and missions opportunities. I was able to be involved in so many things in high school, and developed communication and leadership skills that have helped me tremendously throughout my college career. Anytime I come home to a TKA event, I'm always met with people who genuinely care about me. It truly feels like home."  Hannah Myrick TKA Class of 2015 Anderson University School of Nursing 2019  **End of Year RenWeb Access:**    Our policy is to not allow final grades to be distributed to families unless their school account is current.  Final paper report cards will be available for pick-up on Monday, June 3, for families with accounts that are current.    With the use of our student/parent portal in our RenWeb school database, all term and final grades are "live on line" and there is no way to withhold them from viewing and printing by individuals unless we close access to the student/parent portal.  In order to safeguard the process during the closing days of school when all students have textbooks to return, possibly sports gear and/or library books, we will be closing the student/parent portal access to RenWeb on Monday, May 13.    **Update Your Address:**  Keeping our records up to date is important! If you have recently moved, please email Mrs. Prussia at [kprussia@tkaflorence.com](mailto:kprussia@tkaflorence.com) with your new address.  **Requesting Transcripts from the Office of College Counseling:**    You can now request your transcript electronically through our new SCRIB ordering site. All transcript requests, replacement diplomas and verification of graduation record requests will be processed through this online system. The link is provided on the Office of College Counseling tab underneath "About TKA" on the school website. Safeguards are built in to make sure records are being sent to the appropriate place and you will receive notifications throughout the process.  **SCRIP CARD ORDERS:**    Amazon, iTunes, Walmart, Target, Regal Cinemas....These are just a few of the gift cards available through the SCRIP program.    SCRIP cards are a great way to earn money for TKA by purchasing gift cards you would buy anyway. All retailers give back a different percentage in profit, so go to the website and look around. The higher the percentage, the more money you earn for TKA. If you have any questions, feel free to call Lindsey Creel @ 843-206-8368.    Go online to set up your profile at [www.scripzone.com](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001E7sDw74VD3ziOHkaQolOOvi2V6Omt5ghb4jdsQr9h8_iBbwFwoOJSaNFvv_rwYtG4Iv-pNv731gy9fmfJNleROqa23JEd8tDlTMGm74FyMm6_5SJARt3ZXdrLO5W99r-fCXvDNVRpcez6meOsYt6TKJuuhNNHNpNXbCQCkYS1AU=&c=&ch=) and place your orders at any time. We will submit the orders every other Tuesday beginning August 14 and your order will usually be returned to you by Thursday. You can drop a check off at the office when you pick up your cards or we can charge your account and send your cards home with your kids.    Our School ID code is 843661TKA.    **Our school calendar at**[**www.tkaflorence.com**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001E7sDw74VD3ziOHkaQolOOvi2V6Omt5ghb4jdsQr9h8_iBbwFwoOJSdJ5Bkq0TL4gkQs9tq3WchxIpf9y1ImtxC97HqZm9Tf8zYrQWn6B8vzjR9fA-H3jxR41H-DhQbK1AEVhavvGgSQXbXOrdMDaZZFS6DPjUOUhd5hxE8KSsilmBhhqiPmC9g6K4dylC-jy8T1qK2XO6h048toOBNO7tg==&c=&ch=)**is the place to go for times and dates. Sports schedules change frequently and are current on this school calendar.**    **\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*** |

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| **High School**  **Baccalaureate and Graduation:**  **Baccalaureate service will be held Thursday, May 23 at 7 pm in the sanctuary.**  **Graduation will be held Friday, May 24 at 6:30 pm in the gym.**  **The public is invited to attend these celebrations.**  **Senior Picture:**  Next Thursday, May 23 is Baccalaureate practice for the Senior Class. Immediately prior to this practice, we will be taking a picture with all students wearing a t'shirt representing the college or university they will be attending or branch of military that they will be serving. This is a professional picture that will be used for various opportunities throughout the year. All students should arrive in khaki shorts or pants, or white jeans. All clothing must be in dress code! Students should arrive at 11:30 at the sanctuary. Please arrive on time and dressed accordingly. This is an annual tradition and make for a fantastic keepsake!  **SAT Prep Camp:**  SAT Prep Camp will be held on our campus this summer. See the flyer below for more information.  [SAT Prep Camp](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001E7sDw74VD3ziOHkaQolOOvi2V6Omt5ghb4jdsQr9h8_iBbwFwoOJSXSLpMHSSMmwbnsYJkSD1UgC2vTkrfpFh1zAC_ool14SQ5m31bppNaRYexAqXIxIDIGD_juPm0vJVu759IE8hLRTNTdDG_8km4QMYX_rgB5HAdXDsV_sgPfdSGd8EcZxe5JbbM9bH4pEcbHvTzBzNmF3rt60GFHFtoJ7mTwH3FjfhYYxrWAqg7Uh1lPdulUPMCl5E-zKADOK&c=&ch=)  **Visit the S.A.T. word of the day link below for a little SAT prep...**  [http://sat.collegeboard.org/practice/sat-question-of-the-day?ep\_ch=PR&ep\_mid=10799774&ep\_rid=143881058](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001E7sDw74VD3ziOHkaQolOOvi2V6Omt5ghb4jdsQr9h8_iBbwFwoOJSVRrJLfz8h0w3He6ODEB1zKlRhXwdqVoyQwfEmijGNh_U3SyStivJE_0uZC1ixV8hytvBUZ18PShN1bp7CJ5vEhTTNebnXhDD-DC7W_g5r0v11rfOmbceUVZJfM0dgX9x0n51mC2LeSbzZpcqwys34zXnICTqWuONZdHosN_N9AugeWgFwLwATB6K0iJiAcbmicjo57ECTdJ0BLzelSMvT7SVoVL-PmwsDqzlZ9NKWVkTR--cqUyHxc=&c=&ch=) |

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| **Middle School**  **Exams:**  **Thursday and Friday.** |

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| **Elementary School**    **Elementary Upcoming Events:**     * Our Elementary School Awards Day for grades 1st through 6th will be Thursday, May 23 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the TKA gymnasium.  For this special ceremony, we request that students are dressed in TKA ceremony attire. * \*PLEASE NOTE:  Elementary awards given at awards day will be based upon student achievement for the entire year, including AR and Honor Roll.  Fourth quarter grades and AR goals will count towards Honor Roll and AR accomplishments and recognition. * Elementary students (1st through 6th) will be dismissed for the summer following ES Awards Day.  Thank you all for a wonderful year!    Ceremony Dress for elementary school girls:   * no hats or sunglasses * skirts or dress pants * no jean skirts, shorts, pants, cargo pants, or athletic pants   Ceremony Dress for elementary school boys:   * no hats or sunglasses * collared shirt * shirts tucked in with a belt * dress pants only - no jeans, cargo pants, athletic pants, or shorts * tie/coat optional   Elementary students (1st through 6th) will be dismissed for the summer following ES Awards Day.  Thank you all for a wonderful year! |

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| **Discovery**  Dyslexia; meaning having trouble with words. Sometimes seeing things backwards can be a benefit. The poem below was written by a 10 year old girl who is dyslexic. It is meant to be read forward, and then backward.  "I am stupid, nobody would ever say I have a talent for words, I was meant to be great, that is wrong, I am a failure, nobody could ever convince me to think that I can make it in life."  Now in reverse  "I can make it in life, nobody could ever convince me to think that I am a failure, that is wrong I was meant to be great, I have a talent for words, nobody would ever say I am stupid." |

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| **TKA Athletics**  **L is for loyalty**  **I  is for integrity**  **O is for one-mind (unity)**  **N is for nurturing**  **P is for pledge (commitment)**  **R is for respect**  **I  is for involvement**  **D is for discipline**  **E is for excellence**    The Spring Sports Banquet was held Thursday, May 16.  Congratulations to the following student athletes:  **Varsity Baseball**  Best Offensive: Josh McKenzie  Best Defensive: Tyler Warren  3D: Caleb Lutz  Most Improved: Jake Brown  Coach's Award: Zach Dutton  All-Region: Zack Dutton, Josh McKenzie, Tyler Warren  **Varsity Girls Soccer**  Best Offensive: Gracie Sansbury  Best Defensive: Sarah Porter  Most Improved: Ruth Almers  3D: Abbie Norton  Coach's Award: Sarah Harris  All-Region: Sarah Harris, Grace Hoover, Gracie Sansbury  **Sporting Clays**  MVP: Daylon Mahn  Most Improved: Grace Howard  Coach's Award: Sydney Frazier  **Varsity Boys Soccer**  Best Offensive: Cesar Gomez  Best Defensive: Trace Tucker  Most Improved: Brian John  Coach's Award: Ethan Myrick  3D: David Russell  All-Region: Cesar Gomez (Player of the Year), Ethan Myrick, Jackson Moya-Mendez, David Russell  Coach of the Year: Jordan Perugini  **SPIRIT WEAR!!!!!**  The Booster Club is offering new spirit wear!   Hooded fleece sweatshirts are now available in Gray and also in Navy.  $30.  Long Sleeved Comfort Color basketball tee shirts are also available.  $18  Available sizes:  Youth Small - Adult 2X.  Contact the Athletic Department if interested |