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Dear Master's Academy Families and Friends,

The first day of school is almost here—and there has never been a more exciting time to be part of the Master's Academy family.

While my last letter in April looked toward the future, today I want to share what's happening *right now*. God is moving powerfully at Master's Academy, and this year, your student will experience the impact of new programs, expanded opportunities, and a renewed commitment to our Christ-centered mission.

Here are just a few of the enhancements launching this fall:

Upper School Highlights:

- **The new C.S. Lewis Honors Program** will challenge our highest-achieving students to think deeply and lead boldly through rigorous academics grounded in biblical truth. Inspired by the life and legacy of C.S. Lewis, the program integrates rich theological reflection with cultural engagement, preparing students to defend their faith with clarity, conviction, and grace.
- **The Center for Calling and Career** is now open, guiding students as they explore their gifts, set goals, and prepare for life beyond graduation.
- **Student Leadership Institute (SLi)**, an ACSI-affiliated program, is designed to cultivate Christ-centered leadership in our high school students. Through intentional training, mentoring, and real-world opportunities, students in SLi develop the vision, integrity, and courage needed to lead in today's culture.
- **Biblical Financial Planning**, a new class powered by the Ron Blue Institute, is now available to help students develop a biblical worldview of money, stewardship, and decision-making. This course equips students with practical financial tools while grounding them in timeless biblical principles that will serve them for life.

Lower School Highlights:

- Daily **Bible classes** and **weekly Chapel** remain central to spiritual life, fostering hearts that love Jesus and minds that are rooted in His truth.
- The new **Chess Club** at Master's Academy will help students sharpen their critical thinking, strategic planning, and problem-solving skills in a fun and engaging environment. It also fosters patience, focus, and good sportsmanship—valuable traits that extend beyond the chessboard into academic and personal growth.

Early Childhood Learning Center:

This school year marks the grand opening of our **Early Childhood Learning Center**, purpose-built to serve our youngest learners in PreK-3 and PreK-4. Located just 2.5 miles from our main campus, the bright, engaging classrooms, age-appropriate learning spaces, and nurturing, play-based environment is designed to foster wonder, discovery, and spiritual growth from the very beginning. Every moment in the Early

Childhood Learning Center is rooted in Christ-centered care and intentional instruction—laying a strong foundation for faith, learning, and social-emotional development.

School-Wide Enhancements:

- Our **athletics program** continues to grow, now featuring 32 competitive teams where students learn discipline, teamwork, and perseverance. New this year is the addition of E-Sports (electronic sports), where Master's Academy students have the opportunity to join structured leagues to compete in popular, strategy-based games that emphasize teamwork, critical thinking and communication in both virtual and real-world environments.
- **Campus security updates** at all campuses have been completed over the summer, ensuring that every student can learn, grow, and thrive in a safe and nurturing environment.
- Our enhanced, hands-on **STEM program** for 3rd through 12th grades officially launches this year, offering students at every grade level opportunities to explore coding, robotics, and engineering. These experiences help develop critical thinking, creativity, and real-world problem-solving skills that will prepare students for a rapidly changing world.
- This year, we also look forward to hosting our annual **Christ, Church & Culture (C3) Seminars**—a vital platform for students, families, and the greater Vero Beach community to engage with the most pressing spiritual and cultural issues of our time. Through dynamic guest speakers—pastors, scholars, and Christian thought leaders—C3 equips believers to stand firm in biblical truth, defend the faith, and communicate the gospel with clarity, courage, and compassion in an increasingly secular world. More information and a schedule will be forthcoming!

Our Vision is compelling: *Grounded in Truth · Rising in Strength*. I think you will agree that each of these new initiatives reflects our unwavering commitment to developing students who are academically prepared, spiritually grounded, and equipped to lead and serve in Christ's name.

Thank you for walking alongside us in this mission. We can't wait to see what God will do in and through your children this year.

I look forward to seeing you all at Back to School Night on Thursday, August 14th, 6pm in the main worship center!

With joy and anticipation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick", with a stylized flourish above the name.

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