

The Crusader Times



WEEKLY NEWS FROM THE ATONEMENT ACADEMY

July 11, 2014

Mark Your 2014-2015 Calendar!

Aug. 11	First day of school
Sept. 1	Federal Holiday: no school
Sept. 26	Parent-Teacher Conferences: no school
Oct. 17	Teacher In-Service: No school
Nov. 3-7	Fall Break
Nov. 10	School Resumes
Nov. 14	Archdiocesan Retreat: no school
Nov. 21	Early Dismissal for King's Fair
Nov. 26-28	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 16-18	Exams / Early Dismissal
Dec. 19-Jan 1	Student's Christmas Break
Jan. 5	School Resumes
Jan. 19	Federal Holiday: no school
Feb. 16	Federal Holiday: no school
Apr. 3	Good Friday: no school
Apr. 6-10	Easter Break
Apr. 24	City Holiday: no school
May 25:	Federal Holiday: no school
May 29-Jun. 2	Exams / Early Dismissal
Jun. 3	Last Day of School: Field Day / Early Dismissal



Upcoming...

- * JULY 21: Last day to register to begin school on Aug. 11
- * JULY 22-AUG. 18: ENROLLMENT MORATORIUM — no enrollments accepted
- * AUG. 7: New Family Orientation, 5:30pm
- * AUG. 7: Back-to-School Night for PK through Gr. 5, 6pm
- * AUG. 8: Back-to-School Night for Gr. 6 through 12, 6pm
- * AUG. 11: First Day of School

Nota Bene / Note Well:

- SUMMER OFFICE HOURS are 9 am until 3 pm — Buy your planners (for grades 3-12, \$5 each) or pick up your 2012-2013 yearbooks.
- YEARBOOK COMMITTEE needs your photos and your help! We will work on last year's book again on Thursday, July 17 from 11-2. Parents and students are welcome to join us—our goal is to have our books by Christmas break! (Bring a sack lunch if you'd like.) Let Mrs. Havel know you will be attending: mhavel@atonementonline.com
- MANY CLASSES ARE FULL or have only 1 or 2 spaces left — if you are not sure that you are enrolled, please call the office to verify!
- THE LOGO UNIFORM SHIRTS (with our embroidered Atonement logo) are NOT required next year — you will have a full year before they are required uniform components.
- THE UNIFORM FOR GIRLS IN GRADES 4 & 5 has changed. See p. 2 for the photo, and note that the shoes are penny loafers and the socks are plain knee highs.



A Letter from Our Headmaster—

Dear Atonement Parents and Students,

The Atonement Academy provides an excellent educational and Catholic community. Academy scholars earned accolades in everything they attempted in the 2013-2014 school year -- in science fairs, National Latin Exams, PSIA competitions and more.

In preparing for the 20th school year, we did not seek change for the sake of change; rather, we made thoughtful and purposeful decisions to improve upon the school's storied history and success. The list below highlights just a few of the exciting changes that will be implemented this fall.

- Learning is not something that occurs by happenstance, but instead is deliberate and best accomplished when there are clear objectives and a well-developed plan. We have defined and will implement “best teaching practices” for 2014-2015.
- We created Department Chair positions to oversee the various disciplines (English, Mathematics, Science, etc.) and to ensure that best practices are in place, school-wide.
- Advanced Placement classes in science and math have been restructured, and Upper Scholars will be able to earn additional AP credits.
- The grading system has returned to a traditional 10-point scale.
- We've amended our reading lists to include more books that are considered classics and that will inspire students both academically and spiritually.
- The new Athletic Director will carry out a clear vision for improving the quality and ensuring the growth of our athletic program and our various sports offerings.
- To promote healthier life-styles, instill a sense of teamwork and increase overall participation in athletics, Upper Scholars will be required to identify a varsity sport in which to participate in each year; this will also serve to satisfy the yearly athletic credit.

There are other changes that will take place in 2014-2015, and I ask that you carefully review this issue of the Crusader Times and go to our website under “Forms and Documents” to thoroughly read the revised Parent-Student Handbook. The Handbook contains our school's policies and procedures and is updated each year with valuable and pertinent information.

Finally, I am excited about the coming school year. It is a privilege to serve as the Headmaster of The Atonement Academy, and I look forward to working closely with the remarkable administrators, faculty and staff, and most especially the students who make The Atonement Academy a stalwart example of scholarship and faith.

Sincerely,

Mr. Spencer

SUMMER

READING!

While you are enjoying your summer, don't forget to set time aside for your summer reading assignment.

You can find your assigned book on our website under the school book list. All academy students will be assessed on their summer reading assignment during the first week of school.

New Uniform for 4th & 5th Grade Girls This Year

The girls in grades 4 and 5 have outgrown the old uniform — larger sizes in the blouse and jumper were becoming more difficult to find!

The girls now have the uniform below, along with penny loafer style shoes and knee high socks.

