

THE CRUSADER TIMES

THE ATONEMENT ACADEMY

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"Fides et Ratio"

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International Festival Preparations

Lower school teachers and students have been busy going around the world this week! Classes have gone global as students learn about the terrain, economy, culture and climate of a variety of countries. The Atonement Academy community is invited to help wrap up the week with an International Festival on Friday from six until eight in the evening. Atonement Academy grades PK through 5 are showcasing Mexico, Canada, Spain, Argentina, Costa Rica, Italy, Ireland, Luxembourg, Malta, Greece, Brazil, France, and the United Kingdom. Plan on exploring the world with an hour or two on Red Robin Road on Friday evening. *All are welcome!*



A Chinese dragon on the prowl!

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 16: International Festival (PK—Gr. 5), 6-8 pm
- April 17: Upper School Dance
- April 18: Third Graders Guest Choir at the 9:00 Mass. Reception in the Fountain Courtyard
- April 20: Parent Information Night, Common Rm at 7 pm
- April 22: Birthday Observances, PK-Gr 5
- April 22: Athletic Banquet (MS & US), Gym from 6:30-8:30
- April 23: Battle of Flowers Holiday (no classes)
- May 26: AR Deadline

SEE SCHOOL WEBSITE

FOR COMPLETE CALENDAR

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

Use our general e-mail : info@atonementonline.com

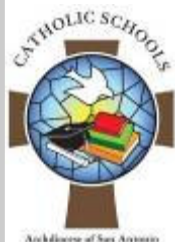
We check it daily and someone will correspond as soon as possible!



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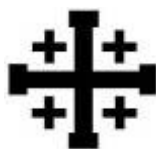


One of America's Top 50 Catholic High Schools



OUR MISSION

At The Atonement Academy we strive for excellence in the physical, the intellectual, and the spiritual virtues through a challenging course of classical and Catholic education.



Nota Bene — Note Well:

- **AR PROGRAM GOALS:** The deadline for fourth quarter AR goals is May 26, 2010.
- **2010-2011 ENROLLMENT:** We have received over 500 applications to date and have moved to a waiting list for grades K, 1 & 2.
- **ENROLLMENT FEE** will increase from \$600 to \$700 on May 3! If you are planning to re-enroll, now is the time to do so!
- **THIRD GRADERS ARE THE GUEST CHOIR THIS SUNDAY!** Parents and friends are invited to hear the third grade class contribute their voices to the Holy Mass at 9 am on Sunday. Students should arrive by 8:30 and families are encouraged to bring a baked treat to share in the courtyard after Mass.



Working on the Yearbook

Students plan the 2009-2010 yearbook with editor Maria King (center): freshman Taylor Johnson and sophomores Austin Prochko and Monica King. Senior Katherine Wright reviews yearbook material in the background. Don't neglect to send your photos for potential inclusion in the yearbook! You may send two or three at a time (as jpg files) to info@atonementonline.com. (Unfortunately, digital photos from cell phones are too low in resolution to use in the yearbook.)

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Our academic awards ceremony for the third quarter was held recently and we inadvertently omitted a high achiever:

Thomas C. Foulk, 5th Grade.

Please help us congratulate this young scholar!



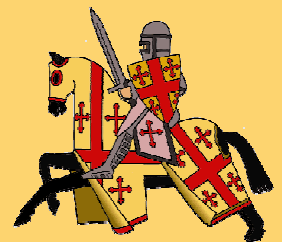
Seniors Cooper Johnston, Joe McDonough, and Tanios BouOnk receive their last honor roll awards at Academy ceremonies. Cooper received a Gold Arrow and Joe and Tanios received Silver Arrows.

CRUSER TO STATE!

Patrick Crusier represented The Atonement Academy in the TAPPS State Academic Tournament in Austin on April 10. Results will be forthcoming!

ATHLETICS NEWS

- FOOTBALL SPRING TRAINING has begun. We welcome Coach Rodriguez and his assistant, Coach Miguel.
- LS/MS baseball season officially began April 10 — It is a joy to be on our own fields! See Edline for the schedules for Lower School and Middle School Crusaders.
- The Athletic department is in need of volunteers to help coordinate field day activities. Please e-mail Coach Zapata if you are interested via e-mail dzapata@atonementonline.com.
- See page 8 for information regarding The Atonement Academy Athletic Banquet on April 22, 2010 from 6:30 until 8:30. Deadline April 16th! dzapata@atonementonline.com.
- GOLF TEAM NEWS: Cooper Johnston, Javier Arbona, Austin Prochko, and Timothy Lee participated in the District Golf Tournament at Brenham Country Club on Monday, April 12th. All the participants scored their best scores of the season. Our goal of individual improvement was met by every participant, which gives us something to work towards next year. Way to go boys!
- TRACK MEET NEWS: Congratulations to the following student-athletes on yet another successful performance on April 10: Annie Kennedy 2nd place in the 3200m and 5th place in the 1600m run; Sarah Spalding: 1st 200M dash, 2nd long jump, 2nd 100M dash, 4th 400M dash; Ruthanne Reiley: 1st Shot Put, 1st Discus.



The Atonement Academy Parent Teacher Club presents
An Academy Information Night
For all Academy and Parish Families

Tuesday, April 20, 7:00 pm, Common Room

Academy parents, please join us for a special information night next Tuesday evening, April 20, at 7:00 pm in the Common Room. The highlight of the program will be a “State of the School” presentation by our pastor Father Phillips and our headmaster Ralph Johnston. This presentation will discuss the current status and future strategic planning for our academy. This program will present some important new information that will be of interest to many in our parish and school community.

In recent months, the academy administrative team, in consultation with the School Council and with the assistance of an architect, has done some significant strategic planning for the future growth and ultimate size of our school. This planning has addressed enrollment, academics, athletics, and site constraints, and has defined our need for additional facilities. The presentation by Father Phillips and Mr. Johnston will summarize this recent work and will present the future plans. This will be the first time that much of this information has been presented outside of the administrative team and School Council. Father Phillips and the leadership of the school and PTC felt that it was important to make this information widely available.

In addition to the presentation on the state of the school, there will be some PTC business, including volunteer recognition and an opportunity to participate in the nomination of PTC officers for next year.

Students are welcome to attend, though the program is unlikely to hold the interest of students younger than around 5th grade. Child care will be available for younger children.

The PTC will have a few door prizes. Y’all come.

Scene On Campus

Baseball has begun —
on our own field of dreams!



Brendan Murray following cues from Coach Raul Perez.



David Sommers with his eye on the ball!

Baseball season began with April 10 games on our new athletic fields. The Pre-K/Kinder team opened the day with a win against a St. Gregory's. The 3rd Grade team played next and defeated St. Francis. The 4th/5th Grade team played a tough game against St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. The final game of the day had the MS Boys open their season against St. Luke's. Download schedules from Edline and bring the family for some fun!



Eighth grade girls love to ham it up! L-R: Angie Gutierrez, Hannah Alvarez, Alexandra Crawford, and Britny Vale.

Little Michelangelos



Second graders Andres Casillas and Renzi Lacson work on drawing taped to the bottom of their desks to get an idea of what it was like to be Michelangelo and work on your back!

MAD SCIENCE? Pig Dissections!

Seventh grade scientists work on porcine specimens: Right, Nick Orta and below (L-R) Adam Gallegos, Gerald Potter, and Garrett Holden.



ANNUAL PENNY WAR

2010 AMOUNT RAISED:

\$3,774.94

Thank You So Much! We appreciate your generosity!

1st Place

Sixth Grade Boys (Pizza Party!)

2nd Place

Mrs. Elias's Kindergarten Class

3rd Place

Mrs. Kennedy's Second Grade

Top Administrator: Sister Mary Margaret

FITNESS FOR PENNIES

The Athletic Department conducted **Fitness for Pennies** and raised a total of **\$1,243.75** during four days to help raise funds our sister school in the Holy Land.

TOTAL RAISED: \$5,018.69

Thank you for all your support!

Ninth Grade Biology Joins AP Biology on UTHSC Field Trip



Kayla Darvin and Alejandro Oliveros get specifics on a heart with Dr. Weaker.

Dr. Vallor's 9th grade and AP Biology students visited the UTHSC-SA on April 14. They spent the better part of the day with Dr. Weaker, head of the Anatomy Department. They focused on specimens from the department of cellular and structural biology and learned more about the circulatory and skeletal systems. They were able to examine real human bones and hearts (plastinated, in which water in the cells is replaced by plastic, so there was no need for gloves).



Karlee Moore and Andrea Garza examine human bones.



Robert Dinkins found a buddy!



Tessa Baker and Elizabeth Surovic study a human heart.

The Library Crier

Spring 2010



Great new books have found a home on our shelves. Many thanks to our many supporters who have helped keep the library fresh and alive with their generous donations throughout the year! The books are deeply appreciated and are flying off the shelves! Anyone wishing to make a donation is welcome to visit Amazon.com/wishlist and by entering The Atonement Academy Library in the "Find someone's Wish List" box.

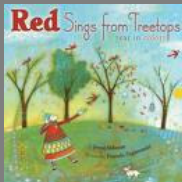


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Miss Phillips,
Library Manager

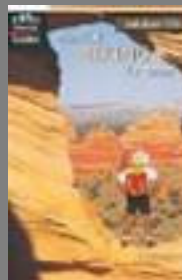
Need to do research for homework? Stop by the library to pick up a card with the passcodes for our research tools: *Britannica Online*, *EBSCOhost*, *Journey Back In Time*, *NewsBank*, or *AtonementResources @PageFlakes*.

What's New in our AR collection?
Here's a sample:



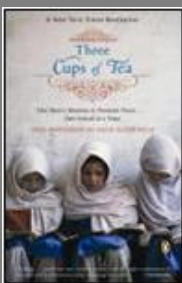
Lower School
Title: *Red Sings from the Treetops*
Author: Joyce Sidman
BL: 3.2 PTS: 0.5

Nature displays different colors to announce the seasons of the year.



Middle School
Title: *Essential Hiking for Teens*
Author: Kristine Hooks
BL: 6.1 PTS: 0..5

This book provides information on conditioning for hiking, first aid and survival skills. What to wear, safety tips, and more.



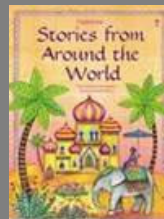
Upper School
Title: *Three Cups of Tea*
Author: Greg Mortenson
BL: 8.2 PTS: 23.0
The author recounts the experiences he had while trying to help impoverished villages in Pakistan's Karakoram Himalaya build schools for their children.

A sample of other new books:



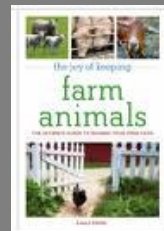
*Everything is Grace:
The Way and Life of Thérèse of
Lisieux*

Author: Joseph F. Schmidt



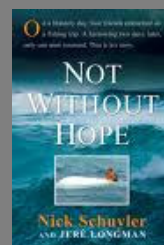
*Usborne Stories from Around
the World for Young Children*

Author: Heather Amery



*The Joy of Keeping
Farm Animals*

Author: Laura Chiilds



Not Without Hope

Author: Nick Schuyler

ATHLETIC BANQUET FOR MIDDLE AND UPPER SCHOOL ATHLETES AND THEIR PARENTS

Thursday, April 22

6:30-8:30

The Atonement Academy Gym

Order Tickets Through Coach Zapata by April 16!

Guest Speaker: Joe Cortez

Coach Cortez was inducted into the San Antonio Sports Hall of Fame in February 2010.



Joseph “Joe” Cortez coached the Central Catholic High School basketball team for 36 years. Cortez went 823-443 in 40 seasons -- he coached four years at Peacock Military Academy before moving to Central Catholic in 1960 -- and his victory total ranks No. 1 in San Antonio high school basketball history. Central Catholic was 791-404 under Cortez, winning 10 Texas Catholic Interscholastic League championships and city crowns in 1967 and 1975.

He was inducted into the Latin American International Sports Hall of Fame in 1983. Cortez was an all-state basketball player at Central Catholic before going on to play at Texas.

—from the San Antonio Sports Hall of Fame news release