

THE TUESDAY TIMES

THE ATONEMENT ACADEMY

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PSIA COMPETITION RESULTS

.On April 25, 2009, the Atonement Academy of San Antonio competed in the PSIA State Academic Meet at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. There were approximately 20 state qualified positions based on results of the District meet in March.

Of the 46 ribbons received by Atonement Academy at the district meet, the following were eligible to participate at the State competition on April 25 At TCU in Fort Worth. The 20 State Qualified positions: 2nd Grade: Maria Pecha, Spelling; 3rd Grade: Kristina Delagarza, Ready Writing and Spelling; 4th Grade: Katy Dinkins, Mathematics; 5th Grade: Theresa Henriquez, Ready Writing; Thomas Pecha, Art Memory and Mathematics; 6th Grade: Bridget Kennedy, Prose Interpretation; Melody Logsdon, Mathematics; Sherylyn Norton, Ready Writing; Daniel Surovic, Music

Memory; Veronika Prochko, Impromptu Speaking; 7th Grade: Christian Havel, Mathematics; Joseph Pecha, Mathematics and Science; Britny Vale, Listening; 8th Grade: Cecile Sorio, Listening Skills and Ready Writing; Elizabeth Surovic, Impromptu Speaking; Megan Winfrey, Spelling.

The following students placed in the top six positions in the State: 6th Grade Music Memory, **Daniel Surovic**, 5th place; 3rd Grade Ready Writing, **Kristina Delagarza**, 5th place; 5th Grade Ready Writing, **Mary Theresa Henriquez**, 4th place; 6th Grade Ready Writing, **Sherylyn Norton**, 6th place.

We are very proud of all our students and commend them for their hard work in the pursuit of academic excellence.

IMPORTANT DATES

- *May 1: May Crowning of Our Lady during the 9:15 Mass (see **Nota Bene**)*
- *May 1: PTC Federation Dinner, John Paul II Library & St. Anthony Hall*
- *May 4: AP Exams Begin*
- *May 4: Teacher Appreciation Week Begins*
- *May 4: Late Registration. See **Nota Bene**.*
- *May 15: Upper School Gym Night, 4-7 pm*
- *May 15: Annual Video Festival, 7-8:30 in the Common Room*

Nota Bene — Note Well!

- **May Crowning is Friday, May 1.** The PTC will be selling carnations for \$1 that morning before Mass. Students are welcome to purchase a carnation or bring flowers from home that day. (There is no guarantee everyone will be able to purchase a flower; once they sell out, we will have no more!)
- **Late Registration starts May 4.** Registering after 11:59 on May 3rd constitutes late registration, and returning families will be assessed a \$100 late fee beginning May 4. Families new to the school are exempt from this late fee.
- **SWINE FLU PRECAUTIONS:** Are in place. Teachers, administrators, staff and students are exercising care and caution. **Please see p. 3** for recent communications from Mr. Johnston.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
8TH GRADER**

CECILLE SORIO

**WINNER OF THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS HIGH
SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP**

SEEN AT THE ACADEMY...



Dominic King displays the trophy he received for wrestling. (3rd in State!)

The Crusader Athletic Banquet was held Thursday, April 23, 2009 and was one of the largest banquets we have had for middle and upper school athletes. In addition to individual and team awards, the announcement of a Lettermen's Club (for Athletics and Choir) was made by booster club parent and flag football coach Greg Surovic.



Athletic Director Dolores Zapata and Coach Ryan Ross present Dr. Joe McDonough with a plaque recognizing his dedication to Crusader sports both as a parent and as a coach.



For the second year in a row, Laura Oliveros (Varsity Volleyball) received recognition as our Ladies MVP. The award recognizes athletic achievement as well as scholarship. Cooper Johnston won the Mens MVP.



Guest speaker for the evening was West Point graduate and wrestling team coach **Rob Harris**. He delivered a great address to inspire our athletes.



Sixth graders Michael Gonzales and Gerald Potter enjoy a chance to discuss strategies for next year's baseball team.

THANK YOU, BOOSTER CLUB, FOR YOUR EFFORTS ALL YEAR LONG!



Varsity Volleyball Team members honored for their efforts included Christina Castillo, Anna Wiessing, Katherine Wright, Gabby Garcia, Maria King, Kayla Chauvin, Monica King, and Brittany Weems.

GOT NEWS? GOT PHOTOS?

If you'd like a notice or information to appear in this weekly bulletin, submit your information by the preceding Friday noon to mhavel@atonementonline.com.

First Update to the Academy's Swine Flu Advisory

April 28, 2009 10:30am

Dear fellow academy parents:

The academy's response to the swine flu outbreak remains as stated in the original advisory of April 26 (below). We remain vigilant, concerned, and unpanicked. Students exhibiting flu-like symptoms are being sent home from school.

We are grateful for the support and cooperation that our parents are providing. Parents are keeping sick children home, they are responding to our calls when a student needs to be picked up, and they are keeping us informed of their children's diagnoses.

We understand that the current circumstances are challenging for our families' work schedules and other commitments, and we appreciate what they are doing for the cause of public health even at some inconvenience to themselves. Schools are not set up as health care facilities, and our parents' response when children need to be kept home demonstrates their understanding of this.

Please continue to practice the hygiene measures recommended by the CDC and please continue to encourage your children to practice them. Please keep us advised of your children's diagnoses if they relate in any way to flu-like symptoms.

If a case of swine flu is confirmed in our school population, parents will be informed. In the mean time, please assist your children in understanding that we need to distinguish between undiagnosed flu-like symptoms, common cold, other strains of influenza, other maladies, and the specific strain of flu that is the subject of current concern. Parents, you can help us with rumor control.

Any updates will be provided by email and will be posted on the school's website.

Sincerely,
Ralph Johnston
Academy Administrator

The following message was emailed to academy parents at 2:50pm, Sunday, April 26:

Dear fellow academy parents:

The academy's administrative team is following news reports and Centers for Disease Control advisories, and is assessing the implications for our school of the well-publicized swine flu outbreak. We are grateful to the parents who have contacted us to express concern and to provide advice.

Based on the information available to us at 2:30 pm on Sunday, here is how we will proceed:

1. Families are urged to read and follow the CDC recommendations at http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/habits.htm?s_cid=swineFlu_outbreak_003
2. Sick students are urged to stay home, and the school will heighten its vigilance in calling parents to pick up any children who exhibit flu-like symptoms.
3. Parents who wish to do so may send their children to school with personal bottles of alcohol-based hand sanitizers.
4. Teachers will remind students to wash hands frequently throughout the day.
5. Paper towels will be restocked in school restrooms at more frequent intervals, and paper waste will be removed from school restrooms at more frequent intervals.
6. Parents should instruct their children not to share food or personal objects.
7. Parents should instruct their children to avoid kissing and to avoid hand contact with their own or with others' eyes, noses or mouths.

We will keep our families advised by email of any updates in our school's response.

Sincerely,
Ralph Johnston
Academy Administrator