

The Crusader Times



WEEKLY NEWS FROM THE ATONEMENT ACADEMY

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"Catholic schools, which always strive to join their work of education with the explicit proclamation of the Gospel, are a most valuable resource for the evangelization of culture." Pope Francis (Evangelii Gaudium / The Gospel of Joy)

CATHOLIC EDUCATION MATTERS

We want our boys to want to serve. Maybe they'll make sandwiches for the food pantry, or collect nickels and dimes for people locally and overseas who have less. Whatever they do, I hope they'll know that we serve not because of some vague notion of giving back and gratitude to some nameless entity, but because we follow the One who showed us how to give and serve by giving His life for His friends and enemies—and called us to do the same. - R. Buettner, *The Catholic Review*.

Upcoming...

- 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 8th 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 8th 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.
- **MEDICATIONS:** Parents should pick up their child's medications in the health office. After the last day of school (June 3), the medicine will be destroyed!
- **GROUP PHOTOS:** View group photos online at : <http://crdigital.photorelect.com/store/thumbpage.aspx?e=9578560> . Envelopes will go home tomorrow for your orders if you prefer to order by check!

2015-2016 Academic Calendar for The Atonement Academy

We know our families are trying to make their plans, so this tentative calendar comes to you for your planning purposes. (We are still waiting confirmation of all dates by the Catholic Schools Office — as are most other schools!)

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>
School Orientation	Tuesday, August 11, 2015
New Family Orientation	Tuesday, August 11, 2015
First Day of School	Wednesday, August 12, 2015
Labor Day	Monday, September 07, 2015
1/2 Day	Friday, September 18, 2015
King's Fair	Saturday, September 19, 2015
No School - P/T Conferences	Friday, September 25, 2015
End of 1st Quarter	Friday, October 09, 2015
1/2 Day - Prof. Development	Friday, October 09, 2015
Annual Gala	Saturday, October 24, 2015
Awards Ceremony	Wednesday, October 28, 2015
Grandparents'/All Saints' Day	Friday, October 30, 2015
Fall Break Begins	Monday, November 16, 2015
Thanksgiving Break Begins	Wednesday, November 25, 2015
Classes Resume	Monday, November 30, 2015
Grades 3-5 Concert	Friday, December 04, 2015
MS and US Concert	Friday, December 11, 2015
Pre-K and K Concert	Tuesday, December 15, 2015
Grades 1 and 2 Concert	Wednesday, December 16, 2015
Mid-term Exams	12/15/15 - 12/17/15
End of 2nd Quarter	Friday, December 18, 2015
Christmas Break Begins	Monday, December 21, 2015
Priority Registration Begins	Sunday, January 03, 2016
Classes Resume	Monday, January 04, 2016
No School - MLK Jr. Day	Monday, January 18, 2016
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday, February 10, 2016
No School - Presidents' Day	Monday, February 15, 2016
End of the 3rd Quarter	Friday, March 04, 2016
Good Friday	Friday, March 25, 2016
Easter Break Begins	Monday, March 28, 2016
Classes Resume	Monday, April 04, 2016
No School - Battle of Flowers Parade	Friday, April 22, 2016
No School - Memorial Day	Monday, May 30, 2016
Pre-K and K Graduation	Tuesday, May 31, 2016
Final Exams	5/31/16 - 6/2/16
LS Last Day	Wednesday, June 01, 2016
8th Grade Mass and Graduation	Wednesday, June 01, 2016
Grades 1 and 2 Concert	Wednesday, June 01, 2016
Baccalaureate and Dinner	Thursday, June 02, 2016
Evensong and Commencement	Friday, June 03, 2016
Book Exchange	Wednesday, June 08, 2016

News from the Athletics Department

Middle School Athletic Banquet

Last Thursday, the Athletic Department held its annual athletic banquet. It was night to celebrate team and individual achievements. Each team awarded two athletes with a Character Award and a Most Valuable Player Award. A list of the winners can be found on www.atonementsports.org.

The Athletic Department also recognized student athletes who participated in three or more sports. Regretfully, we did make a mistake and would like to correctly recognize the athletes.

Three Sport Athletes

6th Grade – Asa Waterman

6th Grade – Mia Robles

7th Grade – Kathleen Morrow

8th Grade – Maria Pecha

8th Grade – Nicolas Planchet

Four Sport Athletes

6th Grade – Thorne Christianson

6th Grade – Thomas Christianson

7th Grade – Fernanda Guizar Silva

This brings our total number of three or more sport athletes to a record twenty-two! Congratulation Crusaders!

Middle School PE Shirt

A new middle school PE shirt has recently been approved to be used this coming fall. Our middle school students will no longer wear the red PE shirt, currently used in the lower school. They will now have their own distinctive grey shirt. The shirts will be available for sale beginning in June.

Upper School Awards Banquet

The Upper School awards banquet date has changed from Thursday to Wednesday, May 27th. This date change will allow students to concentrate on their finals, which begin on Friday, May 29th. RSVP cards with payment must be turned in by Tuesday, May 26th at noon. Our dinner will be catered by Maggianos.

Pep Squad

The Athletic Department is proud to announce the hiring of our new Pep Squad Sponser, Leah Kozubek. Mrs. Kozubek is a parishioner and has a Kindergarten son, Nathan, enrolled in The Atonement Academy. Mrs. Kozubek joins the department with five years of dance experience and five years of cheer experience. Please join us in welcoming her to the department.

Fourth Grade Girls Visit Science Labs



Mrs. Czech 's girls accepted the hospitality of Dr. Vallor and visited the science labs to dissect several frogs. The girls did a great job!



MS Boys' Baseball Team Correction!

Correction: Our City Champions were coached by Stephen Planchet, Fred Sanchez, Carlos Cuellar, and Jeff Skokan.

We apologize to the latter two hardworking dads who were inadvertently misidentified in last week's Crusader Times. Thanks to those who brought the error to our attention!