

APRIL 26, 2024

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Upcoming Events

All parents are invited to meet and pray **EVERY Monday at 8:15AM** in the Prayer Room (located in the main office)

April 29-30
Achievement Testing (K-8th)

May 2
National Day of Prayer

Rising Senior Parent Meeting

May 4
Junior-Senior Formal

May 10
Last day of classes for Seniors

May 11
MS Dance

May 13
The Kingspsys Athletic Awards

May 13-16
Senior Exams

May 21-28
Senior Class Trip

May 23-29
MS/HS Semester Exams

May 24
Kindergarten Graduation—Last Day for JK & K

May 27
Memorial Day
NO SCHOOL

May 28
5th Grade Graduation and Last Day

May 29
Last Day 1-4, 6-11
HALF DAY

May 30
High School Commencement



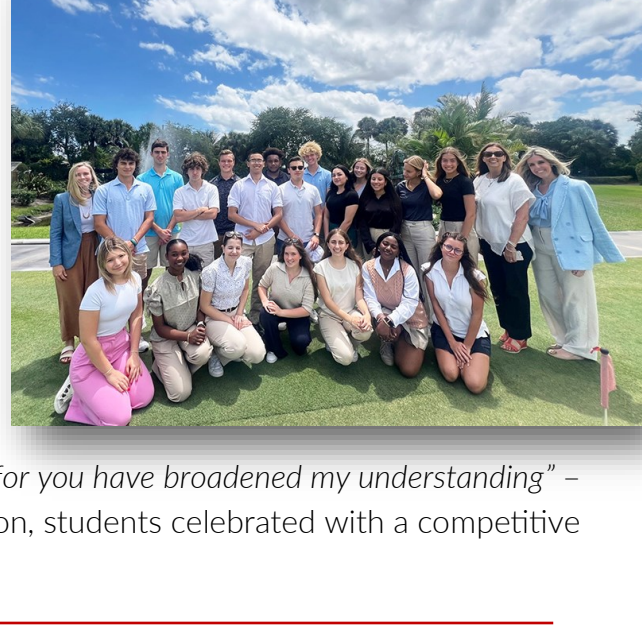
Senior Class Photo & Assembly

The Class of 2024 gathered to take their official graduation class photo on Wednesday. Yesterday they dressed in college t-shirts and attended a special assembly. Class President Luke Ramos shared a message on behalf of the class and crowned rising Senior Class President Gaby Hernandez. Mrs. Heidi Martin shared thoughts the graduating class recorded as 9th graders from the famous "time capsule." Congratulations to Mrs. Bunny Crocetti who was the recipient of this year's William H. Vimont Award. This honor is chosen by TKA student leaders and awarded to a recipient who shows love and concern for the student body. The assembly closed with a slide show and a college pinning ceremony. Friday, May 10th marks the final day of classes for seniors. These students have left their mark on The King's Academy as they join the ranks of TKA alumni and will be greatly missed. [Click here](#) for photos and [Click here](#) to view the senior slide show.



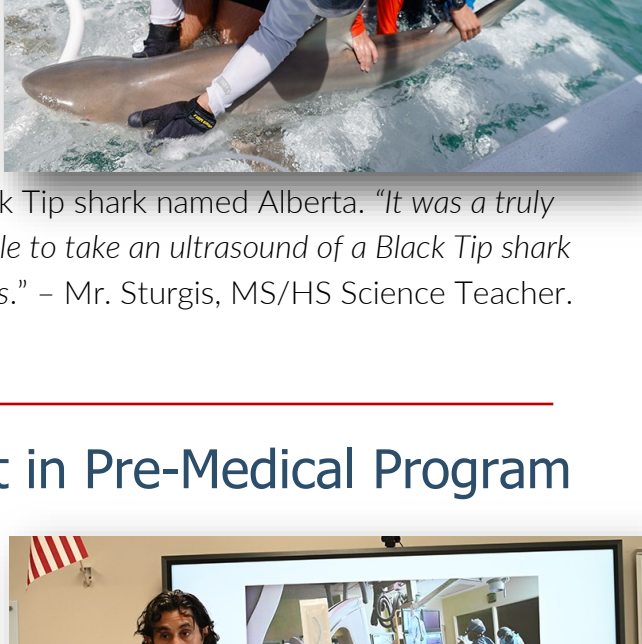
Students Inducted into the Gavel Society

Twenty seniors were inducted into The Gavel Society on Tuesday at the National Croquet Center. These students completed the O'Keeffe Pre-Law Program of Distinction and will join a special group of alumni at The King's Academy. In recognition of their accomplishments, students were presented with a gavel inscribed with this year's program verse: "I run in the path of your commands, for you have broadened my understanding" – Psalm 119:32. After the presentation, students celebrated with a competitive round of croquet.



Marine Science Shark Tagging Experience

Mr. Sturgis and 18 of his Marine Science students recently teamed up with the University of Miami's Shark Research and Conservation Program. They worked alongside Dr. Catherine Macdonald and were involved with every aspect of a shark fishing and tagging experience. Students measured, took tissue samples, checked for parasites, and tagged a six-foot Black Tip shark named Alberta. "It was a truly amazing experience! We were even able to take an ultrasound of a Black Tip shark that was pregnant with six baby sharks." – Mr. Sturgis, MS/HS Science Teacher. [Click here](#) for more photos.



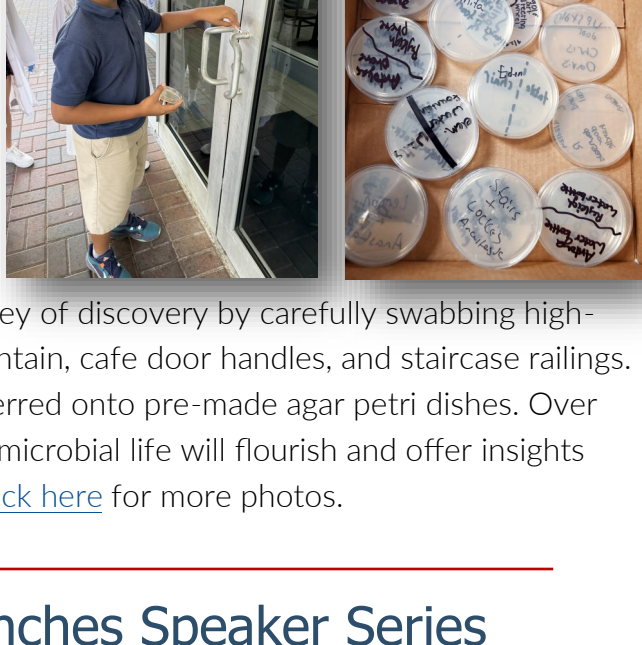
Guest Cardiologist in Pre-Medical Program

Dr. Eliezer Hernandez, a Cardiologist in Wellington, was a guest lecturer in the Pre-Medical Honors Anatomy and Physiology class on Tuesday. Dr. Hernandez discussed the advancements in cardiac diagnosis and treatment. He also shared details of a heart transplant and a number of catheterization procedures. He is the father of Pre-Medical student Gaby Hernandez '25. "We are grateful to Dr. Hernandez and appreciate hearing about many of the life extending and saving interventions in cardiology." – Dr. Vince Diller, Pre-Medical Studies Program Director



Pre-Med Students Collaborate with Explore Program

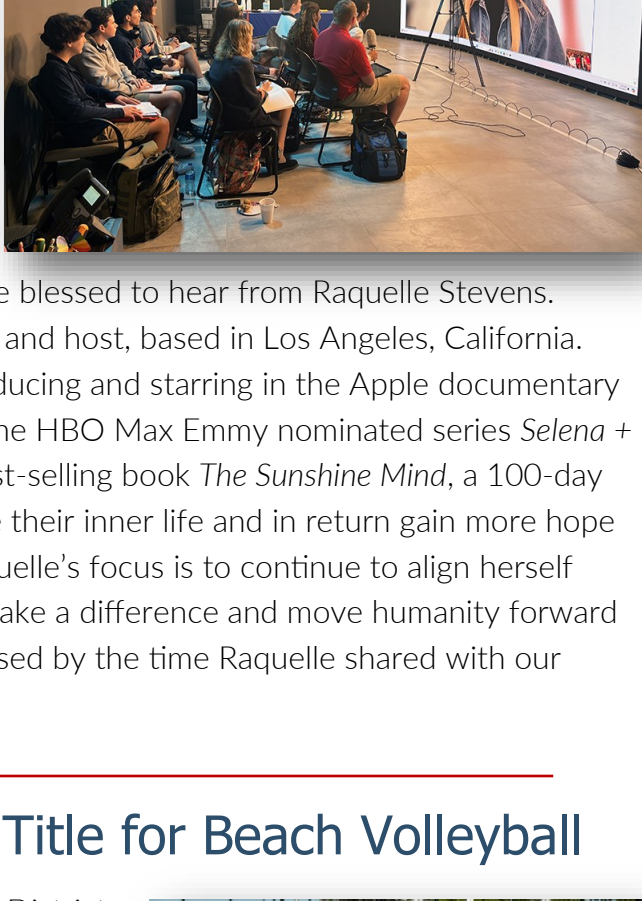
Fourth grade Explore students partnered with high school students in the Pre-Medical Program of Distinction Pathology Honors class for an engaging owl pellet dissection and bacteria growth experiment. Owl pellets, containing a compacted mass of indigestible material, served as the focal point of discovery. Using a dichotomous key, students meticulously identified the animal bones within the pellets, unraveling the mystery of the owl's prey choices. Through this hands-on exploration, the contents of owl pellets unveiled a captivating glimpse into the owl's world.



Students also embarked on a journey of discovery by carefully swabbing high-traffic zones such as the water fountain, cafe door handles, and staircase railings. These swabs were carefully transferred onto pre-made agar petri dishes. Over the next few days in an incubator, microbial life will flourish and offer insights into where bacteria likes to live. [Click here](#) for more photos.

Studio 70 Launches Speaker Series

Studio 70 launched REEL CRAFT, a new speaker series that brings A-list Hollywood pros to our campus for virtual and in-person presentations. REEL CRAFT at TKA exists to educate students in the business and practice of cinema arts by engaging them with world-class filmmakers, artists, and producers to foster professional connections and mentorship. For the inaugural session, students were blessed to hear from Raquelle Stevens. Ms. Stevens is an author, producer, and host, based in Los Angeles, California. Her most recent work includes producing and starring in the Apple documentary *Selena Gomez: My Mind & Me*, and the HBO Max Emmy nominated series *Selena + Chef*. This year she released her best-selling book *The Sunshine Mind*, a 100-day devotional to help readers prioritize their inner life and in return gain more hope and joy in their day-to-day life. Raquelle's focus is to continue to align herself with projects and individuals that make a difference and move humanity forward with hope and love. We are so blessed by the time Raquelle shared with our Studio 70 students and faculty!



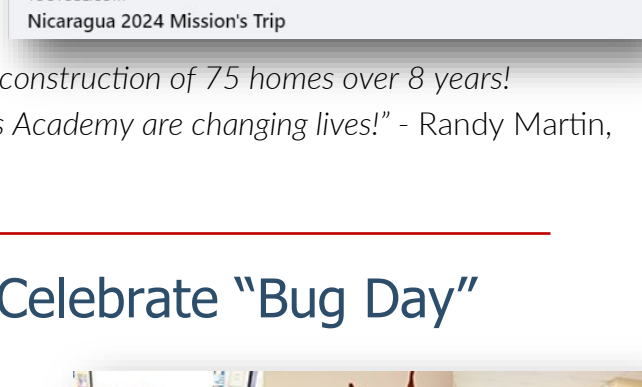
Third Consecutive Title for Beach Volleyball

The Lions beach volleyball team are District Champions. The team cruised past Palm Beach Central 5-0 on Wednesday to claim their 3rd consecutive title. The official final rankings and bracket will be announced soon and the seeding may shuffle with four teams within eight spots in the current rankings. With this win, the Lions improved to 11-5 overall on the season. Their 47 wins over the last three seasons are the most in Palm Beach County.



2024 Nicaragua Mission Trip Video

Thanks to Studio 70's Mr. Phillip King you can now watch video footage of this year's mission trip to Nicaragua. In January, two teams, totaling 119 students and chaperones, traveled to Central America with Hope Project International to serve over a 9 day period. "Many thanks to the TKA family for your generosity to fund the construction of 75 homes over 8 years! Together, Hope Project and The King's Academy are changing lives!" – Randy Martin, President. [Click here](#) to watch.



First Graders Celebrate "Bug Day"

First graders have learned many interesting facts about bugs during their unit study. Each student selected an insect to research and report on. They created a life-size 3-D model and presented their findings to their classmates. To close the unit, students celebrated "Bug Day" by dressing as bugs, butterflies, lady bugs, entomologists, and more. They enjoyed a surprise visit by our resident pest control experts aka Elementary Administration and a special presentation from Hulett Environmental Services. [Click here](#) to see photos.



Moms & Munchkins

Moms & Munchkins is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship! This morning elementary students and their moms began their day with delicious breakfast, along with coffee and orange juice. It was a special time for moms to interact with their children and friends before the start of the school day. We love our TKA moms! [Click here](#) to see more photos.



Join Us for National Day of Prayer

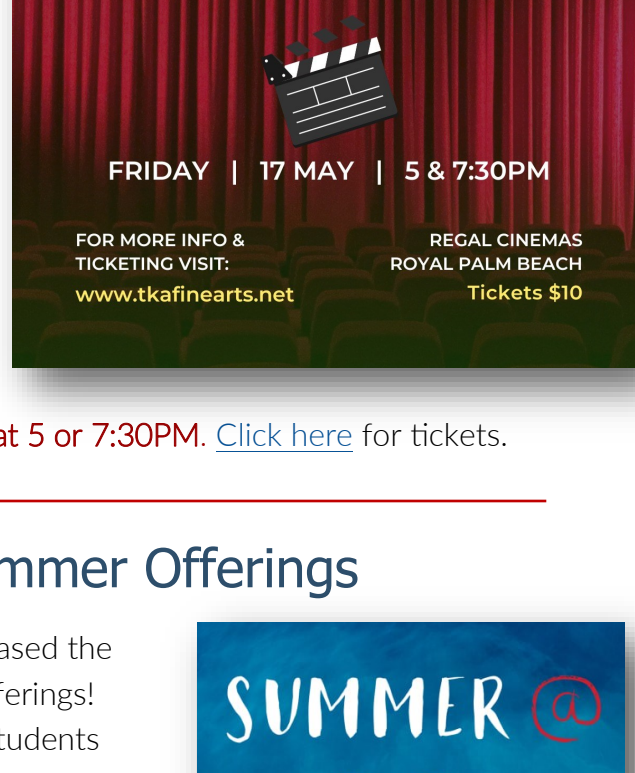
TKA will be celebrating the National Day of Prayer next Thursday, May 2nd. This is a time when we recognize both the power of and need for prayer as we reflect on our own lives and the world around us. Please consider joining us for a brief morning prayer service at 7:30AM on the turf in front of the Rosemary Beaumont Library (enter through the Rosemary). Prayer stations will also be set up around campus to focus on prayer topics. This day serves as a great reminder of the importance of prayer in our lives each day. We hope to see you there!



Studio 70 Student Film Showcase

Congratulations to Studio 70's Trinity Shahriyar and Nataly Goettelmann for their acceptances to Top 5 film schools, USC and Emerson! In the past three years TKA's Digital Media Arts Program of Distinction has enjoyed four Top 5 film school acceptances with alumni Ziyun "Christy" Zheng and Ryan Cavanagh attending NYU and Loyola Marymount, respectively.

Come and see what makes Studio 70 one of the best HS film programs. This year's film showcase will be held at the Royal Palm Beach Regal Cinemas on Friday, May 17th at 5 or 7:30PM. [Click here](#) for tickets.



Online Summer Offerings

The King's Online Academy has released the schedule for our accelerated summer offerings! Enrollment is open for high school students wishing to enrich their academic studies. Students can complete a single semester of almost any of our courses during the summer term. Please contact Mrs. Ashley Sexton with questions at asexton@tka.net or 561-686-4244 ext. 400. [Click here](#) for more information.



"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

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