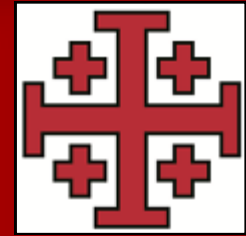


# The Crusader Times



WEEKLY NEWS FROM THE ATONEMENT ACADEMY

Week 30: February 17, 2015

## BREAKING NEWS!



Congratulations to **Thomas Pecha** for earning a perfect score on the most recent SAT. Approximately 1.7 million students take the test each year, and only about 300 score a perfect 2400. WOAI-TV 4 interviewed Thomas, his parents, and headmaster Walter Spencer.

*See p. 3 for more details.*

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION MATTERS

*"Think well. Speak well.  
Do well. These three things,  
through the mercy of God,  
will make a man go to  
Heaven."  
— St. Camillus*

## Upcoming...

- \* FEB. 18: Ash Wednesday; Lent begins
- \* FEB 23: Class Ring Ceremony during 9:20 Mass
- \* FEB. 26: Birthday Celebrations (LS), 2:30 pm
- \* MAR.3: Deadline for third quarter AR
- \* MAR. 6: Third Quarter Ends
- \* MAR. 11: National Latin Exam
- \* MAR.18: Academic Awards Assembly after 9:20 Mass
- \* MAR. 22: MS Changed Voice Choir, Sunday 9:00 Mass

## *Nota Bene / Note Well:*

- **LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY** this week. It is a day of Fasting and Abstinence from meat. If possible, please attend the **7:00am, 11:30am** or **7:00pm** Masses on that day. We already have 600 people attending the 9:20am Mass.
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** take place every Friday at 2:15. Students will then return to their classes until regular dismissal time. In addition, each Friday evening, the parish offers Evensong, Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 7:00 pm.
- **OPEN REGISTRATION** : Don't delay — enrollments are ahead of where we were at this time last year! Registration began online for all returning and new families on Sunday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> at [www.AtonementOnline.com](http://www.AtonementOnline.com) . Please be mindful that your intention to return is very helpful to our planning process. If you must make special arrangements to complete your registration, please contact the office manager, Mr. Ott at [rott@atonementonline.com](mailto:rott@atonementonline.com).
- **CATHOLIC INQUIRY CLASS**: A new **Catholic Inquiry Class** is ongoing and meets in the Common Room. Contact Alan Becker at [alanmbecker@gmail.com](mailto:alanmbecker@gmail.com) for additional information.



## CRUSADER ATHLETICS

### GAME SCHEDULES

Upcoming game schedules are on our sports website: [www.AtonementSports.com](http://www.AtonementSports.com)

### CYO SIGN UPS

The next round of CYO Spring Sports Registrations are now being accepted.

Registration Deadline: March 1, 2015:

**Tee Ball** (PK - Kinder Co-ed)

**Baseball** (1st - 5th Grade Boys)

**Softball** (1st - 5th Grade Girls)

To register visit [www.AtonementSports.com](http://www.AtonementSports.com)



*Congratulations 3rd gr girls: They earned 2nd place!*



### Notes from Mrs. Trevino...

March 7- SAT/ACT Combo Practice Test with discussion to follow, RSVP requested

March 30- Information Night on the new PSAT format with Kaplan, RSVP requested

April 8- San Antonio Regional College Fair, 6-8pm, Trinity University (Laurie Auditorium)

April 18- PSAT Practice Test, RSVP requested

CONTACT Mrs. Amanda Trevino at extension 148 or [atrevino@atonementonline.com](mailto:atrevino@atonementonline.com)

## Stampede Success!

Once again the historic Morris Ranch (1837) was the site of the annual Stampede— a family fun event for the school and parish! Hay bales and plenty of area to roam and play kept kids entertained when they weren't sitting on top of "Tumbleweed!" (Thanks, Mr. Stilton!)

Great appreciation goes to our hosts, Lisa & Dan Morris and Dan's talent at barbecuing great brisket and sausage! The pot luck was perfect for side dishes and desserts, too. Once the sun went down, making s'mores around a roaring campfire was a great way to cap off the day!



## CLASS OF 2015 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

The Class of 2015 has made great inroads with their college applications and acceptances! The schools listed below have accepted one or more of our seniors, and already our seniors have earned in excess of \$564,000 in academic awards!

Aquinas College  
Baylor Univ.  
Benedictine College  
Creighton Univ.  
Franciscan Univ.  
Hillsdale College  
Hofstra Univ.  
John Paul II Catholic College  
King's College  
Marquette Univ.  
Maryville College  
Midwestern Univ.  
Mount St. Mary's Coll.  
Oklahoma Univ.  
Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Coll. (Canada)  
Rhodes College  
St. Andrew's College (Scotland)  
St. Edward's Univ.  
St. Louis Univ.  
St. Mary's College  
St. Mary's Univ.  
Schreiner Univ.  
Southwestern Univ.  
Texas A&M Univ.  
Texas Christian Univ.  
Texas State Univ.  
Trinity Univ.  
Univ. of Dallas  
Univ. of the Incarnate Word  
Univ. of Kansas  
Univ. of North Texas  
Univ. of Texas at San Antonio

### Thomas Pecha Scores a Perfect 2400 on the SAT!

Congratulations to Academy junior Thomas Pecha for earning a perfect score on the most recent SAT. Approximately 1.7 million students take the test each year, and only about 300 score a perfect 2400.

A well-rounded student, Thomas plays baseball and soccer, is an accomplished classical pianist and is a member of the Honors Choir and Men's Schola. In addition, he is in the National Honor Society and tutors afterschool.



Thomas has been at The Atonement Academy for his entire education. He credits his love of math and reading with his high scores.

His older brother Joseph was in the Class of 2014, and his siblings at The Academy include Maria, Natalie, John Paul, and Veronica. His parents are Dr. Marc and Margarita Pecha.



### RULES FOR FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY are Days of Fasting and Abstinence. The FRIDAYS of Lent are days of Abstinence only.

FASTING is recommended by the Scriptures and is practiced by the Church as a means of atoning for sin and commending individuals and their prayers to God. The intent of fasting is penitential in nature and with the purpose of intensifying prayer. The current practice allows one main meal, with some food being allowed at the other two mealtimes. Of course, there should be nothing eaten between meals. The law of fasting on certain days binds those who have reached their eighteenth birthday, until the beginning of their sixtieth year.

ABSTINENCE is required on every Friday of Lent, when we refrain from eating meat (beef, pork, chicken, etc.) or any food prepared with meat or the juices from meat; however, eggs and milk products may be used. This practice is to remind us of Jesus Christ's redeeming death, and to practice the virtue of penance. The law of abstaining from meat is binding on all those who have reached their fourteenth year.

**St. Gianna Molla Pro-Life Club**

**of The Atonement Academy**

**Invites you to join them in Running or Walking for Life at the**

**Inaugural San Antonio Life Runners**

**MISSION FOR LIFE**

**HALF MARATHON / 5K**

**Saturday March 21, 2015**

**This inaugural race is hosted by the San Antonio Life Runners chapter.**

**Will YOU run for LIFE?**

**For more information and registration please go to:**

**<http://www.missionforliferun.com/race-info.html>**



## UPPER SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

**SCIENCE FAIR RESULTS:** We are very proud of our Science Fair winners in the Upper School. We are especially grateful to those who sacrificed their time to serve on the panel of judges: Dr. Ana Vallor, Dr.

Flor de Maria Garcia-Wukowitz, Dr. Carla Whittaker, Dr. Seab Smith, Dr. Chad Hivnor, Dr. Martin Sablik, Dr. Jorge Guell, Dr. Christopher Pierce, Mr. Fred Darling, Mr. Zachary Adian, Dr. David Starkey, Dr. Robert Miranda, Mrs. Celia Keller, and Mrs. Monica Shafer.

We thank Dr. Michael Vallor, Department Chair of the Science Department for his tremendous work with our students, as well as the other members of the faculty who teach science.

- In 9<sup>th</sup> Grade, 1<sup>st</sup> Place went to John Karako, for "The Effects of Different Quenchants on the Integrity of Welds." Mariana Garcia took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Daniel Henriquez took 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- In 10<sup>th</sup> Grade, 1<sup>st</sup> Place went to Abigail Brady, studying "How Dimethyltryptamine Could Affect Obsessive Compulsive Patients: A Meta-analysis." Luke Griego took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Meg McDonough took 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.

- In 11<sup>th</sup> Grade, 1<sup>st</sup> Place went to Ana Henriquez, studying "The Effect of Differing Amounts of Caffeine on the Regeneration Rate and Stem Cell Production in *Lumbriculus variegatus*." Mary Henriquez took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, and Jessica Tuholsky took 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- In 12<sup>th</sup> Grade, 1<sup>st</sup> Place was a tie, and went to Melody Logsdon for "The Effect of Sleep Deprivation on Adult Hippocampal Neurogenesis in Mice," and sharing the 1<sup>st</sup> Place was Jonathon DuBois, studying "The Result of Air Pressure on a Projectile Launched From a Rail-Gun." Rachel Weems and Sierra Chauvin rounded out the judges' awards.

There were many Honorable Mentions from the judges' panel in each of the grade levels.

We look forward to another great year at the Archdiocesan competition, as well as the ARASE (Alamo Regional Science and Engineering Fair). Six entries from the academy are participating this weekend at ARASE: Ana Henriquez, Daniel Henriquez, Luke Cannon, along with three of our Middle scholars: Aditi Singh, Maria Torres, and Asa Waterman.