

August The Carolina Academy Newsletter

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A Note From Mrs. Anna

I hope you are well and are taking time to relax and enjoy the beautiful summer weather. Throughout the summer we have been working to prepare for the 2009-2010 school year! I anxiously await the start of school on August 17th. I also look forward to working with you throughout the year as we strive to provide the highest level of programs and services for our students. As principal of *The Carolina Academy*, I want to take this opportunity to tell you about all the exciting things that we have planned at *TCA*

As you probably know, this school year brings with it many challenges as a result of budget reductions. However, The Carolina Academy team remains committed to providing a quality education in a safe environment for every child. We look forward to partnering with you this year to help your child be successful. It is a special grace to be working again with young people as it is a time when they are making decisions that form their character. Our school theme for the year is **CAPTURE THE CURIOSITY AND CHARACTER AT TCA**. We will continue to hold up truth as we teach all subject areas and guide our children toward what is right and good.

Our first day of school will be Monday, Aug. 17, and our hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. with early dismissal.

To welcome all of our parents and students and answer any questions you may have, we have planned an Open House for *Thursday, August 13th*. This year, TCA is striving to keep families informed about key education issues. A new e-newsletter has been created on our web site to provide families with school and community information. To sign up for this electronic newsletter, simply register at open house. We ask that you share your email addresses with us in order for TCA to reduce the cost of paper mailings.

The After School Program will be available again this year. We thank you for your support of the program. To find out more about this program, contact the After School Program at (843)687-1812. Forms will be available at **kindergarten orientation** (August 11th) and at **open house** (August 14th).

Open House The annual "back to school" *Open House* will be held on *Thursday, August 13th from 6:30-8:00 pm*. We encourage all of our parents and students to attend this event as you will have the opportunity to meet teachers and staff members and visit classrooms. Teachers will be available throughout the event so feel free to come at a time that works best for you.

Once again, welcome to your school for 2009-2010. If you have any questions, please call me at (843) 374-5485.

Booster Club



The Carolina Academy Booster Club is in need of an used refrigerator for the canteen at the football field. This donation to the school could be written off as a tax deduction. Please call us if you have one to donate at (374-5485).

Booster Club Memberships/Student Activity Passes/CA Merchandise for sale/Football Canteen Sign-Up will be available in the gym at "Meet the Bobcats."

TCA Varsity Football team "Public Announcement Advertisement": For the cost of \$25, your business or family can sponsor a quarter of a football game. Your name will be announced several times during the quarter of a home game. More than one family is welcome to sponsor a quarter together. Sign up and fill out a form at "Meet the Bobcats." Hurry spaces will be limited to the first ones that sign up.

Student in the Spotlight

Rebecca Kelley crowned *Young Miss South Carolina* on June 20th in Hartsville. After a week of competition including private interviews, onstage competition and evening gowns, contestants were judged and named as finalists. The 12 contestants re-competed in the final night for the titles and scholarships. Rebecca will travel the state representing her titles and making appearances on behalf of Palmetto Health Children's Hospital. The pageant and its contestants have raised more than \$85,000 for Palmetto Health Children's Hospital since partnering with the hospital in 2002.

Drop Off/Pick Up Policy

We expect to have a higher than usual number of parents who will drop-off and pick-up their children during the first few weeks of school. Therefore, we ask that you assist us by following the guidelines listed below.


1. Drivers are required to use the first entrance/exit off of Country Club Road. After entering, School monitors will be out directing traffic to assist drivers.
2. The last two parking spots on the circle have been eliminated in order clear the view and to aid the drivers coming and going around the circle.
3. If you plan to pick-up your child(ren) from school, please provide your child(ren) with a note. Notes should be submitted to the homeroom teacher immediately upon entering the classroom. Calls into classrooms cause a significant disruption to the learning environment; especially at the end of the day. Therefore, we will not call into the classroom the last 10 minutes of the day.


Walkers/golf cart drivers will continue to be released from the gymnasium at the end of school.

Car riders will only be released to vehicles waiting in the pick-up line, or to parents on the porch.



Reminder!

 **SENIORS!** Make sure you are working on your college applications!

 We will be cleaning the inside and outside of the school on August 10th and 11th. Volunteers are appreciated!

Parents of Kindergarteners

Kindergarten teachers will spend the first week of school working with students to assist students with transitioning into school. Remember only K5 will attend on August 17th.

Spanish Trip

Students in grades 9-11 had the opportunity to go to Spain this summer. They began the trip in Madrid and traveled to Segovia, Burgos, Bilbao, San Sebastian, Pamplona, Barcelona, Tossa del Mar, Figueras, and two towns in France. Students visited museums and beautiful Cathedrals. They were able to shop, see a Flamenco performance, eat lots of Spanish food and had the opportunity to practice their Spanish.

Tori Osborne, Alexandra Paraschos, J.J. Fennell, Senora McClam, Mason Canty, Cole Dukes, Jody McCallister, Mrs. Amy Tanner and Mr. Frank Sistrunk also went to Spain



Congrats Cheerleaders!

The Varsity and Junior Varsity cheerleaders attended camp in June at Presbyterian College. The girls always do a great job at camp and this year was no exception. The Varsity squad won first place in Home Pom for the third year in a row, they won the Traditions Award and were nominated a Superior Squad and have the opportunity to cheer at a bowl game. The Junior Varsity squad won first place in Camp Champs cheer and dance. The Junior Varsity was a close second in the Home Pom competition and we are very proud of them. We had seven All-American Cheerleaders. **Savannah Green, Kayla Brown, Scarlett Boyd,** and **Caroline Weaver** won this award for Varsity and **Courtney Godwin, Rachel Cook,** and **Rebecca Kelley** won this award for Junior Varsity. As well as being an All-American cheerleader, eighth grader **Rebecca Kelley** won the prestigious SCISA Presidents Award which is awarded to the most outstanding cheerleader at camp. Both squads were chosen as SCISA's All-Star squads and will cheer at the North-South Football All Star Game on December 5th at Orangeburg Prep at 12:00 noon.

