PARENT EMAIL BULLET: JANUARY 27, 2012

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KEY CALENDAR DATES

- January 28 (Sa) SAT Testing
- February 3 (F) Parent Forum Coffee, 8:00-9:00 a.m., W Building
- February 4 (Sa) Junior/Senior "Winterlude" Event, Hornblower Yacht, 6:00-9:00 p.m., San Francisco
- February 13-16 (M-Th) Spirit Week!
- February 17 (F) NO SCHOOL, Winter Break
- February 20 (M) NO SCHOOL, Winter Break
- February 23 (Th) Junior High "State of the Union" Meeting for 6th-8th grade parents, 7:00 p.m., W Building
- February 27-March 2 (M-F) 6th Grade Science Camp

*Click here to view the "Year At A Glance" Calendar for 2012-2013. For any questions about the calendar, please contact Mr. Matt Nisbet, Director of Operations.

CURRENT INFORMATION
CSF and CJSF Applications will be available in the SAO beginning Monday, January 30. Students in grades 7, 8, 10, 11 or 12, are eligible to apply and must reapply each semester; students who have already been members still need to apply again. Also, A copy of your student's fall semester report card should be provided along with the $5 application fee. The deadline for turning in your application is Friday, February 10.

From the Business Office: Below you will find the dates and fees that will ensure your student will be enrolled for the 2012-13 school year. If you would like to complete the ACH Debit Form for the 2012-2013 school year monthly payment plan, it is linked here.

- **February 1:** Contract of Agreement for Re-enrollment is due from existing TKA families with a $200 non-refundable re-enrollment fee per student.
- **February 15:** $900 Student Fee is due for next year’s 9th graders (current 8th grade class).
- **May 15:** Student Fee is due for all students (except the current 8th grade class) - $800 for next year's grades 7 and 8 and $900 for next year's grades 10-12.
- **May 21:** All outstanding fees, library books, and athletic uniforms must be cleared for your student to receive his/her yearbook on the last day of school.
- **July 1:** The first tuition payment is due and is non-refundable. Tuition payments are due on the first of each month.

Saturday School: If your student has been assigned Saturday school, you will be notified via email to check for a letter in your parent portal. When a student reaches twenty (20) demerits, and every twenty (20) thereafter, that student receives an assignment to Saturday school. The cost for Saturday school is $20. The cost will increase by $10 for each subsequent Saturday school assignment, per semester, that a student receives. Please make every effort to have your student attend the scheduled Saturday school. If for some reason your student is unable to attend, please give the Dean’s Office at least a 24-hour notice before Saturday school begins by emailing Mrs. Debbie Walker. Otherwise, you will be billed an additional $15 “no-show” fee.

The Yearbook Staff Needs Photos of JH Boys Basketball! If you have pictures that you would like to submit, please email them to Mrs. Chrissy Mata or put them on a CD and drop them off at the SAO with a note for Yearbook. We especially need photos from the JH Boys Basketball team "Varsity B North" and "JV A team". We'd like to give our parent and student photographers credit, so please make sure you tell us who the photos are from! Thanks for your help.

Join Us for A Parent Coffee Social on Friday, February 3, from 8:00-9:00 a.m. in the W Building. Current and prospective families are invited! This is a time to get answers to any questions you may have about the TKA experience or have any concerns addressed. Join the TKA leadership team for good conversation, coffee, bagels and more! Click here for more details!

Have Friends Interested in TKA? It’s Not Too Late to Apply: Your support in telling friends and neighbors about TKA is invaluable! The TKA 6th grade is a great time to transition to our school and
experience the cumulative benefits of seven years at TKA! If you have friends who are thinking of enrolling their children at The King’s Academy, please remind them of these application deadlines: **Deadline - Friday, February 24.**

**TKA's Ballroom Dance Class Featured in** *Mercury News* **and** *Sunnyvale Sun* **thanks to parent contributor Cathy Fitzpatrick-Platt!!**

**Special Parent Seminar** - Jim Burns on "The Art of Raising Great Teenagers": Parents, reserve **Tuesday, March 13, from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** to attend this seminar by Jim Burns in the **TKA Theatre.** More information is coming soon..but you don't want to miss this!

**Help Us Reach TKA Alumni!** The Development Office is working on staying better connected to our alumni. One way we’re staying in better touch is through our **TKA Alumni Facebook page.** Please email alumni news (marriages, baby births, awards, ministries, reunions, etc.) to **Mrs. Kathy Gifford** to post on the TKA Alumni Facebook page. In addition, please post the link below to our alumni survey on your personal facebook pages. We are gathering contact information for our alumni directory: **www.tka.org/alumnisurvey.**

**TKA Class of 2002 Ten Year Reunion: Save the Date: June 23, 2012.** Please update your contact information at **www.tka.org/alumnisurvey** so your class reunion organizers can find you! Contact **Mrs. Kathy Gifford** for more information.

**Explore Greece and Turkey, July 7 through July 20, with Friends from TKA.** Join us for seven days on land exploring Athens and surrounding areas before departing on a seven night cruise of the Greek Isles. Visit Athens, Argolida, and Olympia before cruising to Istanbul, Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Rhodes, Crete, and Santorini. To register go to **www.eftours.com** and enter tour number 1004423. For further information, contact **Mr. George Parsons.**

**PARENT VOLUNTEER CORNER**

**Seeking Parents to Provide Food and Set-up Help for January 31 Staff Meeting:** It is a wonderful blessing that parents provide food and treats for monthly staff meetings and help with set-up! If you are able to help this month, please click on **this Joiner's link.**
**Mexico Pre-Trip Volunteer Opportunities:** In preparation for the upcoming Mexico Service Trip, we will be preparing a few food items ahead of time and freezing them. The cooking is simple, but the volume is -- grande! There are also non-cooking kitchen tasks that need to be done. For those of you who are unable to accompany us on the trip, this is a good way to join in the effort to bless the families we are serving. Weekday and weekend tasks are available. Help is needed on: **Saturday, February 4; Saturday, February 25; Friday, March 2; and Friday, April 6.** Click on this [Jooner's link](#) to volunteer.

**CLASS SPECIFIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**11th Grade London Trip 2013:** To review the trip information, go to [www.EFtours.com](http://www.EFtours.com) and enter trip number 1185524. To register, you only need to pay the $95 non-refundable registration fee at this time. There is a convenient monthly payment plan for any who are interested. If you have any questions feel free to contact Mr. George Parsons, or you may contact EF Tours Customer Service directly at (800) 665-5364.

**Junior and Senior "Winterlude" Is Coming!** This year's Winterlude will be held in San Francisco aboard the Hornblower Yacht located at Pier 3 on **Saturday, February 4, 6:00-9:00 p.m.** It will be a fun night of good food and fellowship! **The ticket price of $65 includes unlimited buffet, soda and juice drinks and a beautiful cruise of the San Francisco Bay!** Tickets are on sale in the Quad during brunch and lunch. Don't miss out! [Click here](#) to view details about parking, directions, dress code, etc. Please see Mrs. Cora Bell for any questions.

**17 and 18 Year Old Males - Listen Up!** This is an important announcement: **When you turn 18, it is your civic responsibility to register with Selective Service.** Registering for Selective Service is a federal law and those who fail to register may be denied student loans, job training, government jobs, and driver’s licenses in most states. You can get a Selective Service registration card at your local post office, in the Registrar's office or you can register online at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov). If you have any questions regarding registration, please visit [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov) or contact Mr. Joseph Crawford in the Registrar’s office.

**SPIRITUAL LIFE AND SERVICE**

**Chapel Theme:** [Click here](#) to read about this semester's new theme, "Re:Build." It doesn't take much to realize that our world is broken through abuse, injustice, poverty, etc. Part of our responsibility and calling as Christians is to partner with God in rescuing and redeeming that which has been marred by sin and corruption. Through Christ's power, and the Holy Spirit's work in our hearts, we will strive to be captivated by the truth of Ephesians 2:10: **For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.** [Click here](#) to watch a video of the powerful and unforgettable chapel where Spiritual Life Director, Kevin Neuner, introduces the Re: Build Theme!
High School Chapel This Week: Students were led in worship by one of our student worship teams, co-led by Natali Smiley and Jared Murti. The high schoolers then had the privilege of hearing from one of our seniors, Tyler Miclean. Tyler continued our series and spoke on the topic of Re:Building the Heart. Tyler’s testimony and passion was a moving and visible display of God at work in him. Tyler's challenge to all of us was to allow God to Re:Build our hearts through sharing who you really are with others, allowing them to hold you accountable and walk alongside you.

Junior High Chapel This Week: Students were led in worship by one of our student worship bands, co-led by Katya Goncalves and Sly Duda. Our speaker, Ben Palm, of Neighborhood Bible Church, continued our series with his talk on Re:Building the Heart. He used Psalm 13 and the example of David choosing to worship God in the midst of struggle as a challenge to the students to learn how to give everything over to God. God will continue to work in us to Re:Build our lives and heaven will be perfect and complete!

Student Council Event - Do Ducks Have Lips? Join us for “Do Ducks Have Lips?” on Friday, February 3, from 6:45-8:45 p.m. at Oakridge Mall in San Jose. Drop off and pick up at Oakridge. All students are invited to come find disguised teachers and seniors during this fun and exciting scavenger hunt. Hosted by the Student Council! Here are the details:

- Groups of six (6) students maximum are formed at the mall by the students.
- Parents are welcome to stay at the mall and walk around, but the groups will be made up of students only.
- Drop off and pick up will be at Sears, inside Oakridge Mall (925 Blossom Hill Rd, San Jose, 95123).

Service Scholarship Application Now Available: Scholarships assist participants in the financial aspects of participating in one of TKA’s Service Trips. All applicants agree to participate in all avenues of fundraising prior to any scholarship being awarded. Applicants agree to communicate with the SAO regarding their financial situation, and are asked to thoughtfully consider payment plans as a management option. Deadline and approval dates for scholarships are contingent upon which Service Trip the applicant is attending and the status of fundraising efforts. Applicants are, therefore, encouraged to submit this scholarship application in a time frame sufficient enough for consideration (e.g., no later than one-month before the trip). Please submit your application to Mrs. Barb Schulenburg in the SAO.
Advanced Placement (AP) Course Student Applications are due by Monday, January 30. Juniors and seniors who did not receive an application and would like to take an AP course next year, please pick up an application in the Academic and College Counseling office.

Practice SAT Test at TKA: Eureka Review is offering a practice SAT here at TKA on Saturday, February 11, for sophomores and juniors. The test will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12:40 p.m. From 1:00 to 1:30 p.m. there will be a parent/student presentation during which scores will be returned. It only costs $10.00 to take advantage of this opportunity, but space is limited to 50 students. Please fill out a registration form and return it with your payment to the Academic and College Counseling office by Friday, February 3.

Buick Achiever Scholarship Program (Seniors): The Buick Achievers Scholarship Program wants to reward students who have succeeded both inside and outside of the classroom—and who may not be able to attend college without financial assistance. The program is offering up to $25,000 per year for 100 students and $2,000 one-time awards for an additional 1,000 students. The deadline is February 29. For further information, visit www.buickachievers.com or go to Naviance and check under “Scholarships.”

Westmont College Summer Scholars Program (Juniors/Seniors): Westmont College is offering a Summer Scholars program from June 17 to July 7 at their campus in Santa Barbara. This program was created last year to provide a dynamic learning opportunity for academically gifted high school juniors and seniors. Fifty-five students from the classes of 2012 and 2013 will live on campus, taking classes for college credit. Space is limited, so apply early to have the best chance of being admitted. All application materials are due by March 1. Limited financial aid is available for those who would otherwise be unable to attend, including a small number of full scholarships. Ability to pay should not deter anyone from applying.

Gap Year Fair: Dynamy Internship Year invites all interested students and their parents to a Gap Year Fair at Los Altos High School (201 Almond Avenue, Los Altos) on Friday, March 2, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. Dynamy Internship Year and Thinking Beyond Borders, in collaboration with local supporters, are spreading the word about the growing array of opportunities for personal growth through experiential education (travel, language immersion, directed study, outdoor adventure, community service, and internships). This event will be most useful to high school juniors, seniors and their parents as they consider life after high school. The event will include a presentation by Jane Sarhouran, who is a passionate educator, experienced administrator and Vice President of The Center for Interim Programs. This is an opportunity to learn about several gap year programs all in one place. Visit www.usagapyearfairs.org for more information.

The Foundation for Teaching Economics Summer Program (Juniors): Economics for Leaders is a summer program to teach student leaders how to integrate economics into the process of decision-making. At least one former TKA student enjoyed this program and found it to be helpful preparation for their TKA Economics course! Most expenses for the program are paid by the foundation. The program will be offered this summer at UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara and UCLA, as well as ten
other college campuses around the country. **Applications are due by March 5.** To learn more and apply for this program, visit [their website](#).

**Yosemite Summer Field Research Course (Sophomores and Juniors):** If you have a passion for exploration, science and adventure, consider registering for the Yosemite Summer Field Research Course. You will go on a backpacking adventure in Yosemite National Park and create your own research project. **This course will be offered from July 28 to August 10.** Visit [www.yosemitefieldresearch.org](http://www.yosemitefieldresearch.org) for more details.

**VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS**

**Spaghetti Dinner and Performance Fundraiser:** Come out to support the TKA Winter Percussion and Color Guard on **Saturday, January 28, at 6:30 p.m. in the W Building.**

**Ticket prices:** $12/adults; $8/ages 5-18; 4 years/under free. Tickets may be purchased in advance from any Color Guard or Winter Percussion student or from the Main Office. Tickets will also be available at the door.

**Winter Guard Competition:** On **Saturday February 4,** they will compete at the California Color Guard Circuit competition hosted by Amador Valley High School (1155 Santa Rita Rd, Pleasanton). The Winter Guard show will begin at 5:30 pm. **TKA Guard performs at 6:30 p.m.**

Doors will open thirty minutes prior to show time. Tickets: General admission is $10.00; students and seniors are $8.00; children (5 & under) Free.

**TKA Orchestra Students Receives Many Recognitions at ACSI Solo and Ensemble Competition, held at William Jessup University. Congratulations!**

- Quartet 1 (Advanced Division) **Eunice Kim, Kathryn O'Donnell, James An, James Nguyen**
  - SUPERIOR RATING
- Quartet 2 (Advanced Division) **Daniel An, Anita Liu, Kathryn Wang-Lam, Anna Miller**
  - EXCELLENT RATING
- Quartet 3 (Intermediate Division) **Joanna Williams, Iris Sun, James An, Meghan Leong**
  - SUPERIOR RATING
- Quartet 4 (Intermediate Division) **Sharon Park, Reggie Apura, Kathryn Wang-Lam, Harrison Yee**
  - SUPERIOR RATING
- Cello Quartet 1 (Advanced Division) **Anna Miller, Meghan Leong, Harrison Yee, Jonathan Kong**
  - SUPERIOR RATING
- Cello Quartet 2 (Intermediate Division) **Nick Shieh, Jane Oh, Zoe Chen, Brian Lee**
  - SUPERIOR RATING
- **Meghan Leong** (Advanced Division) Cello solo SUPERIOR RATING/ COMMAND PERFORMANCE
- **Anita Liu** (Advanced Division) Piano solo SUPERIOR RATING/COMMAND PERFORMANCE
ATHLETICS

***Sign Up Today for Athletic Team Alerts! Click here for instructions.***

Learn How to Find Athletic Team Schedules, Game Locations, Practice Information and More! Click here to view an informational video on how to navigate through the TKA website. (Please be patient while video loads.)

Practices and Tryouts for High School Spring Sports will begin on Monday, January 30 (except for boys volleyball which begins on Friday, February 3.) In order for a student to practice or tryout they MUST have an athletic clearance receipt from the athletic office. No exceptions. To get clearance, the student needs to have turned in their athletic clearance packet, physical form, and CIF concussion form.

- **Golf**: Practice at Pin High Golf Center. Meet outside Athletic Office ten minutes after school for transport.
- **Swimming**: *(CHANGE)* Meet at Fremont High School Pool. No transportation provided.
- **Boys Volleyball**: Tryouts begin on *Friday, February 3*, in TKA Gym.
- **Boys Tennis**: Practice at Sunnyvale Tennis Center. Meet outside Athletic Office ten minutes after school for transport.
- **Track and Field**: Meet at track at 3:30 p.m.
- **Softball**: Meet at softball field at 3:30 p.m.
- **Baseball**: Meet at baseball field at 3:20 p.m.

TKA Football Awards: At the January 21 football banquet, the following students were honored for their achievements:

**Junior Varsity Awards**

- Most Valuable Player - Michael Svozil
- Pride, Hustle, Drive - Josh Wood
- Lineman of the Year - Ruben Pekary
- Back of the Year - Mark Miclean
- Most Improved - Derek Friske

**Varsity Awards**

- Most Valuable Player - Stephen Kmak
- Pride, Hustle, Drive - Amir Pappu
- Captain’s Award - Cameron Pappa
- Back of the Year - Booker T. Robinson
- Lineman of the Year - Jason Moran
Junior High Tackle Football: Come to an interest meeting on **Wednesday, February 8, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the W Building**. This meeting is to inform prospective families of the steps and support needed to start a junior high tackle football team. Please contact the Athletic Office with any questions. [Click here](#) for informational flyer.

Planning to Participate in a Spring Sport? Just a reminder that it is **MANDATORY for all athletes to have a physical completed before their tryout date.** Physicals are valid for only one academic school year.

An Important Reminder to All High School Winter and Spring Student Athletes: The [CIF concussion form](#) must be signed by you AND your parents and turned in to your coach. **Failure to do so will result in you being taken out of practices and/or games until the signed form is turned in.** Please see Miss Sarah Weiss or Mr. Ryan Watson if you have any questions.

Congratulations **Brian Bostrom**, named U.S. Air Force All-American by MaxPreps.com, an honor reserved for truly the best of the best in high school football.

**THIS WEEK IN SPORTS: Go Knights!**

**Monday, January 30**
- 3:30 PM Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Priory School, Facility: **TKA Football/Soccer Field**
- 5:00 PM Boys Junior Varsity Soccer vs. Priory School, Facility: **TKA Football/Soccer Field**

**Tuesday, January 31**
- 3:30 PM Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Menlo School, Facility: **TKA Football/Soccer Field**
- 4:00 PM Girls Junior Varsity Basketball at Priory School, Facility: Priory High School
- 4:00 PM Girls JH Var B Basketball vs. Harker School, Facility: **TKA GYM #2-Santa Clara Community Church**
- 4:50 PM Girls Junior Varsity Soccer vs. Menlo School, Facility: **TKA Football/Soccer Field**
- 5:00 PM Boys Junior Varsity Basketball vs. Sacred Heart Prep, Facility: **TKA GYM**
- 6:00 PM Girls JH Junior Var A Basketball at Sacred Heart Prep, Facility: St. Joseph’s Atherton (Sacred Heart)
- 6:30 PM Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Sacred Heart Prep, Facility: **TKA GYM**
- 6:30 PM Girls Varsity Basketball at Immaculate Conception Academy, Facility: Immaculate Conception High School
- 7:00 PM Girls JH Var A Basketball at Sacred Heart Prep, Facility: St. Joseph’s Atherton (Sacred Heart)

**Wednesday, February 1**
- 3:30 PM Boys Varsity Soccer at Pinewood High School, Facility: Pinewood Upper Campus
- 4:00 PM Boys JH Var B Soccer vs. St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School, Facility: **TKA Football/Soccer Field**
- 7:30 PM Boys Junior Varsity Basketball at Burlingame HS, Facility: Burlingame High School
Thursday, February 2

- 3:00 PM Girls Varsity Soccer at Castilleja School, Facility: Mayfield Soccer Complex
- 4:00 PM Girls JH Var A Basketball at University Preparatory Academy, Facility: University Prep Academy High School
- 4:00 PM Boys Varsity Wrestling vs. Wilcox (Adrian) High School, Cancelled
- 4:20 PM Girls Junior Varsity Soccer at Castilleja School, Facility: Mayfield Soccer Complex
- 5:00 PM Girls Junior Varsity Basketball at Mercy High School-Burlingame, Facility: Mercy-Burlingame High School
- 6:30 PM Girls Varsity Basketball at Mercy High School-Burlingame, Facility: Mercy-Burlingame High School From: 6:30PM

Friday, February 3

- 3:30 PM Boys Junior Varsity Basketball at Crystal Springs Uplands School, Facility: Crystal Springs Upland High School
- 4:00 PM Girls Junior Varsity Basketball at University Preparatory Academy
- 4:30 PM Boys Varsity Soccer at Eastside College Preparatory School, Facility: Google Field
- 4:50 PM Boys Junior Varsity Soccer vs. University Preparatory Academy, Facility: TKA Football/Soccer Field
- 5:00 PM Girls Varsity Basketball at Crystal Springs Uplands School, Facility: Crystal Springs Upland High School
- 6:30 PM Boys Varsity Basketball at Crystal Springs Uplands School, Facility: Crystal Springs Upland High School

Saturday, February 4

- 9:00 AM Boys Varsity Wrestling at Colt Invitational, Facility: El Camino High School
- 9:30 AM Boys Varsity Wrestling at Wilcox (Adrian) High, Cancelled
- 10:00 AM Girls JH Var B Basketball at Castilleja School, Facility: Castilleja High School