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THE KING'S CHRISTIAN ACADEMY MAGAZINE

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*They that wait upon the LORD shall
renew their strength; they shall
mount up with wings as eagles.
Isaiah 40:31*

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KCA HAPPENINGS

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, ...The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

- 1 Timothy 1:12-14

Dear KCA families,

This past year was filled with accomplishments and growth. In our lower school, students participated in their annual Science Fair and showcased their creative efforts through a spring musical, band, and recorder concerts. Our high school students showed their leadership skills by organizing drives for area human trafficking victims as well as Birthright of Prince Frederick. I was extremely proud to watch our seniors graduate in May, a record-tying class of 33, and am looking forward to seeing where the Lord will lead them.

But it has also been a year of saying goodbye to great friends: Dan Doig, Carol Nevala, and Molly Frink. But such sad tidings remind us of the wise words of Solomon, in Ecc. 7:2 "Better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for that is the end of all men; And the living will take it to heart." As we mourn together, we should be even more committed to Christian education where the truth of Christ's sacrifice and the promise of salvation and heavenly reunion with loved ones is taught and believed. We rejoice and comfort each other in the promise that "having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life." (Titus 3:7).

We believe in putting our students first, and there is much to suggest in these pages that the available opportunities will provide them with the skills and attributes they will need when they leave us. This fall, we are looking forward to

offering a new African American Art & Culture course for our high school students as well as continuing to grow our music program with a Drum Line for middle and high school students. Furthermore, I am pleased to share that we'll have new additions to our athletic line-up for the 2019-2020 school year. We'll be starting both baseball and softball teams for our high school students in the spring. Stay tuned for information on those opportunities when the school year begins.

For over 11 years, it has been Ardella's and my pleasure to serve Christ at The King's Christian Academy in the roles of principal, administrator, teacher and coach. While it was hard to consider a future apart from KCA, we have decided to accept the head of school job at Bethany Christian School in Southern Pennsylvania, much closer to our children! The school board will use the coming year to find the right person to lead the next era of Christian education here, and I support the plan to be thorough in their search. I am confident that our interim Administrator, Mr. Harris, and the faculty around him, will continue the loving, God-centered education that is the school's primary mission. Please continue to pray for our board members as they make these decisions. I wish you a happy, safe, and enjoyable summer and thank you all for your love and support!

In Christ,

Kevin Fry



ON THE COVER

Graduate Charlotte Cassity shows off her diploma after receiving it at our May 31 graduation ceremony. Read more about the class of 2019 and discover where they're headed!

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Left to right: Robbie Campbell, Faith Fitz, Katie Carroll, Krista Hurst, Olivia Hutchens Rocha, Emma Harris, Aimee Pentermann, Ethan Tobler, Alexis Igtos, Julianna Meszler, Pablo Martinez, Emma Smith, Allison Latham, Siera Kerley, Jude Rooney, and Maggie Padilla.

KCA'S NHS CHAPTER INDUCTS 16 NEW MEMBERS

Every year, KCA's chapter of the National Honor Society, The Cross and The Crown, inducts new members into its ranks. Inductions began back in 2005, and this year 16 new members were inducted. Embracing the four pillars of the National Honor Society – character, scholarship, leadership, and service – the ceremony honored each of the new members.

Chapter advisor, Blaine Somerville, shared how proud he was of the new inductees. "It is both an honor and a joy being the advisor to a group that exemplifies hard

"It is both an honor and joy being the advisor to a group that exemplifies hard work, dedication and Christian values."

work, dedication, and Christian values." He added, "We expect them to continue to be both leaders and servants at KCA and in the community." As the ceremony began, several current members shared what each of the four pillars of National Honor Society means. Each new member was escorted by a family member to the stage and presented with both a rose and a certificate of achievement. Congratulations to all of our new inductees who were honored in our spring ceremony.

• YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

DID YOU KNOW?

We have multiple scholarship opportunities for students who have a financial need.

100% of KCA students benefit from KCA's Annual and Technology Funds.

Learn more and make a gift to KCA's Annual Fund at www.KCAeagles.org/giving





EXPERIENCES THAT SHAPE OUR STUDENTS

On any given day, you'll find our students working in our physical science lab or stretching their creative muscles! Our award-winning Ensemble, pictured below, did a great job performing at our Dressing of the Cross chapel!



SPELLING BEE SUCCESS

(Pictured above) Five of KCA's top middle school spellers competed against one another after months of practice! Matthew Tigrett and Charlyne Lowe both moved on to the state round, where Matthew placed 4th! Congratulations to each of our participants on a job well done.



MEET THE CLASS OF

2019

KCA GRADUATES



Did you know?

1

Eleven out of our 33 seniors are little siblings of past KCA graduates. One graduate is following her big sister to the same university!

2

This year, James Lee scored a perfect 800 on the Math portion of the SAT. Less than 1% of test takers are able to achieve this feat!

3

Our seniors are taking **over \$623,000** in scholarships to the universities of their choice!

This year, KCA has 33 students in its graduating class. **100% of our students have a plan for their future!**

Out of the 33 graduates, 29 are headed to college after graduation. Three students plan to join various armed forces and one student will be part of the Rotary International Youth Exchange in Italy for a year before attending college. We look forward to seeing where their adventures take them!

KCA GRADUATES ARE COLLEGE-BOUND, CAREER-BOUND!



William Beale, Morgan State University
Major: Biology (Pre-Dental)

Madalynn Billings, College of Southern MD
Major: Art/Animation

Charlotte Cassity, Liberty University
Major: Biology

Christopher Christian, St. Mary's College of MD
Major: Computer Science

Carolyn Colina, St. Mary's College of MD
Major: Music Performance/Teaching
** Salutatorian*

Isaiah Commodore, Air Force National Guard/
Frostburg University
Major: Environmental Science

Robin Evans, Florida State University
Major: Biomedical Engineering

Andrew Ha, SUNY Buffalo
Major: Computer Science

Devin Johnson, College of Southern MD
Major: Business

Jaden Johnson, Penn State University
Major: Criminology

Joshua Kelly
Rotary Int'l Youth Exchange in Italy

Allison Latham, Salisbury University
Major: International Studies/Theater

James Lee, Penn State University
Major: Computer Science

Katherine Long, Palm Beach Atlantic Univ.
Major: Business Marketing

Jackson Lynch, College of Southern MD
Major: Undeclared

Sarah MacDonald, Southeastern University
Major: Communications

Elizabeth McCartney, St. Mary's College of MD
Major: Biology

Jaimee Metcalf, Bluefield College
Major: Exercise Science

Monyé Morgan, Southeastern University
Major: Communications

Megan Nardo, College of Southern MD
Major: Undeclared

Maggie Padilla, Rochester Inst. of Technology
Major: Photography

Chloe Park, Frostburg State University
Major: Biology

Sydney Parker, W. Virginia Univ. Honors College
Major: Psychology
** Valedictorian*

Daniel Reina, Joining armed services

Kenneth Russell, Jr., Eastern University
Major: Theological Studies

Irina Segesdy, Southeastern University
Major: Criminal Justice/Legal Studies

Sydney Sobola, College of Southern MD
Major: Undeclared

Herbert Tice III, College of Southern MD/Indiana
Bible College; Major: Engineering/Biblical Studies

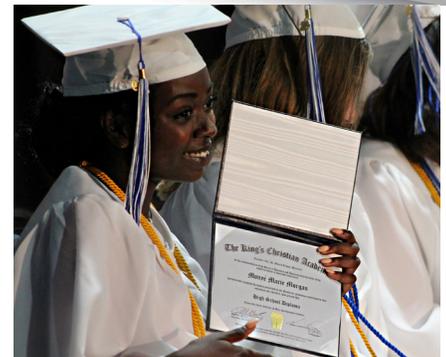
Jordan Watkins, College of Southern MD
Major: Cyber Security

Isabella Weatherly, Tidewater Comm. College
Major: Physical Therapy Technician

Elliott Westbrook, United State Army (*enlisting*)

Mary Williams, College of Southern MD
Major: Early Childhood Education

Nancy Zabiegalski, Palm Beach Atlantic Univ.
Major: Business Finance





MAKING A DIFFERENCE COMMUNITY

- From our youngest students to our high school seniors, many found a way to serve in the community this year. Our lower school band and drama students, pictured above, visit both the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home as well as Cedar Lane Senior Living Community to perform for residents. Their efforts were enjoyed by appreciative audiences!

In our high school, the LEO club collected new and gently used items for Birthright of Prince Frederick to bless many new families in our area. Additionally, we had a new high school organization, the Club of Community Outreach, form this year as well. Students collected much needed supplies for local human trafficking victims in the Washington DC/Baltimore region. We are so proud of each of our students for their efforts!



Above: When our Serve-a-Thon event was rained out in late April, many students asked about another volunteer opportunity. In early May, our 8th graders had the chance to visit Summerseat Farm to weed, plant, rake, and perform other helpful tasks.





Mrs. Yumi Hogan is pictured in the center of our 4th graders.

EXPERIENCES WITH A PURPOSE

Each year, our teachers plan amazing experiences both in and outside the classroom. From our much anticipated Author's Tea to the opportunity to learn CPR and first aid, these teachable moments become wonderful memories for our students.

This spring, our fourth grade classrooms traveled to Annapolis to visit both the state house and governor's mansion. During the trip, they met with Governor Hogan's wife, Yumi. This rare opportunity to chat with Maryland's first lady is a memory our students won't soon forget!



Alumni FOCUS

Our graduates tell us what they've been up to since leaving KCA.



Chandler & Sydney Parker - Valedictorian Sisters Head to WVU

This fall, Chandler Parker (KCA's valedictorian in 2014) will be attending West Virginia University Medical School where she will be focusing on pediatric Neurology. Since graduating Bridgewater College last year, Chandler has been working at the Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond, Virginia where she received a grant to work on arrhythmia and cardiomyopathy research. "This past year was filled with hard work and long hours, but I gained invaluable experience that made me more certain than ever that this is what I truly want." To make matters more special, her sister, Sydney, KCA's class of 2019 valedictorian, will be attending WVU as well, having been accepted into the Honors Program in the Eberly College for Psychology.

Emily Nevala

My name is Emily Nevala, and I am a KCA graduate from the class of 2017. I am currently attending Regent University in Virginia Beach and am seeking an English Major with a Concentration in Writing and a Theater Minor.

In my last two years at college, I have found it easy to adjust to the workloads, manage my time, and accomplish what may be hard for some college students who have not been properly prepared. I attribute this to the high standards of academics at KCA. I am so grateful to KCA for the support and preparation I received before attending college. I began my experience at KCA in kindergarten, and I always knew it was a special place. Now that I'm in college, I realize and appreciate on a deeper level the massive amounts of resources and learning skills KCA has given me to use.

KCA offers Cairn University college credits to high school students, and I chose to utilize this opportunity.

When it came time to send in my transcripts to my university, my parents and I called Cairn, and they promptly forwarded the dual enrollment credits to Regent. I was easily able to transfer into college a whole semester ahead with 15

credits. Two of my courses even fulfilled two of my English major course requirements! I am proud to say I will be graduating a whole year early from Regent University in May of 2020. **Without the opportunity of Cairn credits, I would never have been able to graduate ahead of schedule.**

KCA has been such a foundational part of the academic, spiritual, and leadership aspects of my life. Most importantly, this school has given me a foundation of Christianity that cannot be moved or shaken, upon which I am now able to build college and throughout the rest of my life. I have been able

"I will be graduating a whole year early from Regent University."



Emily Nevala, 2017 KCA graduate

to serve in several leadership roles on campus, including Campus Ministries, which seeks to grow our student body spiritually. The leadership skills I was taught at KCA have not failed me, and I know that I will only continue to grow. **KCA has afforded me academic opportunities in an easily accessible way, such as the ability to choose to graduate early.** There is no doubt in my mind that KCA has prepared me for my future, which is just around the corner!

Thank you to all who have contributed to The King's Christian Academy. May my testimony prove it truly is a place of high standards to shape children into young adults who are prepared for life in college and beyond. Thank you for preparing me, motivating me, encouraging me to strive for excellence, and helping to catapult me into a future of success. May God continue to bless the school that gave me my beginning.



THIS IS YOUR JUMP START.

Dual Enrollment for High School Students

TOP BENEFITS OF ENROLLING

- 1** Get a head start on earning college credit! Explore interesting subjects through a variety of course offerings with KCA.
- 2** The price per 3-credit course is \$225. Families can save thousands of dollars on one year of college by taking advantage of this program. Cairn University is a fully accredited, NCAA DIV III institution. Credits are transferrable to most colleges and universities.
- 3** Stand out among your peers on your college applications without ever leaving KCA's campus.

DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSES

- Foundations of Business
- AP Calculus AB & BC
- AP Statistics
- Pre-Calculus
- Spanish 3 & 4
- Honors Human Anatomy & Physiology
- Advanced & Honors Chemistry
- Honors Psychology
- Honors British Literature
- Honors American Literature
- Fundamentals of Speech Communication

FIND YOUR WAY TO SUCCESS



GETSTARTED EARLY!

Students can start taking select courses for dual enrollment at KCA beginning in their sophomore year! Most dual enrollment courses are geared for our 11th and 12th grade students.

CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE

Pick from a wide variety of science, communication, language, business or math courses. Complete the paperwork in early January and register with Cairn University.

STAY ON CAMPUS

Take college courses without leaving KCA's campus! Your coursework is through Cairn University, which is fully accredited.

EARN COLLEGE CREDITS

Your KCA dual enrollment courses count for college credit, giving you a HEAD START in college!

SCHOLARSHIP

- The Molly Frink scholarship was established in memory of Mrs. Frink, an English and drama teacher at KCA for over 20 years. She passed away in 2019 after expectantly walking with Jesus in her battle against cancer. Molly loved The King's Christian Academy and highly prized the great value of a Christian education in changing the life of her students. She had dedicated her life to serving the Lord and loving all of her students as though they were her own children. Molly put the Father on display in such a way that she showed her students by personal example how to be true followers of Christ. She taught with dedication and excellence and went far beyond her normal teaching duties to help her students academically and spiritually.

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

To honor Mrs. Frink's memory, a scholarship has been created in her name. Scholarships will be in the amount of \$2000, and one scholarship will be awarded each year. Here are the guidelines for applying:

- 1 Scholarships will be available for rising 9th - 12th grade students. Scholarships will be in the amount of \$2000 per student each year. Only one scholarship will be awarded each year.
- 2 All scholarships will be based on financial need and an essay.
- 3 Please log onto our website to watch the YouTube video of Molly's testimony. Submit an essay of 500 words or less, sharing how you plan to incorporate Molly Frink's insights and values in your life.



CAROL NEVALA

On April 2, KCA lost one of its finest. Mrs. Carol Nevala had dedicated many years to her students at KCA, where she taught kindergarten through third grade. After a courageous battle with cancer, Mrs. Nevala went home to be with her Lord and Savior. She made an impression on her students – and the surrounding community. Carol will be greatly missed by faculty, staff members, and those who have had the opportunity to be a part of her classroom.

DAN DOIG

On December 18, Mr. Dan Doig passed away with his family surrounding him. Mr. Doig was an integral part of the KCA community. He could always be found running the sound board at school events or coaching volleyball. An avid sportsman, he coached soccer, softball, robotics and volleyball, both in the community and at The King's Christian Academy. His daughters, Christalyn and Carmen, both graduated from KCA, and his wife, Angela, continues to teach a variety of middle school courses on campus.



SHARE YOUR STORY

alumni news & updates

Connect with us online and let us know how you're making a difference. Drop us a line and send us your photos!

We love hearing about what our graduates are doing out in the world. If you know a KCA grad who is making waves, please let us know! Send an email along with photographs to Barbara Hanks at bhanks@kingschristianacademy.org. You may also visit our Alumni page online and drop us a line!

Visit Our Alumni Page and Re-connect with KCA!

ALL CLASS REUNION JULY 20

FREE EVENT FOR KCA ALUMNI - Join us Saturday, July 20 on KCA's campus for an Alumni Picnic! This is a family-friendly event open to all prior KCA students. We'll provide the main course and encourage all attendees to bring a side to share. **RSVP through our website and let us know you're coming!**

QUESTIONS? Email Heather Waller with question at: hwaller@kingschristianacademy.org

ALUMNI REUNION PICNIC



The King's Christian Academy
ALUMNI COOKOUT
July 20th
11am - 4pm
at KCA (Rain or Shine)

FREE

Graduates from 1999 - 2019, Please join us for a day of fun, reminiscing and connecting with classmates.

There is No Cost! We will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs and providing the drinks. We just ask you bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share.

Bring The Whole Family For Fun Family Games, Activities for the Kids, Water Slide, Bounce House & More!

COMING SOON:



Watch for Details in the Fall!

Students are excited about the upcoming introduction of both baseball and softball as new spring sports! Initially, it will be offered for high school students only. Stay tuned for details as our school year begins!

Softball & Baseball on Deck at KCA!

See you on
the court!



SUMMER VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE

TRYOUTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL

It is mandatory for all players to attend both dates. If unable to attend, please contact the Varsity Coach before tryouts. Any known dates that an athlete is unable to attend practices/games throughout the season should be communicated before tryouts.

TRYOUT DATES	August 20 6-8 p.m.	August 21 6-8 p.m.
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CONTACT COACHES

Varsity Coach: Katharine Gausmann, klgausmann@hotmail.com
JV Coach: Sara Evans, untohimvball@gmail.com

OPEN GYM PRACTICE - HIGH SCHOOL

The first hour will cover a certain skill (passing, setting, hitting, blocking, etc.), while the second hour will focus on game play. These practices are not mandatory but strongly suggested for all interested high school players.

- Wednesday, June 19, 6-8 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 25, 6-8 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 10, 6-8 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 16, 6-8 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 24, 6-8 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 30, 6-8 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 7, 6-8 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 13, 6-8 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FLAG FOOTBALL



“

They stayed positive and stayed together. I told them I was proud of their character throughout the season.

- Coach Jones

”

In only its second year, KCA's middle school flag football team ran the 2019 season into the end zone thanks to a positive attitude, hard work and a talented quarterback.

The team went 5-2 for the season, losing only one game in the regular season and one in the championship series.

“The season was great,” said Coach Chris Jones.

“They stayed positive and stayed together. They weren't pointing fingers and blaming one another. I told them I was proud of their character. They stayed positive even when we were down.”

Quarterback Dreylen Howard, an 8th grader new to the school this year, was “instrumental” in the successful season and was “player of the year,” Mr. Jones said. Chase Bell, a 7th grader, was the most improved player, making tremendous strides in catching and intercepting the pigskin and even scoring a touchdown in a championship game, Mr. Jones said. Eighth-grader Justin Park

had never played football before and made excellent progress. Mr. Jones also praised the work of 7th-graders Zach Cannavino, John Sobola and Joe Wood.

High school senior Chris Christian made an important contribution to the team, Mr. Jones said. Chris was the defensive coach and demonstrated a high level of commitment, attending every away game.

“He had a tremendous impact on the kids” as a role model, Mr. Jones added.

The highlight of the season was making it to the championship series. To accomplish that, the Eagles bested Takoma Academy 34-24, allowing KCA to host the first playoff game. But the final score doesn't tell the story all by itself. At halftime in the game, KCA was down 6-24. In the second half, the Eagles came back to score 28 points and hold Takoma to 24 points! Way to go, Eagles!

written by Mrs. Leslie Funk



Springing, flipping and flying, KCA's middle and high school cheerleaders soared beautifully through the 2018-2019 basketball season and into the hearts of the KCA community. "We had a good year," said Anne Zabiegalski, coach of the high school squad.

"You could see their growth," said Michelle Northam, the middle school squad coach. "It was growth in their ability to cheer, in their performances, in their strength and as a team."

Nancy Zabiegalski, a senior, was captain of the high school squad. Co-captains were Elizabeth McCartney, also a senior, and Faith Fitz, a sophomore. Other seniors on the squad were Madalynn Billings, Charlotte Cassity, Monyé Morgan, Megan Nardo and Chloe Park. Both Nancy and Monyé were the team flyers. In addition to cheering for KCA, freshman Shavon Savoy served on a competitive cheer team, the Cougars, which won at the Virginia Regional Competition and went on to nationals.

At the homecoming game, the high school squad had help from fifth grader Madeline VanCuren. At the KCA auction, she had won the opportunity to join the high school cheerleaders for the game.

On the middle school side, Ms. Northam said the team "had a wonderful year" and did "a lot of team building." Team captain Abby Donaldson, an 8th grader, "did a great job leading." All the squad members did "really, really well." Standouts were 7th graders Myla Jones and Camill Barnett.

Once again, a highlight of the season was when the middle school squad had the opportunity to cheer at a University of Maryland basketball game. The girls worked with some of the college cheerleaders, sat close to the court, and performed in front of hundreds of people during a quarter break. Ms. Northam said she was very proud of the squad for how they worked together and for their "really positive attitudes."

MAKE A RUN FOR IT



"They were all committed to what they were doing. They worked hard and helped each other."

*Coach Somerville
Track & Field*



HIGH SCHOOL

Commitment led KCA's high school track team to go the distance for a winning season this year.

Just as they had in 2018, the girls' team placed second in the MISAL League, while the boys' team placed third. "They were tremendously hard working," said Coach John Somerville. In particular, Cedric Sobola, a junior, was "a tremendously outstanding 400 runner," Mr. Somerville said. "He was one of the more committed runners." The team was led by senior Chloe Park, the captain. Senior Chris Christian "influenced a lot of the younger kids to commit and do the right thing," Mr. Somerville said.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

On the middle school side, the girls finished fourth in the MISAL League, and the boys ranked fifth.

"They were all committed to what they were doing," Mr. Somerville said. "They came out working hard. They were helping each other. They never complained or whined. They were very mature."

The team members were "98 percent improved from beginning to end" in terms of their form and times, he reported.

"It was one of the more enjoyable groups I've worked with," he said.

written by Mrs. Leslie Funk

NOTHING BUT NET VARSITY RECAP

KCA's varsity girls' basketball team slam dunked the 2018-2019 season, claiming the Division 1 state championship in the Maryland Christian School Tournament as well as snagging first place in the MISAL League.

"They were tired by the end of the season, but for the championship, nothing was going to stop them," said Coach Damien Rivers.

For the season as a whole, the team went 19-3. In 2017-2018, the KCA Lady Eagles placed third in the MISAL League.

Not only did the girls excel as a group this year, but individual players garnered titles as well. Sophomore Imani Eubanks scored 40 points in the league championship game and was named State Player of the Year and Most Valuable Player for the league. Team captain Lexi Smith, also a sophomore, and Kayla Gray, a junior, were named First All League and State. Sydney Sobola, a senior, was also team captain. Another senior, Jaimee Metcalf, was awarded a basketball scholarship to Bluefield State College in West Virginia.

Only six high school students were on the team, so three members of the middle school varsity team were pulled in for the championship game and some games in the regular season.

"We only had six or seven bodies, but they were very good," Mr. Rivers said. "Everybody contributed. They were tired, but they were the best players on the floor."

On the boys' side of high school basketball, the success of the season was measured in maturity and Christian character.



Left: Jaimee Metcalf signs with Bluefield College

"It was not a winning season as far as wins and losses, but it was definitely a winning season for the young men and how they carried themselves," said Coach John Somerville. "They overcame a lot of obstacles and challenges. They grew up and became young men."

In particular, team captain Chris Christian, a senior, "stuck out as a good leader," Mr. Somerville said. "He led the team all year and kept them all together. Tremendous leadership and character were shown through all of this."

The highlight of the season as far as games were concerned was a home-court victory when Christian made a last-second shot at the end of the game to win it, Mr. Somerville said.



MIDDLE SCHOOL HOOPS

For the first time in KCA history, so many middle school students wanted to play basketball that both the boys' and girls' teams divided into varsity and junior varsity teams.

Seventeen girls and 15 boys were on the middle school teams – a record setting number! The boys had "one of their best years in the league," posting a 10-3 season in the Catholic School League, said Coach Jonathan Shotwell. "It was a great group of boys this year. They were more focused not only on the court, but they had their heads on straight in the classroom," Mr. Shotwell said.

Nine boys served on the middle school team. Dreylen Howard, an 8th grader new to the school this year, "really helped a lot" as point guard. Also standing out on the team were 8th graders Justin Campbell, Wyatt Dooley and Carmello Barnett and 7th grader John Sobola.

Six 6th graders played on the team, bringing home a winning 6-1 season. For Mr. Shotwell, a highlight

of the season was the game against Little Flower Middle School, which is coached by his younger brother, Nick Shotwell. Both brothers are KCA graduates.

"I got him this year," Mr. Shotwell said.

On the girls' side, the team placed third in the MISAL League and fourth in the playoffs and third in the Southern Maryland Youth Basketball League. They went 8-8 for the season.

"They improved a lot over last year in their confidence, and we were seeing more points," said Coach Kelsey Reichard.

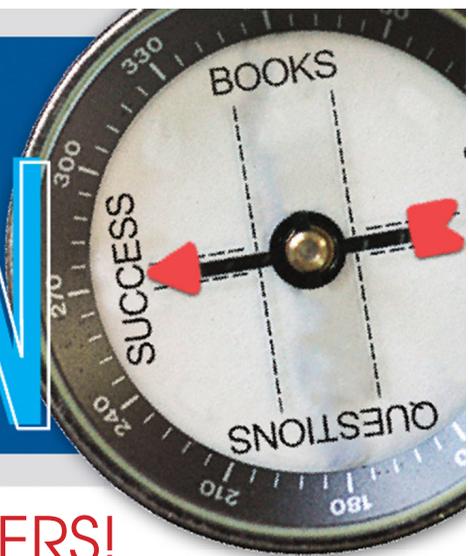
The team captains were 8th grader Abby Boyd and 7th graders Alex Pompizzi and Rylie Guy. The three girls also played some games on the high school girls' varsity team.

A highlight of the varsity middle school season was the game against Father Andrew White Middle School, which the KCA Eagles won 32-12.

"They really came into their own, in terms of steals and there were lots of fast breaks. Some of the junior varsity girls got to play. They really stepped up," Ms. Reichard said.

written by Mrs. Leslie Funk

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



INVITING ALL NEW 6th - 12th GRADERS!
AUGUST 22 • 12 - 2 p.m.

If you have a new middle or high school student joining us in the fall, they'll want to attend our New Student Orientation! This student-led event is designed just for older students as they prepare to start school. Not only will they meet others who are also new, but they'll enjoy pizza and ice cream and participate in a school-wide scavenger hunt as well as other get-to-know you games.



OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS!

This is your opportunity bring in school supplies, meet your new teacher, and reconnect with friends!

If you're in 7th - 12th grade, you'll also receive your schedule for the school year as well as your locker combination. (It's a great time to make sure you know where your classes are and that your locker opens smoothly!) We'll see you in the fall!

AUGUST 23 • 2- 5 p.m.

AUGUST 26
HALF DAY OF SCHOOL

Welcome back to campus! Monday, August 26 is our first day of school for the 2019-2020 school year. We'll dismiss all students at noon. Please remember to pack a snack as well as a refillable water bottle for your student!





INVOLVING THE COMMUNITY

On May 3, the Harlem Wizards visited St. Mary's College to put on a spectacular show! Well known teachers, principals, administrators gathered on one team coached by Chris Thompson, KCA's Assistant Middle School basketball coach. Thanks to all who volunteered for making this community event a slam-dunk success! We hope to do it again next year!

ST. MARY'S ALL-STAR EAGLES ROSTER

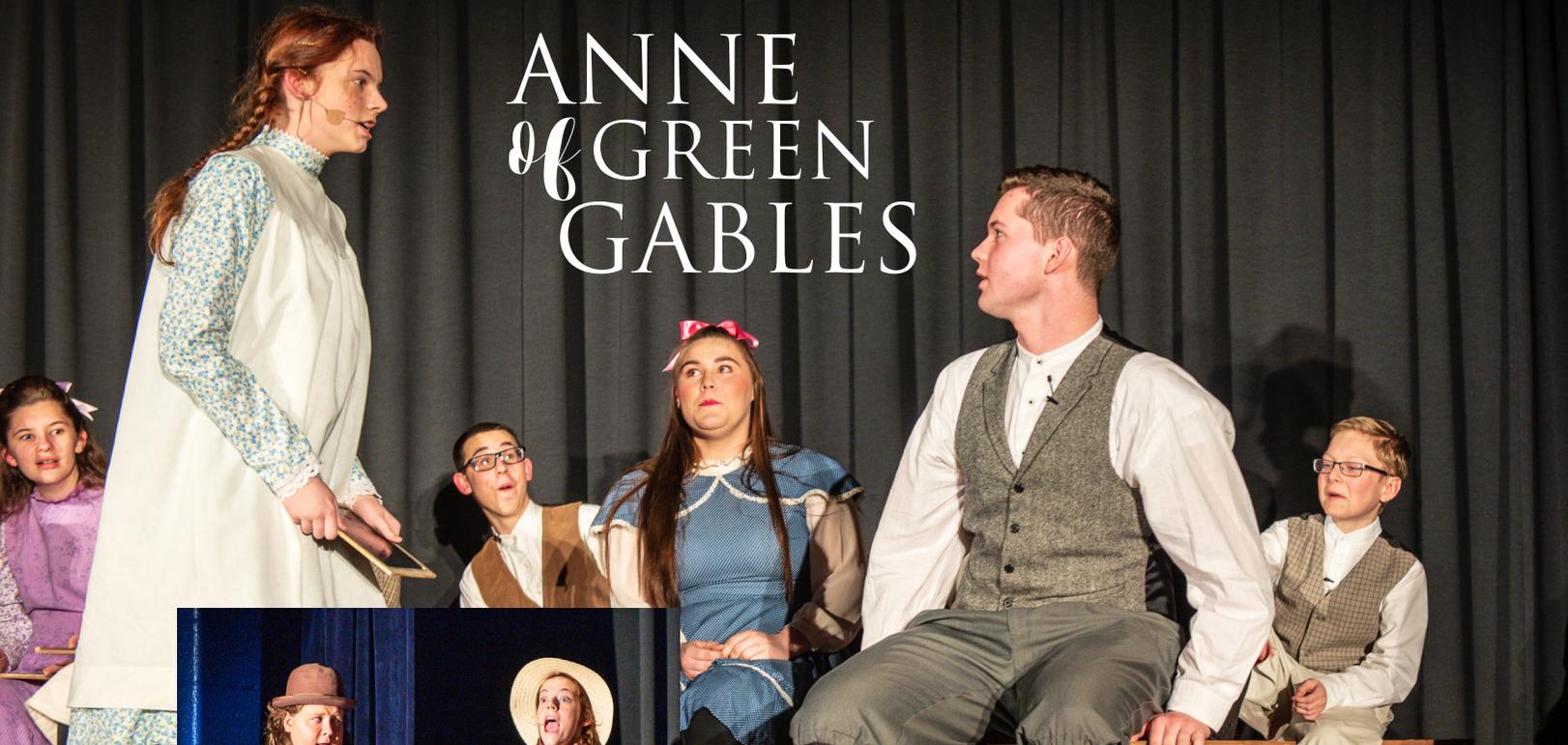
- Jim Harris, KCA Assistant Administrator
- Barbara Mashtare, KCA Director of Admissions
- Mark Lindgren, KCA Teacher
- Chris Thompson, KCA Asst. MS Basketball Coach
- Chris Jones, KCA Teacher/Coach
- Roy Hinkle, KCA Coach
- Arthur Shepherd, Director of Recreation and Parks
- Jeff "Pee Wee" Burrell, Great Mills High School
- Emma Hess, Greenview Knolls Elementary
- Katy Turner, Leonardtown Middle School
- Dr. Sabedra, Leonardtown Middle School
- Mr. Romero McBride, Lexington Park Elementary
- David Chilson, Park Hall Elementary
- Stacey Haskin, Park Hall Elementary
- Marlon Harris, Park Hall Elementary
- Kellen Stiffler, Park Hall Elementary
- Stephen Swanson, Piney Point Elementary
- Mia Williams, Spring Ridge Middle School
- Lisa Galati, Town Creek Elementary School
- Marie Hankinson, Town Creek Elementary School
- Patty Hein, Town Creek Elementary School
- Terrell Gross, Basketball 4 L.Y.F.E.
- Cedric Sobola, KCA Student
- Jayden Johnson, KCA Student
- Hesro Johnson, KCA Student
- Chris Christian, KCA Student
- Jordan Watkins, KCA Student
- Jaimee Metcalf, KCA Student
- Justus Sewell, KCA Student
- Kyle Waller, KCA Student
- Jacob Waller, KCA Alum
- Anderson Reed, KCA Student
- Herbie Tice, KCA Mascot
- Team Managers: Siera Kerley, Sydney Sobola, Sheridan Young

Harlem Wizards Come to Town!



Thanks to all of our sponsors for supporting this incredible community event.

ANNE of GREEN GABLES



The King's Christian Academy presents
L.M. Montgomery's
**ANNE OF GREEN
GABLES**
Adapted by Sylvia Ashby



"Anne of Green Gables is one of my favorite books from childhood, and it was such a joy to see it come to life on the KCA stage this year. All of the drama kids rose to the challenge in this multifaceted show. I'm proud of them all!"

*Allison McGolrick
Director of Anne of Green Gables*

FINE ARTS AT THE KING'S CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

In addition to our upper school's incredible production of Anne of Green Gables in March, this spring was a busy time for the KCA music and drama programs! After the Christmas Musicale, our 6th grade music classes had a chance to study piano, guitar, drums or bass. Many student chose to participate in a praise band performance at our final concert. The 4th and 5th grade bands had a great season and stepped it up to perform a second-year song.

We had a great spring musical that brought our third, fourth, and fifth grade drama students together for a Christ-centered production called *Happily Forever After*. They spent many

hours after school this spring learning their lines, practicing dance choreography, memorizing songs, and preparing for the show! Our third grade students studied recorders in music class, with many earning black belts in just the first few months, and others well on their way.

The first and second grade classes learned about composers and how to identify well known pieces of music. We also had a unit on dance, rhythm, and note reading, to name a few of our activities.

Finally, we added a new Drum Line program to the mix for our middle and high school students and plan to perform in the fall.



Did You Know?

We're kicking off a brand new program for our middle and high school students this fall! If your student is interested, please connect with Mr. Gardiner at 301-994-3080 this summer.

DRUM LINE

Did You Know?

Every single 4th grade student learned a band instrument this year! Band became a "special" course rather than an elective, and our teachers look forward to continuing this effort.

RECORDER & BAND CONCERT





1st
PLACE

FIELD DAY

What better way to end the school year than with some good old-fashioned competition? That's exactly how we finished out the school year at KCA! Our pre-K through 6th grades had the chance to compete against one another on May 30, and special team shirts identified the members of each class.

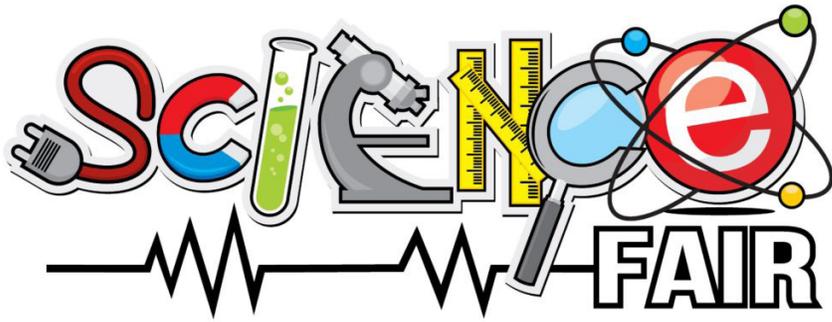
Organized by Ms. Kelsey Reichard, KCA's P.E. teacher and coach, this year's field day consisted of multiple events: a sack race, obstacle course, water balloon toss, relay races, tug of war, and more. As you can see from this photo collage, the kids cheered each other on and gave it their all. Congratulations to all of the teams on a fun and spirited day. We hope to hold another Field Day next year!



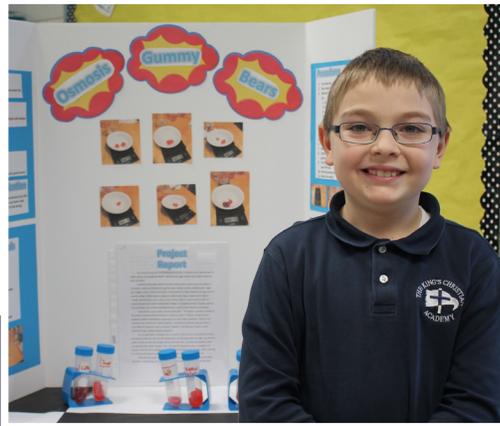
SMART BOARDS

LOWER SCHOOL IS FULLY EQUIPPED!

If you've visited our lower school hallways, you may have noticed that our kindergarten - 5th grade classrooms have SMART boards installed! This was made possible by generous donations of our families and area supporters during annual fundraising efforts!



Each year, our 2nd through 5th grade students participate in our lower school science fair. For many of our students, this is their first opportunity to follow the scientific method and make their own discoveries. While our 2nd graders share their projects with their classmates, our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students present their efforts to volunteer judges. Not only is this a great chance to practice public speaking, but students with the top projects are awarded ribbons!



HOST A FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT!



After Christmas break ended, KCA was blessed to have students visit us from Korea! Almost two dozen students traveled from their homes in South Korea to join our KCA family for several weeks. These international students stay in host homes with other KCA families and participate in all of our school activities. This year, KCA had students join our elementary, middle and high school classes!

If you are interested in learning how you can host a Korean student in your home next winter, please contact Mrs. Molly Skym at 301-643-8714.

Every Korean student is paired up with a "buddy" in his or her grade. Often, our Korean students make lifelong friends and keep in touch long after their visit has ended!

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



Have you visited KCA's Giving page online yet? We've completely renovated the way viewers see our funds. **It's never been easier to give - you can donate using PayPal, check, or credit card!**

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This year, our classes are growing more quickly than ever before! As the Southern Maryland community discovers what KCA has to offer, we expect our enrollment to continue to grow. Please pray for our School Board as they make decisions in the coming months about our building's growth.

FUNDS YOU CAN SUPPORT RIGHT NOW

AGNES G. PRICE FUND

Agnes Price was not only a great grandmother of one of our young students, but a Christ-following leader in the community. Donations are given to KCA students who display academic achievement and have a financial need.

MOLLY FRINK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

New in 2019, this fund was created in memory of retired teacher Mrs. Molly Frink. An annual scholarship in the amount of \$2000 will be presented to one high school student each year. Application details are available on KCA's website.

KCA'S ANNUAL FUND

KCA is a place of ongoing expansion and improvement! It benefits 100% of our student body. To be a part of these exciting updates, consider giving to our annual fund.

HONOR ROLL - 4th QUARTER

1st Grade

Principal's Honor Roll

Daijah Charlton
Scarlett Fairfax
Hailey Faunce
Brielle Gunn
Amari Holland
Rowan Murray
Lily Straub

Honor Roll

Penelope Abad
Garrett Schmidt
Malachi Swain
Evelyn Velazquez

2nd Grade

Principal's Honor Roll

Ethan Becker
Rebecka Brown
Amelia Cannon
Ella Carver
Jaden Cheah
Kynleigh Conner
Evangeline D'Lima
Luke Ennis
Avery Evans
Cruz Fitzpatrick
Helen Poss
Teagan Ryan

Honor Roll

Genesis Davis
Elisha Dunbar
Dominic Fuller
Victoria Grissom
Brody Guy
Bryn Jones
Kendall Lynch
Autumn Newberry
Sophie Polk
Cadence Roth
Sheldon White
Tyler Wood

3rd Grade

Principal's Honor Roll

Matthew Allen
Anna Beamon
Preston Ching
Briscoe Cruppenink
Quinn Dorey
Griffin Drury

Raegan Gantt
Camily Getscher
Emerson Gutman
Emmie Hanks
Chris Junek
Savannah Pierce
Jackson Pompizzi
Abby Shaw
Emma Smith
Josephine Stewart

Honor Roll

Autumn Andrews
Sev Bryant
Brianna Cheah
Mariah Hadley
Lydia Harelson
Chase Rash
Caedyn Webb
Candace White

4th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll

Jason Abney
Makai Armstrong
Lilliana Baker
Adirah Blocker
Maggie Boyd
Reese Fairfax
Delilah Hindt
Connor Hoskins
Aiden Jones
Lauren Krukar
Hannah Mack
Andrew Tigrett
Rylan Wood
Lexi Woode

Honor Roll

Wesley Andrews
Sergio Barraza
Adriana Barreto
Caroline Braman
Grace Kimball
Bella Mashtare
Cameron Ramirez
Rylee Riedell
Zoe Rollins
McKenzie Runnels
Emma Schmidt
Zachary Stock
Josiah Swain
Jenesis Yerdon

5th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll

Annabelle Allen
Kelvin Baldwin
Luke Beamon
Abigail Ching
Madison Fenelon
Lucy Woods

Honor Roll

Sophia Cannon
Elizabeth Carroll
Lily Kate Carver
Abigail Graham
Aubrey Gutman
Luke Harelson
Annabelle Hurst
Travis Latham
Rylee Polk
Arran Scott
Maddy VanCuren

6th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll

Amanda Allen
Anya Barbins
Julia Berryman
Regan Boyd
Abigail Brown
Allison Campbell
Reagan Krukar
Trinity Rash
Miranda Short
Haley Stock
Kaleigh Stone
Olivia Tomechko

Honor Roll

Violet D'Lima
Charlynnne Lowe
Grace Rog

7th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll

Alex Bramble
Jason Chen
Shane Fitz
Sophie Hanks
Caroline Herdlick
Baylen Moser
Alex Pompizzi
Kara Willen

Honor Roll

Karly Baldwin
Daniel Herdlick
Mikey Owens

8th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll

Abby Boyd
Hannah Brown
Lindsay Inouye
Chase Latham
Bella Owens
Samantha Pennell
Andrew Warner

Honor Roll

Caroline Carver
Andre Davis
Hannah Simpkins

9th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll

Morgan Behe
Amber Campbell
Adelina Herbert
Harrison Lynch
Bridget McLellan
Sebastian Neme
Kaity Northam
Eric Sampson
Zoe Taylor
Maddie Tice
Noah Tobler
Eaven Weaver
Piper Wells

Honor Roll

Lance Harelson
Brandon Pullias
Kaitlyn Russo-Barnes
Garrison Smith

10th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll

Robby Campbell
Emma Harris
Krista Hurst
Olivia Hutchens Rocha
Alexis Igtos

Aimee Pentermann

Emma Smith
Ethan Tobler
Dottie Zaragoza

Honor Roll

Katie Carroll
Faith Fitz
Abi Galliard
Liam Marshall
Julianna Meszler
Anderson Reed
Ethan Snyder

11th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll

Katelyn Boothe
Mikaila Sullivan
Kyle Waller

Honor Roll

Terence Lamar
Jaimlynn Rhine

12th Grade

Principal's Honor Roll

Carolyn Colina
Robin Evans
Allison Latham
Maggie Padilla
Sydney Parker
Bella Weatherly
Mary Williams

Honor Roll

Elizabeth McCartney
Monye' Morgan
Rina Segesdy
Herby Tice III

Principal's Honor Roll: 3.75 - 4.0 GPA

Honor Roll: 3.5-3.74 GPA



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Recruiting for KCA has its rewards! For every child you refer to our school, you will receive a \$250 credit towards your tuition when the child enrolls. If you refer a family with two children, you receive a credit of \$500 when they enroll. As a bonus, the credit also applies to the new family's tuition!



November 2, 2019

KCA is holding its annual fall carnival on Saturday, November 2. Enjoy rides, inflatables, games, prizes, and freshly grilled food! Admission is free, and there are dozens of crafters and vendors on site for a great shopping experience.

Save the Date for KCA's Community Carnival this fall!

THANK YOU!

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online

Campus expansions. New technology. Enhanced curriculums. We couldn't make KCA what it is today without your donations. Thank you to all who have given or pledged to give in the future. If you feel led to support our school, please visit our website to discover the many ways to be a part of The King's Christian Academy.

www.KCAeagles.com/Giving

over
50
camp
programs!

Are you on the lookout for summer fun? Look no further than The King's Christian Academy! Whether your child is looking to improve in his or her favorite sport, or simply have fun outside, KCA is the place to be!

Camps are available for kids ages 4 - 15 years old – and we're open to the community! Visit our website at www.KCAeagles.org and click on the Summer Camp link.

Summer Camp Fun!