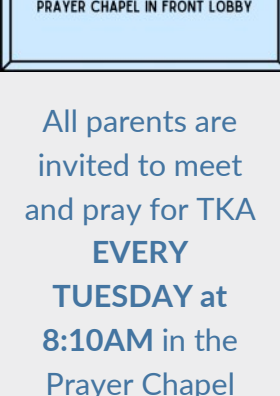


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All parents are invited to meet and pray for TKA EVERY TUESDAY at 8:10AM in the Prayer Chapel (located in the front lobby)

Upcoming Events

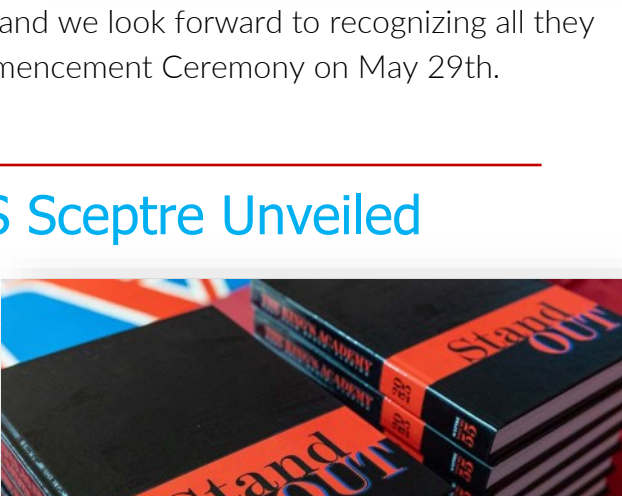
- May 5-16
AP Testing
- May 9
Seniors' Last Day of Classes
- May 10
Middle School Dance Rhinestones & Rodeo
- May 12
The Kingspys Athletic Awards
- May 12-15
Senior Exams
- May 14
Rising Senior Parent Meeting @6:30PM
- May 17
Senior Awards Ceremony
- May 19-22
5th Grade Washington Trip
- May 19-27
Senior Class Trip
- May 22-28
MS/HS Semester Exams
- May 23
Kindergarten Graduation & Last Day
- May 26
Memorial Day NO SCHOOL
- May 27
5th Grade Graduation & Last Day
- May 28
Last Day (1-4, 6-11)
- May 29
HS Commencement



Last Day of Classes for our Seniors

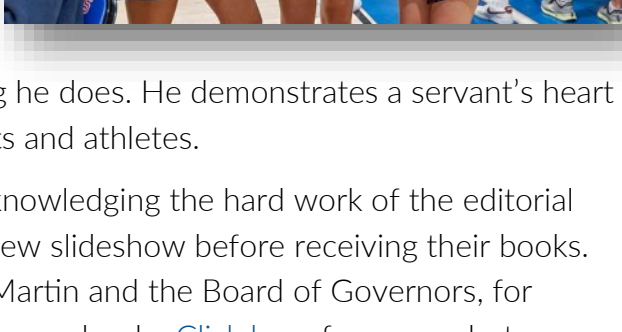
Today marked the final day of high school classes for The King's Academy senior class, a memorable milestone in their educational journey. Students visited with faculty, proudly wore their uniforms embellished with college insignias, and reflected on the experiences and growth they have enjoyed during their time at TKA. In the week ahead, seniors will complete their final exams, be recognized for their achievements at the Senior Awards Ceremony on Saturday, May 17th, and conclude their time together with the senior trip to Hawaii.

Throughout their years at TKA, these students have demonstrated excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts, leaving a lasting legacy on our campus. They will be deeply missed, and we look forward to recognizing all they have accomplished at the 54th Commencement Ceremony on May 29th. [Click here](#) for more photos.



2025 MS/HS Sceptre Unveiled

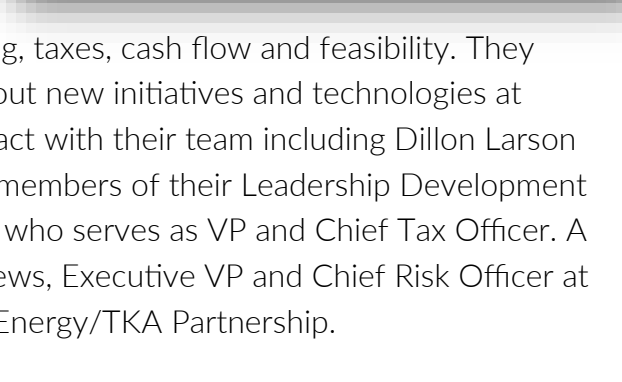
The 2025 MS/HS Sceptre was unveiled during a special assembly on Tuesday. Mrs. Lockmiller along with her team of dedicated students led by Editor-in-Chief of Design, Stella Wiegert and Editor-in-Chief of Production, Vale Diaz have done a wonderful job of capturing the memories of the 2024-25 school year. Calleigh Stebbins revealed this year's theme, *Stand Out*, explaining, "In a world that often tends to fit in. The King's Academy stands out. In every season, every pursuit, every challenge, we take it as an opportunity to achieve the inconceivable. To push beyond the boundaries to show God's light in all of our endeavors." For the first time in TKA history, the yearbook cover has been printed in thermal ink, revealing a full-color picture when heated. This year's book is dedicated to Mr. Tyler Hamilton, Director of the Sports Medicine Program & Athletic Trainer. Mr. Hamilton shows God's light and joy through always going the extra mile, with excellence evident in everything he does. He demonstrates a servant's heart through his dedication to his students and athletes.



After recognition and shout-outs acknowledging the hard work of the editorial staff, students enjoyed a year-in-review slideshow before receiving their books. Thank you to TKA President Randy Martin and the Board of Governors, for ensuring that each student received a yearbook. [Click here](#) for more photos.

TKA Partners With NextEra Energy

Last week, students in the Foundations of Finance course within the Business Program of Distinction visited NextEra Energy to culminate their collaborative learning experience this semester. Students in the Finance class benefited from the expertise of NextEra executives who visited TKA throughout the semester teaching on revenue, project financing, taxes, cash flow and feasibility. They enjoyed getting a chance to learn about new initiatives and technologies at NextEra, tour their campus and interact with their team including Dillon Larson '19 and Caroline Rinker '20 who are members of their Leadership Development Program and TKA parent, Joe Reese, who serves as VP and Chief Tax Officer. A special thanks to TKA parent Kirk Crews, Executive VP and Chief Risk Officer at NextEra, for facilitating the NextEra Energy/TKA Partnership.



Students Represent at NHD State Competition

An impressive eleven TKA junior and sophomore students competed at the 2025 Florida History Day competition in Tallahassee earlier this week. After placing first or second at the county level in February, these students represented Palm Beach County among 581 projects selected from over 25,000 projects completed statewide. TKA was strongly represented at the awards ceremony again this year. Congratulations to sophomore Tucker Minton for his individual website titled "The Nuremberg Trials: The Right to Defend, The Responsibility to Convict" placing 3rd in the Senior Division. Sophomores Ashlyn Martin and Maddy Holland also placed 3rd for their group exhibit titled "The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising." Lastly, juniors Bryce Gibbons and Hudson Champion were selected as finalists for their documentary on the Cuban Missile Crisis. [Click here](#) for more photos.



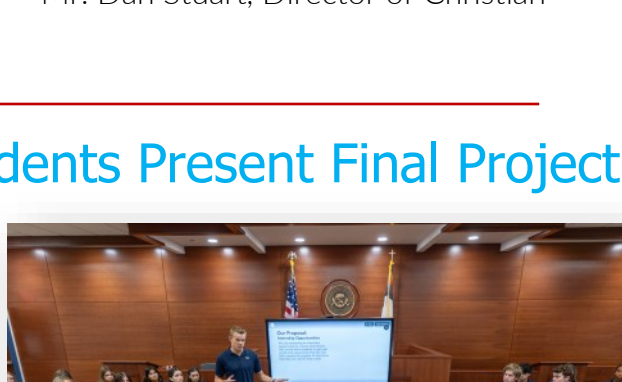
Thought Provoking Questions of Faith

Over the past two weeks, TKA High School Bible Teacher, Mr. Jackson Hammond, visited the Reasonable Faith Club to lead thought provoking discussions on God's incommunicable attributes with students, faculty and staff. Mr. Hammond challenged them to speak carefully about God, warning that if they are not mindful, they risk diminishing the divine, reducing the Creator to the level of the creature. "It was both inspiring and intellectually rich to see so many students and faculty wrestling with profound questions about God's nature under the guidance of Mr. Hammond's deep theological mind." - Mr. Dan Stuart, Director of Christian Leadership Program & ICC



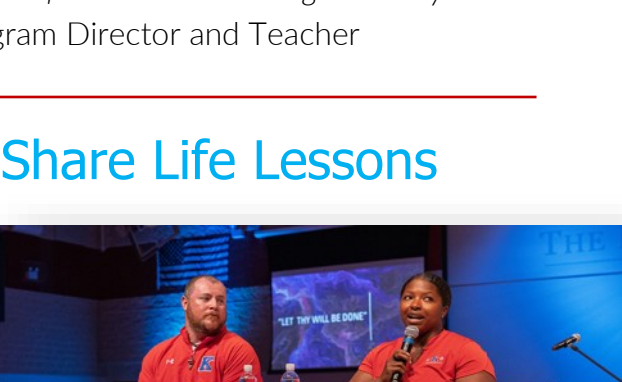
Legal Advocacy Students Present Final Project

Students in the O'Keeffe Pre-Law Legal Advocacy Skills Honors class presented their final advocacy project to TKA Administration, including Mr. Martin, Dr. Raines, Dr. Rantin, Mrs. Ceppo, and Dr. Gutierrez last week. They proposed having student internship opportunities through TKA's programs of distinction. In this capstone course of the O'Keeffe Pre-Law Studies program, students learn to research compelling data and use their voice to advocate with persuasion, professionalism, and passion. Mission accomplished! "This motivated group of students, comprised of mostly seniors, worked collaboratively to choose a topic they felt would leave a legacy at TKA. I am proud of their final product and how they diligently incorporated feedback and improved their delivery through practice and refinement. I trust the lessons learned will follow them to college and beyond!" Mrs. Londono, O'Keeffe Prelaw Program Director and Teacher



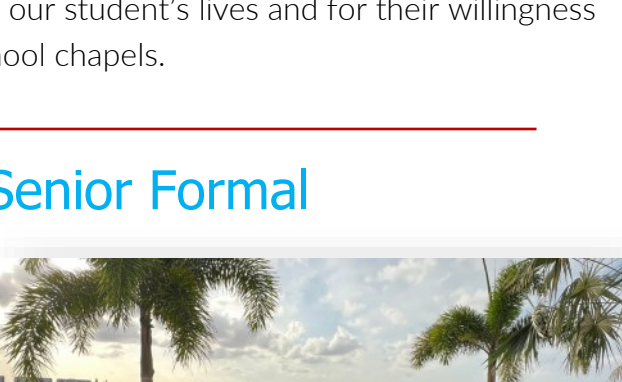
HS Coaches Share Life Lessons

Head Football Coach, Dan Burack and Taylor Smith, Girls Strength and Conditioning Coach are deeply loved and respected teachers and coaches at TKA, mentoring students both on and off the field. In this week's high school chapel, Dan and Taylor shared some of their own story, revealing how the Lord brought them each to West Palm Beach and to work at King's. They reminded students that God's plan for their lives is not always linear, and to remember that their sole focus and goal in life should be to submit to God's will for their lives and trust that He knows best, even when it may not make sense. We are grateful for their influence in our student's lives and for their willingness to close out the 2024-2025 high school chapels.



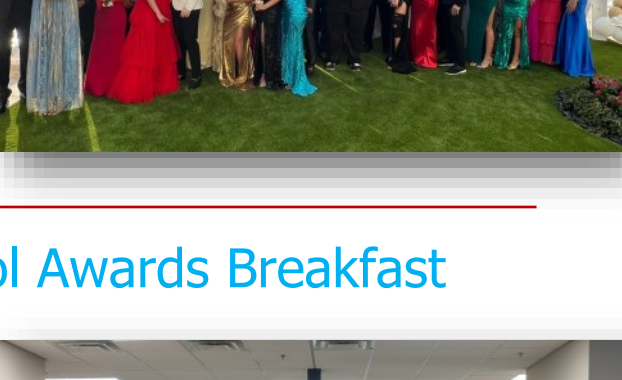
Junior Senior Formal

Each year the Junior Class Student Council plans the Junior-Senior Formal to honor graduating seniors. Students enjoy a memorable evening of dinner, dancing, and fun. This year's event, "Light the Night," was held at the Trump International Golf Course in Jupiter.



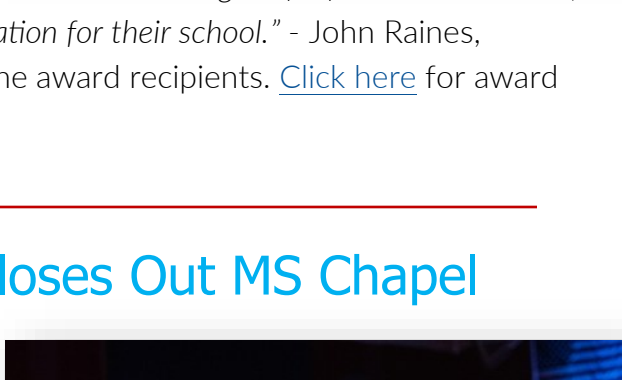
Middle School Awards Breakfast

Middle school students were recognized for their achievements with a special awards breakfast this morning. Two representatives from each grade were recognized for Most Inspirational Christian, Outstanding Citizenship, Most School Spirit, Academic Excellence, and Resilience and Perseverance. "These students represent the brightest and best of the TKA Middle School. We are so grateful for their hard work, Christian character and love and dedication for their school." - John Rains, MS Principal. [Click here](#) for a list of the award recipients. [Click here](#) for award details and photos.



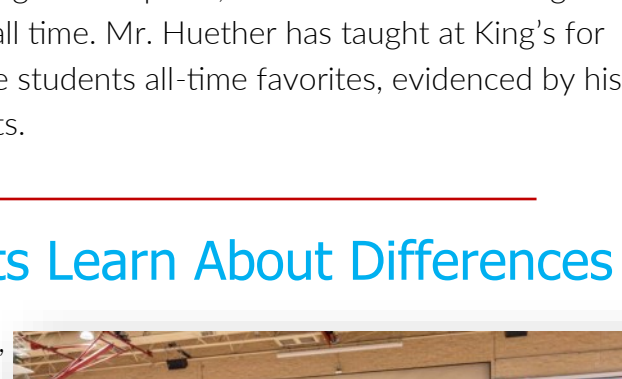
TKA Legend Closes Out MS Chapel

In keeping with tradition, 7th grade Bible teacher and TKA legend, Mr. Chris Huether, delivered the middle school message to close out their 2024-2025 chapel schedule. Speaking on the school verse for the year, Isaiah 41:10, Mr. Huether reminded students that no matter how difficult life may get, God will never leave them or forsake them; He is our ever present help and so we don't have to live in fear. Both through song and scripture, students were encouraged by one of their favorite teachers of all time. Mr. Huether has taught at King's for more than 20 years and is one of the students all-time favorites, evidenced by his enthusiastic welcome by the students.



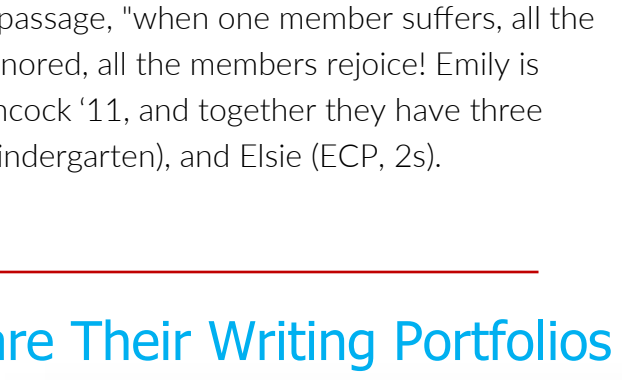
Elementary Students Learn About Differences

During elementary chapel this week, 2nd grade teacher Emily Hitchcock shared powerful truths from God's word. Students studied 1 Corinthians 12:12-26, where Paul reminds believers that we are all part of one body and everyone has a different role to play. Students learned about Down Syndrome and a few other disabilities as Mrs. Hitchcock reminded them that different does not mean less and that everyone belongs in the body of Christ. Students were encouraged by the last verse in the passage, "when one member suffers, all the members suffer, but when one is honored, all the members rejoice! Emily is married to TKA alumnus Caleb Hitchcock '11, and together they have three children: Owen (2nd grade), Liam (Kindergarten), and Elsie (ECP, 2s). [Click here](#) for more photos.



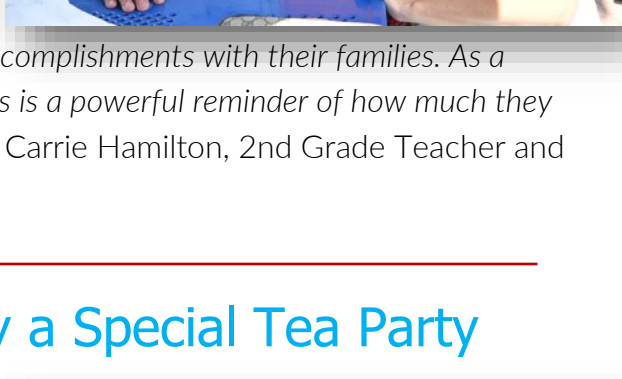
Second Graders Share Their Writing Portfolios

Second grade students have worked diligently all year developing their writing skills and were excited to share their hard work with parents during a portfolio picnic today. Students shared favorite pieces from their "Portfolio of Writings" while enjoying lunch and delicious treats. "It's such a joy to see how proud the students are of their hard work and to watch them share their accomplishments with their families. As a teacher, flipping through their portfolios is a powerful reminder of how much they have grown as writers over the year." - Carrie Hamilton, 2nd Grade Teacher and Grade Chair.



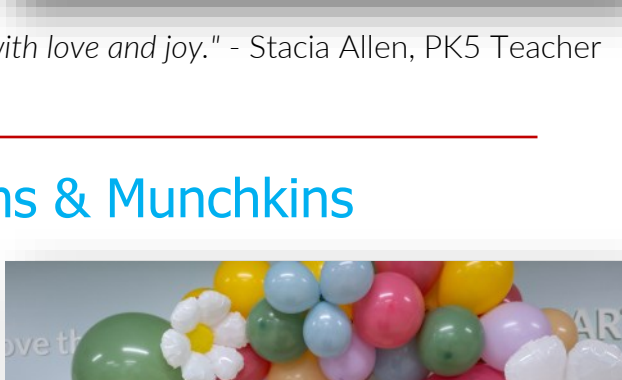
Mother's Enjoy a Special Tea Party

In anticipation of Mother's Day this weekend, Mrs. Allen's PK5 class honored and served their moms at a special Mother's Day Tea Party this morning. Students learned the principle of putting others first and thanking their moms for their daily support. "As we celebrated our mothers at the tea party, the students beautifully lived out Proverbs 31:28, rising up to call their mothers blessed with love and joy." - Stacia Allen, PK5 Teacher



ECP Moms & Munchkins

This morning, moms and their little ones gathered for "Moms and Munchkins" at the Early Childhood Center. In honor of Mother's Day, each mom was gifted with a special present from their child, while sharing sweet treats, laughter, and quality time. One mom referred to the event as "the sweetest treat ever!" Another mom shared, "Thank you for the love and thoughtfulness put into this event. It's apparent that the same amount of love is extended to our children while they're here and I'm forever grateful".



TKA Pickleball Tournament

TKA's Pickleball Club is hosting a Pickleball Tournament tomorrow **Saturday, May 10th from 4:00 PM at Howard Park (1302 Parker Ave, West Palm Beach).**

The tournament is open to all TKA students, staff, and families. Registration is \$10 (free for TKA Pickleball Club members and TKA staff).

Register by **May 9th** by [clicking here](#) or scan the QR code. Spots are limited: only 16 doubles teams and the first 16 players for singles (Coed Doubles/Coed Singles). Please reach out to Mr. Ly at clv@tka.net with any questions.



Elementary Morning News

[Click here](#) to watch Season 3 Episode 4 of the Elementary Morning News, hosted by news anchors Gian Semidey (5th) and Ella Joye Day (5th). This week's episode features a special message for 5th grade students from their teachers and a welcome from the middle school team.



Online Summer Offerings

The King's Online Academy has released the schedule for its accelerated summer offerings! Enrollment is open for rising 8th grade and high school students wishing to enrich their academic studies. Please contact Mrs. Ashley Sexton with questions at asexton@tka.net or 561-686-4244 ext. 400.

[Click here](#) for more information.

