

# The Academy Review



## Ribbon Cutting

On August 7th, LaGrange Academy hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of our new academic building. We were excited to welcome students into the space as the new school year began. The building features nine smartboard-equipped classrooms, administrative offices, a teacher workroom, and a two-story lobby entrance.



## 1st time Region Camps!!

Our Varsity Volleyball team has been on the rise of the last two years. Last year our Varsity warriors qualified for state. They following up a successful season by taking another step. They went on to finish region play 5-1 with a key win over undefeated Konos Academy. They also beat in town schools LaGrange High and Callaway.



## Message from Head of School

Dear LaGrange Academy Family,

The start of this school year has been filled with exciting milestones, from the opening of our new academic building to remarkable achievements in athletics and fine arts. These successes reflect the incredible growth of our school and the bright future we are building together. I'm thrilled for what's ahead, and I want to thank everyone for your continued support and enthusiasm as we continue to move forward.

Sincerely,  
John M. Mehaffey, Ph.D.

# WARRIOR ATHLETICS

## Warrior Athletics On The Rise!

2024 has brought Warrior Athletics remarkable success. Our girls' volleyball team became region champions, the softball team boasts an impressive 9-1 record, the boys' soccer team qualified for state, and our tennis team captured championships.

## Volleyball State Tournament

LaGrange Academy Varsity Volleyball will continue their seasons by kicking off the state tournament on October 12th. The location and times of their games have not yet been determined.

## Basketball

We're thrilled to announce that Coach Gaylor will lead our Varsity basketball programs for the 24-25 season. Coach Gaylor has a proven track record of success at both the Varsity Boys and Girls level. With an impressive 13 years of coaching experience, including 12 as a Head Varsity Coach, he's led teams to consistent state tournament appearances and back-to-back Final Four finishes in 2021 and 2022



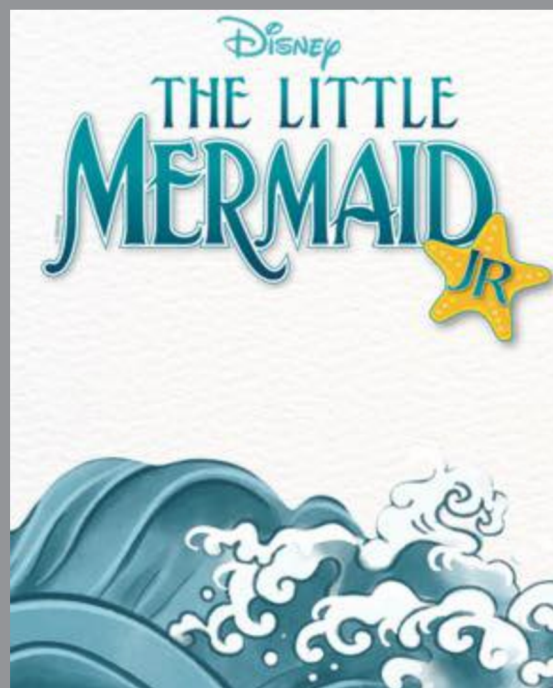
## Middle School Softball



Our Warrior softball team is having a break out year! As they prepare to close out the season they are currently 9-1. In August, pitcher Avery Vaughn was voted Athlete Of The Week by LaGrange Daily News for throwing a no-hitter.

## Little Mermaid

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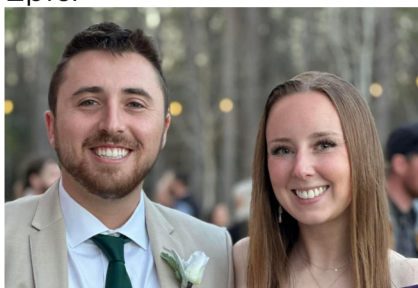


Dive into the world of adventure and music as we take Lagrange Academy "Under the Seas" with our production of The Little Mermaid Jr.! Our students have started rehearsals for our production in April. Keep an eye out for updates so your "poor Unfortunate Soul" doesn't miss the show!

# ALUMNI NEWS

## Chris Keating '15

Chris Keating is a 2015 graduate of LaGrange Academy, where he attended school beginning in kindergarten. After graduation, Chris flocked north to attend Penn State University (WE ARE!) in State College, Pennsylvania, where he earned his bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism. Immediately after graduating in 2019, Chris moved to Williamsport, PA, to begin his career as a television news reporter for WNEP. He covered stories at the local, state, and national levels, with one of his biggest annual assignments being daily coverage of the Little League World Series every August. In December 2023, Chris left WNEP after working there for four and a half years. He now resides in Johnstown, PA, with his girlfriend Caitlin and their cat Iggy. Chris now works behind the camera at 1st Team Advertising, specializing in television commercials and production. Although he plans on living in Pennsylvania for a long time, he still enjoys heading back home to Georgia to visit his family and friends... and also grabbing a bite to eat at his family's restaurant, Epic.



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## Alumni Database

We are building our Alumni Database to ensure our past remains part of our future. *If you know of a friend who is not receiving our updates, please forward the link to them.* If you graduated from LaGrange Academy and are not receiving updates on our school, alumni events, sports, etc., please complete the alumni database form by visiting the link below or scanning the QR code.

<https://bit.ly/LAAlumniDatabase>

## Want To Feature In Next Month's Newsletter?

LaGrange Academy wants to celebrate the successes of our Alumni:

- Where are you now?
- Graduation
- Marriage (*within one year after the event*)
- Birth Announcements (*within one year after the event*)

Please include "LaGrange Academy Alumni" in the subject line, along with your full name and class year, a photo, and the details of the event you would like to celebrate.

Email all submissions to [Communication@LaGrangeAcademy.org](mailto:Communication@LaGrangeAcademy.org)

# THE ACADEMY REVIEW



## Alumni Event

Join us on December 13th for our home basketball game against Westwood Academy, where we will honor some of our alumni athletes. The celebration continues with an alumni basketball game and dinner on December 14th at the LaGrange Academy gym. Contact Coach Parker at [CharlesParker@LaGrangeAcademy.org](mailto:CharlesParker@LaGrangeAcademy.org) for more details.

## GALA - Save The Date

Join us on March 1st at Highland Country Club in LaGrange, GA for a GALA sponsored by LaGrange Academy. Enjoy a time surrounded by friends and community with Live Music provided by Big City Rhythm, dinner, dancing and a silent/live auction.



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This school year began with excitement as students and staff moved into our new 11,000-square-foot academic building. With nine classrooms, six administrative offices, a teacher workroom, and a boardroom, the new space allows our middle school, upper school, and administrative teams to unite under one roof for the first time. This cohesion enhances collaboration and strengthens the sense of community across all levels of the school.

The building is not just a modern facility, but a reflection of our school's commitment to innovation and excellence. It provides an inspiring environment where students can learn and grow, while teachers and staff benefit from spaces designed for collaboration and creativity. This new chapter positions us for even greater success as we continue to foster a community where everyone thrives.

To donate to the capital campaign, follow the QR code above or visit <https://bit.ly/LAContribute>. You may also visit the same link or QR code to pledge.

The Annual Fund is essential to our school's success as it provides us with the resources we need to maintain our high standards of academic excellence and to offer our students the best possible educational experience. Your donation will help support our academic programs and extracurricular activities such as athletics, arts, and clubs. In addition, we can maintain and update our facilities to ensure students are in an environment that promotes strong academic success. Every gift, no matter how small, makes a difference. Please consider donating to the Annual Fund today.



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