

# All Things TRA

## Glossary

<b>50th Anniversary Day of Thanks/Spaghetti Supper</b>	This event, which will be held on Sunday, January 24th, will be a Day of Thanks for all of the blessings that TRA has received over the last 50 years. It will also include a revival of the Spaghetti Supper and a performance by a choir composed of TRA Alumni.
<b>50th Anniversary Gala</b>	This is a night of celebration of the 50th Anniversary of TRA. It will be held on Saturday, April 16th at the Holiday Inn University in Memphis.
<b>ACT Aspire Tests</b>	TRA's standardized testing for grades 3-10, Aspire testing occurs in April.
<b>Alert Now</b>	This is the communication system that TRA uses in order to send e-mails, text messages, and phone calls about school closings or other important information or reminders.
<b>Annual Fund Dinner</b>	This event, which usually happens in the spring, honors each donor to the Annual Fund Campaign. This years' theme is "Will You Meet the Challenge?" and is centered around the 50th Anniversary.
<b>Annual Meeting</b>	Usually the Thursday night before school begins on Friday. The annual school business meeting occurs at this time, where new board members are voted on. Parents receive their students' schedules and/or teacher assignments. Booths are also set up in the Multi-Purpose room beforehand for information, payments, and purchases.
<b>Athletics Newsletter</b>	This is a monthly newsletter that is sent to those who subscribe to it using the Alert Now Enrollment Form. It is a comprehensive list of all of the sporting events that will occur within the current month.
<b>Back-to-School Night</b>	Usually held during the second week of the school year, this evening invites parents to meet their child's teacher and, for upper school students, follow an abbreviated class schedule. Teachers hand out important information and ask for room mom volunteers at this time.
<b>Baseball Buddies</b>	During baseball season, members of the varsity baseball team adopt an elementary class and mentor those students throughout the season. On a special night during the season, the students join their mentors on the field before a home baseball game.
<b>Be Right Day</b>	This school year Spring Break falls on the week before Easter, and there was no regular holiday during April. School will be closed this day as long as we do not need it for winter weather make-up day.
<b>Bike/Trike-A-Thon</b>	Students in 3K-5th grades are invited to participate in our Bike-A-Thon and Trike-A-Thon to help raise money for our new playground. Students receive prizes and awards based on the amount of money they raise.
<b>Carnival</b>	This is an annual fundraiser hosted by the Parent-Teacher Organization that includes many different games, events, and fundraising opportunities. It usually happens during the fall.

<b>Christmas Chapel</b>	The Thursday before Christmas break, chapel is extended for performances celebrating the birth of Christ.
<b>College Fair</b>	More than 40 schools across the United States each set up a table to present information about their school to 6-12 grade students. More time is given to students in the older grades, and parents are welcome to attend.
<b>Discovery Ed Tests</b>	An additional standardized testing for grades K-5, these tests are online and occur several times during the school year.
<b>Dominican Republic Trip</b>	Organized by Coach Womack, the mission trip is an opportunity for rising seniors to spend a week working in our partner village, Los Fundos. The group leaves the Tuesday after Memorial Day each summer. Parents are invited to attend as well.
<b>Dress Down Days</b>	Held a few times per year as fundraisers, students are allowed to wear jeans and non-TRA shirts for a fee. The funds raised go towards the School-wide Charity.
<b>Easter Chapel</b>	The Thursday before Easter break, chapel is extended for performances celebrating the resurrection of Christ.
<b>Elem. Christmas Program</b>	This occurs one night during the month of December in the gym and features each grade in the elementary with specific songs of the season.
<b>Family Science Night</b>	Hosted by the High School Science Department and Science Club, more than a dozen high school students conduct science projects for elementary and middle school students and families. Families are invited to attend as a unit and have an educational and enjoyable evening.
<b>Fifth Grade Chapel</b>	Usually the final elementary chapel of the school year, the fifth grade students lead the entire chapel with songs, skits, and performances. Parents are invited to attend.
<b>FB Homecoming Tailgating</b>	Held during the Friday of Homecoming, this event involves all homerooms setting up a tailgate with food and activities on the soccer field. Students are dismissed from classes for an early lunch and spend the rest of the afternoon tailgating together before the Homecoming parade.
<b>Grandparents' Day</b>	Usually the Friday before spring break, this day involves a large elementary music program in the gym for the grandparents. Grandparents also spend time on campus eating breakfast with their grandchildren and shopping at the Book Fair.
<b>High School Induction Day</b>	On this day, Mu Alpha Theta, Beta Club, and National Honor Society hold new member inductions. Parents are invited to attend and there is a small reception afterwards for the inductees.
<b>Honors Program</b>	These occur for elementary, middle school, and high school on individual days near the end of the school year. Students are honored for their achievements during the year, and parents are welcome to attend.
<b>Little Rebels</b>	During various varsity football home games, students in 3K-4th grade will have the opportunity to play football or cheer at halftime of the game. During the week before the game, the elementary students are mentored by the high school football players and cheerleaders. Check with the elementary office for a schedule of these nights for this year.

<b>Mixed Bag Designs</b>	A fundraiser of the Alumni Association in order to fund scholarships, Mixed Bag Designs feature catalogs with Bags, Accessories, Kitchen, and Home supplies.
<b>Oscar Night</b>	Organized by the junior class, this event is the night during which the seniors are honored for their individual superlatives, including Mr. and Miss TRA.
<b>Pep Rally Schedule</b>	On pep rally days, afternoon classes are abbreviated to make time for a pep rally before dismissal.
<b>Re-enrollment Period</b>	Current Families re-contract each year in February for the upcoming school year. An enrollment fee is due with the contract.
<b>Rebel Care</b>	After school care that is housed in the elementary building for students up to 8th grade. The registration fee is \$15, and the cost is \$9 per student per day.
<b>Rebel Review Newsletter</b>	This is a weekly newsletter that is sent on Mondays to inform stakeholders of major events, meetings, field trips, and sports dates during the following four weeks. It also contains information about home sporting events for the current week. Frequently, there are also attachments to the e-mails of important documents with additional information.
<b>Rebel Run</b>	This will occur in conjunction with the Carnival this year and includes a 5K and a Fun Run.
<b>Rebel Store</b>	Located in the middle school building, this is the TRA school spirit store. Items from this store are allowed to be worn to school on Spirit Wear Days. Some items are also allowed to be worn as part of school uniforms.
<b>School-wide Charity</b>	Each year, the Leadership Team nominates several charities for the school to partner with for both fundraising and volunteer opportunities during the school year, and the students body votes which charity they would like to support.
<b>Senior Candlelight Chapel</b>	Usually the last chapel that the seniors are present for in late April or early May, this program is a time for the graduating seniors to light the candles of the rising seniors. Parents are invited to attend this event.
<b>Senior Off-Campus Lunch</b>	Once per trimester, the seniors and senior sponsors leave campus to have lunch together at a designated restaurant.
<b>Senior Parent Meeting</b>	Usually held on the same evening as Back-to-School Night, this is a time for the senior sponsors and guidance counselor to meet with senior parents to review all of the information for senior year activities, deadlines, and sign-ups.
<b>Senior Picnic</b>	Seniors are dismissed early (at lunch) to have a picnic and activities at the home of one of the seniors.

<b>Service Hours</b>	<p>Each elementary and middle school student is requested to perform the number of community service hours equivalent to the grade he or she is in at some point during the school year. During their respective awards programs, students who have completed the equivalent number to their grade will be recognized by the TRA Alumni Association. Service projects may include church, school, or community-related events. See Suzanne Davidson for more information.</p> <p>High school students in Varsity Beta Club are required to earn seven hours per year of service on campus, and seniors are required to earn twenty hours of service off-campus during the summer before their senior year begins.</p>
<b>Sixth Grade Orientation</b>	Generally held approximately a week before school begins, this event invites all upcoming sixth grade parents and students to the school for a night of information and a venue for both parents and students to ask questions and meet other TRA families.
<b>Softball Sluggers</b>	During softball season, members of the varsity softball team adopt an elementary class and mentor those students throughout the season. On a special night during the season, the students join their mentors on the field before a home softball game.
<b>Spirit Wear Days</b>	Held a few times per year, usually on Fridays or other important game days, students may wear TRA t-shirts with uniform bottoms.
<b>Spiritual Emphasis Week</b>	Usually held during the week of Easter, upper school students attend chapel in the afternoons daily during this week.
<b>Student Shadow Day</b>	On this day, usually in the spring, students are invited to have friends who are interested in attending TRA spend the day at the school shadowing them through their day.
<b>TRA FAME</b>	The parent and family booster organization for the fine arts, this group helps with tasks for theater, choir, and art events.
<b>Veterans' Day Program</b>	Veterans from the community and with connections to the TRA family are invited to a morning program in their honor, including a breakfast in the PAC and a musical program in the gym. All students attend.
<b>Washington D. C. Trip</b>	Organized by Lisa Cole, this trip occurs the first week of May and takes interested 8th graders to visit numerous historical sites in DC and surrounding areas, including Jamestown and Mount Vernon. Parents are invited to attend as well.