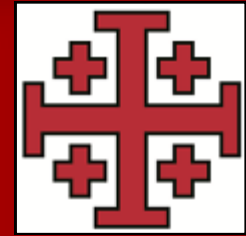


The Crusader Times



WEEKLY NEWS FROM THE ATONEMENT ACADEMY

Week 26: January 20, 2015



CATHOLIC EDUCATION MATTERS

*"If I am distracted,
Holy Communion helps me to be-
come recollected. If opportunities
are offered by each day to offend
my God, I arm myself anew each
day for the combat by the reception
of the Eucharist. If I am in special
need of light and prudence...I draw
nigh to my Saviour and seek
counsel and light from him."
- St. Thomas More*

No other school in San Antonio
integrates daily Mass
into the daily lives of its students.
Each day our faculty and wor-
ship together to seek grace and
give glory to God.

SUPPORT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS!

Upcoming...

- * JAN. 24: MS Science Fair, 9 am
- * JAN. 27: Academic Showcase 6-7 pm, PK, K, & 1st
- * JAN. 28: Evensong, 2:30 pm
- * JAN. 29: Academic Showcase, 6-7 pm, 2nd through 5th.
- * JAN. 30: Birthday Observances, 2:30 pm
- * JAN. 31: US Science Fair, 9 am
- * FEB. 4: First Communion & Confirmation, 6:30 pm
- * FEB. 8: Sunday 9 am Choir: 4th Grade boys and girls

Nota Bene / Note Well:

- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION:** His Excellency, the Most Reverend Gustavo Garcia-Siller, Archbishop of San Antonio, will be with us on **Wednesday, February 4th, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.** to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Academy will *not* record a student participating in this special occasion (or his or her siblings) tardy until 10:30 a.m. on the morning of Feb. 5th, due to the late evening on the 4th. Because of the time, there will be no reception following the conclusion of the Mass.
- **OPEN REGISTRATION :** Registration began online for all returning and new families on Sunday, Jan. 18th at www.AtonementOnline.com . Please be mindful that your intention to return is very helpful to our planning process. If you must make special arrangement to complete your registration, please contact the office manager, Mr. Ott at rott@atonementonline.com.
- **PENNY WARS are coming in February!** Start saving your pennies for the all-school competition. Funds will benefit our sister school in the Holy Land.



CRUSADER ATHLETICS

(Away Games are noted with location address.)

Tuesday

Varsity Boys Soccer

4:00 Home vs. FEAST

Varsity Girls Soccer

5:00 Away vs. San Marcos Baptist Academy, 2801 RR12, San Marcos TX 78666

Varsity Boys Basketball

6:00 Home vs. Sunnybrook

Wednesday

MS Boys Soccer

4:00 Away vs. St. George Episcopal, 9401 Starcrest (@St. Mary's Hall)

MS Girls Soccer

4:30 Away vs. St. George Episcopal, 6900 West Ave., 78213

MS Boys B Team Basketball

5:30 Away vs. St. George Episcopal, 6900 West Ave., 78213

MS Boys A Team Basketball

6:30 Away vs. St. George Episcopal, 6900 West Ave., 78213

Thursday

MS Girls Basketball

4:00 Home vs. Keystone

Varsity Boys Soccer

5:00 Away vs. TMI, 20955 W. Tejas Trail, 78257

Varsity Boys Basketball

5:30 Home vs. KIPP Prep

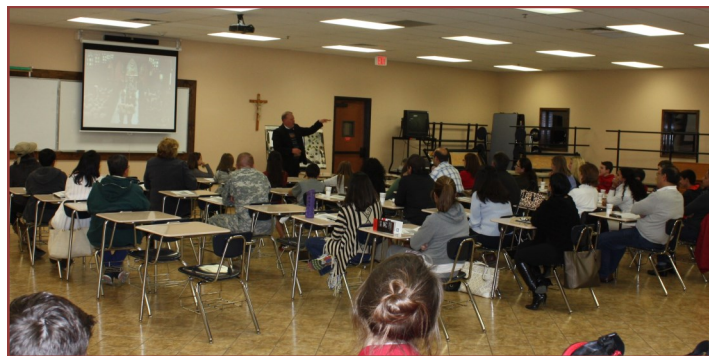
Friday

Girls Varsity Soccer

5:00 Away vs. Cole HS, 1900 Winans Rd, 78234

Boys Varsity Basketball

6:30 Away vs. Gospel Lighthouse Christian, 2220 S. Colorado St., Lockhart TX



Upper School Info Night Success!

Admissions Director Mrs. Amanda Treviño coordinated this first-ever event for prospective freshmen, and Father Phillips, headmaster Walter Spencer, and business manager Deacon Orr participated in the one-hour program. Pictured above is Deacon giving an update on the building project.

Door prizes included a uniform blazer which was won by Kacey Meyering, shown at right with her mom and Mrs. Trevino (center).



Catholic Schools' Week begins Jan. 25th, and the academy is sponsoring two Open Houses on Jan. 27th and 29th, both from 6 until 7 pm. Although both nights will be focused on Grades PK-1st (27th) and Grades 2nd-5th (29th), it's also a good time for prospective families to come meet teachers and administrators. Tours are also ongoing at the academy, and you may schedule an appointment at 210-695-2240.

The **St. Gianna Molla Pro-life Club** of The Atonement Academy will be sending ten Upper Scholars to the *March for Life in Washington DC* on January 21-24th. We would like to thank everyone for making this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity possible through their donations and prayers, and ask again for your prayers for our safety as we travel. Continue to pray for abortion to end in our lifetime.

More Science Judges Needed!

THANK YOU to those who came forward last week — a few more judges are needed for our science fairs on Saturday, January 24th (Middle School), and Saturday, February 7th (High School). The time commitment extends from 9:00 am to 3:pm on. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

If you have a professional background in science, education, medicine, or engineering, and you would like to help young minds develop in their scientific thinking skills, please consider judging at one or even both fairs! Contact Dr. Michael Vallor at: mvallor@atonementonline.com

Thought for the Week

Perhaps there is no more practical statement in all of the epistles of Saint Paul than when he writes to the Corinthians, "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." Surely, this is the antidote for the spirit of selfishness which is so pervasive today, even within the Church. How tiresome it must be to the Holy Spirit, to have given each of us so many gifts, and then to have us grasp our gifts tightly to ourselves! The gifts of wisdom, of knowledge, of faith - these are all things to be shared. To be of service to others - this is to be our work: to show kindness, even when we feel anything *but* kind; to exercise charity, even when we would rather *not*; in short, to treat others as we would treat Christ Himself. It's easy to be selfish, mean-spirited and ill-tempered; but we have been called to a higher way...the Way of Christ Jesus our Lord. The Spirit has been manifested in our lives so that they may be conformed, not to the world, but to God, Who has done *everything* for the "common good."

- Fr. Phillips

The Atonement Academy's Performance
at the Catholic Arts and Academic Competition (CAAC)

January 17th: Spelling & Math

On Saturday a number of our Crusaders represented us well in the latest Archdiocesan CAAC competition, this one held at Central Catholic High School.

Out of the 17 categories in Math and Spelling, we earned nine 1st place awards, six 2nd place awards, and nine 3rd place awards. These were medal winners, and their efforts earned 48 points for our school. Our competitors also earned ribbons for six 4th place, nine 5th place, and one 6th place.

SPELLING

A (Grades 1 – 2)

Abigail Casey-3rd

Mia Nelson-2nd

Michael Roberson

Raymond Robles-4th

AA (Grades 3 – 4)

Heather Joseph-1st

Caroline Logan

Sam Logan-2nd

Jasreen Wadhwa-5th

CALCULATOR APPLICATIONS

B (Grades 5 – 6)

Sophia Dela Cruz-2nd

Alex Sanchez-5th

Jacqueline Von Schulenberg-1st

Ethne White

BB (Grades 7 – 8)

Anthony Martinez-4th

Maria Pecha-1st

Maria Torres-3rd

C (Grades 9 – 10)

Britney Clingan

Lorenzo Dela Cruz-3rd

Luke Griego

Travis Prochko-2nd

CC (Grades 11 – 12)

Sebastian Barrera-6th

Luke Cannon-4th

Thomas Pecha-3rd

Jessica Tuholsky-5th

COMPREHENSIVE MATH

A (1 – 2)

Frederic Amougou

Jayden Gernale-3rd

Raymond Robles-1st

Joshua Wick-3rd

AA (3 – 4)

Ryanne Ambrosio

Stephen Garcia-5th

Sam Logan

Emmanuelle Mefrige

B (5 – 6)

Kennedy Goddard

Cassiana Mefrige-1st

Natalie Pecha

Matthew Petroff

BB (7 – 8)

Alondra Gonzalez

Maria Pecha

Asa Waterman-1st

C (9 - 10)

Vanya Arguello

Lorenzo Dela Cruz

Luke Griego

Travis Prochko

CC (11 – 12)

Ana Henriquez-5th

Thomas Pecha-1st

Nikki Prochko-2nd

NUMBER SENSE

AA (3 – 4)

Eric Benavides

Caroline Logan

Heather Joseph-1st

Christian Sanchez-5th

B (5 – 6)

Sophia Dela Cruz-4th

Ethan Doan-5th

Sarah Logan-3rd

Faith Weems

BB (7 – 8)

Anthony Martinez

Maria Pecha

Maria Torres

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Ana Henriquez-4th

Jessica Tuholsky-2nd

All Catholic schools accumulate contest points throughout the year. After three competitions, The Academy's CAAC points for the 2014-2015 school year are:

On-Site Drawing and Creative Writing – Oct. 18, 2014 (14 pts)

Catholic Poetry and Modern Oratory – Nov. 22, 2014 (22 pts)

Spelling and Math – Jan. 17, 2015 (48 pts)

Total points earned to date -- 84