

FIRST MONDAY

ATHENS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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WELCOME TO "FIRST MONDAY"

On the first Monday of each month, we will be sending home the ACS publication "First Monday." We will endeavor to keep you parents informed of ACS news by way of this newsletter and various letters sent home via your students.

ACS' 41st YEAR

ACS was founded in 1970 by Drs. Buhl and Lois Cummings. Our school verse, adopted the first year of the school, is Psalm 126:3. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

GREAT ENROLLMENT

We praise the Lord that our enrollment did not go down, despite the down turn in the economy. The enrollment went up to 775 students. We send a big "ACS WELCOME" to the new families that are now part of the "ACS Family." Your students have entered right into life at ACS and are going strong.

THANKS...

... to ACS parents and students. Most of the new families are here because someone like you introduced them to ACS. You parents are absolutely the school's best promoters. Keep up the good work and God bless you.

WE HAVE VERY LITTLE...

... teacher turnover at ACS for which we are praising the Lord. We welcome new Dean of Students, Asst. football coach, and middle and high school teacher, Mr. Chris Williams; 5th grade teacher, Miss Lindsay Beacham; 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Jackie Hardy; K-4 teacher, Mrs. Amy Forman; extended care, Mrs. Diane Cothorn; FFA teacher, Mrs. Sarah Hughes; bus drivers, Mr. Andy Huff, Mrs. Ann Reece, and Mrs. Shannon Skelton. Special note – ACS is the first private school in the state of Georgia to add a FFA (Future Farmers of America) Chapter to its curriculum.

GREAT SUMMER PROJECTS

ACS was a busy place this summer as we undertook several projects that have enhanced the ACS property.

- (1) Air conditioning of the big gym. The work was done by the A/C crew of Bryan Acker, an ACS parent.
- (2) New entrance – isn't it great! Designed by Coach Tim Cummings and the work was done under his direction. He also directed the work on the new Datronic Message Board at the ACS entrance road.

- (3) New Elementary playground under the direction of Headmaster, Steve Cummings.
- (4) New youth football field under the direction of the Eagle Foundation (group of ACS alumni). They also provided funds for the Bermuda sod installed over the Labor Day Weekend.

The other projects were funded by previous ACS Fund Raisers. (Jog-a-Thons, etc.) Thanks to all.

BIG DAY

ACS hosted over 1400 runners from around 35 area schools for the running of the 7th annual Northeast Georgia (All Classification) Cross-country Championships on Saturday, August 28. The meet was directed by veteran track and cross country coach, Tim Cummings.

Junior, Destiny Jenkins, won the girls race and led her teammates to the Girls Championship. Our boys team did a great job and finished second.

Our middle school girls, coached by Cayla Redish, won their division. The boys placed second.

ACS SPORTS

Varsity, JV, and middle school football, girls varsity and middle school volleyball, girls varsity and middle school softball, and youth football (Ages 5 to 12) are going strong. The cheerleaders for all these teams are doing a great job.

Special thanks to ACS parents who give of their time to coach the youth football and cheerleading. Varsity, JV, and middle school cheerleaders are coached by ACS faculty member, Cassidy Cummings.

MIDDLE SCHOOL HONORS

ACS Middle School was the only middle school winner in the Kroger – Earning for Learning competition. We won \$1,000 in prize money for our video, "Active in Mind, Body, and Community."

Also, several students won honors at the 2nd Annual Trash to Treasures contest, sponsored by the Tanger Outlet Mall in Commerce. Reagan Fields, 5th grade, for her "Devotion Bag", and honorable mentions to Garrett Gailey, 5th grade, for "Boats in Bulb and Watts Up", David Sanford, 5th grade, for "Golden Gate Bridge", and Joseph Ruggiers, 8th grade, for "CD MANia". We also won the \$200 school prize for having the most entries in the middle school division.

ACS 6th grader, Calvin Pettyjohn, was awarded the American History Essay Award by the National DAR. He traveled to Washington, D.C. in July, to receive this notable honor.