



ATLANTIC CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Committed to glorifying God by discipling students in a loving community that pursues excellence as we partner with parents in Christian education.

ACA TODAY: DECEMBER 13, 2013

From the Desk of the Headmaster, Mr. Jim Rozendal

Last evening, Atlantic Christian Academy students in both the elementary and secondary schools presented "Unto Us", a Christmas choral program. The joyous evening included



traditional Christmas songs as well as songs celebrating our Savior, Jesus Christ, coming to earth. At the program, ACA's Community Prayer Room group made bibles available to anyone that

needed one personally, and encouraged the passing on of God's Word to a friend or loved one that might also be blessed to receive a Bible. Included was a pamphlet describing the origins of the candy cane.

Many years ago a candy maker in a mountainous village in Europe wanted to create a special candy to celebrate Christmas. He came up with the well-known candy cane to point to the true meaning of Christmas. The candy cane is shaped like a shepherd's staff, reminding us that Jesus wants to be our Shepherd and care for us as his flock. When the candy cane is turned upside down, it

forms a "J", the first letter of Jesus' name. The wide red stripe reminds us of the blood of Jesus that was shed on the cross for each one of us so that we can have eternal life through Him. The white stripe reminds us that our sins are washed away and we are made as white as snow when we admit our sins to Jesus and believe in Him as our Savior and Lord. The narrow red stripes remind us of the stripes or scars Jesus received when he was arrested and whipped. The flavor of the candy cane is peppermint, which is similar to hyssop, a product used in Old Testament times for purification and sacrifice. It was also offered to Jesus when he was being crucified.



As you enjoy the special times of Christmas, remember the candy cane to help you and your family focus on the reason for the season, Jesus. As God's Son, he was sent to live a perfect life, to be crucified for our sins, and be raised from the dead to win victory over sin and death. John 3:16 reminds us; *"For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son that whoever believes in him will not perish but have everlasting life!"*

ACA This Week

DECEMBER

- Tu-F, 17-20 6-12 Semester Exams
- F, 20 K5-12 Early Dismissal, End of 2nd Quarter

A BIG WINTERFEST Thank You! Over 500 foster children in our community were blessed with a full day of fun and fellowship this past Saturday as they enjoyed rides, games, and crafts at Atlantic Christian Academy's Winterfest celebration. Our own ACA community joined the fun in the evenings and on Sunday. A special thank you goes out to all the volunteers and to the Journey Church Praise Team who helped to make this years Christmas outreach event a blessing to so many!

On the Horizon

DECEMBER

- M-M, Dec 23-Jan 6, 2014 K5-12 Christmas Break



JANUARY

- Tu, Jan 7 K5-12 Classes Resume
- NEW! WT Cafe Lunch Program Begins!** (see pg. 3)
- MS/HS January Chapel time: 4th Hr (10:55-11:45am)

Visit our website to see our complete, updated calendar
www.atlanticchristianacademy.org



Christmas Breakfast in the Community Prayer Room

"Come let us adore Him; Christ The Lord!"

Where: Community Prayer Room (room 302)

When: **Tuesday, December 17 from 7:15-8:00am.**

Enjoy a time of food and fellowship with the rest of your ACA family as we praise the name of Jesus and join together to celebrate his birth!



A Day in the Life...



Our high school choir had the opportunity to sing in the Candlelight Processional at Epcot Center in Walt Disney World on Nov 29th. This performance is by audition only and we had the privilege of being accepted yet again. The holiday event is held nightly at the America Gardens Theatre in Epcot throughout the Christmas season. The rich sounds of a 50 piece orchestra and 300 mass member choir filled the theatre as celebrity guest narrator Gary Sinise took the stage. Gorgeous choral pieces were woven into narration, providing an inspirational backdrop with songs of hope and joy. An American Sign Language interpreter translated the legendary account for the hearing impaired. The story of Jesus' birth touched the hearts of many that night as our students sang along with other schools and Disney soloists. It was a life changing opportunity for anyone participating or attending the performance for the first time. - Eric Rios, Director of Secondary School Music

Snapshots of WINTERFEST



Making Discoveries
Our 3rd grade students went to the South Florida Science Museum this week and were able to crawl up into a fish tank.

Amber Huggins, Miranda Anderson and James Finelli enjoyed digging for fossils and shark teeth.



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Dear Parents,

As you may know, ACA is pleased to offer the Wholesome Tummies/WT Cafe school lunch program starting on Jan 7, 2014. With a range of healthy and delicious items, this innovative program makes lunchtime fun for kids and easy for parents. Wholesome Tummies prepares its lunches fresh daily using natural and organic ingredients, and delivers them directly to school in time for lunch. Starting at just \$5.00 for the Regular meal (including 1 entrée and 2 sides), and \$5.50 for a Large meal (double entrée and 2 sides), Wholesome Tummies is a welcome option your family will love.

- Ordering is completely online, quick and simple - and there are no minimum ordering requirements. The flexible order process allows you to choose lunches a day, or even a month at a time!
- All menu items are reviewed by a nutritionist and contain no high fructose corn syrup, added trans fats, artificial flavors, colors or preservatives.
- Choose from 8-10 rotating entrée choices daily, including a range of Kid Favorites.
- Just go to www.wtcafe.com create an account, and register your child (or yourself as a staff member). Please register in the correct school. Parents of **elementary** students will register under **Atlantic Christian K-5** and parents of **middle/high school** students will register under **Atlantic Christian 6-12 Pre-Pay**. **Preschool** parents can register under **Atlantic Christian Preschool**. NOTE: for Middle and High School students only, there will be a daily on-site cash purchasing option as well
- Please visit us online for registration and processes of lunch. If you have any questions, see the list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the 'Parents' section of the website. As always, you can also contact Wholesome Tummies directly at northpalmbeach@wholesometummies.com or call 561-779-5604.

Our **JANUARY** menu is **LIVE** and ready for ordering, so get a jump start on your lunch orders!!

We are also offering a **PRE-LOAD SPECIAL** which will save you 10%!

If you load \$250.00 on account, you will receive an automatic credit of \$25.00.

Let's Go!

1. Visit our website at www.wtcafe.com
2. Click on red button that says "ORDER FOOD NOW"
3. At the screen place zip code for your school, place zip code for your school "33415" with a radius of 60 miles.
4. The screen will tell you that one WT Cafe has been found in your zip code. Click "OK"
5. Enter account holder information (Parent/Guardian info). User type will be a parent on this page. Once you have put the info in each field, click "Submit registration."
6. You will then be brought to your main page in your account where you can handle transactions and information with us. You will need to click on Add/Manage users.
7. Once you have put in your student/s info, you can begin ordering by going into the Order Section. Even if you have pre-loaded funds on to your account, you **MUST** go into the Checkout section and hit **PAY NOW!**
8. Account info available from your main screen and here you can manage your information and pre-load money if you so desire. You can also View and Edit your orders as well as cancel orders. (Lunch orders can be cancelled and refunded up until 8AM the day of lunch!)
9. Please keep in mind that we have a 36 hour cutoff to order lunch. (Example - if you are trying to order for a Monday, you will need to have your order completed by 12am Sat in order to get the full range of choices). If you miss the cutoff, you can still order a lunch, but it will become Chef's choice and there is a convenience fee of \$1.50.



ATHLETICS UPDATE

VARSITY GIRLS SOFTBALL

6th-12th grade Student Athletes are eligible to play.

Practices start in January with Coach Stearn

LAST CHANCE!

Varsity Girls Softball will be starting up at the end of January. Be sure and bring your sign up form and participation fee by Monday!



Name _____ Grade _____

Parent/Emergency _____

Contact Name _____

Email _____

Cell _____

FHSAA deadline requires sport physicals to be submitted with participation cost of \$150 to the Business Office **by Mon, Dec. 16th.**

Questions? Contact Coach Gamble at (561)686-8081 ext. 345 or jgamble@atlanticchristianacademy.org for more ASAP.



SCOREBOARD

Our Middle School Boys Basketball beat Wellington last Thursday and won the District Championship by defeating the Berean Bulldogs on Friday. Woo-Hoo!!! Congrats boys!!!

Our Varsity Girls Basketball lost by one point to University in a real nail biter here at home.

The Varsity Boys Soccer team defeated Glades day at home and at their house last week in two very impressive victories.

The Varsity Boys Basketball team had a great home win against Trinity last week and lost a close home game against Jupiter Christian.



The Winter Athletics Season Continues:

- 12/16 LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR VARSITY SOFTBALL!
- 12/16 VGirls Basketball 6pm | Home vs Somerset Canyon
- 12/16 VBoys Basketball 7pm | Home vs Somerset Canyon
- 12/16 VBoys Soccer 4pm | Away vs Oxbridge Academy
- 12/19 VGirls Basketball 6pm | Home vs Trinity Christian
- 12/19 VBoys Basketball 7pm | Home vs Somerset Canyon
- 12/19 VBoys Soccer 4pm | Away vs Trinity Christian
- 12/20 VGirls Basketball 6pm | Home vs Glades Day
- 12/20 VBoys Basketball 7:30pm | Home vs Glades Day

GO, FIGHTING SAINTS!

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