

It's the final Friday of summer break, Wildcats!

It's been great to have teachers and support staff in the building this week. We've also had many students in the building for athletics and music camps. It will be wonderful to have everyone back next week.

Soft Start

This Wednesday, August 17, we will welcome the first of our Wildcats back for the year. We're looking forward to having all of our 3rd, 6th, and 9th graders as well as all new to The Academy 7th and 10th graders.

- 3rd Graders - 8:05 - 11:00 am (enter door 19 on the west side of the building)
- 6th Graders and new 7th Graders - 8:05 - 11:00 am (enter door 5 on the east side of the building)
- 9th Graders and new 10th Graders - 11:30 am - 3:30 pm (enter door 5 on the east side of the building)

Tips for Your 3rd-5th Grade School Day

Mrs. Gramarossa has put together a helpful tip sheet for 3-5 families as you navigate the start of the year. Please take time to read the [Helpful Tips for the 3-5 School Day](#).

Secondary Picture Days

High School students will have their student ID pictures taken on Friday, August 19.

Middle School students will have their ID pictures taken on Monday, August 22.

If you would like to purchase school pictures of your Wildcat, you can use the [MJ Thomas order form](#) and place your order before August 23.

Elementary pictures will be on Thursday, September 1. Details will come later this month.

Parent/Student Handbooks

Thank you for your patience as we made updates and edits to our Parent/Student Handbook. You are now able to find grade-level handbooks on the [Family Zone](#) page of our website. If you have questions about information in a handbook, please reach out to the appropriate level principal.

Childcare on Friday Professional Development Days

We're nearing the August 21 deadline to register your Wildcat for childcare on the professional development Fridays during semester 1. Please read [Mr. Reckman's letter](#) with full details regarding the structure for these Fridays. If you have not yet registered, please take time to complete the [Registration for Friday Childcare](#) form.

Working for Us

The Academy has several positions open, especially as K-5 paraprofessionals and after care staff. If you are interested in working on the Wildcat team, please submit an application on the [Working for Us](#) page on the website.

Spirit Gear Sale

1st Place Spiritwear is having a back-to-school sale through September 7. They are offering a sitewide savings of 30%. If you're interested in purchasing items for your Wildcat, please visit [The Den](#).

If you have questions, please email the [Help Desk](#). Have a great weekend - see you next week!