

THE CRUSADER TIMES

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"Fides et Ratio"

May 12, 2010 — rev

World-Class Musicians to Work with Atonement Choirs



Drs. Gerre and Judith Hancock will spend several days at The Atonement Academy and Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church, and the choirs who work with them as well as the Atonement community are certain to be enriched by the experience!

The Hancocks currently serve on the faculty at the Butler School of Music at the University of Texas at Austin. Prior to their appointment in the fall of 2004, they served for more than thirty years at St. Thomas Church and Choir School in New York City,

where they built a program which set a new standard for church music in the United States.

They are highly respected for their work with young singers and are truly world-class musicians. It is a great honor to be able to welcome them to our church and school, and it is a tremendous privilege for our students to be able to perform with them!

Nota Bene — Note Well:

- **PARENTS NEEDED!** We need parents for several upcoming events. See page 2: "HELP WANTED"
- **AR PROGRAM GOALS:** The deadline for fourth quarter AR goals is **May 26, 2010**.
- **TEXTBOOK EXCHANGE:** We are working on the particulars for the textbook exchange on June 9. In the meantime, be sure to keep all of your child's textbooks (not workbooks) clean and "in inventory." (see p.2 regarding found books)
- **PLANS FOR EXPANSION** are posted in the "Documents" section of the website. More than 250 parents and friends attended the Information Night on April 19.
- **CONCERT CDs** for the Grades 3-5 Concert on May 14th and the MS and US Choir Concert on May 21st may be ordered for \$10 each and will be delivered before the last day of school.

IMPORTANT DATES

- May 14: Spring Concert (Grades 3-5), St. Anthony Hall at 7 pm
- May 18: Senior—Parent Brunch, 10:30, John Paul II Library
- May 21: Spring Concert (Grades 6-12), St. Anthony Hall at 7 pm
- May 26: AR Deadline
- May 27: Eighth Graders vs. Atonement Faculty Volleyball Game, 2 pm
- May 28: PK and Kindergarten Concert, St. Anthony Hall, 2 pm
- May 28: Kindergarten Graduation, St. Anthony Hall, 3 pm
- May 31: Memorial Day Holiday
- June 1-4: Exam Week
- June 1: Grades 1 & 2 Concert, St. Anthony Hall, 2 pm
- June 2: Lower School Field Day
- June 3: Senior Baccalaureate Mass & Dinner, 6 pm
- June 4: Evensong and Commencement, 6 pm
- June 5: 8th Grade Mass and Graduation, 10 am
- June 8: Gym Day (Upper School)
- June 9: Textbook Exchange

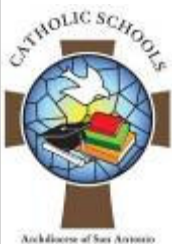
**SEE WEBSITE FOR
COMPLETE CALENDAR**



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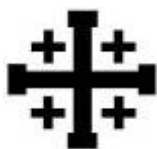


One of America's Top 50 Catholic High Schools



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.



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK A BIG SUCCESS!

PTC thanks all the parents who sponsored teachers and staff for the teacher appreciation dinner and special treats through out the week.

Your generosity and appreciation for what our teachers and staff do really does make a difference. Teachers were thrilled to have a week of treats and special attention. Thank you for a great year.

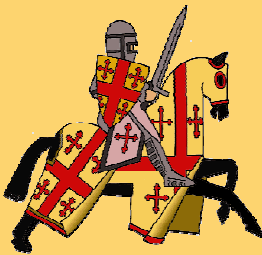
CONCERT BABYSITTING

Babysitting during the Academy concerts has once again been arranged by the PTC.

For the concerts on May 14 and May 21, both at 7pm, the two Pre-K rooms will be open and ready to take children in at 6:40pm.

You may RSVP to Catherine Henriquez at mhenriquez4@satx.rr.com. *Please plan to give a donation for the babysitting services.* Watch for more information in the next few weeks regarding babysitting for the Pre-K through 2nd grade concerts.

ATHLETICS NEWS



- The Athletic department is in need of volunteers to help coordinate field day activities. Please e-mail

Coach Zapata if interested:

dzapata@atonementonline.com.

- See Edline for baseball game schedules. (The middle school boys play at St. Luke's this Saturday at 5 pm). We need a volunteer to type our teams' schedules! Contact info@atonementonline.com, please.

LOST AND FOUND



The school has a surprisingly large collection of books, sweaters, lunch boxes and other student belongings. If your child has misplaced something, please ask him or her to check with Mrs. Adame, describe the item, and we'll see if we have it. If we have the item and it has the student's name or other identifying feature, then we will be happy to return it to the owner.

On the last day of school, any unclaimed items will be put in the school's inventory, given to the needy, or discarded, as seems appropriate.

HELP WANTED

Senior-Parent Brunch: We need help setting up and serving. The brunch is after 9:15 Mass in the John Paul II Library on Tues., May 18

Kindergarten Graduation: We need help setting up and serving cake and punch in St. Anthony Hall

Upper School Senior Banquet: We need help setting up and serving the dinner in St. Anthony Hall on Thurs., June 3.

Eighth Grade Graduation: We need help setting up and serving cake and punch in St. Anthony Hall after the Mass (10 am) and Graduation Ceremonies in St. Anthony Hall.

Contact Susana Trevino at
strevino@atonementonline.com

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?

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

Scene On Campus



Above: Fifth grade girls teach Sister Mary Margaret how to order menu items in Spanish. Below, Cole Hivnor delivers a plate to Bobby Voorhees as fellow "waiter" Santiago Casillas looks on. Mrs. Trevino's 5th grade classes transformed their rooms into Mexican restaurants and took turns serving as patrons, waiters / waitresses, and staff.



Students in the second grade had the benefit of a guest lecturer: our own Dr. Vallor. He spoke to the two combined classes about muscles and bones and used a sample from the meat market to help students understand how perfectly God created everything!

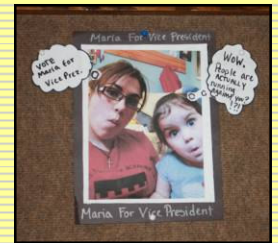


Student Council Election Results

President: Christina Castillo '11
Vice President: Annamarie Schumacher '11
Treasurer: Dusty Daggett '13
Secretary: Anne Kennedy '13



Campaign posters made for vibrant upper school hallways — and tried to sway voters' decisions.



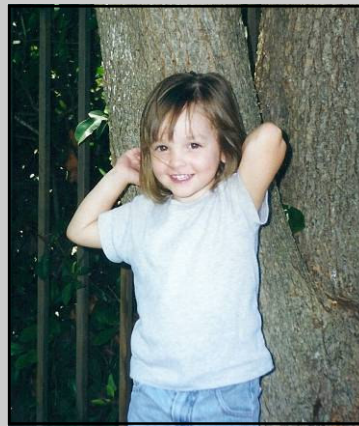
Dr. Vallor Helps Second Graders Learn About Bones



OH BABY! WHAT A GAL! OH, BOY!



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In the process of getting our photos lined up for the Senior and Eighth Grade yearbook pages, some great ideas for contests surfaced. Here's one: Identify the students in the "baby pictures" on this page! The first person to correctly identify all six children will win a \$10 McDonalds gift certificate!

Send your responses to: info@atonementonline.com



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DON'T MISS IT!

**Parish Music Series
Final Concert This Weekend
Sunday, May 16th – 3:30 PM**

*Organ Recital, Evensong and Benediction
Featuring students from The Atonement
Academy
and special guests
Drs. Gerre and Judith Hancock
-Reception to Follow-*

**PSIA STATE
COMPETITORS
RECOGNIZED**



Pictured above are a number of students who went on to compete at the state level. The students were recognized at a short assembly on May 7 after Mass.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
OUR CRUSADERS IN THE
SUMMER PREP PROGRAM**

The following students were accepted into the SAPREP Program for their first of three years: Diane Squire (7th grade), Nicholas Orta (7th Grade), Ruthanne Reiley (8th Grade), Romi Montenegro (8th Grade), Chloe LaPresta (8th Grade). Freshman Elizabeth Surovic is entering her third year in the program.

San Antonio Prefreshman Engineering Program (SAPREP) is a collaborative effort of local school districts, colleges and universities to encourage junior high school and high school students to begin preparing for scientific and engineering career paths in school. The following colleges act as study sites: UTSA, St. Mary's Univ., Univ. of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio College, St. Phillips College, Palo Alto College, Northwest Vista College.

Check out our graduates — 8th Grade and the Class of 2010 — in the May 6 Issue of Today's Catholic!

**Changes in Store for
Middle School Uniforms!**

The uniform brochure from Parker will be ready soon, but please make note of the following changes for middle school students in 2010-2011:

BOYS: Dark charcoal slacks (like the upper scholars) and a tie to be purchased from the school (black polyester tie with red Jerusalem crosses).

GIRLS: Quarter-length sleeve overblouse (like the upper scholars), with a new, longer tie (same plaid) both purchased from Parker. Other items remain the same.

All other classes retain the same uniform items as 2009-2010.