



IN THE LOOP

FRIDAY DEC. 8, 2017

Hello ACA Families,

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[Please see the attached letter for details.](#)

UPCOMING CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 14, TH** Secondary Fine Arts Christmas Celebration / 7:00p.m.
- 15, F** Elementary Fine Arts Christmas Celebration / 7:00p.m.
- 18, M – 22, F** High School Semester Exams / Noon dismissal Grades 9-12
- 22, F** End of 2nd Quarter / Noon dismissal Preschool – Grade 12
- 25, M – 29, F** No School / Christmas break Preschool – Grade 12

JANUARY, 2018

- 1, M – 5, F** No School / Christmas Break / Grades K4VPK-12
- 3, W** Preschool Resumes
- 8, M** K4VPK – Grade 12 Classes Resume / Third Quarter and Second Semester start

DISCIPLESHIP

ACA student leaders are excited to be part of the **Chick-fil-A Leader Academy** "Do Good December", a special on-campus outreach for high school students. Students have connected with a local homeless ministry, The Burrito Project, and on their own, have planned the preparation Care Bags for the homeless. We have an assigned item for each high school grade level. Please turn in all items to the Discipleship Office by Tuesday, December 13. The class that brings in the most items will win an ice cream party during lunch on December 15.

Let's represent Jesus and ACA to our local community!

- 9th Grade: New Socks
- 10th Grade: Hand Sanitizer
- 11th Grade: Soap
- 12th Grade: Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

Elementary Chapel

Our chapel speaker this week was ACA's computer teacher, Mrs. Ibejunjo. She spoke to us about the armor of God and reviewed each piece of the armor. She reminded us that all the pieces of the armor are to protect us, with the exception of the sword of the Spirit. This is the only weapon that we can use to defeat the lies of the enemy. She showed us a shield and explained how important it is to keep us safe, and how the shield of faith keeps us safe from the attacks of the enemy. Mrs. Ibejunjo then shared the story of Abraham with us, and gave the example of how he used his shield of faith when he trusted in God to keep His promise. She also shared an example of when the disciples forgot to use the shield of faith when they were in a boat during a storm and forgot to trust in Him. She challenged us to remember to have faith, especially when we are afraid, since fear is the opposite of faith. She reminded us that we need to pick up the shield of faith every single day!

Middle and High School Chapel

Today, middle and high school students were encouraged by Pastor David Ramos, our campus pastor. He highlighted the story of Zechariah and Sarah from Luke chapter 1, focusing on the hope we have through Jesus. When we feel hopeless, Jesus brings hope to us not only in a personal way, He also brings hope to our families and to those around us. Pastor David challenged us to change our thinking and develop a new mindset, knowing that through God, ALL things are possible!

ACA is so proud of our Mexico Missions Team!

God's Word reminds us to serve others and to go and make disciples of all nations. We have an excited group of Juniors and Seniors who are preparing to go to Ensenada, Mexico from February 10-17, 2018 to "Share the Story". We can't wait for them to experience this life changing missions trip as they take part in changing the life of a very special family, for whom we will build a house! This opportunity has challenged our students to put feet to their faith. We look forward to seeing God do BIG things in each of their lives, as they work together to serve and love in Mexico. Questions? Please contact Jacque Rasku at jrasku@atlanticchristianacademy.org

ACADEMICS

Many of our students love to doodle on their papers and notebooks. We are excited to share [the attached video](#) describing an activity you can do with your child that uses doodling as a fun way to increase reading comprehension and vocabulary development. This activity can be adapted for any age, so check it out!

High school students (and 8th grade students taking Algebra I and Physical Science) will take exams the week of December 18th. The schedule is as follows:

	Monday 12/18	Tuesday 12/19	Wednesday 12/20	Thursday 12/21
8:00-9:45am	1st period	3rd period	5th period	7th period
9:45-10:00am	Break	Break	Break	Break
10:00-11:45am	2nd period	4th period	6th period	Make-ups

These are half-days for Grades 9-12 only. High school students need to be on campus during the dates/times they are taking an exam, otherwise they are permitted to stay home to study and prepare.

Calling all students in the Class of 2022!

We are excited to offer your 8th grade student the opportunity to participate in our end of the year trip to Washington D.C. taking place May 14-18, 2018! Your soon to be high school students have been studying U.S. Government this year, and we look forward to providing a memorable experience that will bring to life what they have learned in the classroom. This week long trip will also offer the students a time to unify as a class as they move forward into High School here at Atlantic Christian Academy.

[Please view the attached video](#) that has been prepared for you with more detailed information.

To sign up for this year's trip, please use the following steps to register online:

- 1) Go to www.appleseedexpeditions.com and click LOGIN at the top right of the page.
- 2) Click on "New Traveler Application" at the bottom of the new window.
- 3) Enter the Trip ID (atl2406) and then create a user ID and password. The system will then take you to a list of links that will direct you to each section that needs to be completed and signed.

Please be sure to complete all steps, as you are not registered until you have finalized your registration and paid the deposit.

Thank you! We are excited to see what God has in store for our eighth grade, Class of 2022!

Questions? Contact Jacque Rasku at jrasku@atlanticchristianacademy.org

ACA Juniors and Seniors

Remember to sign up for the SAT and ACT!

SAT

Sign up collegeboard.org
Registration Deadline: February 9
Next Testing: March 10

ACT

Sign up actstudent.org
Registration Deadline: January 12
Next Testing: February 10

Class of 2018 The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opened on October 1. Please visit studentaid.ed.gov to get started. Questions? Contact Jessica Schulte at 561-686-8081 or email jschulte@atlanticchristianacademy.org

ARTS

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Middle School & High School Drama rehearsals are underway! Students should remember to practice their lines for Monday! Questions? Contact Jessica Schulte at jschulte@atlanticchristianacademy.org

Elementary School 5th Grade Praise Team will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-4:00pm. Questions? Contact Brittany Milioto at bmilioto@atlanticchristianacademy.org

Middle School Worship Team rehearsal will take place every Monday and Wednesday from 3:00-3:45p.m. Questions? Contact Sumitra Rios at srios@atlanticchristianacademy.org

ACA Shark Band has a new Yamaha Bass Drum and stand, courtesy of Chafin Music and Lake Worth Community High School Band.

The Combined Bands have been accepted by Disney Youth Arts to attend the Disney Band Workshop in April. Students will work with a Disney Educator and make a DVD performing a sound track to a Disney Film! Donations from refreshments at the Christmas Concert will help cover part of the cost for the band to attend this exciting event!

Photography Club continues to meet each Wednesday at 3:15 in Mr. Hanagan's room. If you are interested in entering photos or digital art for FACCS, be sure to stop by next Wednesday to submit your work for approval.

ATHLETICS

The **Varsity Girls Basketball** team continues to dominate this season! The ladies beat Donna Klein on Tuesday by 35 points, ending the game at 50-15. The **Varsity Boys Basketball** team was neck and neck with Donna Klein on Tuesday night, and pushed through and won the game in overtime! Way to go Sharks! Both teams play at Glades Day next Monday. The ladies will play at 4:30pm and the gentlemen will play at 6:00pm.

Middle School Girls Basketball and **Middle School Boys Soccer** both made it through the first round of playoffs, but unfortunately fell short in their games in the second round of playoffs. We would like to congratulate the boys and girls on their great season, and look forward to seeing what they can accomplish next year.

Varsity Boys and Girls Soccer both continue to play hard, despite facing tough competition from bigger schools. Both teams play against Lake Worth Christian on Monday at 3:30pm; the ladies will be playing at home and the gentlemen will be playing away. On Friday, the Sharks will be taking on Jupiter Christian at 3:30pm; the ladies will be playing away and the gentlemen will be playing at home. Our Lady Sharks have an additional game on Tuesday at Berean Christian School.

Upcoming Sports Tryouts:

Dec 11 & 12 3pm-5pm Middle School Girls Soccer

Dec 11 & 12 3pm-5pm Middle School Boys Basketball

Next week's athletic events:

11, M Varsity Boys Soccer @ Lake Worth Christian | 3:30pm

Varsity Girls Soccer vs. Lake Worth Christian | 3:30pm

Varsity Girls Basketball @ Glades Day | 4:30pm

Varsity Boys Basketball @ Glades Day | 6:00pm

12, Tu Varsity Girls Soccer @ Berean Christian | 4:00pm

13, W No games scheduled

14, Th No games scheduled

15, F Varsity Boys Soccer vs. Jupiter Christian | 3:30pm

Varsity Girls Soccer @ Jupiter Christian | 3:30pm

REMINDERS



Please remember to like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram for snapshots of campus life at ACA. You may also refer to our website to obtain the most current information and all upcoming events at your school.

Are you ready to do some early Christmas shopping that will also help to support your school?

Visit the ACA School Store! Your student will love the new Spirit Shirt.

Items can be purchased online and shipped directly to your home. Check out the ACA backpack, duffel bag, shark shirts, tumblers, and more! Visit ACA.kpapromotions.com to pick up spirit gear for the whole family! GO SHARKS!

As always, contact us with any questions or concerns @ 561-686-8081.

Café Menu December 11- 15, 2017

M– Meatball Subs

Tu – Slow roasted BBQ Pork

W – Baked Chicken Parm

Th – Grill Day! Chicken, hot dogs, or burgers with tater-tot casserole and corn on the cob

F - Fresh fruit or chips with pizza: your choice of pepperoni, bacon, cheese, or the pizza special-of-the-week

Karen Davis

Director of Admissions and Communications

3 John 4 "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."