



Thoughts from our Headmaster, Mr. Jim Rozendal

I checked my desk calendar this morning, and had to look twice when I saw that here we are in the second week of May already. Senior graduation is in three weeks on Friday, May 30! It seems like yesterday when I came onto campus July 1 to begin serving at our new school, Atlantic Christian Academy (ACA). So much work needed to be done to the facility and there were so many decisions to be made. With the help of Pastor Mark Davis, ACA's President, Ms. Van Es and other staff members, preparation for the new school year went forward. In that first month, a major change in classroom placement on campus took place, renovation of the upper floor of the two story building was completed, textbooks ordered, and teachers were officially hired. The first day of school was delayed so that carpet and

flooring in the renovation project could be completed. On Tuesday, August 20, 2013 Atlantic Christian Academy officially had its first day of school for the students in grades K5 through 12.

Now as I look back at the past nine plus months, I can see how much we as a school family have been blessed. This again became very apparent during this past week at our secondary level. Last weekend many of you had the opportunity to see the first musical at ACA, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!" Director Tim Davis and Musical Director Sumitra Rios led the cast in presenting a remarkable production of this well loved family show (see page 3). Then this past week our varsity baseball team played one of the best high school level games that I've seen, winning a thrilling, come-from-behind victory in extra innings to move on to the regional championship game that is taking place this coming Tuesday in Naples (see page 4).

For both events, I had the opportunity to hear Director Tim Davis and Coach Ariel Gonzalez talking to the young people before their events. Both told students specific things they would need to remember. Both also thanked the students for working diligently and using their God-given gifts. Both also told cast and team members to enjoy the events and remember they were bringing their God glory through them. And that is what the students did. They acted well, played hard and showed good sportsmanship. It was evident on all of these students' faces just how much they enjoyed using their abilities to bless others and to glorify God.

On behalf of the staff at ACA, we appreciate the notes and gifts of encouragement given during this past Teacher Appreciation Week. We again want you to know that we



consider it an honor to partner with you in the training of your children. Our school's mission statement begins with "Atlantic Christian Academy is committed to glorifying God by discipling students..." Together, it is thrilling to see our school community work to carry out that mission while experiencing the joy of seeing so many use their abilities for the glory of God. Thank you parents, for allowing us to help your children begin to discover their God-given gifts and talents as we continue to serve together at Atlantic Christian Academy.

STEP UP OPPORTUNITIES - Great News from StepUp For Students!

The Florida legislature has passed a bill, soon to be signed by the governor, which now allows students entering 6th through 12th grade currently in private school to apply for the Step Up For Students scholarship. In addition, parents whose income just slightly exceeds the required salaries may be eligible for a partial scholarship. Also, children in foster care will be able to apply year round and keep their scholarship once adopted. **ACA parents and other families you know interested in a quality Christian education for their children may go online today to www.stepupforstudents.org for information on how to apply for this scholarship.**

OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS!

Calling all ACA Families 😊 **OPEN HOUSE MAY 19th, 7:00 pm!** It's that time of year to encourage other 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 tuition discount** for every child you refer who enrolls for the 2014-15 year.

WTCafe Menu for May 12-16:

- M Steak Subs
- Tu Enchiladas



- W Chicken Mash
- Th Chicken Tenders
- Cheese Pizza Friday!

On the Horizon

MAY:

- M-F, 12-16 8th Grade trip to Washington, DC
- W-F, 14-16 12th Grade Exams
- F, 16 Senior Check Out
- M, 19 Open House for new prospective families | 7pm
- Tu, 20 Senior Honor Day/Secondary Awards Day | 10am
- W, 21 K5 End of Year Program | 8:25am
- Th, 22 K4 Graduation | 9am
- W-F, 21-23 8th Grade Exams
- F-Tu, 23-27 Senior Class Trip

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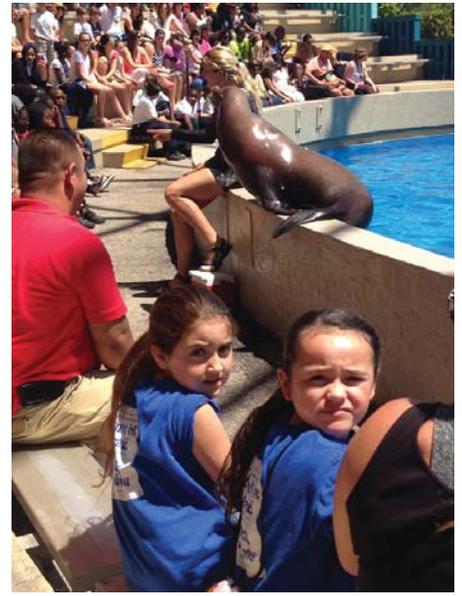
A Day in the Life...

Visiting Historical St. Augustine Last week, the 4th and 5th graders were able to experience Florida History by visiting St. Augustine! Some of the highlights of the trip included visiting The Fountain of Youth, The Castillo de San Marcos, The Old Florida Museum, The Oldest House, and climbing the St. Augustine Lighthouse! The students were excited to see firsthand what they have been learning about in class and enjoyed making some wonderful memories with classmates.



Sea Lions and Dolphins and Whales... Oh, My!

The second grade class has been learning about animals in Science Class. They did a special unit on sea animals and learned many interesting facts such as where they live, eat, and move. The children enhanced their studies by seeing in person some of God's most amazing animals at Miami Sea Aquarium. They really enjoyed the Dolphin Flipper Show as well as the Sea Lion Show. To top it off during the Killer Whale show many of the students got soaking wet when the killer whale landed one of their jumps and splashed freezing water all over them. It was such a fantastic field trip enjoying God's creation!



On May 1st, many in our school community gathered around the flagpole in support of the National Day of Prayer.



What a lovely evening the Daddy Daughter Dance was! At the end of the evening, dads shared a special gift that the girls cherished. How sweet and memorable!



Earning the Honors Two of our ACA seventh graders, Ricky Heers and Hanna De La Garza, were honored Tuesday night at FAU, along with a select group of other seventh grade students that scored very high on the ACT test earlier this year. Mrs. Arterburn had a number of our stellar 7th grade math students participate in the program: Hanna and Ricky scored very high. Congratulations!



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Dear Mr. Rozendal:

Subject: 2014 Palm Beach County Envirothon

This letter is written to congratulate Atlantic Christian Academy on its participation, and success, in the 2014 Palm Beach County Envirothon.

Thank you for supporting and encouraging your student's participation in Envirothon. The ongoing support of your faculty and students enhanced the success of this regional event. The Florida Envirothon is a premium environmental competition that exposes high school students to environmental issues with hands-on experiences in an outdoor setting.

We hope to see the Atlantic Christian Academy team again at next year's Palm Beach County Envirothon.

Sincerely,

Robert Robbins, Director

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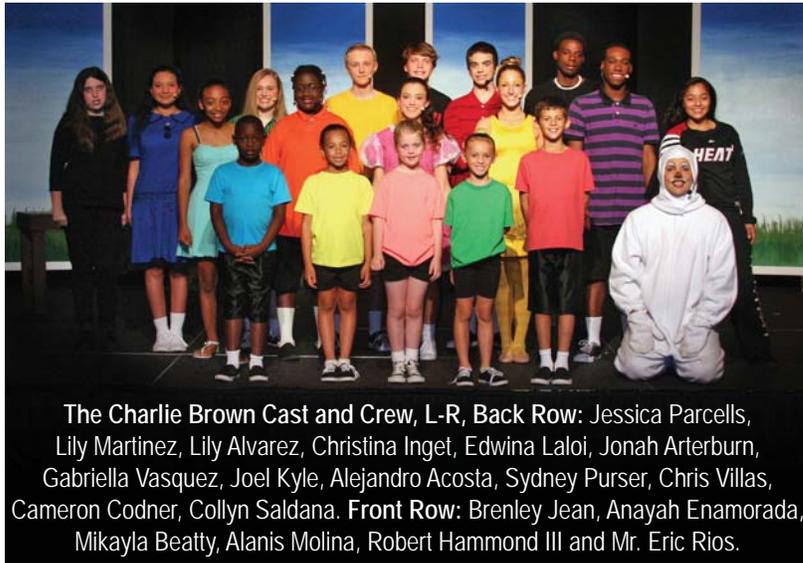
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Bravo! Bravo, Charlie Brown!

The cast and crew did a remarkable job in ACA's first musical production last weekend of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown".

Over 350 of our school community and invited friends enjoyed the Friday night and Saturday matinee performances. This experience provided a wonderful opportunity for students to continue in the development of their God given gifts and abilities. "The cast and crew grew immensely through this process and learned the true value of hard work and collaboration. I couldn't be more proud of their effort and performance", shared Director Tim Davis.



Charles Schulz wrote his first Peanuts comic in 1947 and our familiar pals haven't aged since. Charlie Brown and his friends are forever etched into the American psyche as a vibrant reflection of what it means to be a child, but even more so, of what it means to be human. Our hope is that during this performance you are confronted with your own insecurities and need for a grounded identity, and that you smile and laugh along the way. Whether you long to be accepted by peers or colleagues, or you feel excluded from a group that should embrace you, or you wish things would go your way for once, or you just want to be "a Queen" as Lucy does, we hope you would place your identity first and foremost in Jesus Christ, and secondly, that you would join a community of believers that will love, encourage and exhort you. Open yourself up to the love and friendship you see on the stage, "...that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God" Ephesians 3:17-19

Director Tim Davis



On April 25, a bus loaded with talented elementary and middle school fine arts students headed up to Morningside Academy for the annual Regional Jr. FACCs Fine Arts Competition. Students performed as a choir, created artwork, sang vocal solos and performed piano solos. We have 23 pieces of artwork, our choir, a vocal soloist and two piano soloist going to compete Thurs-Fri, May 15-16!

We are so very proud of our young, talented ACA students.



ATHLETICS UPDATE

"To everything there is a season... a time for every purpose under heaven..." Ecclesiastes 3:1

Our first athletic season draws near to a close

SCOREBOARD

Girls Elem Basketball had a great first season. With having the youngest team in our conference and being physically challenged in the height department :) our girls worked hard in practice and it proved true on the court. We finished with a 4/4 season and we couldn't be more proud. We were blessed in having such great support from the parents, grandparents and all the fans. It has been a blast!

Thanks for a great season!
Coaches King, Vasquez & Anderson



The Boys Elem Basketball Team was a very young team. With only two 6th graders on the team, they realized this would be a 'building' season. Each player really showed great strides of improvement from the first practice to the last game. Coach Phil would say, "As you grow, you'll learn that high intensity will result in high points on the board" and by the end of the season, the boys were showing that to be true. We are proud of our boys, and are really looking forward to next year! - Coach Robinson



This has been my 12th year of coaching **Flag Football**. I had the privilege of leading a group of extremely talented individuals, but as the season continued on, those individuals became a team. We made so many memories, on and off the field - memories that will last a lifetime. We ended up playing TCA in the championship game and knew it would come down to a last-second play. TCA may have come away with the win, but we still left the field victorious. I sincerely hope and pray that the life lessons learned during our season are with them forever. I cannot express how proud I am of my players and the hard work they put in this season. Love, Coach Gill



What a great game the Varsity Baseball team had against the Master's Academy! The boys came in clutch in the 11th inning, winning 4-3. **The Regional Championship game takes place this Tues, May 13th @ 4pm in Naples.** ACA will begin by playing against Seacrest Country Day School. Eight teams will be participating, with the final four advancing to the state playoffs. Keep our boys in prayer as they travel across the state on Tuesday. **If you're up for a short road trip, come out and support your team!**



PLEASE COME SUPPORT US!

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