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# THE BCA MEGAPHONE

BURLINGTON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

"Inspiring students to excellence for the glory of God through exceptional academics, Biblical Truth, and intentional discipleship."

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## Mark Your Calendar

**May 2nd- National Day of Prayer**

**May 6th-17th- High School AP Exams**

**May 6th-10th- Teacher Appreciation Week**

**May 8th- Preschool Field Day**

**May 9th- Elementary Field Day**

**May 10th- Athletics Banquet; 6:00 p.m.**

**in the Thompson Gym**

**May 16th- Middle School Field Day**

**May 20th- BCA Speech Meet**

**May 20th-23rd- Second Semester Exams**

**(Early Dismissal for Grades 7-12)**

**May 21st- K5 Graduation 6:30 p.m.**

**in the Thompson Gymnasium**

**May 22nd- 1st-5th grade Awards Day**

**May 22nd- 8th Grade Graduation & Celebration Dinner 5:30 p.m.**

**May 23rd- 6th & 7th Grade Awards Day 8:20-10:15 a.m.**

**May 23rd- High School Awards Day 10:30 a.m.- 12:15 p.m.**

**May 23rd- High School Last Day**

**(Early Dismissal at 12:15 p.m.)**

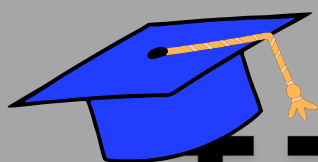
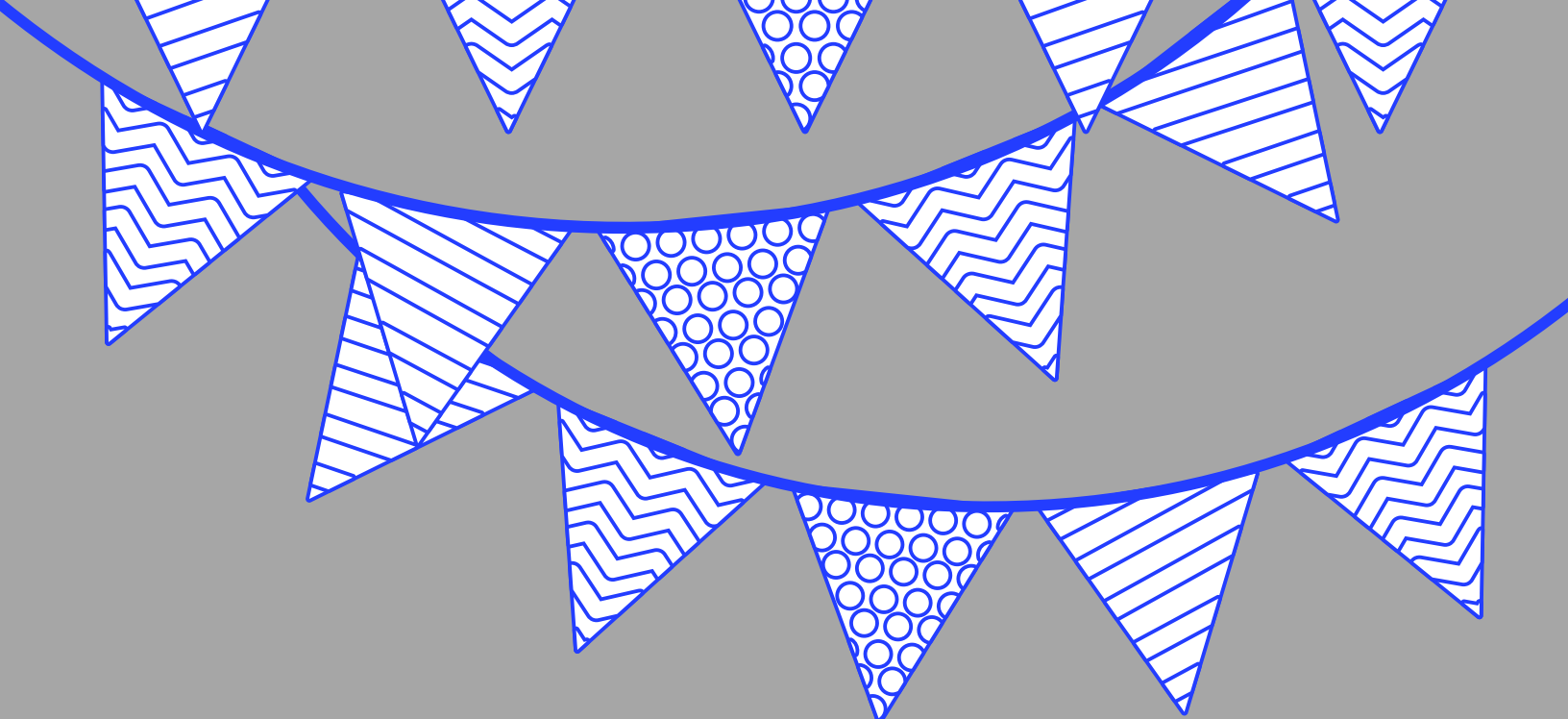
**May 24th- Last Day- Half Day**

**(Early Dismissal for Preschool-8th Grade)**

**May 24th- Senior Breakfast 9:00 a.m.**

**May 24th- High School Graduation 7:00 p.m.**





**HAPPY**

**K5**

**GRADUATION**

**M a y 2 1 s t**

**K5 Graduation will begin at 6:30 p.m.**

**in the Thompson Gymnasium**



**8<sup>TH</sup>  
GRADE  
GRADUATION**  
& CELEBRATION DINNER

*Congratulations!*

**MAY 22, 2024**

5:30 p.m.

in the Sanctuary

**2024**





CLASS OF  
CLASS 2024

HIGH SCHOOL  
GRADUATION

MAY 24TH, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.

SENIOR BREAKFAST

MAY 24TH, 2024 AT 9:00 A.M.



CONGRATULATIONS

ABBY!



Senior, Abby Hubbard, was recognized this week by the National Honor Society for her amazing student leadership.

Scan the QR code to be directed to the National Honor Society website. Then scroll down, click on the state of North Carolina on the map, and Abby's picture will appear at the top of the page.



# Employee Spotlight

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## Kelson Thorn

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How long have you been teaching? –  
I have been teaching for 12 years.

What do you teach at BCA? –  
I teach 9th and 10th grade English and AP Language and Composition.

Something you really want your students to learn in life? –  
There are many different things I want my students to learn in life, so this is a difficult question to answer. But I guess the biggest thing is that they have so much value in life, and they are SO valuable to me! Above my door, I have a picture of a pearl with a reference to the parable in Matthew chapter 13. Jesus says, “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.” I use this parable to remind the students that God (the merchant) went out and sold all he had for them



(the pearl of great value). These students have such great value, and I never want them to get lost in associating their worth with academics, athletics, social status, etc. The value I see in them makes the work worth any challenges.

What other fun facts should we know about you? –  
Most of my students already know this, but I love to sing and play the guitar! I come from a very musical family. My dad was in multiple choirs growing up, and he plays a few instruments as well. I also love karaoke and leading people to worship through song!

# Awards

## CEREMONIES

### **1st-5th Grade Awards 5/22**

1st Grade- 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

2nd Grade- 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

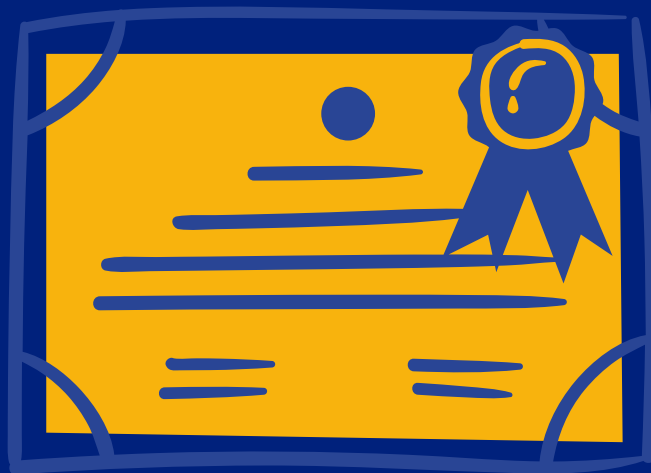
3rd-5th Grade- 1:30-2:45 p.m. in the Thompson Gymnasium

### **6th & 7th Grade Awards 5/23**

8:20-10:15 a.m. in the Thompson Gymnasium

### **High School Awards 5/23**

10:30-12:15 p.m. in the Thompson Gymnasium





# HIGH SCHOOL

## *Athletic Banquet*

**MAY 10TH AT 6 P.M.**

ALL STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED ON A HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY OR JUNIOR VARSITY ATHLETIC TEAM AND THEIR FAMILIES, ARE INVITED TO THE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BANQUET. THE MEAL WILL BE CATERED BY MICHELLE'S KITCHEN AND TABLE.

**BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE**

\*\* Tickets must be purchased no later than May 3rd. Only those with tickets will be admitted.

*Scan QR for  
ticket purchase*





# FIELD Days

## Preschool Field Day

May 8th, 2024  
9:00-11:00 a.m.

## Elementary Field Day

May 9th, 2024  
K-2nd Grade 9:00-11:30 a.m.  
3rd-5th Grade 12:30-3:00 p.m.

## Middle School Field Day

May 16, 2024  
1:30pm - 3:00pm





**BCA**

# Speech Meet

**May 20th, 2024**

**8:30-12:00 p.m.**

**Life Center**

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to grow and shine. Students who participate in a Speech Meet have an opportunity to improve communication skills (verbal and non-verbal), develop leadership skills, boost self-confidence and overcome anxiety. Ultimately, our desire is to develop confident Christian leaders who go boldly into the world proclaiming the Gospel.

Students will need to practice at home, come dressed to impress and do their best on May 20th!

**Please Email Mrs. Pike The Following Information:**

Student Name

Grade

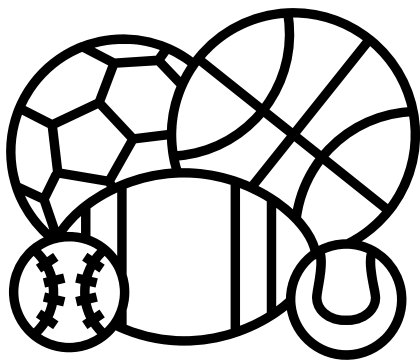
Bible/Poetry

Title of Selection

**Summer**

**Sports**

**Camp**



## **Camps:**

**June 3rd - 6th**

Basketball; Jaylaa Brown- Camp Director; Rising grades 3rd - 5th girls only; 8:00-10:30;  
\$180 (\$75 for those enrolled in Full Time Summer Camp)

Basketball; Jaylaa Brown - Camp Director; Rising 6th-12th girls only; 12:30-3:30pm; \$180

Baseball; Justin Brown-Camp Director; Rising grades 1st - 7th boys only; 8:00-11:30 \$180  
(\$75 for those enrolled in Full Time Summer Camp)

Soccer; Mark McKinney & Logan Smith-Largen- Camp Directors; Rising grades 6th-9th  
girls and boys; 8:30-noon; \$180

**June 10-13**

Basketball; Eric Dudley- Camp Directors; Rising 2nd-5th girls and boys; 8:00-11:30; \$180  
(\$75 for those enrolled in Full Time Summer Camp)

**June 17-20**

Multi-Sport Skills; Tara Farmer-Camp Director; Rising grades 3rd - 6th girls only; 8:00-  
11:30; \$180 (\$75 for those enrolled in Full Time Summer Camp)



# Camps Continued:

**June 24-27**

Cheerleading; Beth Walker - Camp Director; Rising grades K5 - 4th girls only; 8:00-11:30;  
\$180 (\$75 for those enrolled in Full Time Summer Camp)

Flag Football; David Cross - Camp Director; Rising grades 3rd - 5th boys only; 8:00-11:30;  
\$180 (\$75 for those enrolled in Full Time Summer Camp)

**July 22-25**

Volleyball; Tara Farmer-Camp Director; Rising grades 5th-7th girls only; 8:00-noon; \$180  
Volleyball; Tara Farmer - Camp Director: Rising grades 8th-12th girls only; 1:00 - 4:00; \$120

## **Fees**

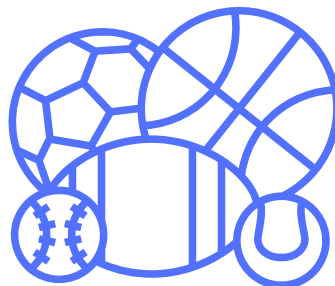
Summer Sports Camp Registration Fee \$35 per family (non-refundable)  
after May 1 (\$50)

Sports Camps: \$180 (already registered for BCA Summer Camp \$75)

Optional t-shirt \$8



**Scan HERE to register!**



**Scan HERE to pay!**

**\*\*You are not fully registered  
until the registration& camp  
fee are paid\*\***

**Payment will be available online ONLY  
(credit/debit)**

# BCA SUMMER CAMP!

**BCA SUMMER CAMP BEGINS MONDAY, JUNE 3!!!**

## Quick facts about Summer Camp:

Offered only to BCA students K3 - entering 4th grade who are enrolled for 2024-25.

Specialty Week Camps are being offered for rising 3rd & 4th grade students.

You can sign up for the entire summer or just one week! Specialty Week campers still attend all day so they won't miss any of our Royal fun.

Only one class will be offered for each grade, Register Early.

All camp slots are Monday - Friday.

Please register for the grade your child will be entering in for the 2024-2025 school year:

Preschool K3 (must be 3 by May 1, 2024)

Preschool K4

Rising K5

Rising 1st Grade

Rising 2nd Grade

Rising 3rd Grade

Rising 4th Grade



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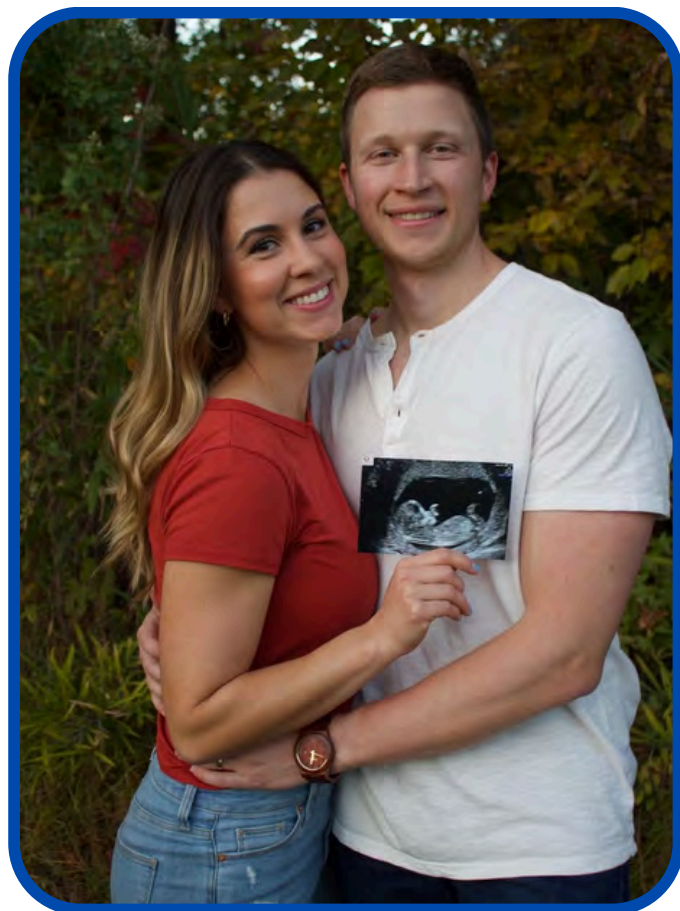
# ALUMNI NEWS

## Graham Flinchum

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After graduating from BCA, Graham attended NC State and graduated summa cum laude with degrees in Computer Engineering and Electrical Engineering in 2018. He currently lives in Raleigh and works as a Software Engineer for Garmin, developing camera systems for automotive manufacturers.

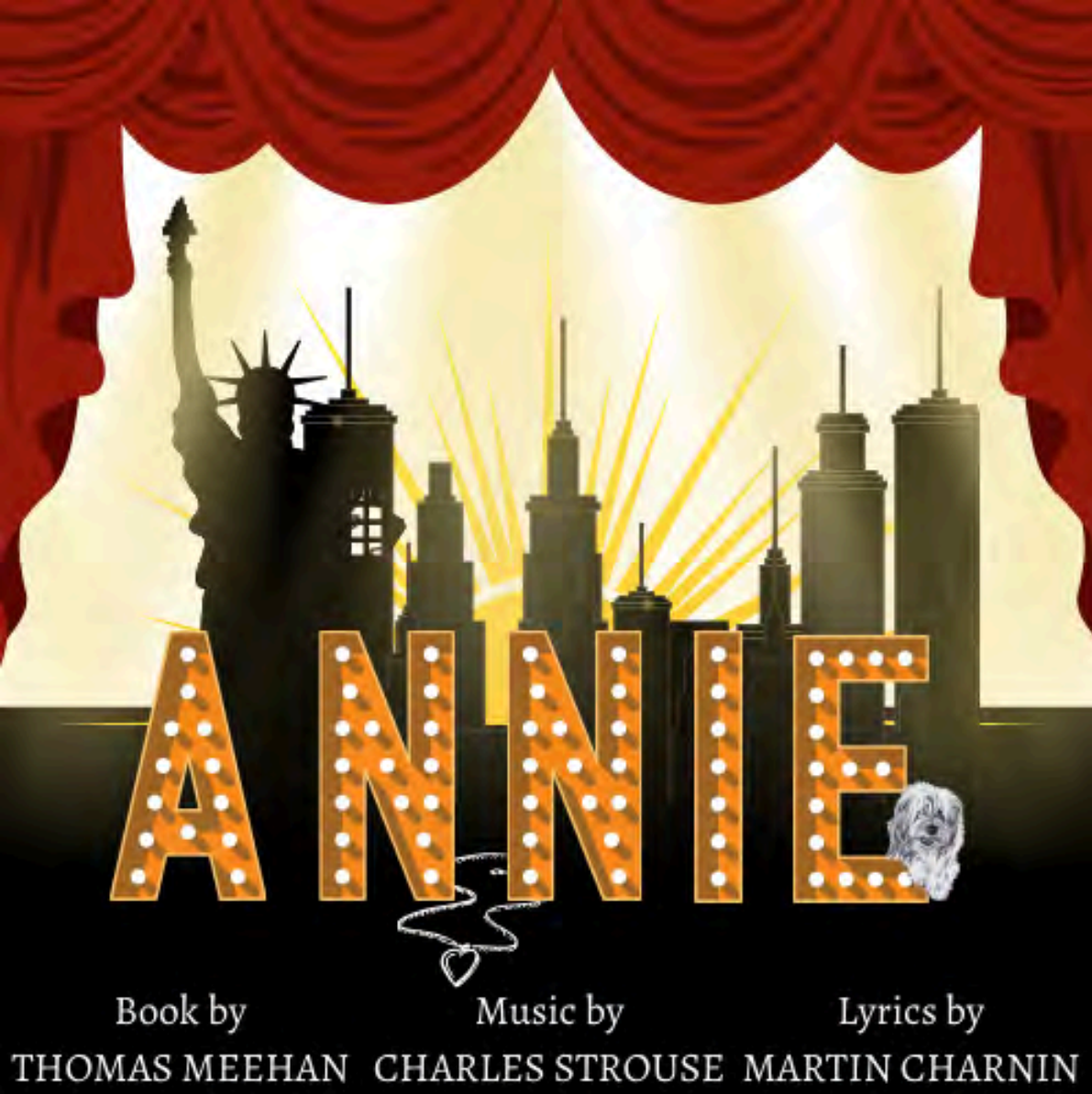
He married his college sweetheart, Kaley, in 2020, and they're awaiting the arrival of their first baby. They are very involved with the Garner campus of the Summit Church, where they lead a small group. He loves playing disc golf, reading, exercising, spending time with friends, studying languages, and traveling.



Every teacher at BCA had a profound impact on his life, which is plain to see from his hobbies and continued involvement in the church. He made friendships there that have lasted for the 10 years since he graduated.







# ANNIE

Book by THOMAS MEEHAN      Music by CHARLES STROUSE      Lyrics by MARTIN CHARNIN





# ANNIE

Spring 2024









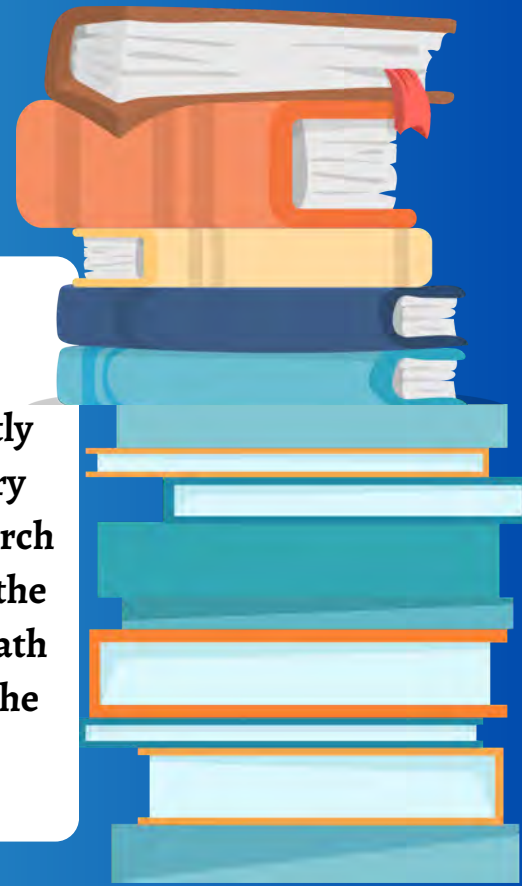
# School Happenings



## Preschool

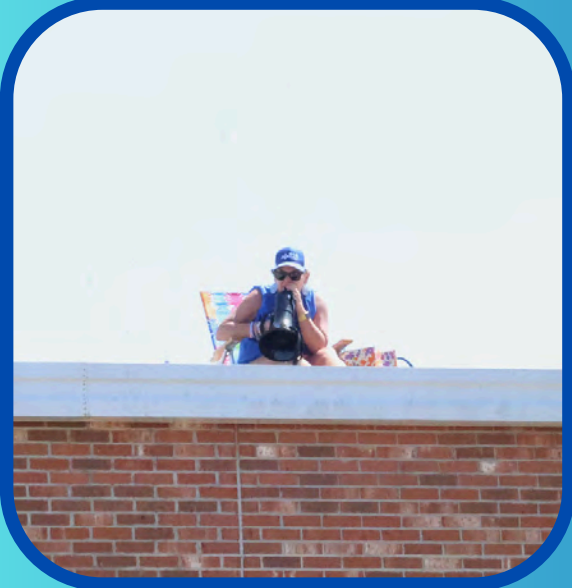
As we learn about the life cycle of a butterfly, preschoolers are anxiously awaiting for butterflies to emerge from chrysalises. We have been watching tiny caterpillars grow and form their chrysalis. Soon, classes will be able to release their butterflies.





## Elementary

Our elementary students are working so hard! They have recently been recognized for excellence in reading and math. Elementary students worked so hard to read over 150,000 minutes during March Madness, they actually surpassed this goal and put Mrs. Pike on the roof! Several of our students competed in the ACSI Divisional Math Olympics, 8 of them placed in the top 15 and will continue on to the ACSI National Math Olympics on May 1st.



## ACSI Math Olympics Finalists

KIERYN FARMER  
LANIYA TOBIAS  
MIA GRACE NEWLIN  
XANDER LYNCH  
KALAN FARMER  
WES STOUT  
LEVI PARKER  
CLAYTON KNAVEL





# School Happenings

## Middle School



**Congratulations to Laurisa Kim on winning the Middle School March Madness Reading Competition! Laurisa averaged over 250 minutes per week during the month of March. Way to go, Laurisa!**



# School Happenings



## High School

On Wednesday, April 24, 2024, the seniors and the kindergarteners traveled to City Park to celebrate their year together! They rode the carousel and the train. They ate popcorn and drank slushies together! They ended the trip by playing on the playground. It stopped raining just in time for the train and the playground! (Praise the Lord.) They had a wonderful time with each other this year. Our friendships will last forever!

# 2024





# High School

Mrs. Tucker, our full-time guidance counselor, spoke with high school students in Mrs. Gullet's class about the importance of mental health. They then took time to play with our preschool students, as serving others helps support mental health.



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health  
matters



# Royal Families



*Thank you*

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