

# The Academy Monthly Newsletter

September, 2022

## A Look Ahead

### Monday, August 29

Make-up [picture day](#), for secondary students.

### Tuesday, August 30 - Wednesday, August 31

Grade 8 Outdoor Ed

### Thursday, September 1

North campus [picture day](#).

Main campus elementary [picture day](#).

### Friday, September 9- Thursday, September 15

AgCademy's Virtual [Farmers Market](#)

### Wednesday, September 14

[Middle School Parent Community Night](#)

### Tuesday, September 20- Friday, September 23

Grade 6 Outdoor Ed

### Tuesday, September 27

Academy Spirit Night at [Chick-fil-A](#)

### Friday, September 30

PreK-Grade 5 jeans day (Denim pants, shorts, or skirts are approved to wear on jeans day. Please do not send students with holes in clothing)



## Community Information

### Academy Enrollment

Spread the word! The Academy currently has several openings left in various grade levels. If you have friends or neighbors still looking for a great school option, please encourage them to apply by visiting [our website](#) and completing the application. Applicants will be notified of their status within 48 hours of their submission.



### Accountability Committee Participants

We are inviting parents of Wildcat students to participate in The Academy's School Accountability Committee for the 2022-23 school year. This group helps review The Academy's annual Unified Improvement Plan ([UIP](#)). Committee meetings are typically held the second Monday of each month from 3:45 to 4:45pm at the main campus. Please email [brent.reckman@theacademyk12.org](mailto:brent.reckman@theacademyk12.org) if you are interested in participating.

### Medical Forms

Many of you have students who will need to use the Health Clinic for medications throughout the year. Below are the forms we will need completed so our clinic staff has the necessary information to best help your student. Please fill out each applicable form completely.

If you have questions, please reach out to Carly Wofford, our school nurse.

- [Medication Policy](#)
- [Contract for Self Carry](#)
- [Colorado Asthma Care Plan](#)
- [Seizure Action Plan](#)
- [Permission to Carry Self Administer Meds](#)
- [Colorado Allergy and Anaphylaxis Emergency Care Plan](#)
- [Health Care Provider Authorization](#)

### Middle School Yearbooks

[Purchase](#) a yearbook for your middle school student to receive a limited time offer.



For parents/guardians of students in grade 8: you have an option to celebrate your student with a recognition add. Click [here](#) for more information.

## The Kaleidoscope Music Festival

[The Kaleidoscope Music Festival](#) is fun for the entire family! Invite grandparents, neighbors, and friends - all are welcome! The day will be filled with live music, games and prizes, food, and a silent auction. Check out the QR code on the flyer to get an early look at the auction. There are also many volunteer spots open to help make the day successful and get your family's volunteer hours at the same time! Our entire K-12 music program is working hard to prepare, and we're looking forward to seeing you on October 1!"



## Spirit Gear Sale

We are pleased to partner with 1st Place Spiritwear to provide families with Academy gear. Orders made between August 8 - September 7 will offer sitewide savings of 30%. Visit [The Den](#) to place your order today.



## Elementary



### Pre-K Director

Amy Jackson  
Ext. 533

**\*\*Read Miss Amy's newsletter [HERE](#).**

✉ Amy.Jackson@theacademyk12... ☎ 303-289-8088



### North Campus Elementary Principal, Grades K-2

Suzie Galbraith  
ext.548

**\*\*Read Ms. Galbraith's newsletter [HERE](#).**

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## Main Campus Elementary Principal, Grades 3-5

Sarah Gramarossa  
Ext. 172

**\*\*Read Mrs. Gramarossa's newsletter [HERE](#).**

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☎ 303-289-8088

## Middle School



## Middle School Principal, Grades 6-8

Erik Mikulak  
Ext. 218

**\*\*Read Mr. Mikulak's newsletter [HERE](#).**

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☎ 303-289-8088

## Grade 8 - Outdoor Ed Chaperones Needed

Students in grade 8 leave for a 2-day 1-night Outdoor Ed experience August 30-31. **We need chaperones** to help staff with this memory-making trip. If you are interested in participating, email Teri Caswell as soon as possible. [teri.caswell@theacademyk12.org](mailto:teri.caswell@theacademyk12.org).

All chaperones will need to complete the following three forms:

[The Academy's Volunteer Application](#)

[YMCA's COVID Waiver for Adult Form](#)

[YMCA's Liability Waiver Form](#)

## Middle School Student Support

Are you looking for ways to help set-up your middle school student for success? Check out a few ideas from our middle school student support team [here](#).



## High School



### High School Principal, Grades 9 - 12

Stephanie Mann  
Ext. 369

**\*\*Read Ms. Mann's newsletter [HERE](#).**

✉ Stephanie.Mann@theacademy... ☎ 303-289-8088

## Counseling

### High School Counseling Team

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! We hope everyone had a rejuvenating summer and are ready for a new school year.

The High School Counseling Team officially has three full-time counselors! For this reason, you may find that you and your student are working with a new counselor this year. Below is the breakdown of counselor caseloads:

**Chris Kruidenier: Last names A-Gr**

**Kelly Richter: Last names Gu-Pa**

**Kelly O'Connell: Last names Pe-Z**

Additionally, we have a wonderful intern joining us this semester! Please welcome Mike Shron to The Academy family as you may see him around or see his email in your inbox.

The counseling team has been busy updating schedules and getting students where they need to be! Coming up, counselors will be shifting gears to help seniors with their plans after high school. Parents/guardians will be receiving an invite for an individual meeting with you, your student, and their counselor. We will also be in Advisories to help students work through their plans for after high school. Additionally, there are a couple of college fairs coming up:

[College Fairs of Greater Denver](#) at Monarch High School 9/28 from 6-8 pm (parents are welcome!)  
Day/Night Fairs at The Academy of Charter Schools 10/28 from 9-10 am (students only)

Lastly, thank you to those of you who attended our presentation at Parent Orientation! For those of you who were unable to attend, we would love to share one resource with all of you. [Child Mind Institute](#) is an outstanding organization and their website is a wealth of information for all things mental health related. We encourage you to poke around this website to find amazing articles and tips for helping your student walk through the teen years.

As always, feel free to reach out if you need anything!

Best,  
The Counseling Team

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Kelly O'Connell: [kelly.oconnell@theacademyk12.org](mailto:kelly.oconnell@theacademyk12.org)

Terri Picaso (Admin Assistant to the Counseling Office): [terri.picaso@theacademyk12.org](mailto:terri.picaso@theacademyk12.org)

Mike Shron (Intern): [michael.shron@theacademyk12.org](mailto:michael.shron@theacademyk12.org)

## Athletics

## Welcome, Mrs. Donnellan

We are excited to welcome our new athletic assistant, Robyn Donnellan, to the athletics department. If you are interested in participating in athletics, please contact Mrs. Donnellan at [robyn.donnellan@theacademyk12.org](mailto:robyn.donnellan@theacademyk12.org) or 303-289-8088 x 374 to register.

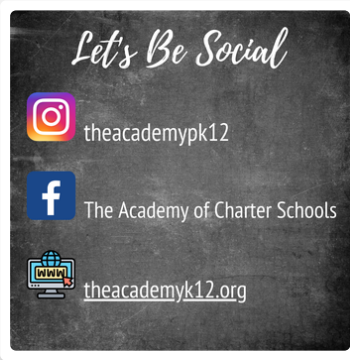
All student athletes are required to pay a participation fee when submitting completed paperwork, and school fees must be paid before participating in the first game. These fees can be paid through Mrs. Donnellan. For those who qualify for free and reduced lunch or to set up a payment plan, please contact finance at 303-289-8088 ext.106.

## Communication Pathways

## The Academy Communications Pathways:

1. Email
2. Facebook - The Academy of Charter Schools [Official Page](#)
3. Helpdesk - [helpdesk@theacademyk12.org](mailto:helpdesk@theacademyk12.org)
5. Weekly Communications
6. Monthly Newsletter





## Stay Connected

Follow these approved Academy Communication Pathways today!



## Have a Question

For all of your questions and needs, please ask the Help Desk.

[helpdesk@theacademyk12.org](mailto:helpdesk@theacademyk12.org)



## Join Our Team

[Click here](#) to see available job opportunities at The Academy.

Support Our School





## Community Rewards Program Join Today!

Did you know King Soopers has a community rewards program?

From January 1, 2022 - March 31, 2022

**227 households**

participating in the Community Rewards program through Kings Soopers have brought in a total of **\$3,112.09 in donations.**

To join, visit [Kingsoopers.com](http://Kingsoopers.com)

- Log into your account or create an account.
- Click on "Community Rewards."
- Search for The Academy of Charter Schools, Inc. or UM193
- And Click Enroll.

By selecting **The Academy**, King Soopers will donate a portion of your sales to our school.

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## Amazon Gives Back

The **Academy** has been issued a **\$724.47** donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between October 1 and December 31, 2021.

Every little bit helps!

The AmazonSmile Foundation recently surpassed **\$200 million** in donations to charities worldwide! Our thanks go out to you, **Academy of Charter Schools Inc** supporters, and every supporter who shops at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com).

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