



July 2025



Hello TKA Community!

As we move through the heart of summer, a quiet walk around campus brings a familiar mix of emotions. On one hand, the calm is a welcome break from the usual buzz of the school year. On the other, we deeply miss the students God has entrusted to us.

Everywhere you look, there are signs of preparation. Boxes of new books and supplies line the halls. Classrooms sit empty, waiting to welcome new and returning students. Projects are underway across campus, with scattered tools and debris serving as reminders of the work being done behind the scenes.





Campus Update

Exciting progress is being made on campus! Our building updates are well underway as we prepare for the new school year. Classrooms are being refreshed, common areas reorganized, and several spaces are receiving much-needed upgrades to better serve our students and staff. We are especially focused on enhancing security, updating technology, and improving functionality across grade levels.

One of the most significant updates is the installation of new exterior doors to enhance security and safety for our students and staff. These high-quality doors are 18-gauge galvanized steel with insulated cores and welded 16-gauge galvanized frames.

We've also made steady progress on the modular buildings—siding installation is complete, and roofing is scheduled to begin this week. These updates are critical as we continue to expand and improve our learning environment. Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we work to create a space that reflects excellence, safety, and the vibrant heart of our TKA community!



Welcome New Teachers!

We're excited to share several staffing updates as we prepare for the upcoming school year!



Mrs. Rachel Stephens joins us as our new first grade teacher, bringing five years of elementary teaching experience.



Mrs. Dana Wendt will be stepping into the fourth grade classroom, eager to bring her six years of preschool experience to upper elementary.



Mrs. Kim Reyes is our energetic new fifth grade teacher, ready to dive into this next adventure.



More HR Updates!

Mr. Clark will be moving up to middle school to teach 6-8th grade math and help drive our expanding secondary music program.

We are still prayerfully seeking the right candidates for Van Driver, Cafeteria, Secondary English and Science teachers. If you know of anyone that is skilled in any of these positions, please contact tkaoffice@kingsacademy.com. Please join us in welcoming these wonderful additions to the TKA family!



Mr. John Reyes is joining us as our Bible teacher and Spiritual Life Director—he brings an extensive background in pastoral ministry, having served in several roles over the years.



We also welcome Mrs. Rebecca Frank as our full-time office receptionist. Mrs. Frank is excited to be a part of a christian community where she can share in God's glory.





From the Board

Dear TKA Community:

Dr. Han has informed and submitted his letter of resignation to the TKA Board of Directors. He has expressed his family's desire for him to be closer to home, and he has expressed a desire to spend more time with them. Please find attached Dr. Han's Farewell Address.

Under Dr. Han's leadership The King's Academy focused on implementing a 5-year strategic plan developed by Christian School Management (CSM) and began well-needed upgrades to our secondary building. We are thankful for the time and effort of Dr. Han over the past year. His final day as Head of School will be July 31, 2025.

Over the past several weeks, the Board has been diligently working to navigate this transition in leadership. We are confident that the Lord has gifted TKA with the leadership, staff, and community to successfully walk through this change in leadership and to continue our pursuit of academic excellence training leaders in knowledge, wisdom, and Godly character.

While this communication is not designed to answer every question, we do want to answer two important questions.

What will the TKA leadership structure look like? and what will the focus of TKA be heading into AY25-26? What is the Leadership Structure of TKA? TKA relies on strong administrative leadership and dedicated faculty to carry out our mission. The following leadership team is excited to lead TKA heading into AY25-26:





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• Mrs. Patricia Torres, **Acting Head of School & Principal:** Mrs. Torres has a Master of Educational and District Administrative Leadership, Master of Science in General and Special Education, Bachelor of Business Administration & Human Resources Management, and Associate Degree in Marketing and has sixteen years of educational leadership experience. She will be our families key contact in areas related to academics, curriculum, guidance and instruction. Mrs. Torres's favorite bible verse is Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God." She uses this verse as her voice in decision making ensuring that God is always leading the way. She believes that TKA is destined for great things for years to come. Mrs. Torres is excited to lead the senior leadership team and the school as we move TKA forward.

• Mr. Philip Puleo, **Advisor to the Head of School & Board, and Director of Development:** Mr. Puleo has been associated with TKA for four years helping raise hundreds of thousands of dollars in non-tuition revenue (EITC, King's Fund, etc.). Mr. Puleo has over 30 years of Christian educational leadership experience and will be a great resource to Mrs. Torres and the Board.





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- Mrs. Lizzie Hepler, **Director of Operations and Student Services:**

Mrs. Hepler and her family have been part of The King's Academy community for six years. While she is new to the field of education, she brings over a decade of leadership experience managing Critical Care Nursing Units at Reading Hospital. This background has equipped her with strong crisis management skills, organizational expertise, and the ability to adapt quickly in fast-paced environments. At TKA, Mrs. Hepler serves as a key point of contact for families in the areas of Admissions, FACTS Management, Student Transportation, and Food Services. She is passionate about fostering a school culture rooted in excellence, character, and community. Mrs. Hepler looks forward to supporting the mission of the school and partnering with families to ensure every student is known, cared for, and inspired.

- Mrs. Beverly Whipple, **Business Manager:** The Whipple family has been a part of TKA for twelve years. Their daughter Josephine started in Junior Kindergarten and is currently a senior this year. Beverly has worked for TKA seven out of the last ten years (2015-2018 & 2021-Present). For the past three years, she has worked in the business office. Beverly will assist families with tuition plans and payments, financial aid, tuition reduction programs, and ensure Godly stewardship of The King's Academy finances.





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What is the Focus of TKA heading into AY25-26? While transition can often be unsettling and while sometimes, we take a step backwards before moving forward, we are confident that together we can continue our pursuit of quality Christian education. The senior leadership team is focused on the following:

- **Academic Preparation:** Laying a strong foundation across all core disciplines to ensure our students are well prepared to thrive.
- **Spiritual Formation:** Encouraging students together to seek God's purpose for their lives and rely on His strength in all things.
- **Engaging Experience:** Ensuring a supportive community based upon strong partnerships between the home and school where each moves forward with purpose and clarity.
- **Clear Communication:** Communicating clearly and consistently, fostering unity, and keeping community members well informed and connected.

We appreciate the TKA Community's ongoing prayers and support as we navigate this season of transition. We are confident that the Lord uses all things for His glory and our good. As a Board we are committed to providing appropriate oversight, strategic focus, and clear communication. We thank the Lord for His ongoing faithfulness to our community. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

With gratitude and grace,
The Board of Directors
The King's Academy





Farewell From Dr. Han

Dear TKA Teachers, Staff, Students, Families, and Friends,

This may come as a surprise—it certainly was for me at first. After much prayer and reflection, I've made the decision to resign as Head of School at The King's Academy. For several months, my family has been encouraging me to be closer to home. While I'm not yet ready to retire, their desire to have me nearer than seven hours away has become increasingly compelling. With strong leaders in place at TKA, I feel confident stepping away to spend more time with my loved ones. My final day at TKA will be August 15, 2025.

This season has been one of deep growth, professionally and personally. I imagine many of you have experienced something similar. Some of the changes we've navigated together have been met with clarity and joy, while others have required patience, faith, and a broader perspective. Not every shift is easy to understand, but I genuinely believe a higher purpose guided each one.

As people of faith, we trust in a God who is omniscient and omnipotent—nothing escapes His notice, and all things unfold under His sovereign will. May the Lord give us peace in knowing that God is not surprised by anything that has happened. TKA is in good hands with GOD.

As I prepare to step away and wrap up several critical projects, please know I will continue to pray for this community. May the Lord bless you and keep you, and may The King's Academy continue to grow in grace and truth.

With gratitude and hope,
Joseph Han





From the Business Office

We're excited to share that we have officially closed out the 2024-2025 fiscal year and we finished in the black! This success is a reflection of the entire staff's commitment to being wise stewards of the resources God has provided. Thank you for playing a part in this accomplishment.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we are hard at work:

- Curriculum orders are being placed
- Financial aid applications are under review and being awarded
- Tuition plans are being set up for families

All-Inclusive Tuition Is Here

This means your child's tuition now covers:

- All student supplies (except backpacks, water bottles, and a change of clothes for elementary students)
- Field trip fees
- Athletic fees
- A gym shirt
- The yearbook

No extra running around—just show up ready to learn and grow.

Want to Bless a Teacher?

If you'd like to gift your child's teacher with something special for their classroom, please contact the office to ask if they have an Amazon Wishlist available. It's a great way to support them as they prepare for a great year.

Tuition Reduction Reminder

You can still participate in the Tuition Reduction Program over the summer. It's a great way to lower your tuition bill. For more information, contact Beverly Whipple at bwhipple@kingsacademy.com.





FALL SPORTS SIGN UP!

5th-12th Boys Soccer

5th-12th Girls Volleyball

5th-12th Cross Country

Boys and Girls U8 Soccer

Athletics@kingsacademy.com





IMPORTANT DATES

SUMMER Monday through Thursday
OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

610-926-9639

- 8/15/25 - TKA Workday
- 8/19/25 - Jr. K/K Orientation
- 8/21/25 - Ice Cream Social/New Family Orientation
- 8/25/25 - First Day of School!

