

SMOKE SIGNAL

Volume 55, Issue 5 • February, 2019 • Tidewater Academy • tawarriors.org

From the Head of School

February was a busy month as we wrapped up cheerleading, Little Warrior basketball, and boys and girls basketball seasons. Thanks goes out to the parents who volunteered to work with the Little Warriors, who had some exciting Saturday afternoon games! I would also like to thank our coaches Tony Seward, Ashley Jones, Walter Westbrook, Paul Rogers, III, Reese Parker, Chris Grammer, and Tina Price for all the hours they each dedicated to our athletes. The support for our athletic programs

was wonderful as was witnessed by the attendance at all home basketball games. Crowds filled the bleachers to cheer on our students. A big thanks to Shelby and Bobby Warren for heading up our concession stand, as well as each and every parent who worked nightly to ensure our athletic events went off smoothly in collaboration with Athletic Director, Walter Westbrook. In addition, I would like to thank our Student Government Association for their sponsorship of Spirit Week, Half-Court Shot nights, as well as the Winter Dance. Each made for a week of great celebration of school spirit by our parents and students

Looking ahead we have some great events planned in the month of March and April. TA's biggest annual fundraiser, our Blue and White Bash Auction is drawing near, come ready for a night of celebration, food, spirits and a shopper's delight at our live and silent items. Come join us Saturday, March 23, 2019 for a fun night, and the chance to bid on many great items, doors open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for \$50.00, and the menu includes lots of great food and cocktails. And don't forget to mark your calendar for Saturday, April 6, 2019 for our 5th Annual Warrior Country/5K and Fun Run, advance registration is open now at tawarriors.org.

Our students will participate in the Middle School Forensic competition on March 7th, and the Upper School Forensics on March 14th. The 3rd nine-weeks will end on Friday, March 8th.

Reminder: Friday, March 1, will be 1/2 day for students. This is a change, so please plan accordingly!

Lisa B. Francis

Mission:

Tidewater Academy offers students a college-preparatory foundation, fostering a lifelong love of learning, instilling family core values and good citizenship in their communities. This education best prepares students for the challenges that they may face in an ever-changing world.

Philosophy:

A Tidewater Academy education is designed to grow, develop, and change as is determined by the influx of new world knowledge, new programs of study, new faculty, new resources, and new community opportunities. The Board of Directors, Head of School, and faculty provide students with a safe 21st century learning environment. This environment fosters beneficial relationships through collaboration, creativity, communication, and critical thinking. The school believes the pursuit and attainment of excellence shall remain its benchmark.

Non-Discriminatory:

Tidewater Academy admits qualified students without regard to race, color, national origin, religion or gender.



School-Wide News

24TH ANNUAL GALA AUCTION SLATED FOR MARCH 23, 2019

The success of the auction depends on items donated to the school and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We would like to count on our parents to contribute to the Gala Auction. Just think what you can donate – garden accessories, trips, jewelry, tickets to a sporting event, a night out on the town, cash, etc. The list goes on and on – be creative!

Won't you please consider a contribution to our most worthy cause: *Doing it for the Kids*. Please accept our appreciation for the support you have offered and will continue to offer.

Tickets are on sale now for the 24th Annual Gala Auction to be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019, at the Tidewater Academy Gymnasium. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. This price includes beverages, yummy food, a fun time, and a chance to purchase that special something and raise money for the school at the same time!

We hope to see you all on March 23rd for the 24th Annual Gala Auction at 6:00 pm!

SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENTS

At this time of year when colds, strep, ear infections, and flu become commonplace, we remind you of our health policy. All children and faculty members of TA should be free of the following:

1. Fever (for at least 24 hours) without the use of fever-reducing medicine
2. Nose Discharge (clear, watery discharge is okay)
3. Eye Drainage (clear, watery eyes are okay)
4. Cough (recent onset)
5. Diarrhea/vomiting (had neither for at least 24 hours)
6. Any contagious illness or rash (Ex: Pink Eye, Strep Throat, Impetigo, etc.)

NOTE: if a child begins to exhibit any of these symptoms while in the classroom, the school will contact the parent(s) asking them to pick up their child. Thank you for your faithful attention to these matters.

6th Annual Warrior Country 5K & Fun Run

The Warrior Country 5K and Fun Run is back! Mark your calendars and get ready to **RUN, JOG or WALK** for our school. This year's event will take place on **April 6, 2019**. We are looking to fill the streets of Wakefield with race participants and spectators that want to come out and cheer on their favorite runner! Please complete the attached Registration Form and submit with your entry fee by March 25th for the early registration price of \$30 for 5K participants and \$15 for Fun Run participants.

You may also register online at <http://www.bishopseventregistrations.com/event/2019-Warrior-Country-5k>. We look forward to seeing you on the course!!

If you are not interested in running, then please consider becoming a **FRIEND of the 5K**. Show your support with a small \$25.00 donation and your name will be printed on all racer T-shirts.

✓ I would like to become a
FRIEND of the 5K

Here is my \$25.00 donation. I would like the following name(s)* listed on each racer T-shirt:

Please mail or return to school by March 1st
Tidewater Academy
Warrior Country 5K & Fun Run
217 West Church Street
Wakefield, VA 23888

*\$25.00 for each name to be included

Academic & College Counseling

Which schools have accepted our students?

1. Coastal Carolina University
2. Florida State University
3. James Madison University
4. Longwood University
5. Randolph-Macon College
6. University of Kansas
7. Virginia State
8. Virginia Tech
9. Wingate University

2019 SAT DATES

- May 4 - Register by April 5 to avoid late fees (offered at TA)
- June 1 - Register by May 3 to avoid late fees

SAT FEES:

- | | |
|---------------------|-----------|
| • SAT | \$47.50 |
| • SAT with essay | \$64.50 |
| • Subject Tests | +\$26 (1) |
| Additional | +\$22 |
| • Late Registration | +\$29 |
| • Register by Phone | +\$15 |
| • Waitlist | +\$51 |

2019 ACT DATES

- April 13 - Register by March 8 to avoid late fee
- June 8 - Register by May 3 to avoid late fee
- July 13 - Register by June 24 to avoid late fee

ACT FEES

- | | |
|------------------------|---------|
| • ACT (No Writing) | \$50.50 |
| • ACT w/Writing | \$67 |
| • Late Registration | +\$30 |
| • Re-register by phone | +\$15 |
| • Standby Testing | +\$53 |
| • Test Date Change | +\$30 |
| • Test Center Change | +\$30 |

2  Class of 19

*It is not what you do for your children,
but what you have taught them to do for themselves,
that will make them successful human beings.*

Ann Landers

Campus News

LOWER SCHOOL

FROM THE LOWER SCHOOL HEAD

Each day I walk the halls of the Lower School, peek into classrooms, or go into classrooms and have a seat. What I see encourages me. Our teachers keep our children engaged and on task. Kids at Tidewater are eager, excited, and willing to learn. Hug a teacher today and thank him or her for a job well-done!

On a more somber note, in my opinion, the most overused word in education today is: **Bullying**. Every accidental bump, look, or comment becomes bullying, and people can make this accusation with absolutely no proof.

Wikipedia's definition of bullying is: *the use of force, threat, or coercion to abuse, intimidate, or aggressively impose domination over others. The behavior is often repeated and habitual. Behaviors used to assert such domination include verbal harassment or threats, physical assault or coercion, and such acts may be directed repeatedly towards particular targets.*

Bullying is aggressive behavior that is intentional. It can be physical or verbal aggression and can take the form of insults, teasing, shoving, hitting, and other intimidating and hurtful behavior. It's important for parents to fully understand that bullying is not just "**kids being kids;**" it is assault and aggression that should not be tolerated.

Occasionally I receive phone calls from parents telling me that their child is being "bullied" by classmates. Most of the reports of bullying can be attributed to bad behavior or lack of manners. For example, if someone pushes past your child to get to the water fountain: rude, yes, bullying, no. If your child is not picked to play on his best friend's team at recess: disappointing, yes, bullying, no!

(Thanks go to Michael Smith' Principal Page Blog for some of the information above.)

Thank for listening, and have a fabulous beginning to the month of March.

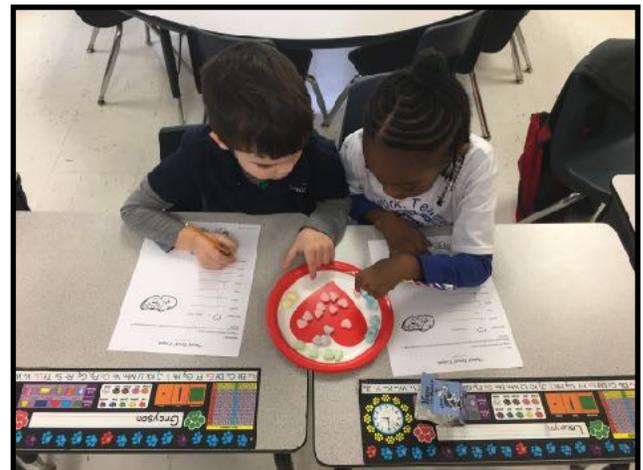
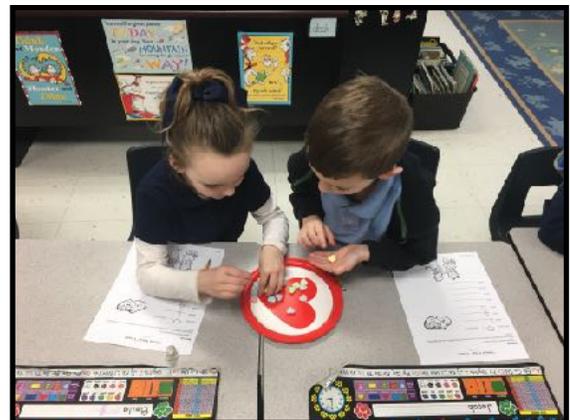
Gail Ford-Westbrook

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Student of the week, Aaron, shares his dog, Destiny, with the class.



Kindergarteners work together in Math, graphing with Valentines candy.



ATHLETIC NEWS

FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

- The Varsity Boys Team ended their season with a record of 11-3 in the VCC and 15-7 overall. They were seeded #3 for the VCC Tournament and lost in the semifinals to Richmond Christian. Best wishes and good luck to our senior boys, Cameron Morris and Cameron Parham. Congratulations boys, on a fine season, after two years without Varsity Boys Basketball.
- Our Varsity Girls Basketball team finished their season with a record of 3-9 in the VCC and 9-11 overall. They were seeded 5th in the VCC Tournament and lost their quarterfinal game at Southampton. Congratulations and best wishes to our lone senior, Caroline Norris. Thanks, Coach Seward and girls, for representing our school with dignity, poise, and sportsmanship.
- VCC Individual Awards:
 - **BOYS**
 - Boys 1st Team All-Conference - Amonté Turner, Titus Mikalopas
 - Boys 2nd Team - Jake Boze
 - Boys All-Academic - Cameron Parham
 - Boys All-Tournament - Titas Mikalopas
 - **GIRLS**
 - Girls 1st Team All-Conference - Caroline Norris
 - Girls 2nd Team All-Conference - Madison Vaughan
 - Girls Basketball All-Academic - Caroline Norris
- The JV Boys Basketball team ended their season with a record of 11-1 in the VCC and 18-5 overall. This team was VCC Regular Season co-champions and VCC Tournament Runner-up. Congratulations, boys, on a great season.
- The Middle School Boys Basketball team, coached by Chris Grammer, had a final record of 7-4. Thanks, Coach Grammer and players, for an exciting season.
- **Five Big Thank You's**
 - Thanks to Bobby & Shelby Warren for being in charge of the concessions for the winter season. Thanks for tackling this massive undertaking and having the best concession stand in the VCC.
 - Thanks to James Overton for keeping the clock at all of our home games.
 - Thanks to Thomas Jones and Dylan Rook for handling the PA system at home games.
 - Thanks to our parents for donating their time to work the gate, concession stand, and cleaning up the gym after games. Your eagerness to help allows us to have the best environment in the conference.

- Thanks to all of the coaches and sponsors, in this long winter season, who make it all possible by being there for our student-athletes.

- Calendar Items:
 - Friday, March 1 at Virginia State - VIS Boys State Tournament beginning at 12:00 noon.
 - Saturday, March 2 - at Virginia State - VIS Boys State Tournament beginning at 12:00 noon.
- Notice to all parents, workers, and spectators - at the request of Virginia State, all parents who bring their children to the VIS State Tournament are requested to keep their children in the gym at all times. The liability exposure to VSU, due to the chance of a child getting hurt, is a great risk. Please help us with this request. Let's not jeopardize our relationship with VSU by letting our children roam around the campus.
- All athletes need a physical before they will be allowed to start spring sports' practice. Forms are available in the Upper School office or on the school's webpage.

Walter Westbrook

2019 BOYS STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Friday, March 1st
Saturday, March 2nd