



Thoughts from our Headmaster, Jim Rozendal

Why do we take tests?

As a school, one of the most important things we do is prepare students to succeed in life. As adults we know that life is full of trials and tests, and while we usually don't welcome them, we know that they strengthen us for the future. Tests help reveal where we are strong and where we are weak. That is one of the many reasons that we have our students take tests at school. We want to assess their strengths and weaknesses so that we can help to better prepare them for all that God has planned. One of the tools we use to do this are standardized tests. Before we explain a little about those tests, let me encourage you to encourage your students to do their best, to get a good night's rest and to eat a hearty breakfast!

What tests do we use?

Atlantic Christian Academy uses the Stanford Achievement Test Series and the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test. These standardized tests will be given over the first 2 to 4 mornings of next week to all students in Kindergarten through 11th grade. The tests are created for each grade level and cover the appropriate areas of reading, language arts, math, social studies, science, and reference skills, as well as student ability. These tests were created using standards given to them by the various educational organizations in the different categories of the tests. After the tests were created, a large normative group was tested from schools around the nation to create standardized scores.

How does ACA use the tests?

The primary reason for the test is so that we can assess the student's strengths and weaknesses. This helps us to

develop strategies to work with the student, the teacher, and to partner with you, the parent, in order to improve that student's knowledge and performance in various subject areas. Secondly, as the administrative team looks at the overall results of the different school's divisions, areas of strength and areas in need of improvement are noted. A good school should be in a constant mode of self-evaluation and continuous improvement. Not only do we use this information to evaluate and adjust our curriculum, but we also use it as an opportunity to invest in our teachers and prepare for the next school year. After the test results are returned, the present classroom teacher as well as the teacher for the following year, review the results to help them determine if there are any areas that may



need extra attention as the class moves forward.

We look forward to seeing all of our students do their very best this coming week. If you have any questions about testing week at ACA, please feel free to talk with your child's teacher or myself.

"By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures."
Proverbs 24:3-4

ACA This Week

Secondary Chapel Time for **March: 1st Hr** | 8:10-9am

- **M,10-Th,13** SAT Testing (K5-11th)
- **Tu,11** Open House 7pm
- **Th-F, 13-14** HS FACCS Fine Arts Competition/Jacksonville
- **F, 14** Early dismissal (K5-12)
- **F, 14** Elementary Track & Field Day
- **F, 14** End of 3rd Quarter

OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS!

Calling all ACA Families 😊 It's that time of year to encourage other Christian families to join our ACA community and experience the difference a quality Christian education can make in the life of their child. Remember **you** will receive a **\$500.00 tuition discount** for every child you refer who enrolls for the 2014-2015 school year.

On the Horizon

MARCH

- **M-F, 3/17-21** SPRING BREAK (K5-12)
- **M, 3/17-21** Preschool open – NO VPK
- **M, 24** Classes resume, 4th quarter begins
- **Th, 3/27** 8th grade parent meeting 6pm in the gym
Open House 7pm
- **F, 28** Report Cards
- **F-Sat, 28-29** Parenting Seminar with Dr. Bob Barnes of Sheridan House Family Ministries (see pg 4)

APRIL SAVE THE DATE:

- **Tu 4/15** Elementary/Secondary Choral Concert
- **W, 4/16** BOOSTERTHON (see pg 6)
- **Th, 4/17** Daddy Daughter Dance (see pg 5)

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A Day in the Life...



Our 3rd grade learned a great deal about our county when they visited the Richard and Pat Johnson Palm Beach County History Museum.



On Friday, February 21st, a team of six seniors represented ACA for the first time in the Palm Beach County Envirothon held at the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge. They competed against other Palm Beach County Schools in the areas of soils, aquatics, forestry, wildlife, sustainable farming, and the Lake Worth Lagoon. "The King Crabs" represented our school well and gained a wealth of knowledge about ecosystems and our environment.



Guess what day it is? Above: It's a great day for our Kindergarten kids to visit Lion Country Safari! Left: K5ers celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday with a special snack! What fun!

ACA Seniors Collyn Saldana, Lynn Lin, Jorgia Vichairat; and Juniors Gabriella Vasquez and Austen West check out Taylor University this past weekend in Upland Indiana. You go girls!



Above: We had a wonderful evening at our Barnes and Noble Bookfair! Students performed, parents smiled, and ACA was well represented in our community. Right: The MarineBio class made a special trip to the Miami Seaquarium.



The 6th graders "adopted" an element from the periodic table and created a baby book about their new bundle of joy!



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"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace towards me was not in vain..."
 1 Corinthians 15:10A

THE JANE EVENT

A conference for young women, 7th-12th grade



**Responsibility
 Accountability
 Respect
 Entitlement**

"Commit your works to the Lord, and your thoughts will be established."
 Proverbs 16:3

A great day of discovery for young men, 7th-12th grade



The JANE event team



In the 'Respect' portion of the men's seminar, Mr. Gill emphasises the importance of a firm handshake and direct eye contact.



"What a blessing the JANE event was to the girls of ACA. Through the speakers we had on the JANE panel, I'm grateful that I was able to reevaluate myself as being a true woman of God and to stand strong for what I believe in through it all. What an amazing bonding experience with my ACA family! Thank you to all involved. It was life changing." - Gabriella

Worship with featured artist Kerrie Roberts



A special lunch planned just for us!



All of the speakers shared from their hearts on the various topics - Mr. Vasquez (bottom) offered Responsibility; Mr. Gonzalez (above), Accountability; Respect was by Mr. Gill and Entitlement was covered by Mr. Gamble (top).



"When I looked around during the presentations, I saw a lot of the guys nodding 'yes' to what was being said. They were really focused in on what the speakers had to say... they knew us and were really speaking directly to us."
 - Malik Yant



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We have something special planned just for YOU, parents of our wonderful ACA students...

PARENTING ON PURPOSE.ORG *Answers for Today's Family*

• • **SAVE THE DATES!** • •

Fri, March 28th from 7 – 8:30pm
Sat, March 29th from 9am – 12noon
*This seminar offered at no cost
to our community.*

Atlantic Christian Academy is excited to be partnering with Journey Church to equip you with some amazing tools to sharpen your parenting skills. Dr. Bob Barnes, President of Sheridan House Family Ministries, one of our nation's foremost experts on parenting, is coming to our ACA campus! This Seminar has been taught by Dr. Barnes in hundreds of churches over the last 30 years and has been a life-changing experience for thousands of families. In the last year alone, over 900K people enjoyed his podcast!

We are planning on school-wide attendance and will have materials ready for you, so please let us know if you are not able to attend by emailing Karen Davis, kdavis@atlanticchristianacademy.org, or calling 561-686-8081.

If you have friends you would like to invite, please have them contact us by Friday, March 14th and we will have materials ready for them as well.

We are excited for this opportunity to partner with you as we learn more about caring for one of God's most precious gifts to us, our children.

Topics: The Power of 'No' | Discipline | Raising A Responsible Child | What Every Child Needs to Know...

Dr. Bob Barnes became President of *Sheridan House Family Ministries* in 1974.

Sheridan House is:

- ❖ A Residential Treatment Program for teenage boys and girls
- ❖ A Marriage and Family Counseling Center
- ❖ Social Service Center offering food, clothing, furniture, and automobiles to single parents.
- ❖ Today, Sheridan House impacts the lives of over 90,000 people a year.

Bob presents seminars and conferences on Parenting and Marriage throughout North America. He has a doctorate in counseling and received his education at Maryville College, and Florida Atlantic University.

He has been the Senior Interim Pastor at over twenty-five churches. The majority of his counseling is with ministry families.



Bob Barnes has been married to Rosemary Johnson Barnes since 1972. They have two married children and three grandchildren.

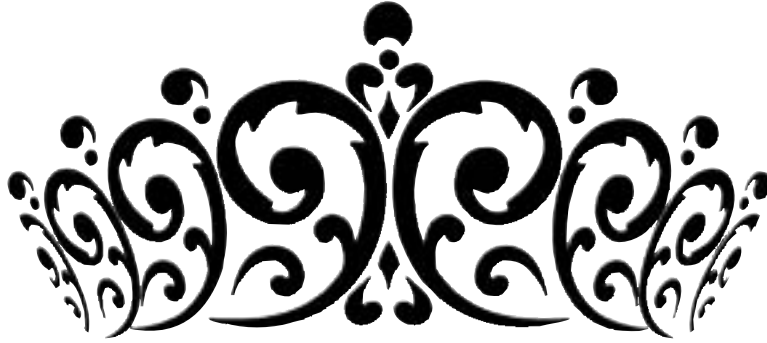
Bob is also the host of a daily radio program, blog and podcast called *Parenting Today*. He is the author of ten books for families, published in several languages. Some of his best sellers are:

- ❖ Single Parenting
- ❖ Winning the Heart of Your Step-Child
- ❖ Ready for Responsibility
- ❖ Rock Solid Marriage
- ❖ We Need To Talk
- ❖ Great Sexpectations

To learn more visit www.shfm.org
<http://parentingonpurpose.org/>

You are invited to attend the

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Daddy Daughter Dance

K4-6th Grade Girls: Please join us for a special date night with your Daddy!
There will be food, fun, and a special gift just for you, Princess.

Thursday, April 17th, 2014 in The Enochs Center
6:00 PM Pictures and Registration
6:30-8:45 PM Dinner, Dancing, and Program

Daddy Daughter Dance Registration Form

Dad Tickets @ \$23 each | Daughter Tickets @ \$22 each

Registration Forms and Payment must be turned in to the Business Office
by Friday, April 11th, 2014

Parent Name _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Daughter's Name _____ Teacher/Grade _____

Daughter's Name _____ Teacher/Grade _____

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ATHLETICS UPDATE

Join the team to play Elementary **Boys/Girls Basketball**

Season begins Tuesday, March 11, 2014

3rd-6th grade boys and girls are eligible to play
Practice days and times set by the coach

Participation Fee - \$50

**Please submit with form to the Business Office by
Monday, March 10, 2014**

All questions and concerns should be directed to
Girls Coach Jaime King at 561.543.5425
Boys Coach Phil Robinson at 561.713.0469

**Parents, please plan to transport players to away games
unless notified that busing is available.*

Our Varsity Baseball team has launched an AWESOME season! Visit Palm Beach High School Baseball website at <http://palmbeachhighschoolbaseball.com/2014/02/atlantic-christian-keeps-on-rolling/01010575> for more!



ACA Elementary Athletic Application

Elementary Basketball with Coach King / Robinson

Student Name _____ Grade/Teacher _____

Phone (if applicable) _____ T-Shirt size _____

Parent Name _____

MANDATORY

Parent Cell Phone Number _____

Elementary Volleyball has had a magnificent season and stands at 7 and 1 before the start of playoffs today, 3/7/14. We are so proud of our ACA athletes!

Atlantic Christian Academy is excited to partner with YOU!



ACA is participating in the Boosterthon Fun Run, a 9-day fundraising event that incorporates fitness, leadership, and character. **Every student** wears a t-shirt the day of the Fun Run, where the school community gathers to cheer on students as they run laps. Laps are tallied on the t-shirts, and students wear them year round showcasing your business and your support of our school.

This \$500 sponsorship opportunity is available when you partner with us by including the name of your business on our shirts.

Contact Ms. Sheila Van Es at 561.686.8081 or svanes@atlanticchristianacademy.org with:

Your Contact Info

Name _____ Phone _____

Your Company Name / Contact Info (as it will appear on the shirt):

Company Name _____

Phone _____ Website _____

Don't miss this chance to support ACA by becoming our advertised business partner!
We're excited to experience this school-wide character building and fun fitness event.

HURRY! This opportunity deadlines Monday, March 10, 2014



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