

THE CRUSADER TIMES

THE ATONEMENT ACADEMY

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"Fides et Ratio"

CRUSADER ATHLETICS UNDERWAY



On August 25, the Lady Crusaders hosted the newest school in the archdiocese, John Paul II High School.

Fall sports are underway!
Whether or not your child is

involved in sports, you can always come to the games to lend your support to our athletes!

For up-to-date game schedules, check your Edline homepage for the latest schedules for Boys MS Soccer, Boys US Soccer, Boys MS Flag Football, Girls MS Volleyball and Girls US Volleyball.

Support your Crusaders!

IMPORTANT DATES

- August 28: Upper School Tea, 2 pm. John Paul II Library
- August 31: Student birthday observances, PK-5th only, 2 pm
- September 7: LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
- September 10: College Night, 7pm. All upper scholars & parents encouraged to attend.
- September 15: Sacramental Preparation, 7pm in St. Anthony Hall.
- September 18: Parent-Teacher Conferences All Day (No Classes)
- September 26: Family Bingo Night, 7-9 pm

Nota Bene — Note Well:

- **The Online Calendar** is current, so be sure you download important dates for the year!
- **Regarding Hair & Hemlines:** Boys' pants should neither be too long nor too short; girls tend to have issues with skirts being too short! Also, please review hair length policies and our restrictions on hair accessories (basically black or Parker products). Questions? E-mail Mrs. Havel at mhavel@atonementonline.com
- **Textbooks:** We will do our best to help your scholar keep up with his or her books, but we need your help! Be sure the books are marked with your name, and we encourage you to use book covers, too.
- **Carline:** Mr. Johnston recently sent an e-mail with important details for drop-off and pick-up. Be very careful when entering and exiting drop off lanes, and be mindful of your speed whenever you are on school or church property. Please help us keep your child and all our students safe!
- **THE GALA IS COMING! October 3 — see p. 5**

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

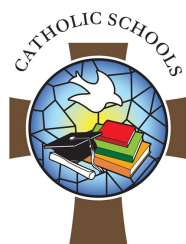
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We check it daily and someone will correspond as soon as possible!



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Archdiocese of San Antonio

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.



PSIA and Other Competitions

—From Mrs. Surovic

Quick! Want a Thespian Society (Drama Club?) I need to know ASAP!



I have just returned from a PSIA workshop and they are offering a one act play competition for high school students. There are also several local speech competitions put on by various high schools. If there is any interest in forming a Thespian Society, I will be willing to help out Mondays, or Tuesdays, or Wednesdays from 3 to 4 if interest is displayed. You must let me know as soon as possible! (If we are to compete with a one-act play, I must know by **September 1** — that is next week!)

Let me know what you think.

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Mrs. Laura Hubert Surovic
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(210) 680-3218



Lady Crusaders line up for a blessing from Father Phillips before their game against John Paul II.

In the Classroom

—With Mrs. Garant

Ask one of Mrs. Garant's British Literature students what a kenning is. They've been writing modern day kennings and have thought of some creative compound metaphors for school, computers, automobiles, and outer space. The students are reading and discussing Beowulf and finding out that the Anglo-Saxons needed help memorized their unwritten yet entertaining poetry.

(—See more *In the Classroom News* on p. 3)



Faculty, students, parents, and friends filled the stands — we missed you and your family!



Freshmen Cecille Sorio and Karlee Moore (far right) worked concessions but made time to welcome back two old friends, Ellen Arndt and Alyssa Richter.

Crusader Chronicle

For the Students, by the Students

WHAT'S THIS?

By Shannon Murray (Class of 2015)

Welcome to the student page of The Atonement Academy's school bulletin! Articles or photos as well as artwork by our students will be here on page three with each issue of *The Crusader Times*.

Students, if you think you have talent to share, write or draw something interesting and we'll do our best to include some of your work! Be sure the work is timely (don't write about a game last year — go for a more current campus event). Also, be sure the work is appropriate (no teacher cartoons, please!). Send your work to Mrs. Havel : mhavel@atonementonline.com, or you can also hand it to her. Another option is to go to the front office and politely ask Mrs. Adame to place it in Mrs. Havel's mailbox.

This is your page — help us keep it interesting!

WHEN IT COMES TO
UNIFORMS...DON'T GET
A BLUE CARD!
Read the Handbook!
Ask questions!
COMPLY!



In The Classroom

Students in Mrs. Garant's Middle School Literature and Composition classes are writing Mondays through Thursdays. This two-minute writing practice encourages them to get into a writing frame of mind quickly and to get their thoughts on paper. Sometimes the hardest part of writing is getting started. Everyone in the Literature and Composition classes has discovered that, yes, they can write for two minutes on a topic. Later when students are faced with an essay exam, they will be in the habit of getting into the writing immediately instead of staring at a blank sheet of paper.

(—See more *In the Classroom News* on p. 2)

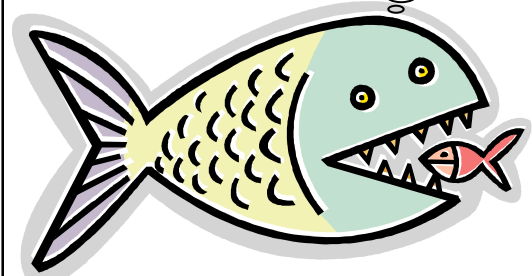
ALL YOUR STUFF

Belongs in your locker! If you have lost a notebook, textbook, lunch, purse, or backpack—go to LOST & FOUND (currently at the front desk).

Any items left in the hallways, restrooms, corners, or stairways will be gathered and taken to "Lost and Found."

CREATIVE CORNER

Oh Boy!
Sushi!



Parish Choirs

Rehearsals for our parish choirs will begin on Thursday, September 3rd. We are always happy to welcome new members to these choirs who do so much to enhance the liturgies at our church. There are five different choirs in which students and their families can be involved:

St. Nicholas Children's Choir

For girls and boys in grades 3-5.

Sings for the 9:00 AM Mass on Sundays as scheduled (approximately twice per month) The St. Nicholas Choir also sings for special events throughout the year as noted.

Rehearsals are held on Thursday afternoons from 3:30- 4:10 PM.

St. Cecilia Youth Choir

For girls and boys (unchanged voices) in grades 6-9.

Sings for the 9:00 AM Mass on Sundays as scheduled (approximately twice per month). The St. Cecilia Youth Choir also sings for special events throughout the year as noted.

Rehearsals are held on Thursday afternoons from 4:15 - 5:00 PM.

Our Lady of the Atonement Adult Choir

Open to women and men of high school age (10th grade) and older

Sings for 11:00 AM Mass on Sundays as well as for Holydays, seasonal Evensong services, and special liturgies scheduled throughout the year.

Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00 PM

Our Lady of the Atonement Festival Choir

Designed for those who cannot make a year-round commitment to weekly rehearsals, but who have a desire to be involved in the parish music program. With the members of the adult choir as its core, this choir sings for special services throughout the year including Nine Lessons and Carols, the liturgies of Holy Week and seasonal Evensong services.

Rehearsals are held on select Thursday evenings preceding scheduled events. .

St. Gregory Schola Cantorum

Open to men of high school age (changed voices) and older

Sings for the Sunday 6:00 PM Latin Mass

Rehearsals held on Sundays at 5:00 PM and for one half-hour following the Mass.

For more information about joining any of the choirs please contact Mr. Murray at emurray@atonementonline.com. If you would like your child to participate in either the St. Nicholas Children's Choir or the St. Cecilia Youth Choir, please print out the enclosed registration form and return it to the school.

REGISTRATION FORM
ST. NICHOLAS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

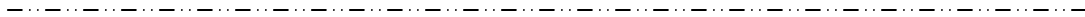
Chorister's Name: _____

Grade in School: _____ Birthdate: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Phone Numbers: _____

Email Address: _____



REGISTRATION FORM
ST. CECILIA YOUTH CHOIR

Chorister's Name: _____

Grade in School: _____ Birthdate: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Phone Numbers: _____

Email Address: _____



THE ATONEMENT ACADEMY

2nd Annual

Gala & Auction

October 3, 2009

The Club at Sonterra

The Gala is around the corner! Our school's annual major fundraiser will benefit the Pope John Paul II Library as well as our developing athletic programs — and we need your help! As parents, our tuition and fees help go a long way to cover the costs involved with running our school. But it does not cover all of our needs and wants for the development of our school and its programs, so we continue several annual fundraisers, including the Gala and Auction.

Within the next several weeks, you will be receiving an invitation in the mail. **The purpose of this flyer is to ask you to think about purchasing tickets, sponsoring a table, or donating an auction item.** Please let us know if you or your company would be interested in participating in this event. And know that all donations, of every amount, are greatly appreciated. With your help, we can continue to offer an excellent education in a safe, structured environment where our children to know, love, and serve the Lord.

Parent Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Please contact me regarding:

An auction item (I may be able to help with _____)

Ticket purchase (\$100 each)

Table Sponsor possibility (\$1,000)

Company / Family Sponsor Name: _____
(As you wish to be listed in the program)

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE PTC
BY HANDING IN TO MRS. ADAME AT THE FRONT DESK.