Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT DOES KING ACADEMY OFFER TO MY CHILD AND FAMILY?

King Academy offers a college-preparatory curriculum instructed by a dedicated and caring faculty and staff. Smaller class sizes, a safe Christian environment, a family-oriented atmosphere, and sporting opportunities are just a few of our advantages.

WHAT IS THE SCHOOL'S MISSION?

The mission of King Academy is to spiritually, academically, and athletically challenge students in a nurturing family environment. Our goal is to prepare students for a lifelong commitment to intellectual achievement and Christian serv-anthood. As Christians we are called to "Teach a youth about the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6).

IS KING ACADEMY AN ACCREDITED SCHOOL?

King Academy is accredited by the South Carolina Independent School Association (SCISA) and therefore meets all requirements as mandated by SCISA.

ARE THE TEACHERS CERTIFIED?

All teachers have either their teaching certification and/or a four-year college degree. But just as important is the high level of dedication each teacher has to create a supportive and effective learning environment.

IS KING ACADEMY A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL?

King Academy is non-denominational and is not supported financially by any church; however, we do consider ourselves a Christian school. We firmly believe, promote and practice Christian morals, values and standards in all facets of our everyday school life and activities. We integrate our Christianity into our daily teaching by viewing all subject matter through the lens of Christianity. We offer daily classroom devotionals, a Bible class for students in grades 6 through 11, weekly Elementary Bible enrichment, and chapel services, but it's not our curriculum or a single activity that establishes our Christian foundation – it's how we interact daily with each other. We choose a Christian approach in our philoso-phies and manner in which we work together, learn together, and have fun together.

HOW SMALL IS A "SMALL CLASS SIZE"?

We have a total enrollment of 218 students. Our average class size is 15 students. It is important to note that we have a teacher's aid in Kindergarten. This arrangement enables us to offer a student-teacher ratio of ten to one. We feel that this low student-teacher ratio plus the positive relationships our teachers are able to build with families allows us to maximize student achievement.

WHAT PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ON THE COLLEGE PREP TRACK ARE ACCEPTED TO A FOUR YEAR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY?

100% of the students on our college prep track are accepted to a four year college or university.

WHAT KINDS OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES GRANT ACCEPTANCE TO A KING ACADEMY GRADUATE?

We have had graduates attend USC, Clemson, Wofford, Winthrop, The Citadel, The College of Charleston, Charleston Southern, Columbia College, Lander, Anderson, USC-Aiken, Newberry, Coker, Mississippi State, and Presbyterian College. King Academy will continue to stress the college prep curriculum in our upper school with the goal of producing graduates who are fully prepared for any institution of higher education to which they are accepted. We also award general diplomas and are committed to helping all students find the profession in which they can be successful.

CAN MY CHILD RECEIVE ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS AND/OR SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLLEGE?

Even though King Academy is a small, independent school, many students that have excelled academically and athletically have received significant college scholarship awards.

DO YOU HAVE A LUNCH PROGRAM?

Yes. Our cafeteria staff provides a home-cooked meal every day. Enclosed please find a list of items and prices. For convenience purposes, menus are published a week in advance. Of course, students may also bring their lunch from home.

WHAT ARE MY TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS?

While the school does provide transportation for most field trips, extracurricular and athletic events, the school does not provide transportation to and from school for its students. Some families in the surrounding areas car pool together.

DOES THE SCHOOL OFFER BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE?

Most of our families take advantage of our full day kindergarten program. An After School Program for grades K-3 through 12 is offered from 3:00-5:30 pm for a cost of $12 per student per day. If a student is picked up before 4:00 pm, the cost will be $8.00 per student per day.

Do You Offer Lower School Enrichment Programs?

Yes. The following programs are part of our lower school activities: Bible, Computer, Spanish, Library, Music, Art, and Physical Education.

WHAT SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE?

King Academy offers middle school and varsity sports such as football, volleyball, cheerleading, basketball, softball, baseball, and speed & strength. We have a no cut policy. Our teams have been extremely competitive over the years, winning many region championships and state championships.

IN ADDITION TO SPORTS, ARE THERE OTHER EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE?

Yes. We believe that a variety of extracurricular activities gives students the opportunity to diversify their experiences. This helps create a well rounded student and enables him/her to build a college resume. Ninety percent of our students in grades 6-12 participate in at least one extracurricular activity. Students are active in Student Government, Beta Club, PDF (Public Display of Faith), and FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes). In addition to these organizations, our students compete in spelling bees, math meets, quiz bowls, battle of the books, and chess meets.

WHAT OPPORTUNITIES DO I HAVE AS A PARENT TO PARTICIPATE?

Our school welcomes parent input and participation. Volunteering in the school allows parents to get to know the faculty, staff, and other families.

- We have an active Parents Organization that sponsors the annual Harvest Carnival as well as various fundraising events during the school year. Their efforts provide funds to supplement the needs of our teachers and students.
- The Booster Club funds 100% of the financial needs of our athletic department. Parents help by working at the gate and concession stands during athletic events.
- Parents assist with field trips, provide refreshments for class parties, and help in many other ways.

This level of involvement allows for greater accessibility to the headmaster and teachers.

DO YOU HAVE A SCHOOL NURSE?

Yes. In addition to our nurse, many members of the faculty, staff, and all head coaches are certified in CPR and basic first aid.

WHAT DOES TUITION COVER?

Tuition covers all textbooks, achievement tests (PSAT and Stanford) and the opportunity to participate in athletics.

ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES?

In addition to tuition, each family must buy or sell $300 worth of ads for the annual Memorial Fundraiser. Also, there is a Work Credit fee of $1,000 per family and a Parent Association Participation fee of $125 per family. These fees are intended to boost parental involvement. Many families choose to sell ads or products and work on school activities to offset their fees.

WHAT JOBS CAN I PERFORM TO COVER MY WORK CREDIT FEE?

Families may pay the $1,000 fee or work off a $1,000 fee. You will receive credit for volunteer work during the school year. Enclosed please find a detailed description of our work program. Work credits can include, but are not limited to, working in the concession stands, gate admissions at ball games, work day participation, Harvest Carnival booths, etc. The balance not worked off during the school year will be billed for collection in May.

ARE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS LIKE KING ACADEMY ONLY FOR THE WEALTHY?

No. The majority of our families are middle class families who value the importance of an independent educational environment so much that they are willing to make numerous sacrifices to send their children to our school. Many alumni send their children to King Academy to gain the educational experiences that they had. Of our current parents, 40% graduated from our school. The school is managed in the most fiscally conservative manner possible to keep tuition affordable for the families of our community. The quality of education is worth the price.

HOW DOES KING ACADEMY'S TUITION COMPARE TO OTHER INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS?

A recent review of independent schools' web sites revealed that King Academy is one of the few SCISA schools whose tuition is $6,324 per year for one child. It is important to note that we offer a substantial discount for the second child (35%) and for the third child (70%).

WHAT TYPE OF CURRICULUM DOES KING ACADEMY USE?

As an independent school, we are able to fashion a lively and responsive curriculum free of constraints. Curriculum decisions are based on input from faculty, administration, and the education policy committee. The curriculum is assessed regularly for gaps/overlaps and needs are addressed. Students are afforded the opportunity to participate in Piedmont Tech's Dual Enrollment Program. Students are able to earn twelve to twenty-four hours of college credit.

DOES KING ACADEMY OFFER HONORS COURSES?

Yes. Spanish III, Calculus and Pre-Calculus are honors level courses. We are committed to adding more honors level courses as resources become available.

ARE KING ACADEMY STUDENTS REQUIRED TO WEAR UNIFORMS?

No. However, please refer to the enclosed student handbook for details on our dress code. The dress code is updated yearly to include fashions.

Come be a part of our Family!