



# What's New at Chi Chi's

February 2019

## Middle School Shines During December Math & Science Exams

Here at the Academy, we take enormous pride in our students' achievements in and out of the classroom. We are excited to announce the results of our middle school math & science midterms from this past December:

### MATH - Class Average

6th Grade: 7% higher than the District  
7th Grade: 1% higher than the District  
8th Grade: 9% higher than the District

### SCIENCE - Class Average

6th Grade: 7% higher than the District  
7th Grade: Same as the District  
8th Grade: 8% higher than the District



Middle school students are not the only ones striving for success, our elementary students have been steadily increasing their presence at Honor Roll Breakfast. Each grading period, the Foundation and Academy staff make a pancake and sausage breakfast for all students who achieve Principal's List (all A's) and Honor Roll (all A's & B's):

### 1st Grading Period:

6 Principal's List  
16 Honor Roll

### 2nd Grading Period:

3 Principal's List  
17 Honor Roll

Top: Principal's List and Honor Roll students enjoy a pancake breakfast with Foundation Board of Director Jessica Majeski, CEO Cary Stiff, COO James Poulter, Director of Development Mallory Hubbard and middle school teacher assistant Ms. Cortiula; Middle: 7th graders David, Nathan, Luna, Katrina and Nathanel out on the living classroom during shadow time; Bottom: 8th graders Tristen, Tatyana and Kayla with The First Tee Program Director Karen Wise during golf class

### Upcoming Events

Chi Chi Pro Am  
Thursday, March 14th  
Feather Sound Country Club

Valspar Championship  
March 18th - 24th  
Innisbrook

Chi Chi Charity Classic  
November 9th - 11th  
Chi Chi Golf Club



*Mission: To assist at risk children by improving their self-esteem, character, work ethic, social adjustment, and academic performance using the golf course as a living classroom.*

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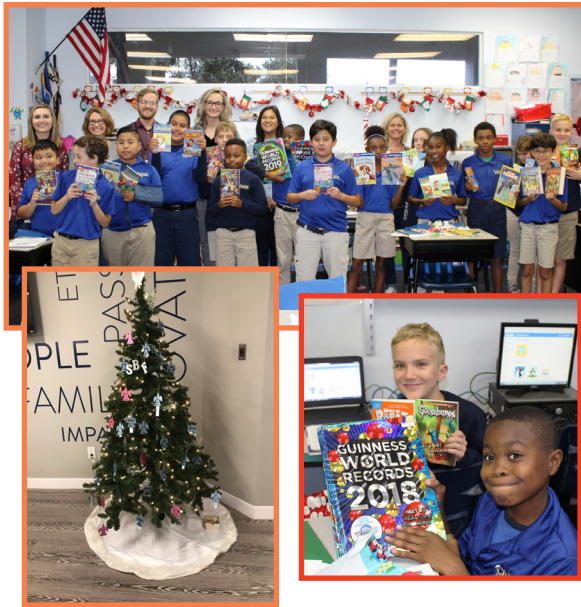
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Scott Brown  
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Chuck McGee  
Pete Morell  
Ian Peterson  
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Sean Tobe  
Richard Wegman



Top: Spoor Bunch Franz Community Outreach Committee with the 5th grade class; Bottom Left: Angel Tree at the Spoor Bunch Franz office; Bottom Right: Hunter and Stephen show off their new books

## Spoor Bunch Franz Angel Tree Book Drive Donates to Student Personal Libraries

Leading up to the Holiday break, the Foundation's accounting firm Spoor Bunch Franz held an Angel Tree book drive in their office. This Holiday giving was in support of the vision to empower their team to be better in their lives and communities. Each "angel" had a wish list of favorite books for each student home library. Thanks to the generosity of Spoor Bunch Franz, every student at the Academy was able to open books to take home during the holidays.

## Student Spotlight: 8th Graders Field Trip to Finance Park Provides Life Lessons

Following classroom preparation, the 8th grade class joined other students from Pinellas County for a realistic lesson at Stravos Institute's Finance Park. During their day at the Park, each student must balance their own monthly financial budget based on a simulated "life experience," including transportation, investment, home improvement, banking, housing, entertainment, healthcare, utilities, food, home furnishings, clothing and education. iPads were added to the program this year making it more engaging and our students loved the addition. Working within a group structure with a chaperone, students develop important life lessons like personal finance concepts and the advantages of saving and investing.



Top: the 8th grade class with middle school teacher Mrs. Pagnani; Bottom Left: Taylor goes over options on his iPad; Bottom Right: Joel, Kayla and Tony work on paying their "monthly bills"

## Did You Know...?

The Chi Chi Rodriguez Golf Club 18 tee markers include Did You Know Facts that share the story of the Foundation and its educational programs to over 45,000 golfers each year. Each hole is sponsored by a supporter, like Hole #9 below:



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Academy students are taught life skills, core values and healthy habits through the game of golf.