

Lenten Outreach and Holy Week

As Holy Week approaches, we will be ending our Lenten Outreach. If your student has not had a chance to contribute, please have them do so by Wednesday, March 31st. We are collecting money to help families struggling from the devastation of the earthquake in Haiti. Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, so the impact of the earthquake on this country is overwhelming. Again, we are called to pray, fast and do almsgiving during Lent. We may have gotten off track over these last five weeks, but Holy Week is a good time to refocus and really work at living out the disciplines of Lent. We are called to not only abstain from eating meat on Good Friday, but we are also called to fast on that day. For almsgiving, we can participate in our Lenten Outreach, but also go out of our way to help others throughout Holy Week. For prayer, we can make an effort to attend the many services that will be held throughout the week. On Monday, March 29th, our parish offers everyone two chances to attend Reconciliation – there is a service at 11:00 am and then again at 7:00 pm, in the Church (all ACA students in grades 2 through 8 have attended a Reconciliation Service). On Wednesday, everyone in the Diocese is invited to attend the Chrism Mass at Mary, Queen of the Universe Shrine. It begins at 11:00 AM and you can go by bus by calling the Parish Office at 407-869-9472. The Mass of the Last Supper will be on Holy Thursday, at 7:00 pm. There are two Good Friday services, 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm. The Easter Vigil will begin at 7:00 pm on Holy Saturday. This is a most beautiful Mass and brings alive all the signs and symbols of our faith. The Triduum is a very special time in our liturgical year, and we need to keep the focus on what Jesus did out of His amazing love for us during these three days. May this Holy Week be a special time for all of us to grow in our relationship with Jesus, our Rock and our Salvation.

Quill Society Writing Contests

The Middle School Quill Society is sponsoring two writing contests for grades 3-8 in honor of Earth Day. Intermediate students may enter an essay contest with a choice of two topics. They can create a green A.C.A. or invent a new form of energy! Middle school students can submit a poem that describes what it means to be green! Essays and poems must be a full page in length. Teachers will have all the details to give to students who are interested. Anyone can enter! The deadline for submissions is April 13th.

Set Sail This Summer With CYC

All hands on deck.....we can't set sail without you! Volunteers needed for Catholic Youth Camp (formally vacation bible school) this summer - choose from 2 sessions - June 21st to June 25th or June 28th to July 2nd. ACA volunteers please look for the adult

volunteer form in your Friday folders. Please email Lora Wentzel at ACALora@gmail.com if your student completing 5th grade or teen is interested in volunteering this summer. Volunteer deadline is April 12th. Save the date - **Camper Registration is April 18th** - new this year, you must be present to register your child.



Black & White Student Photos

Professional photographer Kacia Platt photographed almost all ACA students in Black & White. In order to cut costs, all photos have not been printed. Instead, please go to Kacia's website to view and order your child's photo. You may choose the size and the number of copies that suits you best. Please follow these instructions:

1. Visit www.portraitsbykacia.com
2. click on Moment held in Time
3. click on Client Proofs
4. type in the password which is – stars
5. Find your child's picture and write down their corresponding photo number
6. use the Contact tab to email Kacia with your photo number, size of photo, # of copies.
7. Mail a check payable to Portraits by Kacia.

Sizes Available: Wallets - \$10.00, 8 X 10 - \$20.00, 5 X 7 - \$15.00, 11 X 14 - \$30.00

If you are interested in the My Diamond Ice Products, you may order them directly using the My Diamond Ice Tab, use the same photo number, and type **PBK** in the coupon code in order for ACA to receive its portion of the sale. Diamond Ice prints can be paid for by Credit card online.

If you have any questions about ordering your photos, please feel free to contact Kacia Platt at 407-417-3174 or Kacia.Platt@portraitsbyKacia.com.

“Thoroughly Modern Millie Junior” – Save the Date

Tickets are now on sale and you don't want to wait to order them. Take a look at these ACA Middle School Drama performers ready to entertain you in the upcoming Musical Production, of



“Thoroughly Modern Millie, Junior”. Ticket order forms went home today, and as past sales show, you don't want to wait to secure tickets for the date and time of your choice. Show dates and times:

Friday, April 23rd, at 7:30pm, Saturday, April 24th, at 2:00pm, and Saturday, April 24th, at 7:30pm.

See you at a show!

Message For Parents

We live in a world that appears increasingly materialistic and selfish. As followers of Jesus, we often struggle with this reality. Jesus told us that “I have not come to be served, but to serve.” On a very hopeful note, many children today are able to see clearly the overemphasis on material things in our world and are determined and ready to do something to change that. Social researchers call the children in today's elementary and high schools a “hero generation.” We see evidence of this in many programs that young people have started in their schools and communities to meet the needs of the poor and needy. Today's young people are committed to making our world a cleaner and more just world in which to live.

As technology brings the world closer together, it becomes clearer that all human beings rely on one another in countless ways. It is our charge to work together to do all that we can to make our world a better place. The kinds of changes necessary to do this are both grand and small in scale. What can you do to teach your child the importance of service to others?

- Model reverence for all of creation.
- Show compassion for those who are less fortunate or in need.
- Consider a family service activity such as working in a soup kitchen with your child, helping a neighbor with yard work, or working with Habitat for Humanity.
- Encourage your child to be generous in helping at school either through clubs or whenever there is need.
- Summer may be a great time to undertake a new service activity with your family.
- Most importantly, lead by example.

The path of service is a rewarding one. Do what you can to encourage this belief and practice in your family.

Calendar

March 31:	8 th Grade to Christ Mass
April 1:	Holy Thursday – No School
April 2:	Good Friday – No School
April 5-9:	Spring Break – No School
April 12:	School resumes
April 20:	Mass Day 8:30am Parents Welcome
April 23-24:	Middle School Musical
April 28:	Middle School Outreach/ Conferences/ Career Day
April 30:	Grandparents Day
May 2:	First Holy Communion
May 3:	Msgr. Caverly Day – No School
May 4:	Mass Day 8:30am Parents Welcome
May 7:	Spring Social
May 13:	H & S Meeting & Recorder Concert 7pm
May 18:	Mass Day 8:30am Parents Welcome
May 27:	Spring Band Concert 7pm
May 31:	Memorial Day – No School

Buy SCRIP Before Spring Break!

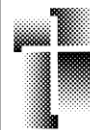
Stock up for Spring Break - the SCRIP office will be open on Wednesday (3/31) next week. Stop by in the morning or in the afternoon (1:30pm) to shop our gift card inventory. The next office day for SCRIP is Friday, April 16th. **Shop with SCRIP now... pay less tuition later.**

Carpool Tips

When the teachers have indicated that all the cars are filled, the orange cones will be removed from the front and all cars will exit together. We will attempt to stop oncoming cars from Jamestown Blvd. to expedite our exit and to avoid the ripple effect of false stopping. Please do not drive over or around the cones!

Gold Stars:

- ★ Gold Stars and a big thank you to **all who donated gloves to the science lab**. The seventh graders appreciate them very much!



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