



**FREDERICA ACADEMY**

NOTES FOR NEW KNIGHTS 2022-2023



**FREDERICA ACADEMY MISSION STATEMENT**

To maximize the potential of each student and to prepare  
every student for college and adult life through the  
development of mind, body, and spirit.

## **WELCOME**

Welcome to Frederica Academy! We are honored that you have chosen to share your child(ren) with us. This publication serves as a source of what to know, expect, and love as a new Knight family.

For detailed information about your child's division, please reference the Lower, Middle, and/or Upper School division handbooks on our website. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Helen Rentz in the Office of Admission by phone at **912.638.9981 ext. 106** or **[helenrentz@fredericaacademy.org](mailto:helenrentz@fredericaacademy.org)**. Again, we look forward to providing your child(ren) with the best education possible.

## **FREDERICA FACES**

Scott L. Hutchinson	Head of School
John Pope	Associate Head of School; Chief Advancement Officer
Sandi Channell	Chief Financial Officer
Mike Temple	Upper School Director
Laura Nevins	Assistant Head of Upper School; Director of College Placement
David Nelson	Middle School Director
Trey House	Assistant Head of Middle School
Rebecca Pruitt	Lower School Director
Carl Nash	Athletic Director
Tess Nielsen	Director of Fine Arts
Helen Rentz	Director of Admission
Heather Day	Knights in Extended Day (KiX) Director; Summer Programs Director
Mitzi Gregg	Business Office (Accounts Receivable)
Brad Hutcherson	Director of Development
Ashley Lavallee	Upper School Administrative Assistant
Rachael Lee	School Counselor
Michele Meyer	Front Office Receptionist
Nikki Pope	School Nurse
Dan Redanz	Chromebook & Technology Specialist
Anita Shelbrack	Registrar
Caleb Shorthouse	Creative Director
Erin Zak	Human Resources Manager
Meredith Flagstad	Parent Association Co-President
Kimbrough Haverstock	Parent Association Co-President
Jenny Thompson	Booster Club President

## **SCHOOL STARTING TIMES**

- Lower School (LS) - 8:00 a.m.
- Middle School (MS) - 8:15 a.m.
- Upper School (US) - 8:15 a.m.

## **DISMISSAL**

- Pre-K - 2:00 p.m.
- Kindergarten - 3:00 p.m.
- 1st - 4th Grade - 3:00 p.m.
- 5th - 8th Grade - 3:20 p.m.
- 9th - 12th Grade - 3:20 p.m.
- MS Tutorial - 3:20 - 3:45 p.m.
- US Tutorial - 3:20 - 3:50 p.m.

In the interest of safety, parents are asked to stay in the car line rather than pull into the parking lot or elsewhere to pick up their child(ren). Children are asked to exit and enter only on the right side of the car. Lower School students not picked up by 3:15 p.m. will be taken to Knights in Extended Day (KiX). Unless participating in FA athletic practices, games, or school-sponsored activities, all Middle and Upper students should be picked up by 4:00 p.m.

## **LOWER SCHOOL CARPOOL VISOR SIGNS**

School-issued visor signs enhance the safety of our students while expediting the Lower School carpool process. Each parent, guardian and/or authorized carpool pick up will be supplied with a visor sign bearing your child's last name. Please display the school-issued sign from the passenger side visor while in the car line. Once your child is safely loaded into his/her vehicle, the visor and sign may be returned to the upright position. Additional carpool visor signs may be requested by contacting Lower School Director Rebecca Pruitt at [rebeccapruitt@fredericaacademy.org](mailto:rebeccapruitt@fredericaacademy.org).

## **EARLY DISMISSAL**

Frederica dismisses early a few times during the school year. Notices will be posted to the website and sent via the school's weekly e-newsletter communication in advance of these designated days. These dates are also indicated on the At-A-Glance Calendar.

## **KNIGHTS IN EXTENDED DAY (KIX)**

KiX is available for Frederica Academy students in Pre-Kindergarten through Sixth grade. The program begins at 2:00 p.m. and ends at 6:00 p.m. Students enter the program at the conclusion of their school day. KiX includes a balance of outdoor and indoor activities, play time and the opportunity to do homework with supervision. Registration forms must be completed and processed before a child is permitted to stay in KiX. Parents who wish for their child to participate in KiX using the drop-in option must contact the Program Director no later than 1 p.m. on the day they wish for their child to attend. Please see the registration form for complete details. Forms are available in the school office or on the website. To learn more, contact KiX Director Heather Day at **912.638.9981 ext. 728** or [heatherday@fredericaacademy.org](mailto:heatherday@fredericaacademy.org).

## **FIELD TRIPS AND DRIVERS**

Learning stretches beyond the classroom with Frederica's endless list of educational excursions. Lower School parents often have the opportunity to drive students on class field trips. All drivers are to have proof of valid driver's license, proof of valid automobile insurance, and a Georgia Motor Vehicle Report for a three-year record. Volunteers who have frequent and regular contact with students, i.e. assistant coaches and/or chaperones on an overnight field trip, will be required to undergo a background check. The Front Office will assist interested volunteers in obtaining paperwork. A brief orientation is required in order to get clearance to drive a Frederica Academy bus. The Georgia Child Safety Passenger law requires all children under the age of eight to use a child safety or booster seat and to ride in rear seats.

## **LUNCH AT THE KNIGHT'S TABLE**

The Knight's Table in Hamilton Hall serves a hot lunch entree each day plus a la carte options such as sandwiches, salads, snacks and more. The menu is published each week in the school's weekly e-newsletter communication.

Students in Pre-Kindergarten eat within the classroom and may choose to order lunch through the Knight's Table enjoying the Build-Your-Own-Bento-Box or "Big Kid" Hot Entree Option. Order forms are provided and submitted weekly.

Beginning in Kindergarten, students travel to Hamilton Hall for lunch as a class. Students in Kindergarten through Twelfth grade may opt to enjoy the hot lunch entree, soup or salad of the day plus a la carte options. Middle and Upper School students may also purchase food during their morning break (10:00-10:20 a.m.). Hot breakfast items, cereal, granola bars, yogurts, etc., are available at this time. Each child has an account to charge purchases. Parents receive a monthly statement from the school to settle account balances.

All students have the option to bring their lunch from home in lieu of purchasing the school lunch.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORMS & DRESS CODE**

Students in Pre-Kindergarten through Eleventh grade are required to wear a school uniform. School uniforms are available through Lands' End. Our Lands' End school code is #9000-6357-9. Once you select your child's grade level on the Lands' End website, the correct monogram will be automatically selected. Additionally, the Parent Association collects gently-used uniforms and hosts sales throughout the year.

Twelfth grade students should refer to the Dress Code section of the Upper School Handbook posted on the website under Academics/Upper School.

All students Pre-Kindergarten through Twelfth will wear uniforms starting with the 2023-2024 school year.

## **LOWER SCHOOL UNIFORM INFORMATION**

### **PRE-KINDERGARTEN DRESS CODE:**

While Pre-Kindergarten students are not required to order from Lands' End, they must follow the dress code expectations listed below.

- Navy or khaki bottoms; plaid skirts are acceptable for girls
- White, hunter green, light blue, or navy collared shirts
- Athletic shoes are required on P.E. days
- Closed toe shoes with rubber soles are preferred

### **GIRLS' UNIFORM (KINDERGARTEN – 4TH GRADE):**

- Evergreen, classic navy, light blue, or white collared shirts with the Frederica Academy crest monogram
- Evergreen, classic navy, or light blue dress
- Khaki or classic navy pants or shorts
- Khaki, classic navy, hunter green/classic navy plaid jumper or skirt
- Black, navy, white, or gray leggings

### **BOYS' UNIFORM (KINDERGARTEN – 4TH GRADE):**

- Evergreen, classic navy, light blue, or white collared shirts with the Frederica Academy crest monogram
- Classic navy or khaki pants or shorts
- Belts are required for 4th grade boys

### **ADDITIONAL LOWER SCHOOL UNIFORM INFORMATION:**

- All uniforms should fit properly and reflect a standard of excellence
- All shirts, dresses, jumpers, sweaters, and fleece jackets must have the Frederica Academy crest monogram embroidered on them
- Shirts must be tucked inside shorts, pants, and skirts
- T-Shirts should not be seen or have sleeves longer than the top uniform shirt
- Shorts must be no shorter than four inches above the knee
- Closed toe shoes with rubber soles are preferred
- Athletic shoes are required on P.E. days
- FA sweatshirts are reserved for dress-down and designated Spirit Days only
- There is no uniform requirement for outerwear worn outdoors
- Fleece jackets and vests worn indoors must have the Frederica Academy crest monogram
- Help us identify lost items by adding names to all outerwear
- Please check the Lower School Lost and Found frequently to retrieve missing items

### **WHEN TRAVELING ON CLASS FIELD TRIPS, THE FOLLOWING UNIFORM IS REQUIRED:**

- Evergreen collared shirt with the Frederica Academy crest monogram
- Khaki pants, shorts, or skirt
- Evergreen fleece jacket or sweater with the Frederica Academy crest monogram (if weather permits)

### **SPECIAL DRESS DAYS**

Throughout the year, we will have special dress days for students to dress up, wear spirit gear, themed outfits, costumes, silly socks, etc.

## **MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL UNIFORM INFORMATION**

The Middle and Upper School uniform offers many options that are available for boys and girls. All tops, sweaters and lightweight fleece jackets must be purchased from Lands' End in color options of evergreen, classic navy, black, cobalt blue, ice pink, and white. Pants and shorts for both boys and girls should be gray, navy, or khaki and may be purchased from Lands' End, or another supplier. Girls' skirts, skorts and dresses are available through Lands' End.

### **GIRLS' UNIFORM:**

- Skirts: gray, navy, plaid or khaki; must be no more than 3 inches above the knee cap
- Skorts: gray, navy or khaki; must be a minimum of 5" inseam
- Dresses: gray, navy, plaid or khaki
- Shorts: gray, navy, khaki or white chino style (no denim); must be a minimum of 5" inseam
- Pants: gray, navy, khaki or white chino style (no denim)
- Shirts: short or long sleeve white oxford; short or long sleeve knit polo (classic navy, evergreen, black, white, cobalt blue, or ice pink); short sleeve active polo (classic navy, evergreen, black, white, or cobalt blue)

### **BOYS' UNIFORM:**

- Short sleeve active polo (classic navy, evergreen, black, white, or cobalt blue,)
- Short or long sleeve knit polo (classic navy, evergreen, black, white, cobalt blue, or ice pink)
- Short or long sleeve white oxford
- Pants/shorts: navy or khaki pants or shorts

### **OUTERWEAR:**

- Lands' End vests, sweaters, fleece jackets, and half-zip pull over: (classic navy, evergreen, or black)
- FA logo outdoor, including FA athletic jackets, sweatshirts and fleeces, may be worn inside the classrooms

### **ADDITIONAL MIDDLE & UPPER SCHOOL UNIFORM INFORMATION:**

- Clothing must have the Middle & Upper School "FA" logo on shirts and outdoor
- FA Game Day Jersey Shirts may only be worn on FA Home Game Days only
- Frederica Academy T-shirts are acceptable on designated Spirit Days only
- Please remind your student to check the Middle & Upper School Lost and Found periodically to retrieve missing items

## **SCHOOL BOOKS, WORKBOOKS & SUPPLIES**

In Lower School, all books and classroom supplies are provided through the Consumable and Technology fee. Beyond a child's bookbag, refillable water bottle, lunch box (if not ordering from the Knight's Table), and the occasional supply, all other classroom supplies are provided.

In Middle School, textbooks, novels, workbooks, online resource materials (if applicable) and binders will be provided by the school for each academic class a student attends. These items are covered in the Consumable & Technology fee; however, all textbooks must be returned at the end of the school year. Students are still responsible for purchasing school supplies from the Middle School Supply list located on the school's website under Academics/Middle School.

For Upper School, textbooks, novels, workbooks and online resource materials (if applicable) are provided through a student's Consumable and Technology fee with the exception of AP Course book rentals and workbooks (billed in November), and AP test fees (billed in February). All rented textbooks must be returned at the end of the school year to avoid being charged full cost. Beginning in Tenth grade (or Algebra II), all students will need a TI-Nspire CX calculator for math classes. To learn more about additional school supplies, please visit the Upper School Book/Supply List on Frederica's website located under Academics/Upper School.

## **SUNDAY E-NEWSLETTERS AND OTHER SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS**

Each Sunday during the school year, Frederica's Head of School Scott Hutchinson will send an email to FA parents, faculty, staff, and Middle and Upper School students that outlines what is happening on campus during the week, lists upcoming important events beyond the week, and showcases the many wonderful happenings on campus the prior week. Every effort is made to spotlight the most critical information and items that require parental action as well. On Mondays, Athletic Director Carl Nash sends a similar email with athletic news and events. Other important news and events are highlighted in standalone emails. Be on the lookout for these informational emails as they will be very helpful as you immerse yourself in Frederica's Knight Life!

## **FACTS**

FACTS is a fully integrated, web-based school information system, and can be accessed 24 hours a day. Parents and students utilize a component of FACTS called ParentsWeb. ParentsWeb provides parents and students password-secure access to student information such as, attendance, daily grades, progress reports and report cards, homework, staff and school directory, teacher email addresses, and other pertinent information.

During the enrollment process, each family creates an account to complete the online enrollment packet. This is the same login you will use to access FACTS for school announcements, academic reports, and other useful information.

It is imperative that parents create a FACTS account to verify all information is correct.



Contact Helen Rentz at [helenrentz@fredericaacademy.org](mailto:helenrentz@fredericaacademy.org) for questions regarding login information.

For Apple products, FACTS Family App provides access to ParentsWeb from an iPod, iPhone or iPad with the conveniences of an App.

To learn more, visit the school website under School Life/FACTS.

## **SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Frederica Academy uses the school's website ([fredericaacademy.org](http://fredericaacademy.org)) as the platform for internal and external communications. For example, athletic forms, health forms, school calendar, etc., can be found on the website. Frequently referenced items such as divisional handbooks, monthly lunch menus, weekly newsletters, online tuition payment portal, the school's master calendar as well as upcoming events are also included on the website. We welcome you to spend some time perusing the site as it is the gateway for communicating important and helpful information about the school.

## **PARENT PARTICIPATION**

Frederica Academy loves parent participation! There are many ways to get involved through the Parent Association, the Booster Club, and volunteer opportunities in the Advancement Office and the Office of Admission.

## **PARENT ASSOCIATION**

As an FA parent, you are automatically a member of Frederica's Parent Association. Please make sure that the school has a correct email address so that you may receive notices about Parent Association meetings and other Parent Association activities, including many volunteer opportunities. Parent Association also offers parent education workshops throughout the year. Please visit the school's website under School Life/ Parent Association or contact Parent Association Co-Presidents Meredith Flagstad ([773.499.8888](tel:773.499.8888) or [mjflagstad@gmail.com](mailto:mjflagstad@gmail.com)) and Kimbrough Haverstock ([912.230.5440](tel:912.230.5440) or [kimbroughm@gmail.com](mailto:kimbroughm@gmail.com)) to learn more about volunteer opportunities at Frederica Academy.

## **GRADE LEVEL PARENT REPRESENTATIVES**

Each grade has a parent who acts as a liaison between the teacher(s) and parents. Parent representatives assist the teacher with coordinating classroom volunteers and events in each grade level.

## **BUDDY FAMILIES**

New students in grades Kindergarten through Twelfth grade are assigned a buddy family prior to the start of the school year. The Buddy Family is an important function at Frederica Academy to help our new families make a smooth transition to our school. The Buddy Family serves as a resource for our new families to ensure that new students and their families feel informed, welcomed and excited about their new school home.

## **SCHOOL NURSE**

Frederica Academy has a full-time school nurse on staff with a clinic located in the main administration building. Nurse Nikki Pope works with the teachers, counselor, coaches, and athletic trainer to provide students with the care and knowledge they need to achieve their highest potential for well being. If your child becomes ill during the school day, he/she will report to the nurse for further evaluation and care. If your child has any medical needs or any changes to your child's medical history during the school year, please report them to Nurse Pope and indicate it on their Student Health Information and Consent Form. Nurse Pope can be reached at **912.638.9981 ext. 492** or [schoolnurse@fredericaacademy.org](mailto:schoolnurse@fredericaacademy.org).

## **HEALTH FORMS**

As required by Georgia law, Frederica Academy will need upon admission a Georgia School Certificate of Immunization Form 3231 and a Certificate of Ear, Eye and Dental Examination Form 3300. Both forms are available through the Glynn County Health Department or your local physician. The school nurse will also need information about a child's health history and allergies. You can provide this during online enrollment or by filling out the Student Health Information and Consent Form in the enrollment packet.

## **ATHLETICS / BOOSTER CLUB**

An enriching part of the Frederica Academy experience is athletics. Middle and Upper School students are eligible to participate in all athletics beginning in Sixth grade. Fifth grade students may participate in cheer, cross country and track. After school mini-clinics are offered throughout the year for Lower School students. Many families, with children of all ages, attend home sporting events and enjoy meeting other Frederica families by becoming involved with the Frederica Knights Booster Club. The Booster Club supports Frederica Academy's athletic programs and promotes school spirit throughout the year. Members of the Booster Club receive free admission to all home games (excluding GIAA postseason play) and are recognized throughout the year. Please contact Frederica Academy's Athletic Director Carl Nash ([carlnash@fredericaacademy.org](mailto:carlnash@fredericaacademy.org)) with any questions regarding athletics.

If your Middle or Upper School student is interested in playing a sport, please feel welcome to contact the appropriate coach listed below.

### **FOOTBALL**

Varsity Head Coach - Brandon Derrick  
[brandonderrick@fredericaacademy.org](mailto:brandonderrick@fredericaacademy.org) | 423-435-4874

### **CHEER**

Varsity Head Coach - Ashley Zimmermann  
[ashleyzimmermann@fredericaacademy.org](mailto:ashleyzimmermann@fredericaacademy.org) | 770-722-9646

Middle School Head Coach - Rachael Lee  
[rachaellee@fredericaacademy.org](mailto:rachaellee@fredericaacademy.org) | 912-996-4267

## **VOLLEYBALL**

Varsity Head Coach - Brittany Griffin  
brittanygriffin@fredericaacademy.org | 561-427-4278

Middle School Head Coach - Staci Hunt  
stacihunt@fredericaacademy.org | 678-848-5510

## **XC + TRACK**

Varsity Head Coach - Jim Brown  
jimbrown@fredericaacademy.org | 706-908-7118

## **BASKETBALL**

Head Boys Coach - Ed Wilson  
edwilson@fredericaacademy.org | 770-630-7069

Head Girls Coach - James Oberlies  
jamesoberlies@fredericaacademy.org | 610-585-9614

Head Boys Middle School Coach - Carl Nash  
carlnash@fredericaacademy.org | 912-531-0978

Head Girls Middle School Coach - Brittany Conley  
brittanyconley@fredericaacademy.org | 229-376-0969

## **SWIMMING**

Head Coach - Mike Irish  
micairish@comcast.net | 912-617-2976

## **GOLF**

Varsity Head Coach - Kevin Roberts  
kevinroberts@fredericaacademy.org | 410-300-2850

Middle School Head Coach - Tom Willis  
tomwillis@fredericaacademy.org | 912-222-6797

## **SOCCER**

Varsity Boys Head Coach - Danielle Sunderhaus  
danielle@daniellesunderhaus.com | 520-429-1646

Varsity Girls Head Coach - Gabe Gabriel  
gabegabriel@fredericaacademy.org | 912-269-1277

Middle School Head Boys Coach - Jill Smith  
jillsmith@fredericaacademy.org | 770-653-3643

Middle School Head Girls Coach - James Riggs  
jamesriggs@fredericaacademy.org | 513-535-0124

## **TENNIS**

Varsity Head Coach - Brian Wyrick  
wyrbri@yahoo.com | 912-399-2289

## **BASEBALL**

Varsity Head Coach - Tim Orlosky  
timorlosky@fredericaacademy.org | 366-383-5303

## **ATHLETIC SCREENING**

Every student is required to complete a physical examination due to the rigorous activity expected from our physical education and field trip programs. This screening is also mandatory for all athletic participants. Once complete, each student-athlete will be covered to play sports for the entire school year. The required Pre-Participation Physical Exam (PPE) packet can be downloaded from our website and completed by the medical professional of your choice. It will be required prior to your first day of class for grades Fifth through Twelfth. The FA Athletic Department, in conjunction with Southeast Georgia Health System, conducts a mandatory Pre-Participation Physical Exam (PPE) for students in grades Fourth through Eleventh during the month of April in anticipation for the coming year's athletic season.

## **SUMMER PROGRAMS**

Frederica Academy's Summer Programs incorporate meaningful learning experiences within our community to enrich the development of mind, body and spirit.

Focusing on individual learning strategies, our Summer Programs are a great way to review, maintain, and master skills in a variety of subjects and activities. From chess and robotics to storytelling, there are a variety of offerings to expand a child's mind and skill sets. A creative classroom environment makes these programs the perfect balance between discovery and summer fun.

Additionally, our Summer Programs enable athletes to learn and apply the principles of teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship in a safe and productive environment. Offerings range from football and cheerleading to golf, volleyball, and basketball. Each of these programs are grouped according to age and skill level so that every student-athlete excels.

The offerings of our summer programs extend to incorporate experiential learning through art, music, or other interests specific to your child's personality. Campers dive into hands-on exploration and discovery through themed sessions such as pottery, makerspace, cooking, princess pursuits, and more.

Instructors are selected based on their passion for the curriculum and themes found within the program(s) they facilitate. We welcome all children of the Golden Isles and visitors to our community to register for these enriching Summer Programs. Please visit our website at [fredericaacademy.org/school-life/summer-programs](https://fredericaacademy.org/school-life/summer-programs) to view summer program offerings. For more information, please contact Heather Day at [heatherday@fredericaacademy.org](mailto:heatherday@fredericaacademy.org).

## **SUMMER READING**

Students in rising First through Twelfth grades are required to complete summer reading. Visit [fredericaacademy.org/academics/summer-reading](https://fredericaacademy.org/academics/summer-reading) for your child's summer reading assignment.

## **CAMPUS HAPPENINGS**

### **FALL CONVOCATION**

The Fall Convocation is held in the early weeks of the school year and celebrates the opening of school. During this special assembly, the Senior class is introduced by name and escorted hand in hand by a member of the First grade class. Parents of Seniors and First grade alike, reflect on the years ahead, behind and in between these pivotal grades. Following the ceremony, Seniors return their First grade buddies to the classroom and then are celebrated with posters made by their families. It's a cherished tradition for all to experience, from the upperclassmen to our littlest Knights, faculty, parents, and everyone in between.

### **MORNING MEETING AND ASSEMBLIES**

Lower, Middle and Upper School each host weekly student-led assemblies to share announcements, highlight upcoming events and showcase student work and awards. Lower School's Morning Meeting is held each Friday at 8:10 a.m. and is open to parents and family friends. Lower School students take turns leading this event while honing their public speaking abilities. Middle and Upper School assemblies are also student led and include important information regarding weekly events. The Middle and Upper School assemblies are intended for students, faculty and staff only.

### **SPIRIT DAYS**

Students Pre-Kindergarten through Twelfth grade enjoy special dressdown Spirit Days in the fall on Fridays when the Varsity Football team has a **HOME** football game. Students are invited to wear FA spirit shirts with uniform bottoms. Additional Spirit Days are scheduled in the spring to coincide with select spring sporting events. Spring Spirit dress down days will be announced through the weekly Sunday e-newsletter. The Booster Club will host Spirit Sales regularly throughout the school year for families to purchase spiritwear and other FA attire. To inquire about purchasing spirit wear outside of an organized sale, contact Michele Meyer at **912.638.9981 ext. 111** or [michelemeyer@fredericaacademy.org](mailto:michelemeyer@fredericaacademy.org).

### **FA FOOTBALL TAILGATES**

Frederica athletic events are open to FA families and community members. The environment is family friendly and fun for all. To kick off each Home football game, the Booster Club will sponsor a tailgate in the outdoor pavilion. All are welcome to attend. Booster Club members may access all regular season home games at no cost (postseason and playoff games not included).

### **CURRICULUM NIGHTS**

Lower School - Wednesday, August 17, 2022

Middle School - Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Upper School - Wednesday, August 31, 2022

At the beginning of the school year, each division will host individual Curriculum Nights for parents/guardians (only) to attend and learn specific grade level/class information from your

child(ren)'s teacher(s). Classroom expectations, communication, special events, and other important information is shared. Please save the date!

### **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES - OCTOBER 21, 2022 | MARCH 10, 2023**

The school dedicates two days each year for parents/guardians and teachers to come together to discuss their student's progress. School is not in session on conference days, however, childcare is available for Lower School students during a parent's scheduled conference time. Sign ups will be shared via the Sunday e-newsletter in the weeks leading up to each conference day.

### **CARPE VITAM - OCTOBER 24-28, 2022**

Every year, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth grade students spend three to five school days off campus enjoying experiential learning. Students get to know classmates by sharing unfamiliar encounters in a new and different environment. The English translation of the Latin term "Carpe Vitam" is "seize the life," and that is exactly what we intend for each student to do on these trips!

Fifth grade will travel to the New Ebenezer Retreat Center in Rincon, Georgia, where they will discover, learn, and engage during an Ebenezer ALIVE! adventure. This experience focuses on Georgia heritage and history, character education, and natural/environmental sciences.

Sixth grade will travel to Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Georgia, to gain a greater awareness of themselves as well as the natural world around them. Students will experience team building and outdoor adventures while learning the ecology and living history of our state.

The Seventh grade will travel to Honey Creek Retreat Center in Waverly, Georgia. The students will experience day trips to find out more about the environment and themselves by providing teaching activities that take place in the outdoors, our living classroom.

The Eighth grade will visit Washington, D.C., and experience our nation's Capital. Their tour aligns with our Eighth grade curriculum and lets our students experience history and government firsthand.

The Consumable and Technology fee in grades Fifth, Sixth and Seventh covers a student's travel expenses. An additional fee is required in Eighth grade to help cover airfare.

The Middle School will host information sessions to share trip details. For more information, please contact Middle School Director David Nelson at **912.638.9981 ext. 755** or **davidnelson@fredericaacademy.org**.

## **STORYBOOK CHARACTER PARADE - OCTOBER 31, 2022**

Students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through Fourth are invited to dress as his/her favorite storybook character and join the entire Lower School for a campus-wide parade. Lower School students should plan to arrive at school dressed as their favorite storybook character (storybook in tow, as well). Students will enjoy a regular school day following the parade, so school uniforms may be packed, if desired. Parents and family friends are welcome to enjoy the parade.

## **TRUNK OR TREAT**

The Parent Association hosts an evening of fun at its Halloween Trunk or Treat.

Students in Pre-Kindergarten through Fourth grade are invited to trick or treat, decorate pumpkins, enjoy carnival activities and more. Students in the Middle and Upper School are encouraged to get involved by volunteering at the event. FA families and community members are invited to participate as a "Trunk" to pass out treats. And, parent volunteers are encouraged to ensure the event's success and safety for all. It's the perfect event for the entire FAmily!

## **POINSETTIA AND GREENERY SALE**

The Poinsettia and Greenery sale is the Parent Association's annual fundraising activity and an opportunity for members of the school and broader community to purchase beautiful wreaths, garland, centerpieces and poinsettias to decorate for the holidays. The proceeds are used to support the FA Parent Association's initiatives that benefit all FA students, teachers, and staff. Orders are placed in early fall with delivery in late November. The Parent Association will announce ordering information in September.

## **JINGLE BELL CELEBRATION - DECEMBER 1, 2022**

Please plan to help light the Frederica Christmas Tree and begin the holiday season with cookies, milk and school spirit at its finest. This festive event offers fun for the entire family. The greater Golden Isles community is also invited to attend. Additional details will be shared in November.

## **LOWER SCHOOL GIVING TREE - DECEMBER 15, 2022**

Every holiday season, the FAmily gathers to celebrate the season by purchasing gifts for local service organizations. Each grade is designated a local non-profit to direct their donations and specifications are given towards items most needed by local children during the holiday season. Enlisting your child to help shop for these items is a wonderful way to share the lessons of compassion and generosity.

## **FIELD DAY - MARCH 24, 2023**

Go Green! Go White! Frederica Academy's Field Day is a fun-filled day when Lower, Middle, and Upper School students engage in relay races and spirited activities that build community and form friendships across grades and divisions. The FAmily will divide into team colors (green and white) according to last name. Students enjoy a half day with noon dismissal. Please see Sunday email-communications for exact dismissal times by division.

### **MAY DAY / GRANDPARENTS DAY / HONORS DAY - APRIL 28, 2023**

For centuries, May Day celebrations have occurred around the world to celebrate the return of spring. Frederica Academy's May Day celebration is a time-honored tradition, which dates back to the school's early days and recognizes the culmination of a successful school year for all students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through Twelfth. Lower School students perform musical numbers, while Middle and Upper School students select grade peers to represent them on the May Court. The celebration crescendos with the crowning of the May Queen and Fourth Grade students participating in a colorful, joyful May Pole procession and dance. Parents, grandparents, and special friends of participating students are invited to attend so that the school can honor its grandparents and special friends during the ceremony. Lower School students host their grandparents and special invited guests for a visit in their classrooms following the May Day program.

Upper School will hold Honors Day on this day as well to recognize student achievement in grades Ninth through Twelfth. This is a dress-up day at Frederica Academy, and school concludes following the morning's festivities.

### **DERBY DAY - MAY 6, 2023**

Our annual signature fundraiser is held on the first Saturday in May in conjunction with the Kentucky Derby. It is organized by the Office of Advancement. This event is open to the public and is a great way to become involved, support the school through sponsorships and meet other parents. Many parent volunteers work on the planning and execution of this special event, which benefits our school in significant ways. Please save the date!

### **LOWER & MIDDLE SCHOOL CLOSING CEREMONIES - MAY 24, 2023**

On the final school day of the year, the Lower and Middle School divisions gather (separately) to honor students in their respective division with special awards and certificates of completion following a school year's worth of hard work, determination, perseverance, and academic achievements. Students will report directly to the ceremony location at the appropriate time as school is not in session. Students are to dress in church appropriate attire.

### **OTHER TRADITIONS**

In Frederica's over 50 years, the FAmily has accrued a host of other memorable traditions for students of all ages and grades to enjoy, including the First Grade Feast, Second Grade Pirate Day, Fifth Grade Play, Ninth and Twelfth Grade Retreat, Senior College T-Shirt day, Baccalaureate, Graduation and many more. For more information about these events, please contact your Division Director, Class Representative or the Office of Admission. Additional information will be shared by your child's teacher and/or the school's Sunday e-newsletter prior to each event.



## **SUPPORTING FREDERICA**

Tuition revenue at Frederica Academy, consistent with other independent schools, only covers a portion of the school's actual operating expenses each year. At Frederica, tuition only covers about 80% of the operating budget. The balance of the school's operating revenue comes from donors who support the school's mission. Money for capital projects and other long-term investments does not come from tuition revenue — it comes from donations the school receives from individuals or private foundations.

Donations to Frederica Academy are classified as restricted gifts or unrestricted gifts. All of these gifts are voluntary and, in almost all cases, are charitable contributions. Therefore, they may be tax deductible.

An unrestricted gift is a donation that is not tied to a specific investment. In other words, the school has the discretion to use the money as part of its operating budget. The best example of an unrestricted gift is a donation to the Annual Fund. Each year, money from the Annual Fund helps keep the school operating and is the critical difference in helping make tuition more affordable for more Frederica families. Without Annual Fund revenue, Frederica would be forced to increase tuition, cut programs or increase student-teacher ratios.

Because the Annual Fund is such a strategic priority, large donors and foundations use the school's Annual Fund performance as the primary indicator of stakeholder confidence in the school. Accordingly, participation in the Annual Fund is very important — especially parent, faculty and trustee participation. All parents are strongly encouraged to participate and to participate at a level of their choosing. No gift is too small, and every gift is truly appreciated.

Restricted gifts can be given for specific line-items within the school's operating budget. For example, a donor may underwrite the Carpe Vitam program or give money to fund other school projects, programs or initiatives of particular interest to the donor. Additional restricted gifts are tied to capital projects (new buildings or campus improvements) or other long-term investments (endowment funds).

For additional information, please contact John Pope in the Advancement Office at **912.638.9981 ext. 102** or [johnpope@fredericaacademy.org](mailto:johnpope@fredericaacademy.org).

## **2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR (FALL SEMESTER)**

Monday - Tuesday, August 1 - 2: New Teacher Orientation

Wednesday - Tuesday, August 3 - 9: Teacher Pre-Planning

Thursday, August 4: New Parent Orientation

Monday, August 8: Middle School Locker Set up

Monday, August 8: Upper School 101

Monday, August 8: New Knight Parties

Tuesday, August 9: Lower School Classroom Sneak Peek + Open House

Wednesday, August 10: First Day of School

Monday, September 5: Labor Day (No School)

Monday, October 10: Fall Break (No School)

Wednesday, October 12: 9th + 12th Retreat Day (Upper School Noon Dismissal)

Wednesday, October 12: 10th + 11th PSAT (Upper School Noon Dismissal)

Friday, October 21: Parent Conferences (No School for Students)

Monday - Thursday, October 24 - 27: Middle School Carpe Vitam

Friday, October 28: Middle School Holiday

Wednesday, November 2: PSAT 8/9 for Grade 8 (8th Grade Noon Dismissal)

Wednesday, November 2: Pre-ACT for Grades 9 - 11 (Upper School Noon Dismissal)

Wednesday, November 2: Senior Health Seminar (Upper School Noon Dismissal)

Friday, November 11: Veterans Day (No School)

Wednesday - Friday, November 23 - 25: Thanksgiving Break (No School)

Thursday, December 1: Jingle Bell Celebration + Christmas Tree Lighting

December 13 - 15: Middle + Upper School Exams (Middle + Upper School Student Early Dismissal)

Thursday, December 15: Lower School Giving Tree Ceremony (Lower School Early Dismissal)

Friday, December 16: Middle + Upper School Make-Up Exams

Friday, December 16: Teacher Work-Day

December 16 - January 3: Student Holiday Break (No School)

## **2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR (SPRING SEMESTER)**

Monday - Tuesday, January 2 - 3: Teacher Work-Day (No Students)

Wednesday, January 4: First Day of Second Semester

Monday, January 16: MLK Day (No School)

Friday, February 17: Winter Holiday (No School)

Monday, February 20: Presidents Day (No School)

Friday, March 10: Parent Conferences (No School for Students)

Friday, March 24: All-School Division Field Days (Early Dismissal)

Friday, April 7: Good Friday (No School)

Monday - Friday, April 10 - 14: Spring Break (No School)

Friday, April 28: Grandparents' Day, May Day, Honors Day (Early Dismissal)

May 1 - 12: AP Exams

Saturday, May 6: Derby Day

Thursday, May 11: Baccalaureate

Saturday, May 13: Graduation

May 19, 22-23: Middle + Upper School Exams (Middle + Upper School Student Early Dismissal)

Tuesday, May 23: Last Day of Lower School

Wednesday, May 24: Lower School Closing Ceremonies

Wednesday, May 24: Middle School Closing Ceremonies

Wednesday, May 24: Middle + Upper School Exam Make-Up Day

Wednesday - Friday, May 24 - 26: Teacher Post-Planning

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### **ALMA MATER**

On an isle in southeast Georgia  
There's a school we love;  
Set near sea and pearly beaches,  
Moss draped oaks above.  
Frederica, how we love thee,  
Our dear high school home;  
And our memories we'll cherish,  
As from thee we roam.





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