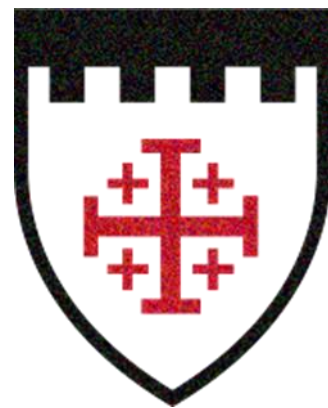


# THE Crusader TIMES



NEWS FROM THE ATONEMENT ACADEMY

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## Preparing our Future Leaders



Re-enroll today to save your spot for next year !!!

Returning Students

New Students

## Upcoming Events

- Fri. Mar. 16 Stations of the Cross (2:15 pm)
- Fri. Mar. 23 Stations of the Cross (2:15 pm)
- Sat. Mar. 24 US Gym Night (6-9pm)
- Wed. Mar. 28 Award Ceremony (10:00am)
- Wed. Mar. 28 Birthday Celebrations (2:15pm)
- Fri. Mar. 30 Good Friday (**No School**)

**Easter Break:** April 2nd - April 6th - (**No School**)

## Headmaster's Highlights

*Dear Atonement Families,*

The National Latin Exam takes place this Wednesday, March 14. The Atonement Academy has traditionally been among the highest scorers on the exam, and we're looking forward to another excellent showing again this year from all our scholars taking the exam. Their teachers have prepared them well for this challenge.

The new church website and landing page are up and running. Many features have been added. Look for calendar and information updates daily.

The Fourth Quarter begins Monday, March 19, marking the fifth week of Lent. Also taking place next week is the Upper School Gym Night on Saturday, March 24, from 6:00-9:00 pm.

May the Lord bless and encourage you as we follow our Lenten journey.



*Thank you,  
Mr. John Markovetz*



# CATHOLIC EDUCATION

## AT THE ATONEMENT ACADEMY

### Catholic Saints on Education

Every calendar year, the church celebrates saints who inspire and teachers and educational leaders. Our Parish School calls attention to those saints who served Catholic educations and people throughout their life.

#### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Jan. 4th)

The feast of Mother Seton on January 4 invites us to ponder this saint's life (1774-1821) of dual commitments to education and caring for society's at-risk children. She founded America's first parish school.



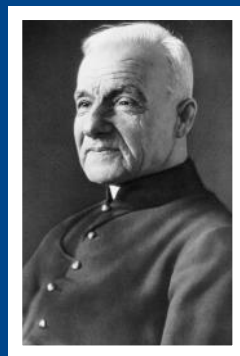
#### St. John Neumann (Jan. 5th)

St. John Neumann, was a native of the present-day Czech Republic. He traveled to America, was ordained a priest, and became Bishop of Philadelphia in 1852. He oversaw the construction of numerous parishes and schools for immigrants, founding the first Catholic diocesan school system in the United States. The Church's January 5 feast is an opportunity to reflect upon the teaching vocation as a journey shared with others.



#### St. Andre Bessette (Jan. 6th)

On January 6, St. André Bessette (1845-1937), a religious brother in the Congregation of Holy Cross, is celebrated for his unique ministry to the sick and marginalized, which grew miraculously even as he humbly served a Catholic school in Montreal—as a porter, not a teacher.



The message of overcoming life's obstacles and pursuing big dreams through the blessings of Catholic schools echoes from all three saints and applies to both educators



### *Nota Bene / Note Well:*

- **ENROLLMENT MEETING\$:** We had great success on our first enrollment tech night. We will be holding a re-enrollment tech meeting every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:45-4:00 pm in our Atonement Tech room. Please sign in the front office and come join us during carline.
- **LANDING PAGE & WEBSITE:** If you have accessed atonement online you may have noticed a new landing page and a new church website. please check back regularly to see updated calendar items and pictures.
- **\$SCHOLARSHIP TOTAL.** So far this year our seniors have been awarded **\$3,011,582** in scholarships for college next year. Way to go !!!
- **EVENT/\$PORT\$ PICTURE\$:** Please share some of your great events and sports pictures with us. Email us at





# Atonement Athletics

*[AtonementSports.org](http://AtonementSports.org)*



## Coaches' Corner

### Atonement Track and Field

The Middle School and High School Participated in their first Track and Field meet, of the year, this past week. It was a good start for the Teams. Middle School Boys 8th grade finish 3rd as a overall at the San Antonio Christian meet.

James Vester ran 12.6 in the 100 meters (1st place) and second in the 200 meters with a time of 25.5 Personal best. AJ Pena, won the 400m with a time of 56.66 also, a Personal best. He also won the 800m with a Personal best, 2:13.

Michael Cantu came in second in the 800m with Personal best time of 2:49. Dominic Peteres came in second in the 110m Hurdles with a time of 18.1, Personal best. The 4x200 Boys 8th grade came in 2nd with a time of 1:54. And, 4x400 Relay came in third with a time of 4:11. Karolina Garza won the 100 meters with a time of 14:35 and the 400 meters with a time of 1:11, Personals best.

The High Schoolers ran at the Holy Cross meet. Gabriel Prochko ran a personal best in the 400 meters with a time of 54.1, first place. Sergio Almenarez(JV Div.) can in 2nd in the Long jump with a jump of 17'11", Personal best. Mia Robles won the 100 meters in the JV Div. with a time of 14.3 and also won the 400m with a time of 1:11, Personals best. Mia also won the Long jump in the JV div. with a jump of 13.9, Personal best.

Kathleen Morrow came in second in the 800m and second place in the 1600 with a time of 6:36 with a Personal best time of 2:56. Maire Kennedy came in 2nd in the 1600m with a time of 6:39 and 1st in the 3200m with a time 14:30, both times Personal best.

**Coach G.** (Track Coach)



## Upcoming Games

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| Thur. | <b>Mar. 15</b> | MS Girls Softball - 3:30pm (Away)   |
| Tues. | <b>Mar. 20</b> | MS Girls Softball - 4:00pm (Away)<br>Men's Varsity Baseball - 4:00pm (Home) |
| Thur. | <b>Mar. 22</b> | MS Boys Baseball - 4:30pm (Home)  |
| Fri.  | <b>Mar. 23</b> | MS Girls Softball - 5:00pm (Home)<br>MS Boys & Girls - Track & Field (TBA)  |

## Upper School Corner

Subject: AP Biology  
Grade: Upper School  
Teacher: Miss Jennifer Gray



## Learning about Bacteria

We have been learning a lot about the beauty of God's creation in AP Biology as we prepare for the upcoming test in May! Earlier this quarter we delved into understanding the simplest of God's organisms, bacteria. Bacteria are unicellular creatures that are prokaryotes, which means they lack a nucleus to hold their DNA. In our desire to learn more about these organisms, we swabbed various places around the school to see which had the most bacteria. We investigated 10 different items including: the castle on the playground, the nurse's office, the phone in the lab, the hand railing, the water fountain, and even a fish used for dissection in 7<sup>th</sup> grade life science. We found that the fish was the cleanest. We also added hand sanitizer to one of the samples and found that it destroyed some of the bacteria as we expected. We look forward to learning more about the mystery of God's creation as we perform more labs in AP biology!



## Featured Teacher of the Week



Mr. Jesus De Hoyos  
School Music Director

When I told my mom I was joining choir in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, she turned to me and said, "But mijo, you can't sing," to which my response was, "I'll learn!" The idea that anyone can learn to sing is at the heart of my teaching philosophy. My family marvels at how far I've come from the home movies of terribly off-key nail-screaming renditions of *Happy Birthday* and I can hardly believe that sheer will power and hard work has brought me so far when natural talent was so obviously lacking. Surprisingly, although I was a kid from South Texas, where snow is more of a legend rather than weather, my first dream was to become a professional hockey player. My lack of coordination would eventually change my mind, causing me to go back and forth between neurosurgeon and video game developer.

It wasn't until the beginning of my senior year that I even entertained the idea of pursuing a degree in music. Before then, I felt I lacked the necessary talent to earn a degree in music let alone a scholarship. Perhaps that is why I encourage my colleagues to push our students so hard, for I can only imagine the heights I could have reached had I started my journey with their natural abilities. But my goal is not to drive every student to be the next Pavarotti, Aretha Franklin, Billy Joel, Adele, or even the next music teacher; instead I want to give them the tools to create opportunities to pursue such dreams and aspirations. I want students to believe that if a kid from a broken home who had extensive speech therapy for five years can earn an over \$100,000 scholarship to the University of Miami for singing, then no dream is too big, no problem too challenging, and no situation too impossible to overcome.



## Middle School Corner

Subject: MS Physical Education  
Grade: 6th, 7th & 8th  
Teacher: Coach Estevan Vasquez



## Building Strength & Endurance

As the Fall and Winter Sport seasons come to a close this Spring semester, we have added more student athletes to the Middle School Physical Education off-season program. During off-season, we like to focus on building up sports specific strength and endurance. The workouts that we typically address are High intensity. Once the off-season period has started, they do not typically stop moving until it is time to go home. The workout that is shown is running up an incline, which helps develop speed and endurance. The other workout is of them focusing on their core. The core is main part of the body we focus on, building up the foundation of the athlete's bodies one workout at a time. Crusader Physical Education and Athletic program will continue to strive for our Mission at the Atonement Academy by striving excellence in the physical, the intellectual, and the spiritual virtues.



## Need Help Enrolling?

**Every Tuesday & Thursday**  
Between (2:45pm - 4:00pm)

**Meeting Location: Tech Room**  
(Please sign in the front of office)



# Atonement Gala 2018



Thank you to the PTC for a Fantastic Night !!!





## Lower School Corner

Subject: Latin

Grade: Lower School

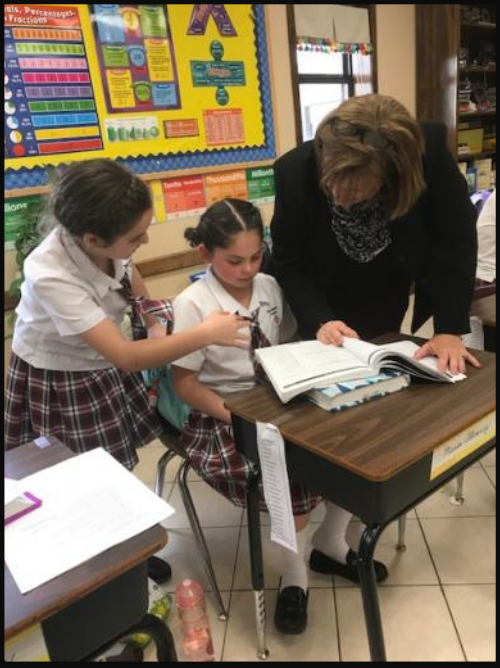
Teacher: Mrs. Susana Trevino

## Loving to Learn Latin !



Your children continue to learn Latin in the Lower School. Grades Pre-K and Kinder learn through fun songs, games and stories. We learn new vocabulary words every week and they are learning their Our Father in Latin too! Have them sing a song or two for you. First and Second grades use their workbook and also learn new vocabulary on a weekly basis, their workbook is filled with short exercises, writing exercises and fun pages to reinforce their learning. They can ask you what your name is, name the parts of the body, the people in a family, items in a classrooms and various animals, all in Latin!

Third, fourth and fifth grades learn not only the fun vocabulary but grammar as well. The way the program is set up is that it is parallel to our Shurley Grammar program so the students reinforce what they have learned in English grammar when they learn new concepts in Latin. The students are able to translate and parse sentences and as well as conjugate verbs and decline nouns. You all should be very proud of what they are able to accomplish at a very young age.



## Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church

### Sunday Mass Schedule

7:30am, 9:00am,

11:00am, 6:00pm (Latin)

### Weekday Mass Schedule

7:00am, 9:10am, 12:00pm



Our Lady of the Atonement has a young adult group for those ages 18-39! We exist to build community, spirituality and fellowship. The Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen study meets every Thursday in the library from 6:30-7:45 pm. For more information on the study or the group's service, social and spiritual activities, please contact Ademola Elliotte at 210.273.7755 or [aelliotte@live.com](mailto:aelliotte@live.com).



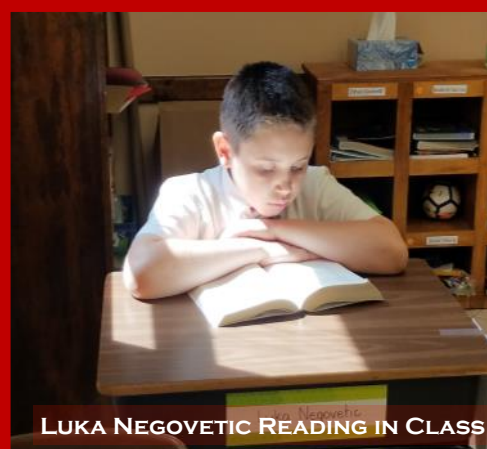
# CRUSADER SCENE



MADISON VAN DELDEN DURING PSIA



MS GIRLS B-DAY GIFT FOR MR. PROCHKO



LUKA NEGOVETIC READING IN CLASS



MRS. WEEMS WITH STUDENTS



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