



# THE ATONEMENT ACADEMY

## COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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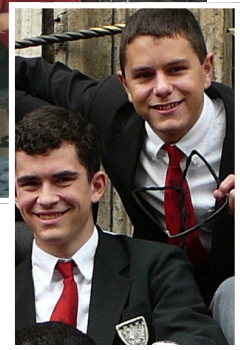
### Welcome to The Atonement Academy!

We are delighted that you are considering The Atonement Academy, a National Blue Ribbon School. We anticipate that the freshman class entering in 2008 will be the largest class in the young history of our high school program.

### We offer a rigorous college preparatory program that is classical and Catholic.

If you attend high school here, you will read classic literature, will study the history of the world from the viewpoint of Western Christian culture, will receive the fullness of the Church's moral teaching without modification or embellishment, and will be challenged to think for yourself and to write what you think.

You will study music theory, you will learn the traditional sacred music that is part of the patrimony of the Church, and you will sing in a choir.



You will study Latin, the language on which Western civilization is built, the knowledge of which will assist you in your mastery of a wide range of studies from English grammar to literature to science to theology.

You will attend Mass daily with your schoolmates and faculty.

You will have plenty of homework.

In between these serious things, you will have fun, play sports, attend dances, and participate in student clubs and activities.



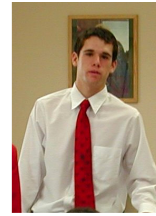
*September 2007: Upper Scholars pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi and Pompeii*



**But make no mistake about it: your principal activity will be to master the most ambitious high school program of classical and Catholic study available at any high school in San Antonio and to avail yourself of the best possible preparation for college and for your adult life as a Christian and as a citizen.**

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## Scholarships

To encourage the most highly qualified candidates to attend our school, The Atonement Academy will award scholarships to top candidates to offset the cost of freshman year tuition. All candidates whose applications are made by December 1, 2007, will be automatically considered for scholarships. No additional documentation is necessary for scholarship consideration. Any scholarship award will be made at the time admission is offered. We anticipate awarding scholarships to at least 25% of those admitted.

## Tuition and Fees

Tuition for the upper school for 2008-2009 school year will be \$500 per month on a 12-month payment plan, plus an annual enrollment fee of \$600.

## The Application and Admission Process

Applicants new to The Atonement Academy have a choice to apply under either the Regular Consideration Process or the Early Consideration Process.

**Early Consideration Process.** The early consideration process begins with the family contacting us and informing us of the intent to apply under the early admission process. The family then provides academic records documenting the last two years' schoolwork. It is not necessary for records to be sent directly from the current school; we will consider report cards and Stanford or TAKS scores already in the parents' possession. Under the early consideration process, we do not require a recommendation from the current school principal. The Atonement Academy will respect the privacy of the candidate's early applicant status. Any parent-provided records will be verified with official school records after February 1. In our experience, the HSPT does not provide the most useful prediction of success in our program. Grades earned in middle school, performance on our placement test, a writing sample, and an interview, provide a more useful picture of the student's aptitude, work ethic, motivation, and desire to embrace our educational and Catholic culture. Consequently we do not require HSPT scores from early consideration candidates. Participation or nonparticipation in the HSPT, here or at another school, will not affect our admission decision. Early consideration candidates will be invited to visit the school in person for a tour, school Mass attendance, classroom visit, and personal interview. The academy will administer its normal placement test to verify readiness for grade level, and will obtain a writing sample. Once all required information has been received and favorably considered, we will inform the parents that the application is satisfactory and that the applicant has been placed in the Early Consideration Program. Formal notification of admission will be given on February 1.

**Regular Admission Process.** This process begins by taking the High School Placement Test (HSPT) at the Atonement Academy on the morning of December 1, 2007. Alternatively, the applicant may arrange to take the HSPT on a makeup date, which may be scheduled by appointment. There is a fee of \$15 to take the HSPT and we are required by the mutually agreed rules to collect this fee. There is no application fee. The Atonement Academy will then request records and recommendations from the applicant's current school. The Atonement Academy will respect the privacy of the candidate's applicant status and of the records received. Applicants will be invited to visit the school in person for a tour, school Mass attendance, classroom visit, and personal interview. We may also request a writing sample. Applicants will be informed when their files are complete, and will be informed on February 1, 2008 of our admission decision.

The Process	Early Consideration	Regular Admission
HSPT required?	No	Yes
Records required from current school ?	After February 1	Immediately
Placement test required ?	Yes	No
Writing sample required?	Yes	Yes
Interview required?	Yes	Yes
Early indication of favorable review?	Yes	No
Formal notification date	February 1	February 1

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