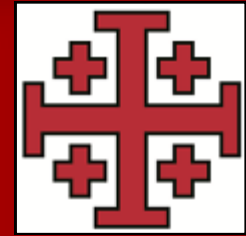


The Crusader Times



WEEKLY NEWS FROM THE ATONEMENT ACADEMY

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This Weekend!
The Drama Club
Presents:

ALADDIN

The Atonement Academy Drama Club is performing "Aladdin Jr." featuring some of the Academy's middle and upper school students.

The show dates are Saturday Nov. 15th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday Matinee on Nov. 16th at 3:00 p.m., both in St. Anthony Hall.

The cost per ticket is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

Upcoming...

- * NOV 13: School Portraits
- * NOV 14: Faculty Development Day — No classes.
- * NOV 15: *Aladdin*, show time is 7 pm
- * NOV 16: *Aladdin*, show time is 3 pm
- * NOV 21: Noon Dismissal
- * NOV. 22: King's Fair: School and Parish Festival
- * NOV 25: LS Birthday Celebrations, 2:30
- * NOV 26-27-28: Thanksgiving Break

Nota Bene / Note Well:

- **SWEATERS FOR LS & MS:** Sweaters are mandatory November 1 through March 1 for students in grades PK-8. As with all uniform articles, they must fit properly and be in good repair.
- **SCHOOL PORTRAITS:** This Thursday, Nov. 13!
- **PARISH FESTIVAL:** See pages 3 & 4 for details on this annual FUN fundraiser that will benefit our school!
- **3:30 CARLINE:** If your child is not released until the 3:30 carline, kindly avoid jumping ahead of those in line for the earlier pickup times. It greatly delays our carline efforts and is an aggravation for parents of little ones who have been waiting—and must continue to wait—when you jump ahead of the 3:30 release.
- **SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL WITH YOUR ONLINE SHOPPING!** Are you making online purchases, especially from Amazon.com? Please use our website www.ShopForAtonementAcademy.com as the starting point. Purchases made through this site are guaranteed safe and a percentage of your purchase is paid back to our school. Please support our new initiative on behalf of Catholic education!

CRUSADER ATHLETICS

For upcoming game information, go to
www.atonementsports.org

Our Crusader Teams have been doing
very well — updates to come in the
next Crusader Times!

ROCKS AND ROCKS AND ROCKS...

EXPANSION UPDATE: We ask for your prayers as we negotiate with area banks seeking a \$6.5 million dollar loan to complete our expansion. We have had successful meetings with loan officers at both Frost Bank and Jefferson Bank and will likely seek a third option in order to arrive at the best interest rate. Because this is construction for a school, we are able to tap into low-rate financing under 4%. • Work on the rock removal continues as we inch our way down. • We have set up a skype-type connection with our architect in New Jersey, and we meet with him via this link now, so it is more efficient and less expensive.

The Autumn Break 2015

Planning long-term? The Autumn Break in 2015 will be Nov. 16-Nov. 27, and will include our traditional break from school, plus our Thanksgiving break; two full weeks combined to allow for extended travel! The pilgrimage to Italy for students and parishioners will take place during this break, from Nov. 16-24, 2015.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

Just before we left on break, Mr. Spencer made the following announcement:

After ten remarkable years with the parish, Edmund and Chalon Murray are leaving the parish and moving to Houston to pursue a very exciting opportunity for them.

Mr. Murray has accepted a position as the Music Director at Our Lady of Walsingham Catholic Church and will start his new position beginning in December.

Their contributions to the parish over the years have been enumerable and we are very grateful for everything the Murrays have done for both the school and the church. I'm certain that we are united earnestly wishing the Murrays the very best in all their future endeavors.

Choir Schedule

Mon. 11/10 - USHC

Tues. 11/11 - Gr. 4&5 Girls

Wed. 11/12 - MSCV

Thurs. 11/13 - Gr. 4&5 Boys

King's Fair News

We Need Your Help!

The King's Fair is one of our two major fundraisers at The Atonement Academy, and we need your help.

We are in search of underwriters and donors. We are appealing to our generous parents to help us cover our cost to run King's Fair 2014.

Please take a look at the list below of items we need for a successful King's Fair. If you can donate money to purchase any of these items, please do so by placing your donation in an envelope marked "King's Fair Donation" and send it to school with your child. Thank you!

Hamburger patties	\$250	Beef franks	\$150
Turkey legs	\$400	Sausage/tortillas	\$200
Buns	\$150	Sodas	\$500
Bottled water	\$100	Game prizes	\$500
Napkins, trays, etc.	\$150	Cupcakes	\$180
Nachos/chips, pickles, cotton candy, chili, cheese	\$200		

Cake Contest!

Dust off those cake pans and prepare for the annual King's Fair Decorated Cake Contest! Ribbons will be awarded in several categories.

**All cakes that are entered into the Cake Contest become property of the Cake Walk Booth.

Costume Contest!

Fair Maidens and Knights! Don't forget to wear your medieval costume to the King's Fair. Prizes will be awarded to those with the best costume. Remember that in the adult category, 1st place for best costume will be 2 hours of professional house cleaning!

Raffle Tickets!

Raffle prizes are five \$1,000 VISA gift cards. Remember, every classroom (lower school) or class (middle/upper school) that sells \$1,000 in raffle tickets will be treated to a pizza party! Deadline to turn in tickets is November 21 at 5:00 p.m.

Spirit Mum

The weekly Spirit Mum will be hung on the classroom door of the class that has sold the most raffle tickets for the prior week. Our first winner is:

Miss Bastian ~ 2nd grade
Congratulations!

Classroom Banner Contest!

Be sure to check out the banners at the King's Fair parade. After the parade, they will be displayed on the bridge by the St. Nicholas Field.

Which class will be awarded the first place trophy? There already are some wonderful designs underway!

From the King's Fair Archives...



Recognize a few of these folks?



*Plan your costume now
— before all the
Halloween Clearance
Items
are off the shelves!*

Thank you

for your prompt action!

Many thanks to the following Academy families who have turned in their raffle ticket money:

Charvet Nelson Conroy Doan

Vela Musquiz Waterman Gulick

Castillo

Wanted: A Few Good Men

Please consider helping out Mr. Chude either Friday afternoon or Saturday. Mr. Chude can use some help assembling the booths and taking down the tents after the King's Fair. If you would like to volunteer for this noble cause, please contact Mr. Chude at cchude@atonementonline.com