

NOVEMBER 8, 2024

PRAY

FOR THE KING'S ACADEMY
TUESDAYS AT 8:10 AM
PRAYER CHAPEL IN FRONT LOBBY

All parents are invited to meet and pray for TKA EVERY TUESDAY at 8:10AM in the Prayer Chapel (located in the front lobby)

Upcoming Events

[November 7-9](#)
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

[November 10-13](#)
9th Grade Class Trip

[November 14-16](#)
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

[November 15](#)
Mid-Term Progress Reports

[November 18-22](#)
Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

[November 18-19](#)
6th Grade Retreat

[November 19-20](#)
7th Grade Retreat

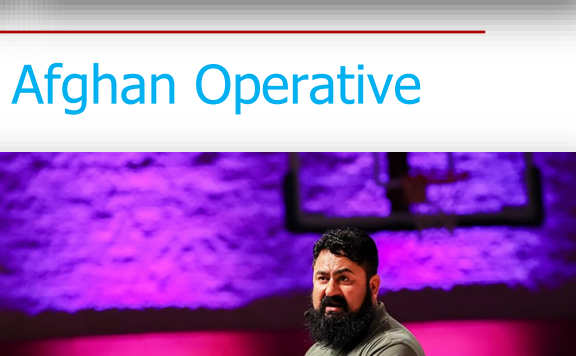
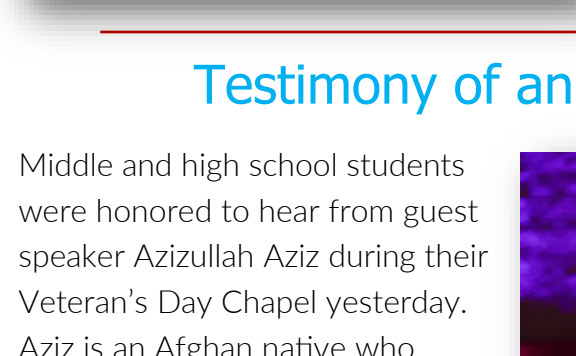
[November 20-21](#)
Junior Class College Tour

[November 25-29](#)
Thanksgiving Break
NO SCHOOL



Grandparents Day 2024

More than 850 Grandparents and guests were welcomed to campus this morning for our annual Grandparents Day. Elementary students performed a medley of crowd favorites including, *God Bless America* and *Grand Old Flag*, in recognition of American service members, both active and veterans. Special Agent FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force and military veteran, Paul Allen, shared how King's is raising the next generation of Christian leaders and challenged grandparents to be anchors of truth, equip their grandchildren for spiritual battle, and install a love for country in them. After the program, grandparents visited classrooms, enjoyed milk and cookies in the Smith Family Café and Bistro, and took commemorative photos with their grandchildren. Students had the opportunity to show their appreciation for their grandparents and express their gratitude for living in a country of rich blessings, made possible by the sacrifices made by the men and women who serve our great nation. [Click here](#) for more photos.



Testimony of an Afghan Operative

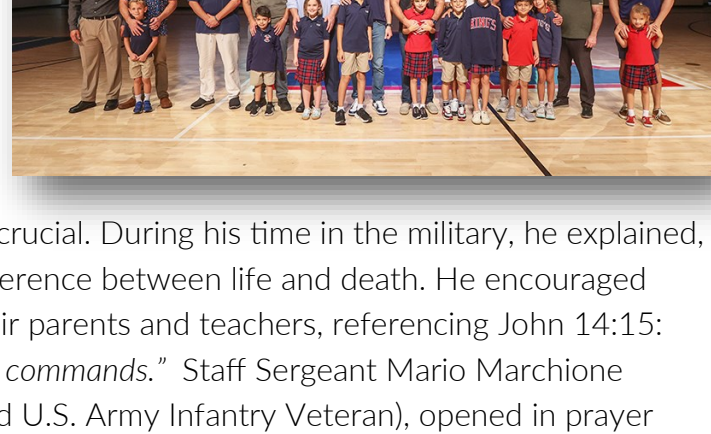
Middle and high school students were honored to hear from guest speaker Azizullah Aziz during their Veteran's Day Chapel yesterday. Aziz is an Afghan native who served as a combat interpreter and facilitator for the United States Special Operations community during military operations in Afghanistan for 16 years. As a young boy, he never could have imagined how the Lord would use his life to impact and save so many lives over the course of his military service. In one of his most desperate moments, Aziz shared a dream in which God revealed that his friends would be used to save him and his family from the extreme persecution they were facing. The next day, his friend and former partner, Chad Robichaux, told him he was assembling a team to rescue Aziz and his entire family. The Lord used Jeremiah 6:16 to speak into Aziz's life reminding him that if he followed Jesus, he would find rest for his soul, even in the most dangerous, stressful, and pressured moments of life.



Aziz has been recognized by the U.S. Congress for his actions in the successful evacuation operation of four Navy SEALs in Afghanistan. He now serves as a cultural advisor at the Mighty Oaks Foundation and is a team leader for the International Men's Legacy program. [Click here](#) for more photos.

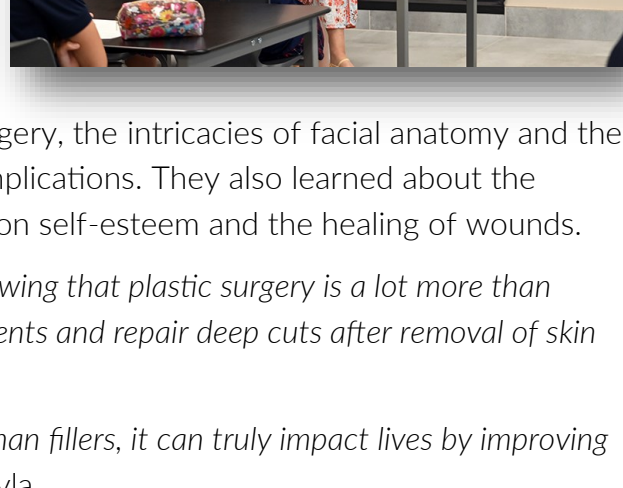
Elementary Students Honor Veterans

In honor of Veterans Day, Special Agent Paul Allen from the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force, and husband to PK5 teacher Stacia Allen, spoke to elementary students in Chapel. Mr. Allen, who served in the U.S. Army and the Air Force, helped students understand what it means to be a veteran and the freedoms they enjoy in the United States as a result of their sacrifices. Building on this year's chapel theme "More Like Jesus," Mr. Allen emphasized that obedience is crucial. During his time in the military, he explained, obedience could mean the difference between life and death. He encouraged students to be obedient to their parents, referencing John 14:15: "If you love me you will obey my commands." Staff Sergeant Mario Marchione (TKA Tactical Force Officer and U.S. Army Infantry Veteran), opened in prayer and junior Madison Anderer sang the National Anthem. To close the chapel service, Mr. Allen asked students to stand and salute the veteran parents in attendance, honoring them for their sacrifice! [Click here](#) for more photos.



Pre-Med Students Learn from TKA Alumna

The Pre-Med Foundations of Medical Science class welcomed Plastic Surgery Physician Assistant and TKA alumna Christina (Hobgood) Naugle '02 to class on Monday. Christina is a Clinical Director and Owner of Lickstein Plastic Surgery Medical Spa at Downtown at the Gardens. Students learned about the numerous procedures that fall under plastic surgery, the intricacies of facial anatomy and the importance of precision to avoid complications. They also learned about the impact that plastic surgery can have on self-esteem and the healing of wounds.



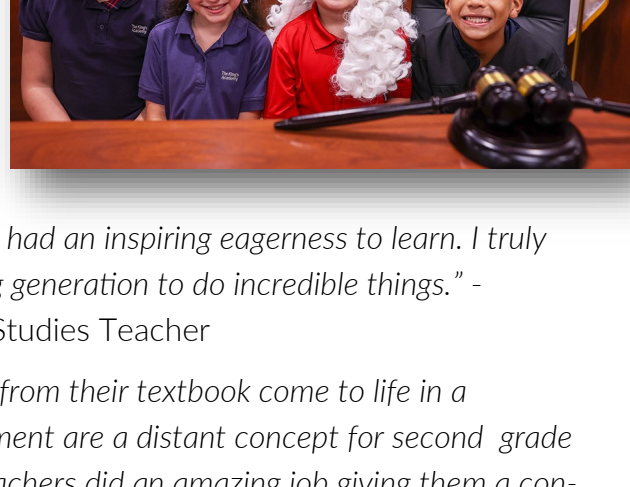
"I gained more insight into the field knowing that plastic surgery is a lot more than people think. It can help with burn patients and repair deep cuts after removal of skin cancer." - Addy

"I learned that plastic surgery is more than fillers, it can truly impact lives by improving their appearance and their health." - Layla

Christina has three children who currently attend TKA: Caroline in 6th grade, Ansley in 3rd, and Livi in Kindergarten.

O'Keeffe Pre-Law Hosts Second Grade

The O'Keeffe Pre-Law Studies Program hosted 2nd grade classes in the Esther B. O'Keeffe Courtroom on Wednesday. Mrs. Dieguez led the students in an interactive exercise about the three branches of government. Students had the opportunity to write a law, enforce a law, and finally, argue their law in front of a panel of judges.



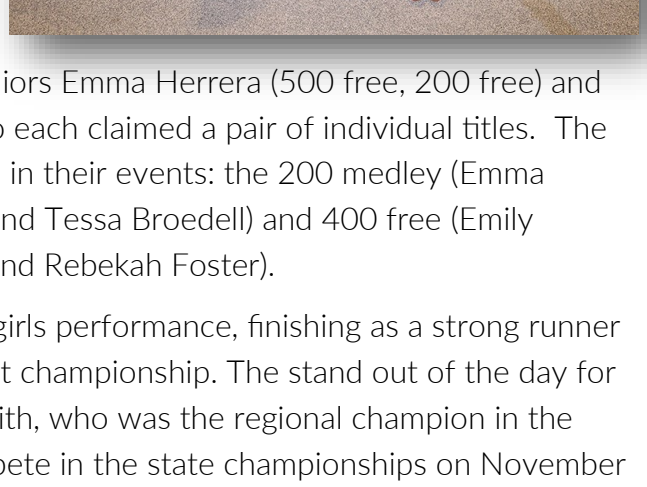
"The students were great listeners and had an inspiring eagerness to learn. I truly believe God is preparing this upcoming generation to do incredible things." - Nicole Dieguez, O'Keeffe Pre-Law Studies Teacher

"Our students loved seeing something from their textbook come to life in a tangible way! The branches of government are a distant concept for second grade students and the O'Keeffe Pre-Law teachers did an amazing job giving them a concrete example of the American legal process. In the words of a 2nd grade student, 'That was the coolest thing I've ever done!'" - Emily Hitchcock, 2nd Grade Teacher

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Lady Lions Back-to-Back Regional Champions

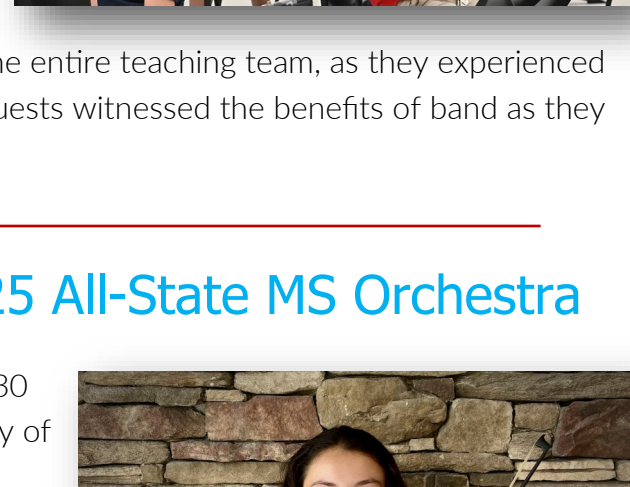
For history, the girls swim and dive team are the regional champions! After securing their district championship win last Friday, the girls continued their dominating season on Monday in Ocala. After running neck and neck with Montverde the majority of the morning, the Lions pulled away late to clinch the championship. Leading the way for King's were seniors Emma Herrera (500 free, 200 free) and Julianna Bell (50 free, 100 free) who each claimed a pair of individual titles. The Herrera, Diana Harris, took first place in their events: the 200 medley (Emma Herrera, Diana Harris, Kiki Munna, and Tess Broedel) and 400 free (Emily Herrera, Julianna Bell, Kiki Munna, and Rebekah Foster).



The boys team nearly matched the girls performance, finishing as a strong runner-up to complement their own district championship. The stand out of the day for the Lions was sophomore Asher Smith, who was the regional champion in the 100 backstroke. The Lions will compete in the state championships on November 15th in Orlando.

Band and Brownies

Elementary parents, grandparents, and guests were invited to the 4th and 5th grade Beginning Band classes for an open house event, "Band and Brownies." This fun and interactive experience gave students the opportunity to showcase their skills as individuals, sections, and as an entire group. Families were introduced to Elementary Band Director, Mr. Mickey Smith Jr, and the entire teaching team, as they experienced a Junior Conservatory Band class. Guests witnessed the benefits of band as they watched their children perform.



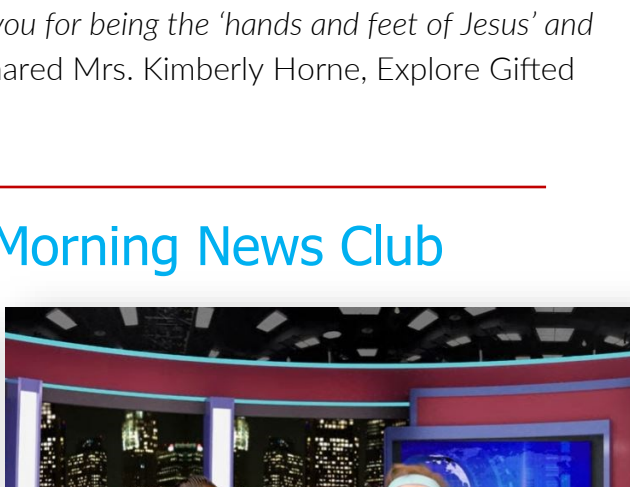
Acceptance to 2025 All-State MS Orchestra

Congratulations to Daniela Dunitz '30 from The Smith Conservatory of the Arts for her acceptance into the 2025 All-State Middle School Orchestra! This prestigious ensemble showcases the top young musicians in Florida, and gaining admission is no small feat—it requires exceptional talent, dedication, and skill. TKA Strings Instructor, Mr. Jeffrey praises Daniela as one of the most hardworking students he's seen, noting her violin abilities are comparable to those of a high schooler.



Explore Students Support Foster Families

Elementary Explore students and their families recently came together to support *Hands and Feet*, a local non-profit dedicated to providing essential resources for children and families involved in the child welfare and foster system. The mission of *Hands and Feet* is to address urgent needs, helping families feel connected and valued during challenging times. Through this heartfelt initiative, Explore families donated 128 pairs of pajamas, offering warmth and comfort to children across our community. "Seeing the students united in this effort, inspired by the power of kindness, was truly moving. Their spirit of generosity is beyond words. Thank you for being the 'hands and feet of Jesus' and for sharing love with those in need," shared Mrs. Kimberly Horne, Explore Gifted Teacher



Elementary Morning News Club

The King's Academy Elementary Morning News Club is a new after school club led by Mrs. Heising and Mrs. Lopez for 3rd through 5th graders who have a passion for broadcasting. Each week, TKA Morning News begins the show with a prayer for our school, followed by events and entertaining skits to bring joy to teachers and students. Students have the opportunity to be junior reporters, anchors, directors and to learn what it takes to create a television show. [Click here](#) to watch their first episode featuring news anchors Samuel Sawh (5th grade) and Kate Branham (4th grade).



Charlie & The Chocolate Factory

Last night was opening night for TKA Theatre Company's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*! Step into a world of pure imagination and don't miss this beloved family-friendly musical with colorful costumes and spectacular sets. Get your tickets today at [finearts.net](#), maybe you will win the golden ticket!



"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10