



FRANKLIN'S FIRST

Monthly e-blast

Sharing our news with you

January, 2018

Happy New Year!

Ben Franklin Academy began second semester on January 5 and welcomes back students from the fall and all our new families! We wish everyone good health and happiness in 2018!

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Ben Franklin Academy will be closed on Monday, January 15, in observance of MLK Day.

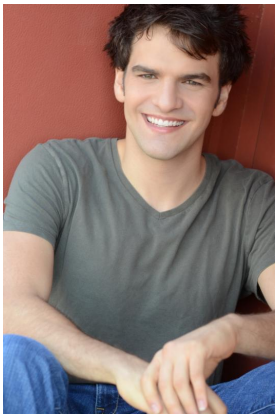
Make-Up Picture Day

Our Make-Up Picture Day is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24. Students who missed Picture Day during Fall Semester will have their pictures made on that day.

Parent Committee

The Parent Committee and Angela Cassidy have planned a luncheon in BFA's Carriage House at 11:30 on Friday, January 26, for all 9th, 10th, and 11th graders. The Parent Committee and Angela will be reaching out to parents who have signed up to help with the event. The luncheon is an opportunity for students across the morning and afternoon programs to come together for food and games.

Alumni News



BFA Alumni
Josh Harris

Josh Harris (2006) visited the school before the holiday break to talk about his life as a comedian. Josh had the #3 comedy album on iTunes, has written for Cartoon Network Online, was a finalist on NBC's Stand Up for Diversity, and he founded one of the most popular stand up comedy classes in the southeast! He recently began his next stand-up comedy class in Atlanta, where participants learn to write great jokes, develop strong public speaking skills, and perform an amazing stand up routine to a packed club full of friends and family! Check out www.FunnyJosh.com/classes.

Annual Fund

Happy New Year! We hope that your holiday season was equal parts festive and restful. The Ben Franklin campus is filled with the special excitement and cheer that accompanies each new year.

As we look forward to the possibilities of 2018, we recognize that none of what we do at Ben Franklin would

be possible without your support. We hope that, as you make your list of priorities for the year, Ben Franklin retains its special place in your heart.

We have made great progress on our annual fundraising to date, and have officially surpassed the halfway mark to our goal, but we need your help to reach it we are over before the end of the 2017-2018 school year!

Gifts to the 2017-2018 Annual Fund are designated for scholarships for deserving teens from all backgrounds, technology upgrades, and landscape beautification of our gardens and grounds.

If you have not yet made your commitment to the Annual Fund, you may give online at <https://www.benfranklinacademy.org/support> or by mailing your pledge card and donation to our Development Office. Pledges made are payable any time before May 31, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Angela Cassidy at 404-633- 7404.

Apogee Scholarship Program - another way to support BFA!

Did you know that you can support Ben Franklin Academy by directing a portion of your state tax liability in support of the school? Pre-register today to support BFA through the Georgia Private School Tax Credit Program by visiting www.apogee123.org. Applications to the Department of Revenue will be submitted beginning January 1, 2018, in the order in which they were received, so act now to ensure your support. Please contact BFA if you have questions or need additional details.

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