



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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Dear TKA Parents:

As we face national crisis and uncertainty, the TKA Family remains committed to give thanks to the Lord for His faithfulness. God reminds us that His love, grace, and mercy are new every morning. We are blessed with the assurance that He will carry us through the storms of life and provide us the wisdom we need to make prudent decisions. It is encouraging to know most children are not developing serious complications from COVID-19 and there have not been fatalities in children in Florida. Of particular note, Governor DeSantis recently shared his belief and support for a fall reopening of schools and optimism for extracurricular activities during this return.

At TKA, we have spent countless hours preparing to be on campus in August. While there have been many questions about what our return might look like, we are taking proactive measures now to be ready for a variety of scenarios. Our commitment is to the safety of students and employees. We want to take steps to safeguard against sickness and still provide the flexibility and freedom to deliver the excellent educational experience we all value.

Last month, we shared several important schoolwide upgrades to ensure proper safety protocols are in place. We are making a significant, informed, and strategic financial investment in facilities, equipment, personnel, and training to further protect our school. There will undoubtedly be updates to the multi-phased reopening plans during the summer. We will continue to closely monitor the CDC and state and local guidelines. We are prepared to adjust these plans as necessary and will ultimately amend items that may need to be enhanced or removed. At this point, we feel it appropriate to make several important decisions related to the fall term. We will:

- Conduct daily checks of student temperatures on buses and/or at the start of the school day
- Require health screenings for students who travel outside of the area
- Provide access to hand sanitizers throughout the campus and in every classroom
- Adjust lunch locations/times, add a high school lunch period, and increase outdoor covered seating to ensure proper numbers are maintained in the TKA Café
- Implement enhanced food preparation protocols, serving standards and JK-2nd classroom lunch delivery
- Adjust chapels to maintain our spiritual focus without meeting in large, multi-grade level assemblies
- Forego school trips for the first quarter and will evaluate both day and overnight trips throughout the school year
- Amend the method of delivery for school activities/programs and Smith Conservatory productions
- Provide and require face coverings for faculty and staff
- Require masks be worn by students during transportation on school buses
- Encourage but will not require masks to be worn by students during the school day

These items and other protocols are crucial to maintaining the safe reopening and operation of our school. We eagerly look forward to being reunited with all of you soon. Please look for further communications from our principals for additional details related to elementary and middle and high school. We are grateful for your optimistic, flexible and resilient spirit as we work through the complex details of this situation. We also covet your continued prayers, for "if God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31).

Sincerely,

Randal L. Martin
President