

A Titan's Creed



The Classical Academy

In April of 2013, some powerful conversations took place between the board and administration articulating the need to more deeply embed the Core Values into the life of the school. The idea of creating a TCA touchstone, or creed, was brought forward at that time. A touchstone or creed is a motivational, guiding statement that sits at the true heart of a school. It is a test or filter for how well our thoughts, actions, and decisions align with the core values of the school. The shorter length and poetic nature of a creed would continue to help our thoughts coalesce around the Core Values and guarantee a common language in our growth in “relationship, scholarship, and citizenship”.

In September of 2013 work began on the creation of our creed. With copies of the Core Values in hand, numerous constituent groups were asked what they considered to be the primary ideas that make TCA, TCA. Over the next few months, about 200 teachers, 120 students, 40 parents, administrators, provided input and ideas for the creed. Their ideas were captured and prioritized. In each group the main ideas were remarkably similar with slightly different priorities. These ideas were further refined by the Academic Lead Team and a group which included parents, students, administrators, and teachers. Finally, a group was formed to wordsmith the final language. On Monday, March 10th, 2014, the TCA Board of Directors voted unanimously to accept the creed and the plans to integrate the creed into our daily lives at TCA.

It is important to note that A Titan's Creed should not be read independently of our Core Values. The Creed is intended to be a shortened, “summary”, version of the Core Values and should be treated as such. While it is motivational and inspiring, it was derived directly from the Core Values document and should, at least initially, be read along with the Core Values document.