



From the Desk of the Headmaster, Mr. Jim Rozendal

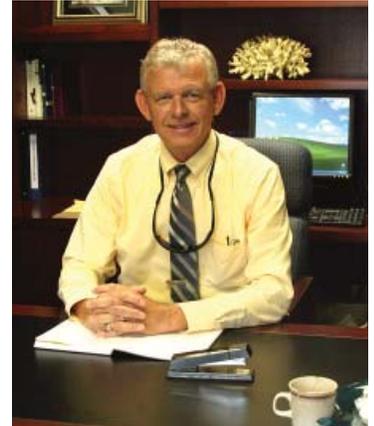
During staff orientation at the beginning of the school year Pastor Mark Davis was leading a devotion on the influences on today's children and young people. After talking about a number of negative influences that can affect them, he spoke of three influences that have the potential for a very positive effect on them. He brought up a symbol long associated with Christian education, a three-legged stool. Each leg represents an important part in their development. First, there is the family. God gives children families where they can be nurtured. He gives parents the primary responsibility to spiritually prepare their children to live in the world they will grow up in. The second leg of the stool is the school. Today, school-aged children spend anywhere from 35 to 45 hours a week at school. It can be an area of great influence on them. At Atlantic Christian Academy, the teachers and staff are here to assist parents

train each of their children and help them to recognize and use their God given gifts for His glory. As students learn to demonstrate a love and concern for their fellow man and for all of God's creation, we begin to see how important a Christian education in a loving community can be. The third important influence in the life of the child is the church. It is there to encourage and strengthen the faith of both the parents and the children and to come alongside them to help in the training of their children, encouraging them to faith in the Lord.

Pastor Mark illustrated that if the family only takes advantage of two of these opportunities for influence, it is like having the child walk on stilts. It can be done, but it isn't as stable as the three legged stool. A teacher then suggested that if the child only has one of these influences making a positive influence in their life, it's like the child using a pogo stick. This is a device that gives very little stability to the user. No, the best situation for the child is when it has the positive effect of all three areas of influence: a nurturing family,

a quality school that provides a Christian perspective, and a Biblically based church where Christ is presented to all that enter.

Most of our students already have the advantage of families that are nurturing their children, attending Church, as well as attending ACA. Perhaps you know of families who are missing an opportunity to spiritually invest in their children through a school like ACA. Share with them why it is important. It's also important that we as families take advantage to regularly worship with fellow believers at our local churches. It is a great time of fellowship and praise while hearing the teaching of God's Word. October has been named "Pastor's Appreciation Month". During this month people are encouraged to contemplate how God uses these servants to be a blessing to one's family and community. We appreciate the prayers, leadership and support that our pastors give to our



students, families and to our school. Be sure to reach out to your pastors, not only through this month, but throughout the year, to let them know that you appreciate their service and that you are praying for them. And if you aren't taking full advantage of this third influence for your family, be sure to get involved this week. Let Atlantic Christian Academy, your church and pastor come along side you in the important task of preparing your children to live a life that honors God!

*I have no greater joy than to hear
that my children walk in truth.*

3rd John 1:4

ACA This Week

OCTOBER

- **M, 21** 2nd Quarter starts
- **F, 25** Report Cards Home
- **F, 25** FACCs Regional Spelling Bee
- **Sat, 26** ACA Fall Clearance Sale | 8am-noon (see pg. 2)

Please Pray for the chaperones and seniors who are on their retreat at Lake Aurora. May God bless this bonding time together richly, helping them to gain focus and clarity in His purpose for their futures.

On the Horizon

NOVEMBER

- **F, 1** Picture Re-Takes
- **Sat, 2** Student Council Pancake Breakfast (see pg. 2)
- **M, 4 & Th, 7** Parent / Teacher Conferences (see pg. 2)
- **M-F, 4-22** Honor Society Food Drive (see pg. 2)
- **M, 11** Veteran's Day Special Chapel (see pg. 4)

DECEMBER

- **Tu-F, 3-6** Scholastic Book Fair

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



Community Prayer Room

You are invited to join Mr. Rozendal for some coffee and prayer time on Thursdays, from 7:30-8:15am in room 302, located near elementary drop off. Enjoy a special time with the headmaster while meeting new friends in our ACA community.

A Day in the Life...



Mrs. Harrelson's second grade class enjoys creating banners for our Veterans' Day Chapel, November 11th at 1pm. Retired Colonel Allen West will present a special message at this campus-wide/community event. Please join us as we support the Forgotten Soldiers Outreach. See page 4 for details.



Hungry Yet?

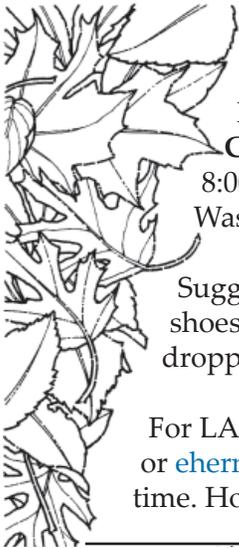
Support ACA Student Council and enjoy great fellowship and a wonderful breakfast!

When: Sat, Nov 2nd | 8-10:00am

Where: Applebees; 100 North SR 7 Royal Palm Beach location

Cost: \$10.00 Tickets for all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage and drinks. Purchase from Ms. Clopton x312

Proceeds to benefit our ACA Homecoming activities.



FALL CLEARANCE SALE

Invite your friends and family to be a part of ACA's **Community Rummage Sale** on Sat, October 26th from 8:00AM -12:00 NOON. Proceeds will benefit the 8th grade Washington Trip and the Senior Trip.

Suggested donations include: kitchen items, furniture, clothes, shoes, tools, toys, sports equipment, books, etc. Items may be dropped off at the school business office up until Fri, Oct. 25th.

For LARGE items please contact Mrs. Hernandez at 561- 686-8081 or ehernandez@atlanticchristianacademy.org to arrange a pick up time. Hope to see you there!

ACA Honor Societies Annual Food Drive

Nov 4-22

Please join us as we assist the Oasis Compassion Agency in providing our community with non-perishable foods this Thanksgiving. Donations may be dropped off to your child's classroom/homeroom teacher.

For a list of requested items, please visit our website at [www.http://atlanticchristianacademy.net/get-involved/events/](http://atlanticchristianacademy.net/get-involved/events/)



October's Box Tops Winners:

Preschool:
Mrs. Drexler's VPK class
Elementary:
Mrs. Swanson's 4th Grade class
Secondary:
Mrs. Arterburn's 7th Grade class



Oct. 16 Wisdom Kid: Xenia Pena Kindergarten

"Xenia is a very sweet young lady. She always comes to class with a smile and ready to learn. Xenia works hard to do her best on her school work and in everything that she does. She listens and follows directions, is a good friend to others, and is always willing to help or encourage her classmates. She is such a blessing!"

Love, Mrs. Gill and Mrs. Walker

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Mon, Nov. 4

OR

Thur, Nov. 7

4-5pm OR 6-8pm

We are excited to be partnering with you to give your child the very best in Christian education. As the first quarter comes to a close, we look forward to sharing with each of you a detailed overview of your child's progress. **If you have not signed up for parent-teacher conferences yet**, and you have a student in grades K through 4, you may contact their teacher directly. If they are in grades 5-12, plan on meeting in the Gym (Enoch's Center). Teachers will be stationed around the gym, and you will be able to meet with any or all of your student's teachers during these windows of time.

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ACA WORKDAY - GETTING IT DONE

A big ACA "THANK YOU!" to all who participated in our first Atlantic Christian Academy Fall workday. This past Saturday morning 25 – 30 students, parents, teachers, and administrators from our ACA community came together to work on a number of needed projects around the school campus. Top on the list was organizing the new elementary school media/resource room. Students will have the opportunity to explore exciting literary pieces and interactive white board activities while experiencing special group learning centers and study areas.

Coach JR Gamble came with his team and gave a thorough cleaning and straightening of the weight training room, while others were seen carrying out partitions and counters from the upstairs elementary restrooms as the 2nd floor remodel nears completion. Several brave ladies took to the ladders to clear pine needles out of gutters and off the roofs by the junior high patio table area, as another faithful servant pressure washed the sidewalks.

It was a time of fun, fellowship, hard work, and refreshment as some of our younger students helped serve the team throughout the morning with a delicious assortment of breakfast snacks.

Be sure and stay connected through ACA Today for further community building opportunities on our campus later this fall!



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Support Our Troops on Veterans' Day, November 11, 2013

Dear Parents,

Our school community is thankful to have the opportunity to be part of a very special day that takes place each November. Veterans' Day is largely intended to thank living veterans for their dedicated and loyal service to our country. This day is set aside to make sure they know that we deeply appreciate the sacrifices they have made to keep our country free.

At Atlantic Christian Academy, we are partnering with Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, Inc. to send care packages and letters of encouragement to our service men and women overseas. There are many soldiers who do not receive care packages from home, and ACA would like to take this opportunity to bless them and let them know they are being prayed for. Our goal is to fill many boxes with supplies for those who are courageously sacrificing time from their families to serve our country.

If you are able, we are asking our school families to donate items from the list below for these care packages:

TRAVEL SIZE

Baby wipes (30 count)
Mouthwash
Baby powder
Hand sanitizer
Dental floss

Lip Balm
Slim Jims (not beef jerky)
Breakfast bars
Individual peanut butter containers (Jif)

Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, Inc. has specifically requested these items and they will take care of all shipping and handling for our men and women overseas.

All preschool and elementary students will be taking these supplies to their classrooms, while 5th-12th grade bring items to their homerooms.

We invite you to help us honor our soldiers by celebrating their dedication and service at a special chapel service in the gym on **Monday, November 11th at 1:00pm**. Retired Colonel Allen West will be our main speaker for this Veterans' Day celebration.

During this time all items collected will be presented to the founder of Forgotten Soldiers Outreach, Inc. This event is open to the entire community, so please feel free to invite others to join us.

In His Strength,

James A. Rozendal, Headmaster
Atlantic Christian Academy
.Joshua 1:7 – 9

ATHLETICS UPDATE

Congratulations to the men of the Cross Country team!
They had remarkable results from their meets last Friday and Saturday...
Your ACA community could not be more proud of you!



Having to travel all the way to South Dade for an event was fruitful for our Cross Country athletes!

Out of 174 participants, our own 7th grade Andrew Swanson (the only middle schooler that participated in the varsity level event) placed 150th! Senior Noah Arterburn placed 24th and senior Matt Swanson placed 10th! The Pine School results/Saturday's event were also quite notable, with Andrew placing 73rd

and Noah again in 24th place. Matt ran an incredible race, finishing up as the 4th place medalist. We are so proud of these young men! Cross Country competitions will break for this week, so let's keep them in prayer as they prepare for upcoming county and district meets.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS NEWS

Our MS Soccer and Volleyball teams played valiantly through their seasons. We are so very proud of the way they represented our school! Both seasons came to a close this week, having lost in the first round of their playoffs. Volleyball ended their season 3W/5L and Soccer 4W/3L.
Winter sports information coming soon...



Varsity Volleyball Districts: Next Week

Continuing their winning streak, last Friday the Varsity Girls Volleyball defeated Community Christian 25-7, 25-16 and 25-22. They then fell to the University School and Dreyfoos, marking the end of the regular season with a record of 4W/11L. District play will begin next week. Let's show our Fighting Lady Saints our support!

GO, FIGHTING SAINTS!

Middle School Girls/Boys Basketball

Practice days and times:
Monday, Tuesday and Friday
3:15pm-4:30pm

Student Athletes from 6th – 8th grade are eligible to play.

**Practices start Monday, Oct. 21st
with Coach Phil Robinson**

Participation Cost: \$100.00

Contact Coach Gamble at
(561)686-8081 ext. 345 to register.
Please submit payment to the
Business Office.