

# TITUSVILLE FINE ARTS INITIATIVE

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## Reflections From A Founder

Who could have predicted how TFAI would have grown in just one year? What started as just an idea tossed around between Steve Murray and I in July 2022 has transformed into a thriving community. We dared to dream of hearing music in the halls. What we didn't anticipate was the smell of bread baking from the culinary class, artwork on the walls, children dancing to our delight, high schoolers playing chess with younger students, dinosaurs and hot wheels lined up on the sidewalks, picnic blankets set up between the buildings, students sharing devotionals in our youth group, and the constant sound of laughter.

My heart is moved when I see children on their moms' laps while sneaking in an hour or so of school time. I am in awe of the leadership role the high schoolers are taking and their desire to create opportunities, not just with TFAI students but with other homeschool groups in the area. I can't stop smiling when I see groups of moms laughing and creating relationships outside of class times. TFAI is so much more than just electives for homeschooled students. I am so humbled to see this little dream grow into a beautiful and special village.

*Sheri Mercurio*

## Important Dates

10/27 - TFAI Fall Bonfire  
 11/17 - Dance Of The Decades  
 11/21-11/22 - Thanksgiving Break  
 12/8 & 12/9 - Whoville Musical  
 12/14 - TFAI Concert/Visual Arts Show  
 12/16 - Mrs Mercurio Private Lessons Recital  
 12/20 - Last Day of Fall Semester Classes  
 1/9 - First Day Spring Semester

## Wish List

Donations for the following would be most appreciated:

Bottled Water

Paper Products & Plastic Cutlery

Garbage Bags

Snacks for Youth Group

Photography:

Microphone and Backdrop

(see Meridith Scherer

Art:

Bottle Caps (especially green) & Paper Towels

Choir:

Risers (see Mrs Mercurio for details)

Musical Theater:

Stage Microphones

(see Amy Montecalvo)

Donations and Sponsors needed for Student Activities, see the Save The Date page for more information.

## Youth Group

TFAI Youth group meets in the fellowship hall on Wednesdays from 4:30 - 5:30pm for Middle School and High School students. If any students are interested in doing a devotional contact Stephanie Lowe via Facebook Messenger. All snack donations are welcome!



Find us on Facebook in these Groups  
 Titusville Fine Arts Initiative  
 & Titusville Fine Arts Initiative Parents



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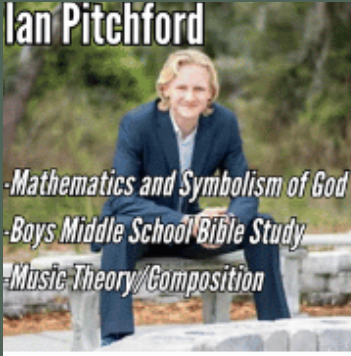


[www.titusvillefai.com](http://www.titusvillefai.com)

# Welcome New Teachers!

Ian Pitchford

-Mathematics and Symbolism of God  
-Boys Middle School Bible Study  
-Music Theory/Composition



Amy Covel

-Phoenix Creative Writing



Sofia Caraballo

-Stop Motion Workshop



Ella Snyder

-Sign Language  
-Girls Middle School Bible Study Club  
-Private Piano Instructor  
(Beginning to Late Intermediate)



Holly Snyder

-Getting Crafty Workshops



Maryann Perez

-Primeros Pasos  
(Spanish for PK3-6yo)



Watch the Facebook page this week for information on how to buy your yearbook!

*Yearbook*

This newsletter was designed by the Yearbook Club

Breckyn Redding - Editor In Chief

Luke Harris - Senior Editor

Ellie Lee and Marlo Scherer - Yearbook Staff Members

Meridith Scherer - Yearbook Advisor

## Kel's Kitchen

**Oct 3** Culinary Kids (age 8-13) \$20, Oven fries with cheese sauce (learn to make a roux, into a bechamel, into a cheese sauce)

**Oct 3** Cooking Explorers (age 5-7) \$20, Rolled biscuits (learn dough skills and how to get those flaky layers in your scratch made biscuits)

**Oct 10** Bread Series: Bagels \$50 (per workstation, max of 2 at a station)

**Oct 17** Adult Class \$38 (can bring 1 child) Apple turnovers

**Oct 31** Culinary Kids fresh roasted pumpkin scones

**Oct 31** Cooking Explorers fresh roasted pumpkin/cream cheese muffins

**Nov 7** Bread Series: Pumpkin Swirl Breakfast Rolls \$45

Register at

[https://www.floridakelskitchen.com/service-page/titusville-culinary-kids?referral=service\\_list\\_widget](https://www.floridakelskitchen.com/service-page/titusville-culinary-kids?referral=service_list_widget)



# Save The Date!

Titusville Fine Arts Initiative

# DANCE

*of the Decades*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH  
6-9PM

Ages 11-18  
\$45 per student  
(all students can bring 1 paid guest)

Indian River Preserve - Mims, FL  
Dinner - DJ - Raffle - Prizes  
Decade or Semi-Formal Attire

**Register by November 1st**

For Questions:  
Kellydianemoore@gmail.com



**Register Here**



SCAN ME

**Payments**

Check to Sheri Mercurio  
or  
Venmo @SheriMercurio



TO DONATE SUPPLIES OR HELP WITH THE MS/HS DANCE PLEASE EMAIL KELLY MOORE AT KELLYDIANEMOORE@GMAIL.COM

AND ALL AT ONCE, SUMMER COLLAPSED INTO FALL  
~ OSCAR WILDE

JOIN US FOR A FUN CELEBRATION TO WELCOME FALL! THIS IS AN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

TO DONATE SUPPLIES OR HELP SPONSOR THE BONFIRE, PLEASE EMAIL MISSY REDDING AT MISCOTT.BRECKJAR@GMAIL.COM

TFAI PRESENTS  
OUR 1ST ANNUAL

# FALL BONFIRE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH FROM 6-9PM  
GAMES, BONFIRE, WORSHIP AND MORE!!



PLEASE RSVP VIA TFAI FB LINK OR WATCH YOUR EMAIL TO RSVP

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
2880 W JAY JAY RD, TITUSVILLE



# Senior Spotlight

## Cheyenne Dokos

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What is the most challenging task as a senior?

“The most challenging task as a senior has been trying to let go of everything I've grown up with. I wasn't expecting to have to switch entire schools my senior year of highschool obviously. It's both trying to balance the feeling of "I'm so glad this is almost over" and "oh no is this really almost over?" Lots of mixed emotions especially at the moment but I know in the end everything will work out the way it's intended to.”

Where do you imagine yourself 10 years from now?

“I'd love to imagine myself married and graduated from college. My biggest dreams are to write, pursue my passions, and to have a family. I'd love to work for a news station in broadcasting or as a news anchor somewhere up north in the mountains and be able to homeschool my kids and raise a family.”

I am most grateful for...

“I am grateful for the people I've known since elementary and middle school who haven't left, even when things got hard or weird. But most of all, I'm grateful for my family, especially my mom who though sometimes likes to hear a little too much, I will always gladly tell her what is going on in my life, even the weird details, and she will always listen and has helped me through so much.”

Looking back at...

# 1 Year of TFAI!

**TFAI Choir & Jewel Tones performing at the TFAI spring concert.**



**TFAI first year picnic celebration!**



**TFAI beginning & intermediate bands at the spring concert.**



**TFAI Music in motion performing at a local nursing home.**



**TFAI first year picnic celebration!**

**TFAI Musical Theater class photo after performing at Gateway Community Church.**



**TFAI Ballet Class Performance**



**We are so grateful for all the support we have had this year. We would like to to give a BIG thank you to the teachers, parents, and of course, the students for a fabulous first year at TFAI! With many more years to come!**