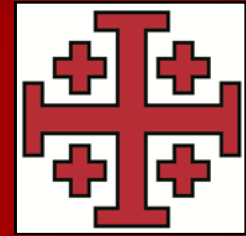


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WEEKLY NEWS FROM THE ATONEMENT ACADEMY

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## Mark Your 2014-2015 Calendar!

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



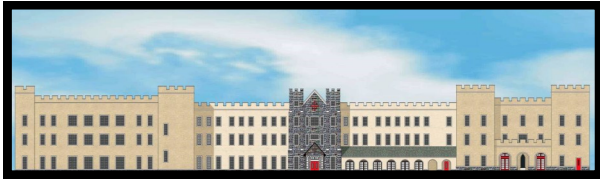
## Upcoming...

- \* **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:*

- **CHECK YOUR APPLICATION STATUS** —If you haven't been making monthly tuition payments in the summer, you might not be enrolled. Also be sure to update your credit card information.
- **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** are 9 am until 3 pm — Buy your planners (for grades 3-12, \$5 each), PE uniforms, or pick up your 2012-2013 yearbooks.
- **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! Don't assume space will be available — in some cases, it's simply NOT!
- **PORTABLES TO BE ADDED:** We're growing! Two portable classrooms will be added to alleviate over-crowding in the existing buildings. These units will be placed in the (south) teacher parking lot. They are a short-term solution and necessary for one year while the expansion is underway.





## Construction Update

If you haven't been to campus lately, you're in for some surprises! The rock removal is still in process, but what progress they're making!

We met with the civil engineer and landscape designer this past week. We are doing what we can to retain the three Texas Red Oak trees we planted in 2005, when we moved into the most recent expansion. With some design reconfiguration, we should be able to keep them. We are also adding at least three additional tree zones to the planned piazza. It is necessary to plan these tree zones now, because large areas of rock (approx. 10'x20') will need to be removed in order to provide room for the roots to grow; it's hard for trees to mature in solid rock.

We settled on a large water tank to collect the condensation from our air conditioners and repurpose the water to our tree zones. The tank will be hidden on the west side of the auditorium.

## Seeking *From Sea to Shining Sea* Books!

Your 8th grade history books are needed! If you have a copy on a bookshelf and are willing to sell or loan it to a family this year, please bring it by the office. Place a note in your book indicating the price you wish to receive (and if it is a loaner, be sure your name is written in the book) and we will help put that book to good use this year!

## HELP A FAMILY IN NEED...

A long time parish family, the Patrick Slush family, is beginning enrollment in our school and needs our help! Lisa Slush is battling Stage 4 cancer and is now unable to drive, so they are hoping to find transportation assistance so that their children can attend our school! They have three children: an 8th grade boy, a kindergarten girl, and a PreK girl. They live in the on Park Trail near the Tezel / New Guilbeau / Bowen's Crossing area. If you are able to help, please give her a call: 681-6581 or drop her an email at [lmslush@att.net](mailto:lmslush@att.net).

## UNIFORMLY IN UNIFORM

See the new online handbook for details — here are some highlights:

CLOTHING: Don't delay! Parker Uniform does their best, but if you wait until a few days before school begins, you are not likely to have a blazer or other uniform article "on demand!"

SHOES: Be sure they fit, be sure they're polished and in good shape, and meet the handbook guidelines.

HAIR: Get those highlights back to normal and hair out of the eyes before you come to school on the 11th! Girls may wear accessories in school colors and in the school plaid — no sequins, glitter, flowers, pearls, or beads!

GROOMING: Clean, trim fingernails, please — and only upper school girls may wear nail polish (and only in a coordinating color, and if it's chipped or garish, take it off! Simple makeup allowed on upper school girls only.

BACKPACKS: Some schools require a special backpack style — we simply ask that all backpacks are as plain as possible with no cartoon or celebrity characters (lunchboxes can be more playful).

## Parish Programming: St. Vincent de Paul Jail Ministry

*Children of Inmates "Stuff the Backpack Program"* -- Please help us put a smile on the children of Bexar County Inmates (current and former) by starting their school year with new supplies. Collection boxes will be in the Church narthex Sunday, July 27th and Sunday, August 3rd.