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From the Head of School

September 23, 2020

Dear Colleagues, Parents, Students, and Friends,

This week, the high school joined together for the annual Honor Code Signing ceremony. All Upper School students are expected to be familiar with the BA Honor Code and to reaffirm their commitment to the Statement of Academic Honesty by signing an Honor Code Pledge at the beginning of each academic year. This year, students were reminded that expectations are so much more than simply signing a book. Students were reminded that BA students benefit greatly from the unique set of freedoms when they sign the Honor Code.

The Honor Code grants the BA community confidence that the words and actions of others permeates life inside and outside of the classroom. The Honor Code deepens bonds between students, and it encourages a sense of personal responsibility that extends beyond the classroom and into the lives of leadership and learning. This ceremony marks and signals that students are ready and able to accept the responsibilities and privileges of being the leaders and role models for the rest of the BA community.

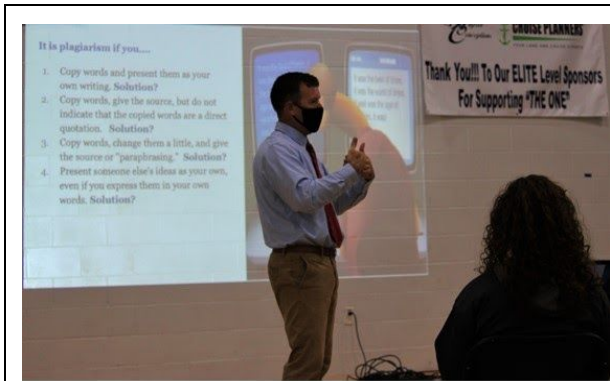
Honor Codes are not likely to deter the most determined cheaters. Most students, however, do not fall into that category. Students cheat because they developed the habit of cheating or because they think "everyone does it". One of the values of an Honor Code is regular reiteration of a campus-wide commitment to academic integrity. Writing and signing an Honor Code pledge, and seeing other students do the same, sends the powerful message that academic dishonesty is not considered acceptable behavior among students, and that promoting academic integrity is a responsibility students share with faculty members. Middle school students will sign their Honor Code Pledge next week. Here is the [Honor Code Signing Ceremony Presentation](#). Some pictures are below.

If you fancy being completely amazed this afternoon, come along to the very first home football game of the season. Kick off is at 4.00pm and all are welcome. I am proud to say that my

congenital lack of knowledge of the rules of the game has never dampened my enthusiasm for every match and for the team. I love Friday night football at BA and you will too. These games promise to be great community building events and I hope to see you there tonight.

Enjoy your weekend.

Eric Miles
Head of School





This morning's IB Pinning Ceremony commemorated the transition of IB juniors from the pre-diploma program to their official entry into the IB Diploma Program. The ceremony opened with IB Coordinator Gina Morse providing welcoming comments. The keynote speaker was the Class of 2021 President, Aidan Sevintuna. Aidan's advice to the juniors, *"during my time in the IB program, the most important thing I've learned is that your success is not reliant on your teachers challenging you, but of you challenging your teachers, and more importantly yourself."* Pins were presented to students by Head of School Eric Miles and IB Coordinator Gina Morse and announced by Assistant Head of School Brian Galzerano.



Photos from Around Campus



The 3rd grade flew across the U.S. to view the various landforms in our country. At the end of the flight, each student was challenged to decorate a United States cookie with the landforms discussed, using various colors of frosting and mini chocolate chips to represent these landforms.



Lower School students showing their support for the football team by delivering Good Luck cards to the High School players.



Middle School English students taking advantage of the cooler weather reading outside.



News You Can Use

Participation in Extracurricular Activities

Students must attend at least two full periods (or the entire day on a noon dismissal) to participate in any extracurricular activities. This includes athletics, academic competitions, performances, etc.



Please remember to pack your child's utensils for lunch.

Community Service at BA

HELP OUR HEROES

The Middle School Builders club is collecting items for care packages for our soldiers that are fighting overseas. These soldiers are sacrificing their lives for our freedom and can't do it without your support! We are sending these packages to two different units in the Middle East. The first unit is the 1st Battalion, 325 Airborne Infantry Regiment. They are part of the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC, and they are in Iraq supporting action against ISIS as a part of Operation Inherent Resolve. The Second unit is a National Guard Infantry Battalion. Here are the items they would love to receive:

Freebies, Nerf footballs, card games, board games, weights, workout equipment, books, journals, ramen noodles, microwavable mac and cheese, snacks, gum, chapstick, lotion, hot sauce, seasoning salt, beef jerky, powdered energy drink powder, sunscreen, trail mix, and baby wipes.

We are collecting these items Sept.14th-Oct.15th.

Thank You for your support!

Sincerely,
Builders Club



UNLOADING PUMPKINS

St. Andrews United Methodist Church is bringing in the pumpkins for the pumpkin patch and needs help unloading them off the truck. It is taking place on Saturday, September 26 from 8 am to 1pm. [Here link](#) to sign up.



Athletic News

High School Volleyball Senior Night

Monday, September 28 @ 5pm

Come support the High School Volleyball team as they take on North Tampa on Monday, September 28 at 5pm. Below are short bios of our two awesome seniors, Evelis and Rheeya!



Evelis Lebron
Class of 2021

Evelis Lebron has been on the BA varsity volleyball team for two years.

"She has worked extremely hard at her craft and has made tremendous strides on the court. As a starter, she has been an integral part of success so far. She is a great teammate and is always smiling. We appreciate her hard work and wish her the best in her future endeavors." - Coach DiBenedetto.

After graduating from BA, Evelis would like to attend [Eckerd College](#) and major in Animal Studies.



Rheeya Patel
Class of 2021

Rheeya Patel has been on the BA varsity volleyball team for two years.

"Rheeya was a late addition to this year's team but has made an immediate impact. She is extremely athletic and a hard worker. Because of her athleticism, she has become our primary setter and it has helped in a big way. We appreciate her hard work and wish her the best with her future." -Coach DiBenedetto.

After graduating from BA, Rheeya would like to attend [Georgia Tech](#) and major in Engineering.



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SEPT**

**BA FIRST FOOTBALL
GAME EVER!
4PM**

**8
OCT**

**BA VS ATLANTIC PREP
4PM**

**16
OCT**

**BA VS CLASSICAL PREP
SENIOR NIGHT
7PM**

**6
NOV**

**BA VS GENEVA CLASSICAL
HOMECOMING
4PM**

**13
NOV**

**BA VS VILLAGE VIEW
FINAL GAME OF THE SEASON
4PM**

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