

What's New at Chi Chi's

September/October 2016

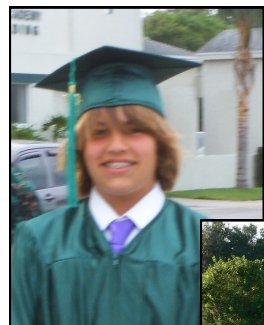
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Program Spotlight: Academy's FSA Testing results celebrated as students are welcomed back

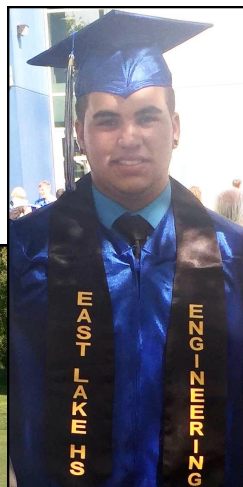
Congratulations to teachers and students for these terrific results in Florida Standard Assessments (FSA) testing. Academy students performed well on the FSA this past school year in all areas and grade levels. They out-performed all alternative schools in Pinellas County. In 7th and 8th grade math, students also out-performed Pinellas County and the State of Florida schools as a whole (this includes traditional students as well as at risk).



Catching up after summer break following breakfast on the first day of school:
Top: 6th grader Vincent and 7th grader Shawna
Bottom: 6th graders Alicia, Tatyana and Kayla
Left: Last years 8th grade class, who did extremely well in FSA testing.



Left: 8th grade graduation (2012); Bottom: Chi Chi poses with Francisco during the Charity Classic (2009); Right: High School Graduation at East Lake High School (2016)



Alumni Spotlight: Francisco Dosal with 3.06 GPA

Francisco attended the Chi Chi Academy from 2006 through 2012 and left an accomplished young man prepared for his Journey to Success. This past June, he graduated from the Engineering Program at East Lake High school with a 3.06 GPA! This fall, Francisco plans to attend St. Petersburg College.

Congratulations Francisco from all of those who have supported your journey so far. We'll continue to follow your story as it unfolds.

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Program Update: The First Tee of Clearwater opens new program location at Dunedin Stirling Links

This August we began our expansion to serve more children in north Pinellas County with The First Tee of Clearwater programs. At Dunedin Stirling Links we will offer a PLAYER class every Saturday in the fall from 1:00pm to 2:00pm to kick off the new addition. To celebrate Dunedin Stirling Links is hosting a Ribbon Cutting on Saturday, September 17th from 9:00am to 10:30am. There will be food, raffles, free instruction and even free course access for kids. Stay tuned and watch us grow! For more information, contact Zach May at (727) 733-6728.



Top: Coach Paul Sylvester with students during a Saturday program in August; Left: Coach Mike West working on a grip with a Target participant during Saturday programs.

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Academy Mission

To assist at risk children by improving their self-esteem, character, work ethic, social adjustment, and academic performance using the golf course and its business as living classrooms.

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Upcoming Events

**Chi Chi Charity Classic
 Sunday & Monday
 November 13 & 14, 2016**

**Music 'N Mistletoe
 Sunday
 December 18, 2016**

Did You Know...?

We officially have a 3rd Fundraising Event! We are excited to announce Music 'N Mistletoe at the Amalie Arena on Sunday, December 18th from 5:00pm to 10:00pm.

Guests will enjoy pre show cocktails, dinner and a live auction in the Chase Lounge followed by Trans-Siberian Orchestra presents "The Ghosts of Christmas Eve (the best of TSO & more)" in the main theater.

Sponsorships start at \$1,000. All proceeds benefit the Chi Chi Rodriguez Youth Foundation's educational programs.

Contact Mallory Hubbard at (727) 726-8829 x 246 or mallory@chichi.org for more info.

Event Spotlight: The First Tee Day at the Rays

On July 31st, 213 participants and guests attended the Tampa Bay Rays vs. New York Yankees in support of The First Tee. The game raised approximately \$1,500 for The First Tee golf programs, as well as awareness throughout the community about the Life Skills Experience offered every day on our campus.

A big Thank You to Board Member Elliott Ross for purchasing 30 tickets for The First Tee students and parents to attend the game! He received heartfelt thanks for his generosity from our families.



Top: A big supporter of The First Tee, Bimbo Bakeries USA enjoys the game;
 Right: Target participant Samantha with her dad



Top: Coach Karen with our youngest group on the green of hole 9;
 Left: Coach Craig helping Cayden take aim out of a bunker

Program Spotlight: The First Tee Summer Camp

The First Tee welcomed 264 campers eager to learn about golf for 8 weeks this summer. Camp isn't just about your full swing and putting, children also learn valuable life lessons through The First Tee Core Values. Thanks to grantors like the Verdoorn Foundation, Florida Junior Golf Council, and the Salvatore Mascari family fund we offered camp at a discounted rate to all families and provided 35 scholarships for youth in need.