



The Atonement Academy  
CATHOLIC + CLASSICAL

PreK3 through Grade 12

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Rev. Mark Lewis  
Pastor



## NOTA BENE / NOTE WELL

**JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK —**  
The parish's complete schedule is on the last page of this newsletter.

### Important Dates

April 17	Half Day
April 18 – 26	Easter Break (No School)
April 28	First Communion & Confirmation (11 am)
May 3 (6pm)	MS Athletic Banquet
May 17 (6pm)	US Athletic Banquet
May 18	Run for the Roses 5K

# Crusader Times

April 17, 2019

Dear Atonement Community,

I am thrilled to announce the hiring of our new Head of School, Matthew David Watson.

Mr. Watson has a strong academic background, with a Master of Education degree from Harvard University, specializing in teaching and curriculum. He also holds a Master of Arts degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and is currently pursuing a doctorate degree in Educational Administration from Vanderbilt University.

Mr. Watson has spent 15+ years in education, and from 2011-2014 he was Dean of Houses at St. John XXIII College Preparatory School in Katy, Texas. He currently serves as the Head of Upper School at Aristoi Classical Academy, also in Katy. Mr. Watson and his wife Jennifer are the proud parents of five children (ages 4 - 13), and a baby boy due in May.

Mr. Watson's current Superintendent, Ms. Brenda Davidson, had this to say in a letter of recommendation:

*"Throughout the development of the high school, Matt has modeled motivation, excellent teaching skills, and a clear vision for classical education. Matt is an intellectual leader who speaks eloquently and persuasively. He has written the scope and sequence for our high school, developed a university-style schedule for the junior and senior high school, led and nurtured the faculty and staff, cultivated the upper school culture, and conducted himself with pride and humility as a person under and in authority. Matt has proven himself to possess the perseverance, initiative, and intellectual creativity necessary to lead."*

There will be ample opportunity to meet Mr. Watson in the coming weeks, and more information will follow.

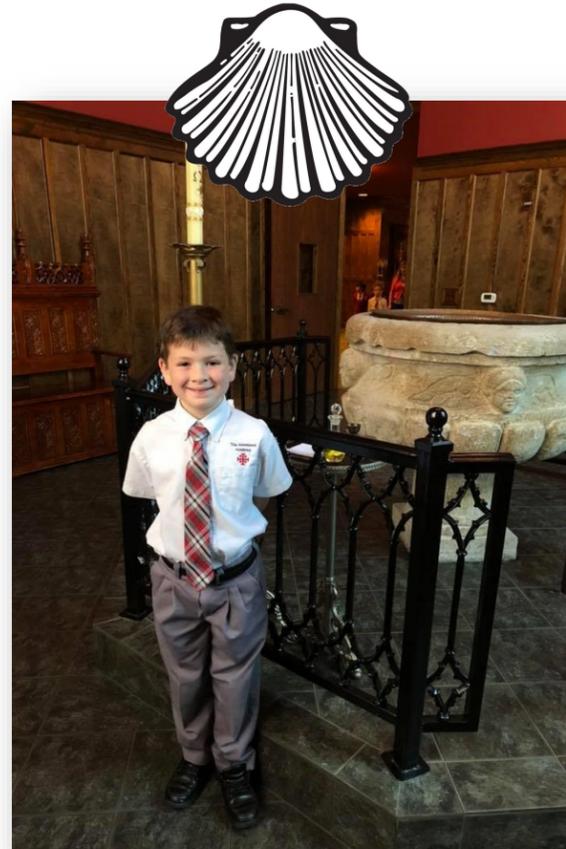
Thank you for your prayers and support for The Atonement Academy as we continue to pursue academic excellence in a classical educational setting.

As Christ rises this Easter day, so will The Atonement Academy.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Mark Lewis  
Pastor

# A Blessed Event: Wyatt's Baptism!



Almost every year, The Atonement Academy celebrates a new member to the Body of Christ, and this week second grader Wyatt Martin was baptized! On Tuesday afternoon, Fr. Moore baptized Wyatt in the presence of his family and classmates in Mrs. Kennedy's class as well as those in Mrs. Weems' class! They all enjoyed a treat afterwards in the courtyard.



## CONGRATULATIONS CRUSADERS!

What a wonderful representation by our students at PSIA this year! This week we received notice of our final standing in the recent competition held in New Braunfels, and we most solidly landed the #1 spot!

### Combined Totals

<b>Atonement, San Antonio</b>	<b>775.5</b>
St. Anthony, San Antonio	540.5
Concordia, San Antonio	475.5
St. Matthew, San Antonio	419
Shepherd of the Hills, S.A.	365
Sts. Peter & Paul, New Braunfels	253.5
Mt Sacred Heart, S.A.	166

### Elementary School Totals

Atonement, San Antonio	447.5
St. Matthew Catholic School, San Antonio	288
Concordia, San Antonio	262
Shepherd of the Hills, San Antonio	180
St. Anthony Catholic, San Antonio	165
Sts. Peter & Paul, New Braunfels	90.5
Mt Sacred Heart, San Antonio	16

### Middle School Totals

St. Anthony Catholic, San Antonio	375.5
Atonement, San Antonio	328
Concordia, San Antonio	213.5
Shepherd of the Hills, San Antonio	185
Sts. Peter & Paul, New Braunfels	163
Mt Sacred Heart, San Antonio	150
St. Matthew Catholic School, San Antonio	131

We are sending 23 students to State PSIA this year 2018-2019.

Congratulations to our students, their families, their teachers, and their coaches!

## A Lenten Initiative

Good afternoon,

During the Lenten Season, our family looks for opportunities to give back to our community in meaningful ways. We feel that giving up a treat doesn't have as much of an impact as it would to sacrifice something that we have worked hard for or made time for. Both of our daughters knew there was a longtime need for sports equipment for the lower school children of The Atonement Academy. So, during this Lenten season, Kira and Maya made a promise to use money from their earnings, allowances, and savings to pay for sports balls for the lower school. The girls collected their funds together and they were able to purchase a bag of sports balls for every class, from Pre-K through 6th grade.

I will be delivering 2 bags of sports balls for each grade (1 bag of balls per class) on Monday, 4/15, morning, so that every class can enjoy their sports equipment together starting that day. I have labeled each ball according to their class grade and room. I also have a sports bag chart that I can share to make the delivery and accountability for each classroom easy. We feel that each classroom teacher may be able to use this opportunity each day to teach accountability by asking one child to be responsible to take and bring back the balls from recess to the classroom.

I understand that the balls can be easily misplaced after the school year ends, so our family is offering to pick up the sports bags from each class the last week of school. We will store these balls, wash them, and return them back to the school before the next school year begins.

Thank you for your help with teaching these values to our girls, and giving them an opportunity to give back that probably means more to them than you would expect. We hope that this encourages other children and families to give back to our beloved school and church parish too!

God Bless,

*DeVon Mata Thomson &  
Brian Thomson*





*Mrs. Czech and her 4th grade girls show off their pennies for the last day of the Penny War! They won a pizza and ice cream party. The third grade girls won a pizza party, and Mrs. Lozano's PreK-4 class won an ice cream party.*



## **PENNY WAR WINNERS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place = Mrs. Czech/ 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place = Mrs. Rodriguez/ 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Girls**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place = Mrs. Lozano/ PreK-4**

During the Lenten season, our students participate in Penny Wars to raise much needed funds to support St. Joseph School in Jifna, Ramallah, West Bank. Jifna is a 6th century historic village within the Holy Land, and St. Joseph Church and School is Palestinian Roman Catholic and operates under the direction of Fr. Johny Bahbah. The Atonement Academy has a continuing relationship with St. Joseph parish.



**Saint Joseph School Ramallah**  
 مدرسة رافائيل مارونوس في رام الله



## Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet for Danny



Students at The Atonement Academy attend daily Mass, and not only does this help them grow spiritually, but it truly enriches their souls. Such enrichment allows for love to grow deeper and wider for others as well as for God Almighty.

For the last several weeks, students have stayed after Mass to pray for their friend and classmate, Danny Lowe, who is currently battling brain cancer. Each day, “The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy” is dedicated to lifting up Danny and his family during this challenging time.

*Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.*  
(—from the optional closing prayer in The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy)

UPDATE: Danny went home on Tuesday! He will continue chemo on an outpatient basis. He has his next Infusion is tomorrow. He is a bit weak and sleepy from treatment and has had some pain. Please continue to pray.

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY CAMPUS CLEAN UP DAY



*Members of the National Honor Society helped beautify our campus this week! Students donned gloves and grabbed trash bags to pick up litter dropped or blown onto our campus.*

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS  
— everything looks so much nicer!*





## **Antigone and I Never Saw Another Butterfly: WHAT WONDERFUL PERFORMANCES!**

**“The Director’s Notes” reprinted below are a testimony to why we teach Drama at The Atonement Academy! We thank Mrs. Lenahan for her love of literature and her dedication to our students!**

On first glance, the two plays you are about to watch might seem an odd pairing. Yet, despite their differences, together they challenge us to examine ourselves and the values we hold most dear. In *Antigone*, the heroine lays down her life to uphold divine law. In contrast, the chorus of political representatives swings back and forth, their sympathies lying not with what is objectively true, but with whomever seems to hold the position of power or popular sympathy.

*I Never Saw Another Butterfly* is a true story about the children of Terezin concentration camp. Tragically, most of these young people perished in the Holocaust, but they left behind a remarkable legacy of poetry and artwork, much of which you will see and hear on stage. Through their creative work and search for beauty, they discover their purpose and their identity. They learn to look beyond themselves and their circumstances to find meaning in a higher truth and in service to others.

These stories should leave us pondering: Where do I find my meaning and purpose? Is it in the eternal, in Truth, in Beauty, and in their ultimate Source? Do these values ultimately sustain me? And, if so, how far am I willing to go in their defense? These questions are not easy, but they are the most important we can ask ourselves, especially in a society that has called the existence of Truth itself into question. In this world, we need Antigone’s reminder that divine truths are alive forever. We need to remember that, like the children of Terezin, we must learn to find the transcendent in the midst of confusion and suffering.

~ Mrs. Lenahan

# THANK YOU



We appreciate our contributors of photos and/or stories.

They include: Jenny Halpin, Audrey Lenahan, DeVon Mata Thomson, Sandra Czech, Michelle Macom, Brenda Garza,

Amy Nieto, Brian Schott, Tom Stallard, Deborah Wendtland, Debbie Campos, Brian Thomson, Amy Zuberbueler, Lorelle Lamascus, Katie Sanchez, Yvette Robles, Hillary Martin, Yolanda Joiner, Terri Garza, and Patrick Zuberbueler.

We appreciate your contributions to the Crusader Times!

## DID YOU KNOW YOU NEED TO RE-ENROLL EACH YEAR?

If parents have not started the enrollment process, here are the steps to do so:

- 1.- Go to RenWeb.com into your Parents Web account
- 2.- On the left column click on "Apply/Enroll"
- 3.- Click on "Enrollment/Reenrollment"
- 4.- Click on "Click here to Open Online Enrollment"
- 5.- Click under 2019-2020 School year: "Start packet"

Once your application is complete, you will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive a confirmation, contact admissions for assistance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me; I will be happy to assist you.



—from Mrs. Yolanda Joiner  
Admissions Office



## Another Lenten Initiative by our Crusaders!

Mrs. Ruth Herron is a long time parishioner of OLA, and she makes these baby blankets and stuffed animals. Upper scholar Maria Garza and her mother, Terri, gathered the animals and blankets & put together 50 gift packages to be donated to local children.

A box was delivered on Tuesday to the NICU babies at University Hospital. What a wonderful gift during this Lenten Season!

# amazonsmile

## You shop. Amazon gives.

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**to link your account!**

# Congratulations!



The Atonement Academy

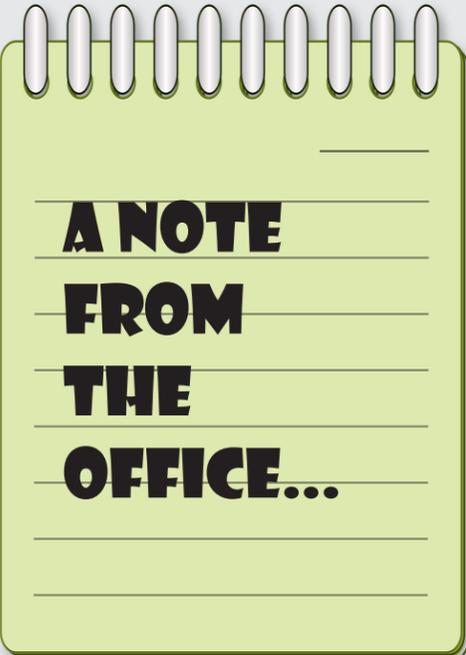
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Congratulations to the CANTU Family!

Christina and Joe Cantu are the first family to receive  
the Referral Program Discount Award.

This entitles them to receive a \$100.00 tuition discount  
for the 2019-2020 Academic Year.

Refer your friends and earn discounts too!



## A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE...

Please help us have an accurate enrollment headcount for next year!

Parents, please log into your RenWeb account and under “**Apply/Enroll – Enrollment/Re-enrollment**” confirm the status is either “submitted” or “start packet/edit”. If the status for your child is “submitted,” your child is fully enrolled and we thank you! But if the status is “**Start Packet or Edit**,” the enrollment for 2019-2020 is not complete! Please complete it as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.



# PENNY WAR FINAL REPORT

From Mrs. Yvette Robles

**TOTAL RAISED**

**\$3006.63**

**Thank you, Crusaders!**

Grade/Dept	Teacher	Cumulative Total	Cumulative Pennies	Cumulative Sabotage	Cumulative Pennies - Sabotage
4th – Girls	Mrs. Czech	\$305.60	\$302.20	\$3.40	\$298.80
3rd - Girls	Mrs. Rodriguez	\$662.33	\$460.23	\$202.10	\$258.13
PK - 4	Mrs. Lozano.	\$341.63	\$262.48	\$79.15	\$183.33
1st- B	Miss. Wright.	\$211.47	\$169.47	\$42.00	\$127.47
8 <sup>th</sup> – Girls		\$111.30	\$110.85	\$0.45	\$110.40
	Fr. Phillips	\$104.22	\$100.62	\$3.60	\$97.02
2nd - A	Mrs. Weems.	\$117.19	\$106.39	\$10.80	\$95.59
4th – Boys	Mrs. Hoover.	\$157.85	\$120.15	\$37.70	\$82.45
K - B	Mrs. Pasket.	\$70.84	\$47.49	\$23.35	\$24.14
3rd- Boys	Mrs. Garza.	\$239.26	\$155.31	\$83.95	\$71.36
1st - A	Mrs Muniz	\$118.88	\$88.23	\$30.65	\$57.58
5 <sup>th</sup> – Boys	Mrs. Wiessing.	\$127.83	\$85.13	\$42.70	\$42.43
5 <sup>th</sup> – Girls	Mrs. Taylor.	\$71.15	\$51.15	\$20.00	\$31.15
K - A	Ms. Donohue.	\$70.12	\$46.12	\$24.00	\$22.12
	Mrs. Trevino	\$25.61	\$22.21	\$3.40	\$18.81
6 <sup>th</sup> – Girls	Miss Goelzhauser.	\$69.99	\$43.79	\$26.20	\$17.59
PK – 3	Miss. Pyle.	\$50.50	\$33.15	\$17.35	\$15.80
7 <sup>th</sup> – Girls		\$15.99	\$15.24	\$0.75	\$14.49
	Fr. Moore	\$7.38	\$4.88	\$2.50	\$2.38
	Deacon D’Agostino	\$1.41	\$0.91	\$0.50	\$0.41
7 <sup>th</sup> – Boys		\$1.19	\$0.19	\$1.00	-\$0.81
	Fr. Lewis	\$3.45	\$0.80	\$2.65	-\$1.85
	Sister Mary Margaret	\$2.59	\$0.19	\$2.40	-\$2.21
8 <sup>th</sup> – Boys		\$6.70	\$0.05	\$6.65	-\$6.60
6 <sup>th</sup> – Boys	Mrs. Fitzgerald.	\$27.91	\$7.41	\$20.50	-\$13.09
2nd - B	Mrs. Kennedy.	\$84.24	\$30.64	\$53.60	-\$22.96



April 17

**RED OUT**  
*Honoring  
Graduating Seniors and  
Danny Lowe*

2019

## TRAIL LIFE CAMPOUT



Trail Life adult leader Tom Stallard reports that the weekend included a camp out at the historic Morris Ranch. The boys braved a variety of weather conditions and had a great time doing so! Activities included skeet shooting, campfires, and bb gun fun — all carefully supervised by the dads.



# Crusader Campus Life



1. A few second grade boys celebrate Wyatt's baptism. 2. Diego, Gabriel, and Boston ham it up for the camera. 3-6. Kindergarten field trip to SeaWorld. 7. Fourth grade girls strategize for the win. 8. Will prays after his First Confession. 9. Ali, Talen, and Ava after their softball game. 10. MS & US students attend Lunch and Learn presentation by IT software engineer Mr. Gabriel Alejo about IT summer programs and careers.

# THE ATONEMENT ACADEMY RUN FOR THE ROSES 5K

Race In Honor of Alice M. Rosa, Health & Wellness Expo



**DATE:** Saturday, May 18, 2019

**RACE START TIME:** 8:00 AM

**END TIME:** 12:00 PM

<https://school.atonementonline.com/runfortheroses5k/>  
PTC@AtonementOnline.com

## HONORS CHOIR VISITS CHRISTUS SANTA ROSA CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



This week our honors choir visited Christus Santa Rosa Children's Hospital in downtown San Antonio to contribute a choral performance.

# SAVE THE DATE

## FRIDAY, MAY 24th

**Plan on  
bringing the  
whole family  
for an  
afternoon of  
festivities!**



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games!**

**Music Food Games**

**In The Piazza**

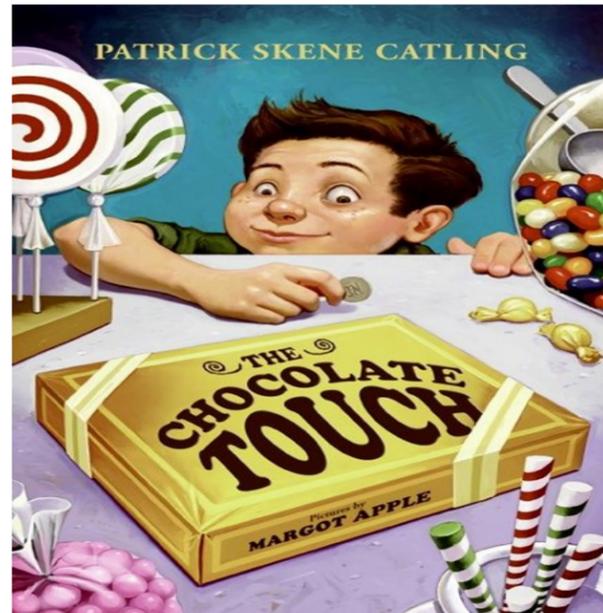


# 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr Book Club

May 3rd

3:15 – 5:00pm

RSVP in the library



## The Chocolate Touch

By Patrick Skene Catling

AR Quiz # 256 BL: 4.7 - AR Pts: 2.0

Instead of gold, everything John Midas touched turned to precious chocolate.



### Who is invited?

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students

*Current R.L. no higher than 4.9 please*



**Read book prior to meeting**



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May 3th afterschool from 3:15 – 5:00 pm.

Current R.L. no higher than a 4.9 please

I give permission for my child to attend the library book club

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

Email & Cell Ph (we will text if possible with any changes or delays) \_\_\_\_\_

We have a limited amount of copies of this book. This book can be ordered at amazon.com for as little as \$6.

\*Feel free to review this movie and or book on [commonsensemedia.com](http://commonsensemedia.com)

(Please return to the school library)

**Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church**  
*15415 Red Robin Road*

***Holy Week Schedule***



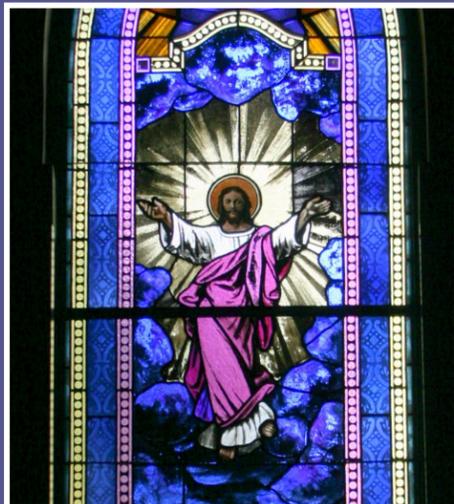
***Thursday, April 18***  
**Mass of the Lord's Supper: Maundy Thursday**  
7:00 p.m.

***Friday, April 19***  
**Confessions**  
12 p.m. – 2 p.m.



***Friday, April 19***  
**Good Friday: the Passion and Death of Our Lord**  
3:00 p.m.

***Saturday, April 20***  
**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil**  
8:00 p.m.



***Sunday, April 21***  
**Easter Sunday**  
7:30 a.m.  
9:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m.

*N.B. There will be no 6:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.*