



Walk-4-ACA – March 4th

Save the date for ACA's annual walk-a thon – Thursday, March 4th. The annual walk is a great day for the whole school community. Raise money for your school while having fun with friends. Mark your calendar and plan to join the fun – sign up now to volunteer. Email Deb Rosmarin at debbierosmarin@att.net.

Update on Used Uniform Sale

Much thanks to all those who supported, donated, and volunteered in last week's used uniform resale. We raised just under \$1000 that will be sent to our sister school in the Dominican Republic! Used uniform donations will continue to be accepted at the front desk.

All Star Endowment Auction/ Ball

The planning committee greatly needs your help! Many of you have seen the gorgeous baskets auctioned each year at the ball. Volunteers are needed now to help collect items and create the themed baskets for the 2010 Endowment Auction and Ball. Also, if you have won in the past and still have the empty basket at home, please donate them if possible. If you would like to help this worthy and fun cause, please contact Jules Soapes at soapes@earthlink.net. Remember, all the proceeds directly benefit our ACA community. Mark your calendars now for March 19th, 2010. Only 92 days to go...

Quill Corner

Written by Alison Bennett, 3rd grade:

My saint is named Saint Bernadette Soubirus. She was born on January 7, 1844. When she was 7 or 8, she had a vision of our Lady, the Virgin Mary. When she was older, a spring emerged, or came up, and the waters were capable of healing the sick and lame!! She was asked by the Virgin Mary to build a chapel where she had seen the visions. Although construction was going on well, in the city of Lourdes, where Bernadette lived, they didn't like Christianity, so they wanted to close down construction. But other communities and countries were trying to keep construction going, so it went through. Bernadette became a nun around her early 20's. Bernadette died on April 16, 1879, at age 36. She was exhumed 3 times during research, and her body was remarkably well preserved. She was canonized on December 8, 1933, by Pope Pius XI. Her feast day is on February 8.

ACA Held Food Drive

In November, ACA held a food drive to benefit Catholic Charities. Thanks to everyone's participation and generosity, we collected over 1000 lbs. of non-perishable food items. Catholic Charities wanted to express their appreciation and gratitude to the Academy for this much needed food supply. We have helped many people who are in need.

Have a Ball in 2010!

Everyone's favorite playground sport is coming to CYL – Kickball. Yes, kickball! Save the date - Registration begins January 18th. Teams forming for all grades (K-8). The season starts February 28th. For more information about the league, visit www.catholicyouthleague.org or contact our League Director – Sheryl Enders at ACACYL@yahoo.com. Catholic Youth League – promoting sports for children in Catholic schools since 1991.

ACA Girls Track & Field Team Repeat as CMAC Champs

Congratulations to the ACA Girls' Track & Field Team for winning the Diocesan Championship Track Meet this past Saturday. It was the "Showdown at Showalter Field" with all 12 schools vying for the coveted Championship Trophy.

It was no walk in the park for the highly respected ACA girls' team, as they attempted to repeat their big victory from last year. Every runner and field-eventer gave 100% as our team overcame several set-backs throughout the day, only to rally and score unexpected points in other events. Every single member of the team played an important part in grabbing this narrow victory. At the end of the day, ACA won by only 2 ½ points. This is the ACA girls' 3rd Championship victory in five years! Congratulations, girls!

Thank you to all the coaches, parents, and athletes who contributed so much time and effort this season to help the girls pull this off! GO STARS!!!

Carpool Tip of the Week

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!

We Need You!

Need a Tax Deduction? We Can Help You!

Advertising and sponsorship is needed to help the ACA Endowment Fund which assists ACA families with tuition and scholarship funding. This is especially important this year to help our ACA families that need additional aid. Any items, services or gift certificates would be greatly appreciated for the upcoming Auction/Ball. If you or someone you know – even a business - would like to make a charitable tax donation, please contact Robin Ogier at OgierHouse@aol.com or 407-247-5575.



Gold Stars:

★ Gold Stars to The Journey Into Imagination Drama Class: **Ms. Heather Thorne, Kimberly Ariza, Delaney Law, Audrey Martini, Elizabeth Amat,**



Jackson Canfield, Shea O'Malley, Louie Edwards, Caroline Chamblee, Tiffany Judge, Hannah Aldridge, and Kayli McClafferty. Under the direction of Ms. Heather Thorne, these ACA students helped write, costume, direct, and starred in the 4th Annual "Drama for Food" that took place Dec. 9 in the ACA cafetorium. Canned goods were collected for admission to their performance and have been donated to the Christian Sharing Center. Thank You Ms. Thorne, your wonderful cast, for your hard work and generosity to the Christian Sharing Center! YOU DID A FANTASTIC JOB! Parents and friends enjoyed a wonderful performance!

★ Congratulations to **Alysia Judge, Anna Cragan, and Genia Sprinkle** and their Pop Warner Lake Brantley team for placing 1st place in the District and Regional Cheer Leading competition and 3rd place in the Nationals. Great job girls!



★ Gold Stars to **Dylan Stobbe** for his missionary spirit. Dylan collected \$64 for the schools in our sister diocese. The money is being used to purchase crucifixes to hang in several of the classrooms. Thank you, Dylan; we are very proud of you.

SCRIP Loves Mondays

We love the new holiday hours so much... we're keeping them! The SCRIP office will now be open on Monday from 7:30am – 8:15am and Tuesday from 7:45am – 8:30am. Never purchased SCRIP before? What are you waiting for - start 2010 saving money toward your tuition. Have questions? Contact Jill Drafts at jdrafts@earthlink.net or (407) 464-0163. **Shop with SCRIP now... pay less tuition later!**

Calendar

- December 18:** End of 2nd Quarter
- December 21-January 3:** **Christmas Break**
- January 4:** **Classes Resume**
- January 5:** Mass Day 8:30 am Parents Welcome
- January 7:** Report Cards Distributed
- January 14:** Family Math Night K-2 6:30-7:30
- January 18:** Martin Luther King Day – **No School**
- January 19:** Mass Day 8:30 am Parents Welcome

Letter to Parents

As the holiday season approaches, we are overwhelmed by the emphasis on material gifts. Although our custom of giving gifts to those we honor and love is reminiscent of the Magi who brought valuable gifts to the infant Jesus, we should remember that the perfect gift which Jesus gave the world, the gift of himself, is far more precious than anything of monetary value.

Let us remind our children that they, too, can give the gift of self to family and friends and that such a gift may be far more meaningful than anything found in a store. Letters written to a grandparent, aunt, or uncle can carry loving thoughts more effectively than a bottle of cologne or one more tie. The gift of time spent with a lonely person is true giving. Time spent babysitting, doing dishes, cleaning, or doing odd jobs for another is a double gift showing both love and sensitivity to that person's needs.

Talk with your child about ways to give the precious gift of self. It may be that your child – and you, too – will find that the thoughtfulness and caring involved in this type of giving are more appreciated than beribboned packages from the mall.

When we give of ourselves to others, we are also giving to Christ. For what better birthday present would he ask?

Send Your Teacher Packing

Don't forget to send in your box tops! This is a great opportunity to help your school and send your teacher packing all at the same time! For every ten box tops turned in, your teacher will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a weekend at the beach.



Please e-mail submissions to: kenneyj@annunciationacademy.org

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