



## NOTES FROM SPARTAN LANE

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We are off and running in what is always the fastest time of the school year. We have 24 athletic contests taking place this week alone across the Middle and Upper Schools. This is in addition to full academic days, school meetings and so much more. The positive news is that it appears everyone came back from our holiday rested and ready to make good things happen this spring.

[On the subject of things moving quickly, I came across this article over spring break and thought it was worth passing along.](#) It is from the BBC Science Focus and shares 22 ideas about how to change our world. I share it because it gives some perspective about some of the things our leadership team and Board must think about when it comes to Athens Academy and the future world we are preparing our students for. We are focused on being the best school we can be for our students and that includes our strong liberal arts foundation and skill development. At the same time, we need to think about innovation and creativity, so our students can thrive as they enter college and the workforce. Our current first graders will be graduating from college in 2038, and schools cannot simply keep doing what they have always been doing. The best schools are nimble and attentive to what students need to be their best. Children only get one shot at a quality education, and we are focused on delivering that for each of our students.

Come join us on campus in the days or weeks ahead. Springtime at Athens Academy offers so many fun events, from athletic competitions and parent education opportunities to the return of Festival Day on Saturday, April 22. Our seniors' art is hanging in Myers Gallery, we have grade-level plays coming up in the Preschool, and we're excited for the sixth annual ACAD Talks on Thursday, March 23. Spartan Lane is always humming with activity, and we love seeing our students showcase their talents. Thank you for your ongoing support and make it a great day.

Go Spartans,

John Thorsen  
Head of School