

A LETTER
FROM OUR
HEAD OF SCHOOL



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THE CASE FOR CHRIST-CENTERED EDUCATION

What is the most important thing in the world to you? That is a pretty heavy question. Many of us might answer, "My relationships matter most – with God and my family." I'll bet that somewhere near the top of that list of what matters most is your desire to know that your kids have accepted Christ and are prepared for all that life and this world has to offer them. At The King's Academy, we have those priorities, as well.

Our **mission** at The King's Academy is to be a Christ-centered school that inspires academic excellence, servant leadership, and enduring relationships. We want to glorify God, disciple students, and pursue excellence in education - and we do that with the Bible as our foundation and Jesus Christ as our focus. Our **vision** is that TKA graduates are transformed by Christ, live a life that honors God, and use their gifts to influence the world for Him. Our **calling** is to be a light that shines in the darkness, a premier institution increasingly recognized as a model and benchmark of relevant 21st-century Christian education, transforming lives and reaching the world for Christ.

I have been asked whether The King's Academy is a school or a ministry. Do we focus on academics or discipleship? The answer is a resounding YES! We believe that academics and faith are inextricably tied together. They are not separate or mutually exclusive objectives. TKA students receive training in both. It is all part of our commitment to offer an excellent education with a biblical worldview.

WHAT IS A "BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW?"

A worldview is a framework of ideas and beliefs through which an individual or group interprets and interacts with the world. A person with a biblical worldview looks at life and the world through the

lens of the Word of God and biblical principles, with Christ at the center. It acknowledges that Christ is the way, the truth, and the life and that no one comes to the Father (God) except through Him (Jesus). It recognizes that all aspects of life, including education, revolve around that reality. It is a view that believes God sovereignly created the world and that humanity was separated from Him by sin. A biblical worldview teaches that redemption and reconciliation with God are available in the person of Jesus Christ and that God has an eternal plan for those who have accepted Him.

WHY IS A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW IMPORTANT?

Every human being develops some kind of worldview. If it is not a view with the Bible as the foundation and Christ as the focus, it will, by default, become a different view of the world. It might develop as a view that human reason and knowledge are the basis of truth and that individuals define truth and determine their own morality (Secular Humanism). Or, it could develop as a Post-modern view of the world that questions the existence of truth at all or believes truth is relative. This view holds that intellect is replaced by will and reason is replaced by emotion; that "If it feels good, do it."

The biggest influences in shaping a worldview are the home, the church, the school, and culture. I believe this generation of students is at risk like never before. It can be challenging to hold a worldview as truth when society sees it as false. Our children are growing up in a culture that is increasingly hostile to anything Christian. Our government and public school system, at best, attempt to be neutral with a (misinterpreted) position of separation of church and state that often comes off as anti-religious. *(continued on back)*

*Our role at TKA is to walk
alongside and support both the
family and the church in seeking
spiritual transformation
for our students.*

Knowledge and application of truth take practical reinforcement and consistent training and support. We are here to be a light for Christ in a world of darkness. Romans 12:2 says, "Do not be conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." At The King's Academy, we are in the business of transformation.

HOW IS THE KING'S ACADEMY DIFFERENT?

We believe that focusing on Christ and our desire to teach with a biblical worldview sets us apart and makes our school distinctive.

*We teach that all truth comes
from God and that Jesus is truth.*

We believe this truth manifests itself in the pursuit of knowledge and wisdom (education) and morality and ethics (life principles). We don't just aspire to integrate a biblical worldview into Bible classes or chapel. We strive to integrate it into everything that we do. God is the creator of science, math, language, and social studies. All learning leads to God, reveals His nature, and offers opportunities for us to respond to Him.

At TKA, we don't want to separate or compartmentalize a faith-based education. Our desired model is to integrate it fully through academics and discipleship, education and ministry, knowledge and faith. We want it to permeate everything we do: every subject, class, team, club, and activity. If TKA were just a great school with Christian teachers, great academics, and great extracurricular opportunities, that, in and of itself would be a good thing. However, TKA is much more than that. It is a place where all of that comes together in one integrated, intentional, and inspirational way.

Our people make us distinctive, as well. Our teachers and staff are committed, sacrificial servants who love, care for, and develop enduring relationships with your

kids. Our approach to discipleship also makes us distinctive. Let's explore that idea further.

HOW DO WE DEFINE AND PRACTICE DISCIPLESHIP AT THE KING'S ACADEMY?

Simply put, a disciple is a follower of Christ. So, discipleship is the process by which disciples grow in the Lord Jesus Christ. At TKA, we approach discipleship by teaching, mentoring, and training in the context of a biblical worldview. Teaching includes knowledge of Bible facts, core doctrines, and principles of Christian living. It includes addressing life issues and apologetics. It integrates the Word of God into all academic pursuits.

We mentor students for transformation by modeling the Christian lifestyle, building relationships, and cultivating character inside and outside the classroom. We train for Christian service by identifying and using the spiritual gifts God has given each student, sharing the Gospel, expanding our reach, and providing ministry and service opportunities.

Academic excellence, servant leadership, and enduring relationships are TKA's mission. To accomplish our mission, TKA staff are committed to mentoring and discipling our students. Our goal is that by the time they graduate, our students are transformed by Christ, live a life that honors God, and use their gifts to influence the world for Him.

Please contact our Admissions Office at admissions@tka.org or at 408.481.9900 x4222 to learn more about how TKA could be a great fit for your student and family.

In Christ,



Jeff Freeman

