



Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy

A Challenge Foundation Academy

August 2018 Newsletter

Dear TJCA-CFA Families,

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! We hope you have had a summer full of fun, work, rest, and joy. The TJ Staff are excited to get a new year underway and are preparing an incredible year for you and your student(s). Please take a few minutes to share this newsletter together to ensure you have everything ready for the first days of school.

For the 2018-19 calendar, policy information, uniform details, and updates, please visit our website.

[TJCA Website](#)

The first day of school is Thursday, August 16, 2018.

Orientation Dates

Thursday, August 9 – 11:00 AM – Kindergarten Meet the Teacher at Grammar School

Thursday, August 9 – 5:00 PM – K, 1st Grade Orientation at Grammar School

Monday, August 13 – 5:00 PM – 2nd, 3rd Grade Orientation at Grammar School

Monday, August 13 – 5:00 PM – Senior Orientation in Leitner Auditorium Upper Campus

Monday, August 13 - 6:30 PM – 9th, 10th, 11th Grade Orientation in Leitner Auditorium Upper Campus

Tuesday, August 14 – 5:00 PM – 4th, 5th Grade Orientation at Grammar School

Tuesday, August 14 – 6:15 PM – 6th Grade Orientation in Leitner Auditorium Upper Campus

Tuesday, August 14 – 7:00 PM – 7th, 8th Grade Orientation in Leitner Auditorium Upper Campus

**** All students should attend their designated Orientation Night. Final schedules will be available at Orientation.**

Meet the New TJ Staff

Grammar Campus

Megan Duncan - Kindergarten Teacher

Krystal Melton - Kindergarten Teacher

Jessica Smith - Kindergarten TA

Angelia Jolley - Kindergarten TA

Jessica Padgett - Second Grade Teacher

Kristie Ruppe - Fourth Grade Teacher

Jen Serio - EC Assistant

Upper Campus

Dianna Bridges - Upper Campus Principal

Amy Bailey - Pre-Calc

Lisa Baxter - EC Teacher

Kaylie Lemmon - MS Counselor

Kelly Maskarinec - MS Art

Eddy Taylor - Athletic Director

Brett Wease - PE

Jennifer Wiggins - Math 3

School Supplies and Summer Reading



[Grades K-5 Supply List](#)

[Grades 6-12 Supply List](#)

[Summer Reading](#)

Student Parking Passes

Student parking passes can be purchased for \$20 after Orientations on Monday, August 13. You must show your driver's license.



Bus Information

There are buses that service Owls Stadium Forest City, Shelby YMCA, Boiling Springs YMCA, and Crestview Park Rutherfordton. (LIMITED BUS SERVICE) Bus registration MUST be completed each year, even if you rode the previous year! Please follow the link below to register your child for the appropriate bus. We request that our bus riding families consider a \$50 per month donation to help keep our buses running. If writing a check, please add "bus donation" in the memo line and mail to att: Finance Office / Mrs. White on the Upper Campus, or drop a check off at any of the front offices.

[Bus Registration](#)

Survey (Students and Parents, Grades 9-12)

Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy is considering expanding its online learning and dual enrollment course opportunities in the years ahead. Students in grades 9-12 and their parents are welcome to participate in the survey linked here to assist the school in its planning process: <https://goo.gl/ZCgH4Q>

ACT - September 8

Any high school student who wishes to take the ACT offered here at TJCA on September 8 should register online at www.actstudent.org by Friday, August 10

School Picture Information

Senior Portraits - August 14 -8:30 AM - Leitner Auditorium

Underclassmen, Faculty/Staff and Senior Make-up Pictures - September 14

Make-up picture day for everyone - October 12.

Uniforms

There will be a Uniform Resale in the Gym of the Grammar School Friday, August 3 at 4:00 PM
The TJ Uniform Vendor is Casper's Closet located in the Tri City Mall - 2270 US Hwy 74 Forest City, NC -
828-245-7715. (Closed Mondays)



Gryphon Athletics

Thursday, August 9 – 6 PM – MANDATORY Athletic Meeting – Leitner Auditorium – For all Middle and High School students who are interested in playing sports during the 2018-19 school year. Please note that the athlete, as well as at least one parent, must be present for the meeting.

TJ Gryphon Athletic Sponsor and Membership

All Gryphon Athletic Business Sponsor applications **MUST** be turned in to Mrs. Roberts (Middle School Office) or Coach Taylor no later than Wednesday, August 8 in order to have banners printed and ready for the first home football game. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Taylor at etaylor@tjca.org.

[TJ Gryphon Athletic Business Sponsor Application](#)

[TJ Gryphon Athletic Family / Individual Membership](#)

Important Sport Dates

Wednesday, August 8 – 4:00 PM – Upper Campus Practice Field - MS Football Mandatory Practice Begins

Mon, Aug 13 - 6:00 PM - HS Stadium (Wed-Thurs, Aug 15-16 - Location TBD) - MS Soccer Tryouts

MS Volleyball TBA (it will begin somewhere around Wednesday, August 8)

Varsity Women's Tennis - Practices begin Monday, August 13 - 3:00-5:30



Meet the TJ Forum

[Forum Website Link](#)

Chairperson – Pam Jones

Vice Chair / Upper Campus – Effie Fiore

Vice Chair / Grammar Campus – Kelly Hall

Secretary – Dana Yelton

Treasurer – Ashley Garland

** The Parent Forum is a parent support organization dedicated to promoting an optimal educational experience for the students at TJCA. This group is formed to unite parents, faculty, and the TJCA board collectively with the purpose of fostering the development of our charter school, and to be a voice that will articulate and share our common purpose.

Tuesday, September 11 - 8:15 AM - Grammar School Cafeteria

** The Forum typically meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 8:15 AM in the Grammar School Cafeteria.

Be saving your **Box Tops!** More information about collection dates will be provided when school starts.

Shopping Links

There are many ways you can support TJ simply by shopping like you normally do! Please take a moment to click on the links below and register to support TJ.

[Amazon Smile B&G](#)

** At the Amazon smile page you either have to sign in with your account or create a new one. Burgundy and Gold is listed as [Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy B&G SCHOLARSHIPS](#).

[Ingles Tools for Schools](#)

Travel the World with TJCA-CFA

There will be an informational meeting held on Monday, September 10 at 5:00 PM in the Upper Campus Leitner Auditorium for both the Australia and France trips.



Australia 2019

Now is the time to plan for 2019 by contacting Mrs. Roberts at broberts@tjca.org for the Spring Break trip to the South Pacific - Australia and New Zealand! Save \$100 by using code roberts100 to sign up before September 28, 2018. Mrs. Roberts will be available in the Middle School office before and after the High School orientations to answer any questions you may have.



France 2020

Now is the time to PLAN EARLY and save for the Spring 2020 trip to France. Contact Mrs. Lloyd at klloyd@tjca.org for more information.

August 2018 Calendar Highlights

**** Please check our event calendar on the school website regularly.**

School Activity Calendar

Wednesday-Thursday, August 1-2 - 8:00 AM - Varsity Volleyball Tryouts in HS Gym

Wednesday, August 1 - 8:00 AM - Varsity Cross Country Practice behind HS Gym

Friday, August 3 - 4:00 PM - Uniform Resale in Grammar School Gym

Tuesday, August 7 - 5:45 PM - Board Meeting in MS Leitner Auditorium

Wednesday, August 8 - 4:00 PM - MS Football Practice on HS Practice Field

Thursday, August 9 - 6:00 PM - Mandatory Athletic Meeting (all students interested in playing sports during 2018-19 school year) - MS Leitner Auditorium

Monday-Wednesday, August 13-15 - Time TBA - MS Men's Soccer Tryouts - Grammar School Field

Monday, August 13 - 3:00 PM - Varsity Women's Tennis Practices at Peachtree Racquet Club

Tuesday, August 14 - Senior Portraits - 8:30 AM - Upper Campus Leitner Auditorium

Friday, August 31 - NOON RELEASE