

# The Crusader Times



WEEKLY NEWS FROM THE ATONEMENT ACADEMY

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*All three of our 2nd grade classes studied the life cycle of butterflies. Here Miss Oliveros' class sets free the adult "Painted Lady" butterflies they studied from eggs to caterpillars to chrysalis to adult butterflies.*

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION MATTERS

Christmas will be about Christ's birth. Easter will be about His Resurrection. Lent will be a time of penance. Advent will be a time of preparation. Holy days of obligation will involve going to Mass. We pray with our children at the usual times—bedtime and mealtime. But we also try to remember to pray throughout the day, when we see an ambulance, when one of the boys notices something special in nature, or when we avoid a close call on the beltway. In Catholic school, they'll say morning prayers, Grace, maybe even the Angelus. I remember well how when the Challenger exploded, our principal came onto the loudspeaker to lead us in prayer. When tragedy occurs, I hope my children will turn to God.

—R. Buettner, *The Catholic Review*

## Upcoming...

- MAY 19: Spring Concert, Grades 6-12, 6:30 pm
- MAY 20: Spring Awards, after 9:20 Mass (Gym)
- MAY 21: MS Athletic Banquet, 6:30-8:30 (Hall)
- MAY 26: Faculty / Staff Appreciation Dinner, 6:30pm
- MAY 28: US Athletic Banquet, 6:30pm (Hall)
- MAY 29: Spring Concert (PK-K) & K Graduation, 2pm (Hall)
- MAY 29-June 2: Half Day Dismissals/Exams
- JUNE 1: Spring Concert (Gr 1-2), 2pm (Hall)
- JUNE 2: PTC Student Fun Day, 8am-12noon
- JUNE 3: Field Day and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade vs. Faculty Volleyball Game
- JUNE 4: Senior Baccalaureate Mass, 6pm and Banquet (Hall)
- JUNE 5: Evensong, 7pm and Senior Commencement, June 5 (Hall)
- JUNE 6: Mass of Thanksgiving, 10am and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation
- JUNE 9: Academy Book & Uniform Exchange, 10am-2pm (Gym)

## *Nota Bene / Note Well:*

- **LOST & FOUND:** Please check the "Lost and Found" areas in the locker room, outside of the gym, and near the front office for textbooks and uniforms as well as other personal items. After June 3, these items will be considered abandoned and will be sold at the Book Exchange to benefit the school.
- **PARKER UNIFORM SALE:** "Flash Sale" May 19-24 — Take 25% off any ONE item (in-Store merchandise only).



## Crusader Power!

The Crusader Athletic Department is proud to announce its **Strength and Conditioning** program which began on May 4<sup>th</sup>. MS student athletes who will represent the Academy in the upcoming school year will utilize their PE classes to begin their individualized strength and conditioning programs.

The Atonement Academy has a cutting edge weight room and a knowledgeable and experienced staff dedicated to our students. They will assist them in acquiring the proper skills and techniques necessary to maximize their strength and conditioning experience while keeping in mind their developmental restrictions.

This program, which includes both MS and US students, will continue into the summer months. Beginning June 12, 2015 the facilities will be available M-F from 9am until Noon and overseen by Coach Brady Hand. Returning US athletes who want to get an early start on their programs can stop by the athletic office for details. For more information please call Mr. Johansen at the school or email him at [ejohansen@atonementonline.com](mailto:ejohansen@atonementonline.com).



### Crusaders Varsity Baseball Team takes 2<sup>nd</sup> Place at the TCAL Division 2A Baseball State Tournament.

The Varsity boys made many memories and learned valuable lessons this past weekend about teamwork, dedication, and a taste of championship caliber of play. Our young men represented The Atonement Academy proudly in the State Championship game, and we are proud to announce that we came in second! The boys played through rain and lightning delays with constant distractions at the complex.

For some this was the last opportunity to wear the Crusader uniform — we thank our seniors Gerald Potter, Garrett Holden, Gabriel Kulla, Daniel Rosa, and Gabriel Reiber for their commitment to be a part of the foundation of our Crusader Sports programming. Go Crusaders!

#### SPORTS PHOTOS SOUGHT

Do you have photos taken during athletic games throughout the year? If so, please either email them to Coach Garcia at [egarcia@atonementonline.com](mailto:egarcia@atonementonline.com), or leave a thumb drive at the front office and it will be returned to you within 24 hours. Please leave your contact information so the drive can be returned to you quickly. We are looking specifically for Middle and Upper School game pictures.



### MS Boys' Baseball Team

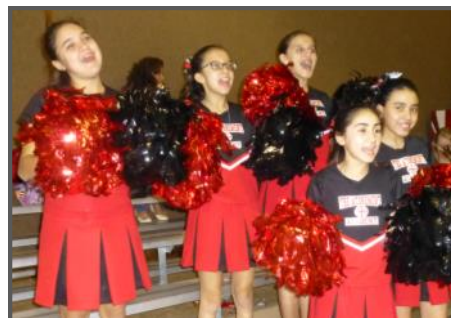
### Wins CITY Championship!

Congratulations to our **Middle School Boys' Baseball Team** who won the City Championship - Division 1 trophy! The team was coached by Dr. Stephen Planchet and Mr. Fred Sanchez as well as Mr. Sal Martinez.

Standout **Nicolas Planchet** was selected by the league to play in the ISAL Showcase All-Star Baseball Game. There were about 18 players selected from ISAL Teams and surrounding schools, and we are proud that Nicolas was selected to represent The Atonement Academy. Nicolas pitched in the All-Star Game, played short-stop and centerfield. He went 2-3, driving in 2 RBIs and helping his team to a 8-2 victory.

It was quite an honor —and an achievement for our school — for an Atonement Player to be asked to the All-Star game. Congratulations, Nicolas!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL PEP SQUAD



The Athletic Department is looking for a qualified sponsor to lead our Middle School Pep Squad during the 2015 – 2016 school year. Applicants must pass a background

check and have cheer experience. The time period for the position runs from August to January and is a stipend position.

Interested candidates may contact Coach Johansen at [ejohansen@atonementonline.com](mailto:ejohansen@atonementonline.com), or Coach Garcia at [egarcia@atonementonline.com](mailto:egarcia@atonementonline.com).

# NHS Volunteers

## at The SA Food Bank



On Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, the NHS advisor Mrs. Prochko took twenty Atonement Academy Upper School students and two Academy parents to volunteer at the Food Bank from 1pm- 3:30pm. The students had the opportunity to sort frozen food in the freezer, at a balmy 38 degrees Fahrenheit! The students looked for expiration dates, threw away opened packages, and sorted the food according to type. The goal for the afternoon shift was 12,000+ pounds of food, yet the afternoon shift (including our students!) completed over 15,000 pounds of sorted food. Congratulations to our Academy students! Over 11,000 meals will be provided with the food sorted on that one afternoon.

The San Antonio Food Bank provides food and grocery products to more than 500 partner agencies in 16 counties throughout Southwest Texas. In FY2013, the San Antonio Food Bank provided nearly 50 million pounds of food. The mission of the SAFB is to fight hunger in Southwest Texas through food distribution, programs, education, and advocacy.

## CLASS OF 2015 UPDATE

We are very proud of our largest senior class in the history of the academy, 32 graduating students. All have been accepted for 4-year institutions.

Here is a list of college acceptances for our Academy senior class (if more than one, that number is in parenthesis): Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, MI ▪ Baylor University (4) ▪ Benedictine College, Atchison, KS (2) ▪ CAP program at UTSA (4) ▪ Creighton University, Omaha, NE (2) ▪ Franciscan University, Steubenville, OH (2) ▪ Hillsdale College, MI (2) ▪ Hofstra University, Long Island, NY ▪ John Paul the Great Catholic University, Escondido, CA ▪ King's College, Wilkes-Barra, PA ▪ Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI ▪ Maryville University, St. Louis, MO ▪ Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls ▪ Mount St Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD ▪ Newman University, Wichita, KS ▪ Our Lady of the Lake University (3) ▪ Our Lady Seat of Wisdom, Barry's Bay, Ontario, Canada ▪ Rhodes College, Memphis, TN ▪ Schreiner University, Kerrville ▪ Southern Methodist University, Dallas ▪ Southwestern University, Georgetown (2) ▪ St. Edward's University, Austin (2) ▪ St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO (2) ▪ St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN (2) ▪ St. Mary's University (2) ▪ Texas A&M University, College Station (5) ▪ Texas A&M University, Galveston ▪ Texas Christian University, Fort Worth (2) ▪ Texas State University, San Marcos (7) ▪ Thomas More College, Crestview Hills, KY ▪ Trinity University ▪ University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS ▪ University of North Texas, Denton ▪ University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA ▪ University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK ▪ University of St. Andrew's, St Andrews, Fife, Scotland ▪ University of Texas, Austin (2) ▪ University of Texas, San Antonio (17) ▪ University of the Incarnate Word (3) ▪ University of Dallas, Irving (7).

## THE ATONEMENT ACADEMY: FACILITIES UPDATE



You may have noticed that we are adding dozens of trees to the periphery of Crusader Field. This is not just to create shade for the spectators in the bleachers and players in the dugouts, though that is a big plus for those using the field. The City has made tree planting the number one issue in regard to our platting of this section of our property.

Several years ago, in order to move ahead on the field, we decided then to get it done without having to wait for all of the permissions associated with platting the property. Now, we are ready to change its status. If we don't have it platted, we

can't get electricity to the concession stand, and eventually, work toward our goal of lights on the field and a score board. Those have always been our long-term goals.

The tree purchase and placement, installing of railroad ties to make level areas, and the bringing in of soil and grass, inter alia, will be an expense approaching \$30,000.00. This is an investment in our athletic program and a benefit to hundreds of students and parents, and we thank you for your continued generosity.