

THE CRUSADER TIMES

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“But virtue's true reward is happiness itself, for which the virtuous work: whereas if they worked for honor, it would no longer be a virtue, but ambition.” St. Thomas Aquinas

Our scholars have begun the second quarter well! Middle scholars in particular recognize and appreciate the foundation upon which they are building for success in the upper school. *Fides et Ratio!*



Weekly Letter from Mr. Watson

Dear Atonement Families,

Good afternoon! I hope you are enjoying this beautiful Texas autumn as much as I am. I would also like to salute the veterans among us ahead of Veterans Day on Monday.

This week we celebrated the tenth anniversary of *Anglicanorum Coetibus*, the papal constitution that paved the way for the creation of the Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter in which Our Lady of the Atonement has its ecclesiastical home. Though the anniversary fell on Monday (the feast day of St. Charles Borromeo), our own celebration took place today.

As with all good birthday celebrations, there was a speech, and there was cake. At a morning assembly, Father Moore recounted the history of the document as well as its personal significance to him and to Our Lady of the Atonement parish (which includes the school). Meanwhile, Mrs. Pro and the PTC graciously supplied and served cake during student lunches.

In the course of his remarks, Father Moore explained the unique charism of Ordinariate parishes as consisting of special care for: an integrated faith that does not separate the “things of God” from the rest of life; missionary zeal for evangelization; vivid, orthodox preaching; active cultivation of beauty, especially in the Mass.

Though not all Academy families are parishioners, it is helpful for us to understand the overarching charism that animates the life of both church and school at Our Lady of the Atonement. When you send your children to The Atonement, they are a part of a work of renewal that has come to fruition over the course of at least two centuries

and by God's use of a cast of characters that includes Saint John Henry Newman, Pope Saint John Paul II, and Pope Benedict XVI.

How wonderful and humbling that now, here in San Antonio, this is our work—as teachers, staff, scholars, parents, and clergy! So, let us continue to pray for one another.

Your servant,

Matthew David Watson
Head of School

NOTA BENE / NOTE WELL...

Upcoming Events

November 9: Capture the Flag, 3:00-5:15 pm

November 9: Family BINGO Night, St. Anthony Hall*

November 25-29: Fall Break--Return to classes December 2

December 2: Chores for Charity initiative begins

December 6: Coffee with Mr. Watson, 8 am

December 6: St. Nicholas Day

December 13: La Posada

December 18: End of Second Quarter

December 23-January 3: Christmas Break--Return to classes January 6

Every Wednesday at 3:00 pm in The Sacred Heart Chapel:

Join us in praying a weekly rosary for our school -- and if you can't join us, set your phone for 3:00 pm to remind you to join us and pray the rosary together!

**More information may be found in this issue of the newsletter*

WHAT CRUSADER PARENTS ARE SAYING...

"We love the fact that the children attend daily Mass. The faith is integrated into all aspects of their education which helps them to see God in everything. We love the teachers who are the heart of the school."

~Drs. Paul and Barbara Ku, who have four children at Atonement



SHARE YOUR CRUSADE!

What brought you to our school? What keeps you here? We would love to share your story with current and potential families. Contact Mrs. Halpin at jhalpin@atonementonline.com.

All Saints' Day and Tribute to Grandparents



Last week's All Saints' Day Celebration / Tribute to Grandparents was a success, and we appreciate all the work done by so many to ensure a wonderful program. Lower School Dean Mr. Creech had the assistance of Crusader Senior Emiliano Sanchez. Emiliano did a great job!



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THE ATONEMENT ACADEMY
PRESENTS

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT!

GAMES, FUN & PRIZES

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

6-9pm • Doors open at 5:30

FOOD • DRINKS • VIP TABLES AVAILABLE

Contact palau0609@hotmail.com

Benefiting
ATONEMENT
PTC

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ST. ANTHONY HALL

OUR LADY OF THE ATONEMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH
15415 Red Robin Rd, San Antonio, TX 78255

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9 REGULAR GAMES: 1 CARD \$5 • 3 CARDS \$10
3 SPECIAL GAMES

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Wreaths Across America

The American Heritage Girls Troop TX0814 will honor our veterans by laying Remembrance Wreaths on the gravestones of our country's fallen heroes at Fort Sam Houston, on December 14th.

AHG will be selling wreaths after each mass

November 3rd and 10th

at Our Lady of The Atonement Catholic Church
15415 Red Robin Road, 78255

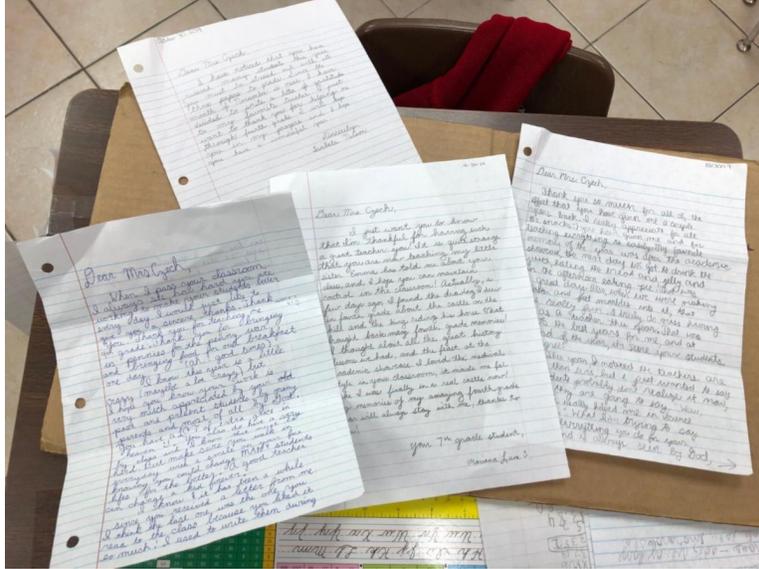
Wreath sponsorships can also be made online at
www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/153060



AHG will leave forms in the school foyer and church narthex. You may also go online using our link, www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/153060. Requests for specific graves must be submitted in writing on the printed form. **SIGN UP AFTER MASS THIS SUNDAY!**

In Thanksgiving...

Seventh graders wrote thank you letters to their former LS teachers as part of an assignment. Imagine the appreciation felt when teachers receive remarks such as: "When I pass your classroom, I see how hard



you are working to make your students better each day." Or, "I hope you know your work is very much appreciated by your past and present students, by many parents, and most of all by God." And, "I'm thankful for having such a great teacher as you! Memories of my amazing fourth grade year will always stay with me, thanks to you."

Crusader Sports : It's Time for Soccer!



Introducing our Men's Varsity Soccer Team, pictured just before they won their first home season opener! They are, left to right: Christopher Rosedale, Xavier Magallanes, Matthew Petroff, Ian Pro, Cody Clute, David Henriquez, Joseph Barron, Emiliano Sanchez, John Giltner, Jack Moore, Franco Navarette, Mark Lane, and Andres Sanchez. Have a great season, Crusaders!

BUY YOUR CRUSADER YARD SIGN NOW!

Just in time for your front yard's autumn beautification, we are pleased to announce the arrival of your special edition Atonement yard signs! Let neighbors know where you stand with



this classy, durable, 18 x 24 declaration of allegiance. Signs may be purchased for \$10 at the front desk during the day. Cash, check, and credit/debit card accepted. Supply is limited, so don't wait!

“Somewhere in England” our Upper Scholars Danced All Night

On Saturday, November 2, the senior class took the Upper School back in time to World War II England for a fun-filled night of swing dancing and food rationing.

Rob and Diane Van Haarek, of New Braunfels-based Swing Junction, emceed the evening with classic hits such as “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy” and “Swinging on a Star.” Many of our USO volunteers (read *chaperones*) ditched their armbands and joined in the fun on the dance floor. There were no complaints of “All the chicken nuggets were gone,” as everyone had their ration book stamped prior to distribution of their fair share of eight. Many students dressed in uniform and other 1940s styles, highlighting the theme, maintaining the school dress code and ensuring a



classy night.

As the Honorable Sir Winston Churchill might have said, "This was their finest dance."



Dr. Hernandez Visits LS as the Tooth Fairy

Thank you to the Tooth Fairy (aka Dr. Sheila Hernandez) who is a faithful parishioner and supporter of The Atonement Academy.

The Pre-K3 – 2nd graders came



in with their classes and were treated to a story about tooth health and had a demonstration about the proper way to brush teeth, floss and rinse. Each student received a shiny new toothbrush and were reminded to brush and pray before bed each night.

As we enter into the holiday season let's all remind our children to use good oral hygiene while still enjoying those

tasting holiday treats. Special thanks to Mrs. Adame and Mr. Creech for their support, too.



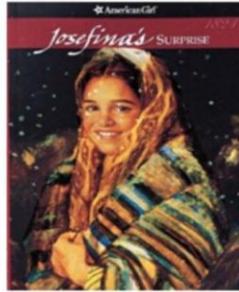
Field Trip to the Apple Orchard

Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 students enjoyed their trip to the Apple Orchards Pumpkin Patch! It included a fun hay ride with parent chaperones.

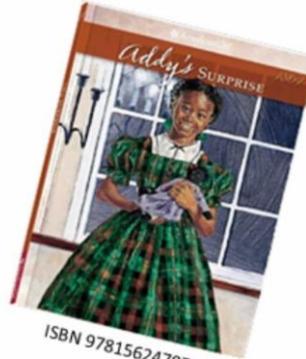




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2nd Qtr Two-Day Book Club



Choose one or read all three books

(cover image may differ)

Molly's Surprise – BL 3.6 pts 1.0 Quiz #675

Josefina's Surprise – BL 4.6 pts 1.0 Quiz #17626

Addy's Surprise – BL 4.4 pts 1.0 Quiz #7653

Who's invited?

Boys & Girls (2nd & 3rd Grades)

Discussion * Crafts * Virtue talk

Coming in December!

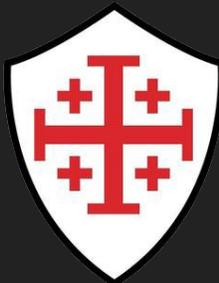
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