As we approach the end of the semester, we also are making some changes at The Atonement Academy. For one, Deacon Michael D’Agostino will be joining our staff as the Business Manager, and Mrs. Yolanda Joiner will be the Admissions Director as well as Registrar. Mr. Robert Ott will be the Director of Development. In addition, Mrs. Janet Mefrige will remain with us part-time and will manage our academic contests (PSIA and TCAL).

Lastly, Mrs. Mary Havel informed us that she will resign effective December 31st. Mrs. Havel has devoted many talents to The Atonement Academy since 2005, first as a parent, then a teacher, then as part of our management and administration. Please join me in wishing her well.

As we begin Advent, I wish you every blessing of this holy season.

—Mr. Markovetz

Upcoming Events

Dec. 4-18: Chores for Charity (LS Service Project)

Wed. Dec. 6 —St. Nicholas Day Celebrations, 2:15
—Christmas Concert, Grades 3-5, 6:30 pm

Fri. Dec. 8 —Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

Sun. Dec. 10 —Nine Lessons and Carols, 4 pm

Mon. Dec. 11 —December Birthday Celebrations, LS only, 2:30 pm

Thurs. Dec. 14 —MS/US Christmas Concert, 6:30 pm

Sat. Dec. 16 —Book Fair at Barnes & Noble (p.9)

Sun. Dec. 17 —Pancake Breakfast after morning Masses

December 18-20: Exams for MS/US. Early Dismissal for Entire School

Mon. Dec. 18 —PreK & K Christmas Concert after Mass

Tues. Dec. 19 —Gr 1 & 2 Christmas Concert after Mass

Christmas Break for Students: Dec. 21-Jan. 1

Tues. Jan. 2 —Classes Resume

SPORTS on p. 3 and always at www.atonementsports.org

Mindful of the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima apparitions, Miss Donohue shared this: Ashley Meyering researched St. Jacinta (her report and paper doll are in the background). The LEGO creation she came up with on her own, without being asked— it is a little scene of the Our Lady of Fatima appearing to the children, who are praying with their faces to the ground. So creative, and appropriate for the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions! Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for Us!
Parish Information

Fr. Mark Lewis, Pastor
Fr. Jeffery Moore, Parochial Vicar
Fr. Christopher Phillips, Pastor Emeritus & Founder

Sunday Masses
7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6 p.m. (Latin)

Saturday Mass
10:00 a.m., followed by Confessions

Daily Masses
7:00 a.m., 9:10 a.m. & 12 noon

For information on becoming a parishioner, having a Mass said, making arrangements for the Sacraments or other matters, contact Mr. Patrick Zuberbueler, Parish Office Manager at 695-2944.

Nota Bene / Note Well:

- **DID YOU KNOW:** The piazza is the open air plaza between the new high school building and the middle/lower school. It was designed as a space for students and families to gather, and as such it is not engineered or structured for parking.

- **PIAZZA TO CLOSE AFTER SCHOOL:** Beginning Friday, December 8, the piazza will close to traffic on school days at 5:00 pm. Please use the north parking lot adjacent to the church to park and pick up children if you will be on campus after 5:00 pm.

- **SHARE YOUR GREAT PICS!** If you have great photos of anything happening on campus, please share them with us! Send a few at a time to marketing@atonementonline.com. This issue includes photos from Mrs. Wendtland, Mrs. Christianson, Mrs. Tovar Sepulveda, Mrs. Prochko, Father Phillips, Mrs. Lizama, Mrs. Weems, Mrs. Terri Garza, the Ku family, Mrs. Mefrige, and Miss Donohue. THANK YOU!

Getting to Know…Mrs. Treviño

Born and raised in Mexico, Susana Trevino attended a boarding school in Massachusetts, graduated from Trinity University, and later earned her masters degree from the University of Phoenix.

Mrs. Trevino has been at The Atonement Academy for 22 years, first as a volunteer Spanish teacher (for 15 years), and then later became an employee, teaching Latin in the Lower School.

Mrs. Trevino says she is grateful to Atonement for reinforcing her Catholic beliefs. She is especially thankful that the parish “helped us as parents-- as we were bringing up our kids-- to teach them to be people of faith. If all they learn is to be good, charitable, kind people of faith, I think we are on the right track!” She loves making a difference in the lives of her students. And she makes a huge difference in the lives of the entire parish community, too.

She and her husband Jaime have been married 31 years, and their three children attended The Atonement Academy. They are the proud grandparents of two grandsons.
Atonement Athletics

MS & US Sports for the Week
From Mr. Dakotah Vidal

Here are the events for the rest of this week and a recap of last week’s basketball.

Wednesday- Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Cole HS
  HOME- 4:30 pm

Thursday- Girls MS B team B-ball vs. Concordia
  AWAY 4:00 pm
  - Girls MS A Team B-ball vs. Concordia
    AWAY 5:00 pm
  - Boys MS B Team b-ball vs. Concordia
    AWAY 6:00 pm
  - Boys Ms A Team b-ball vs. Concordia
    AWAY 7:00 pm
  - Mens Varsity Soccer vs. FEAST
    HOME 4:00 pm

Friday and Saturday- Boys MS Soccer
  St. Anthony Tournament (Tentative)

This past weekend we had our Girls and Boys MS A Teams in Basketball and our Girls Varsity basketball teams compete in the FEAST Patriots Invitational. Our MS girls fought hard and were 2-2 on the weekend. Our Varsity girls played hard but came up short with all four games losses. The MS boys were 3-1 on the weekend and fought hard to get 3rd place out of 10 teams. This was a strong tournament with select and club level teams. All of our teams fought hard. Although not every team came home with wins, all teams came out stronger and learned a few things about themselves individually and as teams.

The Texas Christian Athletic League
2017 All-State 6-Man Football Div. 1 Selections Announced

From Mr. Estevan Vasquez
Director of Athletics

It is a pleasure to announce that The Atonement Academy was well-represented in the recent TCAL All-State Football Selections.

Our student-athletes will have the opportunity to compete in the All-Star game in the spring against other stellar athletes from our league.

This is special for The Atonement Academy Football program, as it is another step forward and helps build a solid foundation for our developing sports program.

Please join me in congratulating these scholar-athletes!

Overall OFFENSE
1st Team- Travis Prochko
2nd Team- Gabe Prochko

Overall DEFENSE
2nd Team- Noah Mast

By Position:

Honorable Mention at Center- Thorne Christianson

Honorable Mention at Quarterback/Spreadback- Thomas Christianson and Nolan Goff

Nominated for Coach of the Year- Mr. Dakotah Vidal
Middle and High School Winter Tennis Camp

When:   Monday, December 18th
        Tuesday, December 19th
        Wednesday, December 20th

Open exclusively to Middle and Upper School Students.

Time: 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Cost: $120 (all three days)

Where: The Northside Tennis Center,
       12045 Leslie Road, Helotes TX 210-398-1800

Conducted by
Tennis Pros
Jay Govan
NISD Tennis Director
Chelsea Horan
Assistant Director
Victor Martinez
Crusader Tennis Coach
victor-2.martinez@nisd.net

REGISTRATION
Adult & Community Education
(210) 397-8100

*Please Register by Thursday, December 14th
https://nisd.net/athletics/tennis
*Bring Snack
*Bring a Friend
The Atonement Academy
Family Pancake Breakfast
sponsored by The Atonement Academy Booster Club

You and your family are invited to a Pancake Breakfast on December 17th after 7:30a, 9:00a & 11:00a Mass in St. Anthony Hall.

Adult plates: $8.00 pancakes (2), sausage (2), biscuit (1) & drink
Child’s plate: $4.00 (pancake, biscuit, fruit and drink)
Family style plates: $30.00 (8 pancakes, 4 sausage, 6 biscuits & 5 drinks)
Desserts and drinks (coffee, milk, juice & water) available for purchase

All proceeds go to the Crusader Athletic Department.

Pre-sale tickets sold after Mass on December 2nd and are available at the door. Bring a toy or box of diapers and get a photo opportunity with Santa (all toys & diapers will be donated to the St. Gianna Molla Pro-Life club).
The Atonement Academy prepares for the celebration of Christ’s birth with special attention to the penitential nature of the liturgical season. Whether students are completing an assignment or preparing for Christmas concerts and special activities such as *La Posada* (the re-enactment of the journey of Mary & Joseph to Bethlehem, seeking refuge in an inn) or *Chores for Charity* (an effort by LS students to do extra chores to raise funds for the less fortunate), teachers remind students that the Advent season prepares the way for the Lord to come into our hearts in a special way.

Although commercialism abounds around us, we seek to keep attention on preparations for Jesus’ birth, using Advent colors and Joshua trees as much as possible. Of course, preparations for the Christmas concerts and St. Nicholas’s visit on December 6th add a festive notes to the atmosphere, too!
Paperback Pizza is a reading group comprised of US students only who get together with a facilitator to discuss a popular book while enjoying lunch together. We were glad to see some of our students succeed in stepping away from their very busy schedule to meet for lunch and participate in this book discussion.

The book title Master and Commander by Patrick O’Brian is a well known series of Jack Aubrey novels. This series tells a story of the friendship between Captain Aubrey and Stephen Maturin who is not only the ship’s surgeon but an intelligence agent. From the accomplishments and struggles of the crew to the intrigue on the seas, you won’t be disappointed as you follow every adventure of Captain Aubrey.

St. John Paul II Library would like to express our appreciation to Mr. Chris Wendtland who facilitated the book discussion. Mr. Wendtland expressed how much he really enjoyed meeting with The Atonement Academy students and that he is looking forward to working with them again in the future. It is our hope that through additional activities such as this we can continue to inspire students to become even more passionate about reading!

Our focus this week - scholarship applications. Below are some pointers to help with the scholarship application process.

1. **READ** all directions **BEFORE** completing any scholarship.
2. Make a copy of your scholarship application to work on. This way your final copy (or online copy) will not have errors.
3. If you need recommendation letters, **ASK** as soon as possible and at least three weeks before your deadline. Individuals you select to write recommendation letters are busy and want to do a superior job for you. Give them the time to do so.
4. Remember, your recommender may say “No.” Make sure you have at least three people you would like to ask. This way you can go to the next person if the first one says they do not have the time to write your letter.
5. If you need a transcript, see Mrs. Robertson.
6. **NEVER pay for scholarships**...those are SCAMS!
7. **Always** research your scholarships! Are they from groups with which you wish to be associated? What are your requirements for the scholarship application and letter?
8. Make sure what you are applying for is what it says it is.
9. Ask your parents to review any scholarship application before applying.

**Additional Resources**

**For seniors:**
From College Board - [Scholarship Partners and Programs](#) - for details about College Board scholarship partners connected to the PSAT/NMSQT and PSAT [hsf.net](#) - scholarship opportunities for Hispanic American scholars.

**For juniors:**
[https://coolidgescholars.org/](https://coolidgescholars.org/)
Opportunity for a full-ride scholarship to the college of their choice in the United States.

**Any 9th - 12th grade student:** [www.raise.me](#)
2nd Qtr Book Club

Great Illustrated Classics
A Christmas Carol
By Charles Dickens
Adapted by
By Malvina G. Vogel
BL: 5.3 - AR Pts: 3.0
Quiz #85721

Limited to first 20 Students

Book Review/Discussion Movie
Date/Time: Dec. 8th 3:10 – 5:00pm
Who is invited? The first 20
4th and 5th Grade Students to sign up!
(Teachers have permission slips)

Where can you find it?
Amazon Kindle
Amazon Paperback
School Library (3)
B&N (new and used)
Biblio.com
Ebay
DMCA (ebook)
Discover Books

ALSO OUR BOOK FAIR
THEME DEC 16TH!
The Atonement Academy
St. John Paul II Library

Book Fair Fundraiser!
Saturday, Dec. 16th, 12:00pm
Barnes & Noble 11711 Bandera Rd.
Voucher #12258695

• See our school choir perform! @1:00pm & 3:00pm
• Enjoy reading time for younger visitors @1:30pm

A percentage of all online and in store purchases count!

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by entering Bookfair ID # 12258695 at checkout.
Soon, the city of San Antonio will unveil its new 311 app and an Atonement graduate is one of the driving forces behind it all. Twenty-seven-year-old Eduardo Bravo, who graduated in 2010, cofounded a startup company called Cityflag. The company was chosen by the city to design the app, which will be used as a hotline for residents to request services or report problems such as potholes or graffiti. Users will also be able to check the status of service requests, report problems, view other requests submitted for a particular area, and even get badges for their engagement.

Bravo says he’s still raising capital for the company, which is rapidly expanding to other cities across the U.S. and Mexico. Bravo travels to Mexico City at least twice month, but took a few minutes out of his busy day to answer a few of our questions.

Where did you graduate from college?
I earned my BBA in International Business from the University of Incarnate Word

How did The Atonement prepare you for college and the real world?
Even though I only went to Atonement for my senior year, I learned a lot. I had moved from Mexico City and learning English was a challenge. Teachers and students were always very helpful. Atonement helped me strengthen my Catholic faith, and this has always been very important to me.

Plans for the future?
I will grow my business into a multi-million dollar venture. I also want to go to a top graduate school in Europe or the US for an MBA. And of course, I want to get married and start a family.

Any time for hobbies? If so, what are they?
I train for triathlons and I try to stay competitive in my age group. I am planning on doing my 3rd half Ironman next year and a 6-mile swim in open water.

If a current student at Atonement asked you for advice, what would you tell them?
Follow your dreams and be very patient and optimistic. Work very, very, hard for what you want.
And finally, always stay in touch with your friends.

Interested in Trail Life or American Heritage Girls?
Check Us Out This Weekend!

Saturday night, the Trail Life Scouts and American Heritage Girls will be camping out in St. Nicholas Field! They will start gathering around 3:30pm on Friday afternoon.

Mr. Chris Wendtland will be the point man for the campout weekend (210-606-3535). If you are not a member of either organization, this would be a great time to bring your sons and daughters and come and check it out.

The scouts will campout and cookout and then attend Mass together on Sunday morning. Last year, Fr. Phillips came out and told the kids several stories about the parish history, and we spoke a lot about Christmas. It is one of the favorite events for the scouts, and this will be our third annual Advent campout. Come join us!
La Posada (featuring LS students) on Friday evening, all photos except #3 and #8.
3. Ethne White and Nolan Goff on the dance floor at the Upper School Winter Dance. 8. Miss Spalding teaching some of the upper school girls to line dance.