

THE CRUSADER TIMES

An electronic newsletter published as needed for our parents and academy community

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Countdown to a New Academic Year!

Atonement Academy teachers report for in-service activities on August 2, but many have spent part of their summer getting ready for what promises to be a remarkable academic year. We will begin the 2010-2011 school year with our largest enrollment in the history of the school.



First grade teachers Jessica Connelly and Jean Bauer take a break from preparing their classrooms for students

Record enrollment required the hiring of new teachers, and new hires also take the



Kindergarten teacher Marissa Celestino sees how her room measures up!

place of several of our beloved teachers who have moved on to stay home with new babies or begin new careers.

While those teachers will be missed, we look forward to new beginnings with a slate of dedicated, Catholic professionals who are enthusiastic about education — especially education at The Atonement Academy.

See the school website for a complete listing of our 2010-2011 faculty and their credentials.

Nota Bene — Note Well:

- **Full-Year Calendar** is available for download on p.4
- **Brown Bag School Supply** order form is available on p. 7 of this newsletter.
- **Fall Trip to DC:** This trip designed for 7th and 8th graders is described on pages 5&6
- **New Family / New Student Orientation** is Thursday, August 5 at 6 pm. We have a special evening for new students and their families.

IMPORTANT DATES

- August 5: New Family / New Student Orientation, 6 pm in St. Anthony Hall
- August 9: Lower School Back to School Night, 6 pm
- August 10: Middle and Upper School Back to School Night, 6 pm
- August 11: School Begins!

**SEE WEBSITE FOR
COMPLETE CALENDAR
AND DETAILS**

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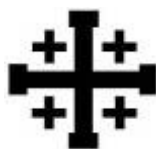


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OUR MISSION

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.



Uniform Update

Remember, our middle school students' uniforms are changing!

GIRLS: Blouse and tie are different.

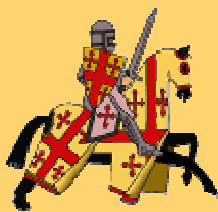
BOYS: Pants and tie are different.

The boys' ties are in production and should be available sometime next week.

Please call the school for the latest update when the ties will be ready for purchase at Parker Uniform.



Paloma Torres models the new tie and blouse.



ATHLETICS NEWS

SPORTS TEAMS GEAR UP FOR FALL CONTESTS

JV/Varsity volleyball

July 30th 2-4:30 orientation

August 2-5 4:30-6:30 practice

6-man Football

August 2-6 4-8pm practice

August 7 9-11am practice

MS volleyball practice

August 11th 4:30-5:30 A team

5:00-6:00 B team

6:00-7:00 CYO team

Flag football

August 11th — Time to be determined

Game Schedules Coming
in the next issue of
The Crusader Times

PTC OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES 2010-2011

President: Ericka VanderSys

Vice President: Brenda Garza

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2010-2011 PTC Committee Chair Nominations

- **Head Room Mom**

Aurora Crawford

- **Teacher Appreciation**

Deborah Brady

Nicole Goddard

Natalie Skokan

- **Parent Formation Nights/PTC Meetings**

Lori McDonough

- **Sunday Choir Coffee and Welcome Back
Coffee for Parents**

Lori McDonough

- **High School Student Activities Chair**

Susan Moore

- **Family Bingo**

(Needed)

- **King's Fair Raffle Tickets** (ordering, distributing and counting)

Sue Reiley

- **Posada**

Ana Holden

- **Mardi Gras**

Allyson Rodriguez & Margaret Orta

- **Penny War**

(Needed)

- **International Festival**

Alice Perez

- **Babysitting**

Catherine Henriquez

- **Advertising**

Rosalie Knodell

2009-2010 YEARBOOK

We need digital photos — especially lower school classroom shots, the Rome trip, and senior graduation! Send us your best, a few at a time:

info@atonementonline.com

Scene On Campus This Summer

Various projects have been underway over the past two months. A few are happening outdoors, but there are quite a few indoors as well!

In addition to ordering more lockers in the middle and upper school hallways, expanding the PA system, tinting the classroom windows in the original school building (for utility efficiency), painting and general improvements throughout the building, the following have been taking place as well:

- One of the larger rooms in the school has been divided in two to accommodate more classes.
- We're adding more computers to the Tech Room to accommodate our incoming freshmen class — which is at capacity!
- We're building a huge storage facility in the gymnasium for supplies and equipment. The two-level facility is in the form of a medieval castle, complete with turrets. A new stage and sound system will complement the structure for student assemblies.
- We've added carpet and wooden trim to the gym on three sides to assist with sound as well as a cleaner look.



Concession stand and storage facility in process

We're currently finishing the concession stand and storage facility on the ball field. The structure measures 24x30.



The large playscape is taking shape.

We're also adding another swing set to the playground, plus a large playscape with multiple slides, bars and places to climb — measuring 90ft. long!

THANK YOU TO THE SILVA FAMILY for their support of the large playscape. If any parents or grandparents are in a position to help underwrite the costs involved with any of the projects above, we would greatly appreciate your support! Contact Ralph Johnston (rjohnston@atonementonline.com) or Mary Havel (mhavel@atonementonline.com) for more information.

The Atonement Academy

2010-2011

Academic Year Calendar

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.

July 10						
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First Day of School: Aug. 11

Last Day of School: June 2

School Holidays

NOTE: Parent-Teacher Conferences

Sept. 17 and Feb. 17

Early Dismissal Days

(full days for teachers)

Major School Activities

See Website for Specifics

Orientations:

Aug. 5: New Families, 6pm

Aug. 9: Grades PK-5, 6 pm

Aug. 10, Grades 6-12, 6 pm

Grading Periods

1st Qtr. Ends Oct. 8

2nd Qtr. Ends Dec. 22

3rd Qtr. Ends Mar. 18

4th Qtr. Ends Jun. 2

Concerts

Dec. 10: Grades 6-12, 7pm

Dec. 17: Grades 3-5, 7pm

Dec. 21: Grades PK & K, 2pm

Dec. 22: Grades 1 & 2, 2 pm

May 13: Grades 3-5, 7 pm

May 20: Grades 6-12, 7pm

May 25: Grades PK & K, 2pm

May 26: Grades 1 & 2, 2pm

May 27: Last Day for Graduates (K, 8, & 12)

June 7: Book & Uniform Exchange

Spend Fall Break in Washington DC!

The Atonement Academy
7th and 8th Grade Trip to Washington, D.C.
and Baltimore, Maryland
November 6 - 11, 2010



Jefferson Memorial



Smithsonian Institution



*Basilica of the Assumption,
America's First Cathedral*

Information Meetings

*Tuesday, July 27 and
Tuesday, August 17*

7:00 pm

Common Room

This unique travel experience is open to all Atonement Academy students and their families but is designed especially for our 7th and 8th grade classes.

***Museums * Monuments * Historic Sites * Daily Mass * Priceless Memories
All transportation, hotels and meals included.***

See additional detail on next page!

The Atonement Academy

7th and 8th Grade Trip to Washington, D.C.



The U.S. Capitol

The itinerary and prospective sites are still in development, but may include:

The **U.S. Capitol** and **U.S. Supreme Court Building**.

The museums of the **Smithsonian Institution** including the original **Castle** building, the **National Museum of Natural History**, the **National Museum of American History**, and the **National Air and Space Museum**.

The National Gallery of Art.

The **John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts** and the sweeping view from its rooftop deck.

The **Lincoln Memorial**, **Tidal Basin**, **Jefferson Memorial** and other nearby monuments.

Arlington National Cemetery, the **Tomb of the Unknowns**, and **Arlington House**, the ancestral home of Robert E. Lee.

The **National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception**, one of the ten largest church buildings in the world.

St. Matthew's Cathedral, a magnificent Romanesque basilica that is the cathedral church of the Washington Archdiocese.



The Lincoln Memorial

Beyond the boundaries of the national capital, we may visit lesser known but historically important sites including:

Baltimore, seat of the first diocese in the United States. We will visit the National Shrine of the Basilica of the Assumption of the BVM. This magnificent building, the first metropolitan cathedral in our country, was designed by Benjamin Latrobe in close collaboration with America's first Bishop, John Carroll. It remained the cathedral of Baltimore until the 1950s, and was restored to a high standard for its 200th anniversary in 2006.

Annapolis. We will walk the streets of this beautiful 17th century English colonial port city which was, for a time, the seat of government of the United States under the Articles of Confederation. Annapolis is also the home of the U.S. Naval Academy and the 18th century State House, the oldest state capitol.

Mount Vernon, Gunston Hall, and the Pohick Church. Mount Vernon, on the banks of the Potomac River, was the home of George Washington, nearby Gunston Hall was the home of George Mason, perhaps the most underappreciated of the founding fathers. Mason was the author of the Virginia Declaration of Rights, the precursor to the Declaration of Independence. Virginia was a royal colony where the Church of England was the established religion. The Pohick Church was the first church in Northern Virginia, and was the principal church in the Truro Diocese. George Washington, George Mason and George William Fairfax all served as vestrymen.

Old Town Alexandria. Another 17th century English colonial city, Alexandria predates by 200 years the founding of the nearby national capital of Washington, D.C., which was not created until the Federal period. Many colonial era buildings remain intact. We will visit and perhaps have Mass at Old Saint Mary's, the oldest Catholic church in Virginia, dating from the 18th century.



Tomb of the Unknowns



The Vietnam Memorial

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Student(s) name/grade: _____

Parent's name: _____

Home Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Quantity	Grade for 2010 - 2011 school year	Unit Price	Total
	Pre-Kindergarten with nap mat and cover	\$60.00	
	Pre-Kindergarten without nap mat and cover	45.00	
	Kindergarten with nap mat and cover	60.00	
	Kindergarten without nap mat and cover	45.00	
	First Grade	40.00	

Quantity	Grade for 2010 - 2011 school year	Unit Price	Total
	Second Grade	\$40.00	
	Third Grade	45.00	
	Fourth Grade	45.00	
	Fifth Grade	45.00	
	Middle School - does not include calculator	40.00	
	Upper School - does not include calculator	40.00	
		Total	

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