



Cornerstone

Bound for College. Prepared for Life.

CELEBRATING

60 YEARS

OF FAITH, TRADITION,
AND EXCELLENCE



A TO Z
THE TRA EXPERIENCE

From day one to
graduation and beyond



A HEART TO SERVE

Preparing students to
impact their community
and the world



REBEL PRIDE

Excellence in academics,
athletics, fine arts,
and all we do

TIPTON-ROSEMARK

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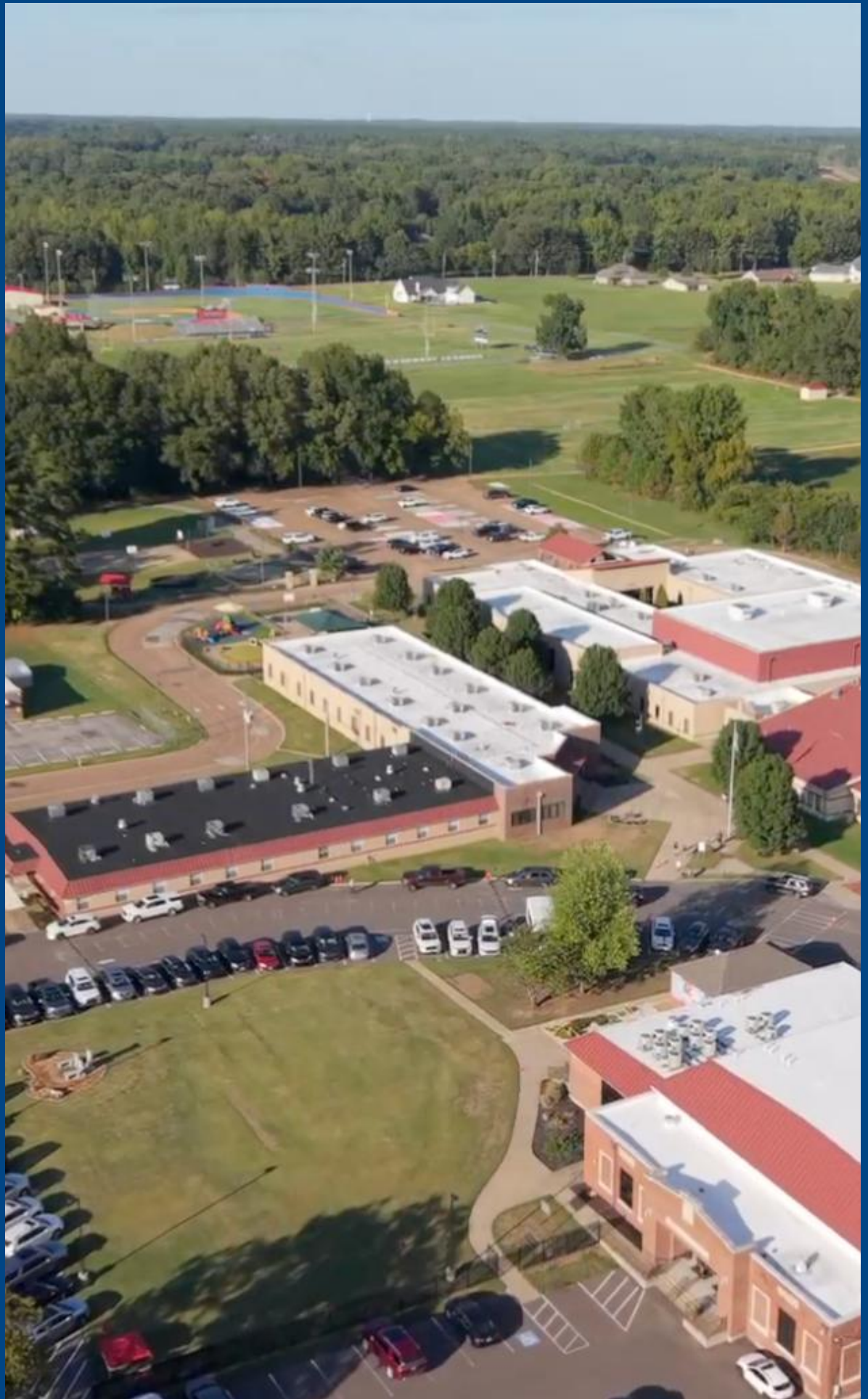
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Join us for an A-to-Z journey through Tipton-Rosemark Academy as we highlight the people, programs, traditions, and opportunities that make our school community truly exceptional.



A Message From Dr. Graham



As we enter a new academic year, I am so grateful and excited about the future of our school. It is such an exciting time to be at Tipton-Rosemark Academy, and the latest edition of the Cornerstone captures much of what makes our community so unique.

The TRA Alphabet represents the many experiences that come together to make Tipton-Rosemark Academy a special place. From academics, athletics, and the arts to faith, service, leadership, and cherished traditions, each area of school life contributes to the growth and development of our students.

Education at TRA extends far beyond the classroom. Every lesson, performance, competition, service opportunity, and relationship helps students discover their strengths, develop confidence, and understand the importance of working with others. These experiences teach perseverance, responsibility, compassion, creativity, and leadership. These are qualities that will serve our students throughout their lives.

At the heart of the TRA Alphabet are our Four Pillars: Faith, Academics, Character, and Service. These pillars connect every aspect of our program and guide our mission. We want students to succeed academically, but we also want them to develop a strong faith, make good decisions, serve others, and become people of integrity.

Each letter of the TRA Alphabet tells part of our story. Some represent programs and accomplishments, while others celebrate people, relationships, and traditions. Together, they illustrate the breadth of the TRA experience and the many ways our faculty and staff help students grow intellectually, spiritually, socially, and emotionally.

The TRA Alphabet is ultimately about preparation. Whether students are learning in the classroom, competing on the field, performing on the stage, serving their community, or celebrating an important milestone, they are developing the knowledge, skills, and character they will need for the future.

From A to Z, every part of Tipton-Rosemark Academy has a purpose: to ensure that our students are truly Bound for College and Prepared for Life.

I look forward to seeing you on campus this year,

Andy Graham

Dr. Andy Graham, Head of School



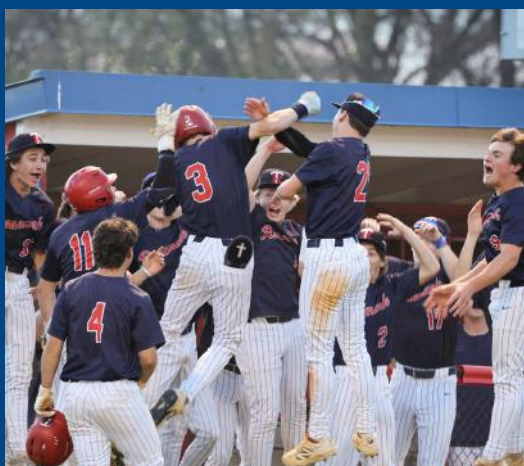
From Rebel Athletics to a new zipline and everything in between, culture and traditions lay the foundation in the pursuit of excellence at Tipton-Rosemark Academy!

Athletics

Our athletics program provides students with opportunities to grow, compete, and develop leadership skills beginning in 5th grade. Students are encouraged to participate in multiple sports throughout the year, helping them build confidence, discover new interests, and form lasting friendships.

As students progress through middle and high school, they have the opportunity to compete at increasingly higher levels while developing teamwork, perseverance, discipline, and character. Whether participating in one sport or several, our student-athletes are challenged to pursue excellence both on and off the field.

From 5th grade through graduation, athletics play an important role in the TRA experience, fostering school pride, leadership, and lifelong memories.





Baseball & Softball Buddies

One of our most beloved traditions takes place each spring during baseball and softball season when student-athletes are paired with elementary classrooms to build meaningful relationships with our youngest students. Each Wednesday, athletes spend time with their classroom, participating in activities like kickball, reading, arts and crafts, coloring, and classroom games. These weekly visits quickly become a highlight for both the elementary students and the athletes.

More than just a fun tradition, this program allows student-athletes to serve as positive role models while developing leadership, communication, and mentoring skills. At the same time, younger students gain encouraging friendships that foster school pride and a sense of belonging. These connections reflect the family atmosphere that defines TRA, creating lasting memories while encouraging leadership, service, and community across every grade level.



Charity of Choice

Service is a cornerstone of the TRA experience and an important part of our school culture. Each year, our school selects a Charity of Choice, giving students meaningful opportunities to serve others while learning the values of generosity, compassion, and stewardship.

Throughout the year, students, faculty, and families support the chosen organization through fundraising events, dress-down days, and community initiatives, including our annual Vendor Wonderland. Our senior class also partners with the selected charity through a hands-on service project, allowing students to lead, serve, and make a meaningful impact.

At TRA, service is more than a tradition—it's a way of life. Through these experiences, students develop a heart for serving others and discover the lasting difference they can make in their community.



rama Department

The performing arts are an important part of life at TRA, giving students opportunities to develop their talents, build confidence, and share their creativity. From elementary performances to full-scale middle and high school productions, students take the stage throughout the year.

TRA's performing arts program has earned statewide recognition for its excellence. Director Mrs. Lalanía Vaughn received the HSMTA Inspiring Teacher Award, and TRA has been named Outstanding Overall Production five times over the years, earning the opportunity to perform on the historic Orpheum stage. Students have also received numerous individual honors through the Orpheum's High School Musical Theatre Awards.

Our excellence extends beyond the stage into vocal performance. TRA has ranked among the top schools in Tennessee for representation in the Tennessee Treble Honor Choir in recent years and consistently has one of the highest levels of participation in the All-West Honor Choirs, reflecting the strength of our music program from elementary grades to high school.



educators of the Year



One of TRA's newest traditions is the Bobby and Jo Baker Excellence in Teaching Award, which honors one Lower School and one Upper School teacher each year for their outstanding commitment to instructional excellence, creativity, and student success.

This year's recipients are Mrs. Sylvia Brown, a 4K teacher, and Ms. Jenny Vego, who teaches high school history and dual enrollment courses. Both educators exemplify the passion, innovation, and dedication that define this award and the lasting impact TRA teachers have on their students.



Food at TRA Cafe

The TRA Café is a favorite part of the school day, serving fresh, delicious meals that students genuinely enjoy. As one student shared, "The service is always amazing, and the food is very well prepared." With a welcoming atmosphere and a dedicated staff, the café provides an enjoyable dining experience for students across campus. Whether students are looking for a familiar favorite or are eager to try something new, there is something for every taste.

Each day, students can choose from two serving lines, The Classic and The Grille, both offer a variety of rotating menu options. A fresh, fully stocked salad bar is also available daily, giving students even more choices. From hearty entrées to lighter options, the TRA Café is committed to providing quality meals that fuel students for a successful day of learning and activities.



Graduation



Graduation Week is one of the most cherished traditions at TRA, celebrating both our graduating seniors and our kindergarten students. Throughout the school year, each senior is paired with a kindergarten buddy, creating friendships that make the final week of school especially meaningful. These relationships are built through shared activities, special events, and meaningful moments that allow our oldest and youngest students to learn from one another and form lasting connections.



As graduation approaches, these buddy pairs celebrate together, reflecting on the memories they've made throughout the year. One of the highlights of the week is the Senior Walk, a time-honored TRA tradition. Dressed in their caps and gowns, graduating seniors walk through the halls as students, faculty, staff, and families gather to cheer them on. Their kindergarten buddies proudly walk alongside them, making the celebration even more memorable.

For younger students, the Senior Walk serves as an inspiring glimpse into their own future, reminding them of the exciting journey that lies ahead. For seniors, it is a meaningful opportunity to reflect on how far they have come and the relationships they have built along the way. This special tradition beautifully captures the heart of the TRA experience—a close-knit community where students are known, encouraged, and supported from their very first days on campus until the moment they cross the graduation stage.

Hallelujah Choir

The Hallelujah Choir is an auditioned ensemble made up of 4th and 5th grade students and is led by our Lower School music teacher, Mrs. Dawn Gregory. The choir meets once a week before school and provides students with opportunities to grow as musicians while serving as worship leaders within the Lower School. Students learn the basics of choral singing, strengthen their music-reading skills, and develop confidence through regular performances.

Throughout the year, the Hallelujah Choir shares their talents at school programs and special events, enriching the school community through music and worship. This experience allows students to build leadership skills, teamwork, and a lifelong appreciation for music.



Inspiring Teachers

At TRA, our teachers do more than teach—they inspire. They are dedicated to helping students grow academically, spiritually, and personally, while encouraging them to discover their unique gifts and reach their full potential. Through meaningful relationships, engaging lessons, and genuine care for every student, our teachers create an environment where students feel supported, challenged and encouraged to succeed. They invest in their students



both inside and outside the classroom, serving as mentors, role models, and leaders who inspire confidence, curiosity, and a love of learning.

At TRA, our teachers don't just prepare students for the next grade—they prepare them for life, leaving a lasting impact that extends well beyond graduation.





Jesus First

Faith is at the heart of the TRA experience. Students gather each week for chapel—Lower School on Wednesdays and Upper School on Thursdays—to grow in their relationship with Christ through worship, prayer, and biblical teaching. Throughout the year, our school also comes together for special all-school chapel services that strengthen our campus-wide community of faith.

One of the most meaningful aspects of chapel is the opportunity for students to lead. Through our student worship team, students use their musical gifts to lead their peers in worship.

One of our favorite annual traditions is See You at the Pole, when students, faculty, families, and community members gather before school to worship and pray together. These experiences, along with daily Christ-centered learning, encourage students to deepen their faith, serve others with humility, and become Christ-centered leaders both on campus and wherever God leads them after graduation.





Key Ceremony

Each year, 8th grade students participate in a 9th Grade Preview Day, giving them a glimpse into life in the Upper School and helping them prepare for the transition to high school. One of the most meaningful traditions of the day is the Key Ceremony. During the ceremony, each senior presents an 8th grader with a symbolic key to the high school.

While these keys do not unlock physical doors, they represent trust, opportunity, and responsibility. The key marks a transition from simply participating in school life to becoming a steward of the TRA community. As students enter the Upper School, they are entrusted with greater freedom, more choices, and increased responsibility for their learning, faith, time management, and service to others.

The key serves as a reminder that new doors and opportunities will open as they grow and mature. Ultimately, it is how students use those opportunities that will shape their character and define their high school experience. The Key Ceremony beautifully symbolizes the passing of trust from one generation of TRA students to the next.



Legacy



Legacy is an important part of the TRA community and is celebrated each year through our annual Legacy Breakfast. This special event honors families with deep connections to the school, recognizing the impact that generations of students and parents have had on shaping the TRA experience.

The Legacy Breakfast is a meaningful opportunity to celebrate traditions, share stories, and reflect on the lasting influence of those who have come before us. It highlights the strong sense of community that continues to connect past, present, and future students.



The strength of our legacy is evident in the many alumni who return to TRA in a variety of roles. Former students come back as teachers, coaches, staff members, parents, and community leaders, continuing to invest in the school that helped shape them. Their commitment reflects the lasting impact of a TRA education and the enduring relationships built within our school community.

Making Memories

At TRA, we believe that a great education is about more than academics—it is also about creating memories that last a lifetime. Throughout the school year, students have countless opportunities to build friendships, celebrate traditions, and enjoy life both inside and outside the classroom.

From spirited homecoming festivities to our annual Back-to-School Bash and the beloved Rebel Run, every event is designed to strengthen our school community and create unforgettable experiences.

These traditions give students the chance to connect with classmates, show their school spirit, and make the most of their time at TRA. Whether cheering on their peers, participating in friendly competitions, or celebrating together as a school family, students are encouraged to embrace every moment.

At TRA, we are committed to creating an environment where students not only excel academically but also make memories and friendships that will last long after graduation.



Nike EYBL

This past year, Tipton-Rosemark Academy proudly partnered with Nike EYBL Scholastic through the Tennessee Collegiate Academy. EYBL Scholastic is one of the nation's premier high school basketball leagues, bringing together elite student-athletes from across the country to compete at the highest level. Students selected for the Tennessee Collegiate Academy attend classes full-time on TRA's campus while balancing a rigorous national basketball schedule. This unique partnership allows these student-athletes to pursue both academic excellence and elite athletic competition in a supportive, college-preparatory environment.



The partnership with Nike EYBL reflects TRA's commitment to providing exceptional opportunities for students and further strengthens our reputation for excellence in both academics and athletics.



Outside the Classroom

At TRA, learning extends beyond the classroom. We believe students learn best through meaningful, hands-on experiences that bring lessons to life.

A great example comes from our 4K program, where students celebrate a different letter each week through interactive activities.



During "R is for Race Car" week, TRA alumna and preschool teacher Emma Carson (Class of 2015) invited her father, another TRA alumnus, to bring a real race car to campus. Students explored the car, learned about racing and vehicle mechanics, asked questions, and even had the chance to sit behind the wheel. Experiences like these spark curiosity, create lasting memories, and reflect our commitment to making learning engaging, exciting, and unforgettable.



Pep Rally

School spirit is a big part of life at TRA. Before nearly every home football game and select basketball games, students from 3K through 12th grade come together for all-school pep rallies to celebrate our teams and show their Rebel pride. These pep rallies are one of many opportunities for our entire school to come together, creating a fun atmosphere while strengthening the sense of community that makes TRA unique.





Quick to Serve

TRA students are known for their willingness to serve, and that servant-hearted mindset begins at a young age. From their earliest years on campus, students are encouraged to look for opportunities to help others, show kindness, and lead by example. Whether helping classmates, mentoring younger students, volunteering in the community, or leading service initiatives, they are always ready to step in wherever there is a need. This culture of service is woven into everyday life at TRA and extends far beyond the classroom into the surrounding community.

Through these experiences, students develop compassion, humility, and a greater understanding of the importance of putting others first. At TRA, students learn that leadership begins with serving others. By the time they graduate, our hope is that they leave not only with a strong academic foundation but also with a servant's heart and a lifelong commitment to making a positive impact in their colleges, careers, churches, and communities, wherever life leads them.



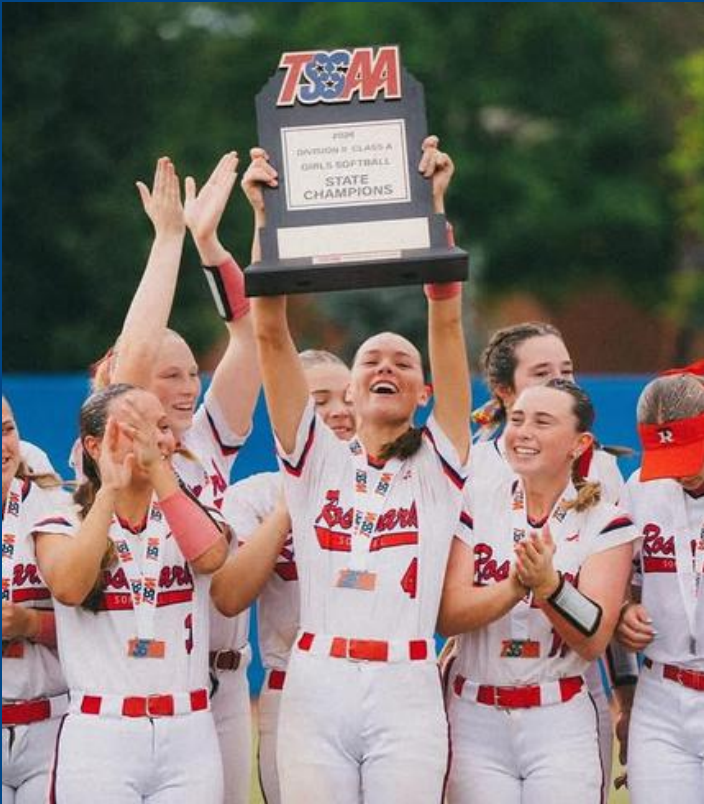
Rebel Store

One of the newest additions to campus is our beautiful Rebel Store, a space that has quickly become a favorite among students, parents, and faculty. Conveniently located on campus, The Rebel Store offers families easy access to school uniforms, spirit wear, gifts, and a variety of TRA merchandise all in one place. The Rebel Store was made possible through the vision, dedication, and hard work of Mrs. Rebecca Downing, whose leadership helped bring this exciting addition to life.

More than just a place to shop, the store has become a gathering place where students, families, and alumni can celebrate their Rebel pride. Whether purchasing everyday school essentials or showing school spirit with TRA apparel, the Rebel Store serves as a valuable resource for our entire school community and reflects TRA's continued commitment to enhancing the student and family experience.



Softball State Champs



This May, the Lady Rebels Softball Team made school history by capturing the 2026 Division II Class A State Championship. After an incredible season filled with hard work, determination, and teamwork, the Lady Rebels earned their place in the state title game against Boyd-Buchanan.

In the championship matchup, the Lady Rebels rose to the occasion, defeating Boyd-Buchanan by a score of 3-1 to bring home the state title. Their outstanding performance showcased the dedication of the players, coaches, and supporters who worked tirelessly throughout the season.

This championship is a testament to the perseverance, character, and competitive spirit that define TRA athletics. The entire school community celebrated this remarkable achievement and the legacy this team has created for future generations of Lady Rebels. Congratulations to our players, coaches, families, and fans on an unforgettable season and a well-deserved state championship.

Trips

At Tipton-Rosemark Academy, learning extends beyond the classroom through educational travel experiences that bring history, culture, and academics to life.

One of our most treasured traditions is the annual 8th Grade trip to Washington, D.C., where students explore historic landmarks, museums, and government institutions while gaining a deeper understanding of American history and civics. The trip concludes with a day at Busch Gardens, creating the perfect balance of learning and fun.

TRA also offered an international travel opportunity, including a recent 10-day journey through London, Paris, and Barcelona. These experiences allow students to immerse themselves in new cultures, explore iconic landmarks, and broaden their perspectives. Whether traveling across the country or around the world, TRA is committed to providing meaningful experiences that inspire curiosity, build confidence, and prepare students to engage with the world around them.





Uniquely One

One of the things that makes Tipton-Rosemark Academy unique is our one-campus environment. From our youngest 2K students to our graduating seniors, every grade learns and grows together on the same campus. This close-knit setting fosters meaningful relationships across all grade levels, giving older students opportunities to mentor and lead while inspiring younger students to follow in their footsteps. Through buddy programs, school traditions, service projects, athletics, and special events, students develop leadership skills and a strong sense of community from an early age.

Our one-campus model creates a family atmosphere where students are known, supported, & connected throughout their academic journey, making TRA a place where lifelong relationships & leaders are made.



Veterans Day

Each November, TRA proudly hosts its annual Veterans Day Program, a cherished tradition that has honored the brave men and women who have served our country for more than 25 years. Established by Mrs. Lalanía Vaughn, the program recognizes veterans from every branch of the United States Armed Forces and provides students with the opportunity to express their gratitude for the sacrifices made to protect our nation.

Located just minutes from Naval Support Activity Mid-South in Millington, TRA is home to many military families and has built a strong, lasting relationship with the local military community. For more than 20 years, TRA has had the distinct honor of being the only school invited to participate in the base's Veterans Day observance, further strengthening the connection between our students and those who serve. This long-standing partnership has made the program a hallmark of the TRA experience and has earned our school recognition throughout the community for its commitment to honoring our nation's heroes.



Wax Museum

History comes to life in the Living Wax Museum, a signature project for students enrolled in Dual Enrollment U.S. History at TRA. Rather than simply reading about historical figures, students become them—researching their lives, writing first-person biographies, and portraying them for visitors in an interactive museum experience. Students are given the freedom to choose a historical figure who genuinely interests them, allowing them to take ownership of their learning and connect with history in a meaningful way. As they prepare for their presentations, they move beyond memorizing names and dates to understanding the motivations, challenges, and lasting impact of the individuals they represent. The Living Wax Museum transforms history into an engaging, hands-on experience that builds research, communication, and presentation skills while making learning enjoyable. By stepping into the shoes of influential people from the past, students discover that history is far more than a textbook—it is the story of real people whose lives continue to shape our world.



Excellent Academics



At TRA, academic excellence is at the heart of everything we do. Our mission is to prepare students not only for college but also for success beyond the classroom. Through rigorous coursework, unique Dual Enrollment opportunities, and a variety of academic clubs and organizations, students are challenged to grow, think critically, and reach their full potential. Students can earn up to 24 hours of college credit before graduating, giving them a strong head start on their college careers. The accomplishments of the Class of 2026 reflect this commitment to excellence. Together, the senior class earned an impressive 453 hours of college credit, and 11 students were inducted into our prestigious 30+ Club in recognition of earning an ACT score of 30 or higher. With an average ACT score of 24 and a 100% college acceptance rate, TRA continues to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence they need to succeed in college and beyond.

60 years

This year marked a significant milestone in the history of Tipton-Rosemark Academy as we celebrated our 60th anniversary. Throughout the year, students, alumni, faculty, families, and friends came together to honor six decades of faith, tradition, and excellence.



The celebration included several special events, including a 60th Anniversary Gala, a commemorative tree planting ceremony, and a schoolwide birthday celebration with our students. Each event reflected the rich history of TRA while celebrating the generations of students and families who have helped shape our school.

As we look back on the past 60 years, we also look forward with excitement, continuing our commitment to provide an exceptional education while building on the legacy that has made Tipton-Rosemark Academy a special place for generations.

ipline

TRA enhanced our upper elementary playground with the addition of a new zipline, giving students an exciting new way to play, stay active, and enjoy recess. The zipline has quickly become a student favorite and was made possible through the generous support of the Robinson Foundation.

In addition to the zipline, the playground was upgraded with new shaded areas and turf, creating a safer, more comfortable, and more inviting space for students. These improvements have made the playground more interactive and engaging, encouraging active play, creativity, and social interaction.

At TRA, we are committed to continually enhancing our campus to provide students with the best possible learning and recreational environment, inside and outside the classroom.





