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### MARK THESE DATES

- May 1**  
AP Psychology exam, 8am
- May 3**  
AP English exam, 8am
- May 8-12**  
Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 8**  
AP Biology exam, 8am
- May 9**  
AP Calculus AB & BC exams, 8am
- May 11**  
Spring Recital (Mrs. Johnson),  
6:30pm
- May 12**  
AP European History exam, noon
- May 13**  
ALA Grade School Solo Ensemble  
Festival, 8am-noon
- May 16-19**  
A Cappella auditions scheduled
- May 18-19**  
Senior exams
- May 21**  
ALA Sunday at Emmanuel,  
Tempe, 7:45am & 9:15am
- May 22-24**  
Senior Class Trip
- May 24-26**  
Exam Days
- May 26**  
Commencement Concert, 7pm
- May 27**  
Graduation, 10am

## Creating a Masterpiece

Principal Kurt Rosenbaum

Almost everyone in the Western world would recognize the painting. Most would also know that there is some mystery surrounding it: Who was the sitter? Who commissioned the artist? What was she thinking?



Leonardo da Vinci's *Mona Lisa* is inarguably considered a masterpiece. Leonardo worked on this portrait for over four years, and X-rays have shown that there are perhaps three different versions of it beneath the one presently visible in the Louvre. Stories suggest that the artist treated his subject with great care during the long ordeal of the painting process by supplying pets with which to play and music and oral reading for listening pleasure. It seems apparent that Leonardo was willing to pay any price in time, effort, or money to ensure the outcome of his work.

We have just come through the observance of Holy Week and Easter, so fresh in our memories is just what our Savior was willing to invest in creating his masterpiece, that is, us! No expense was considered too high, so

he paid with his time, his effort, and his life to rid us of any marring remnant of the sin that had ruined us. The *Mona Lisa* is valued today around \$800 million; can one even begin to

imagine what our value is when bought with the blood of Jesus and fashioned by his hands?

Since it left the hands of its master, the *Mona Lisa* has hung in the palace of the French king and the bedroom of Napoleon; it was stolen in 1911 and was missing for two years; in 1956 acid was thrown on the lower half, requiring a major restoration effort. As a masterpiece living on this side of heaven, we have an opportunity to reflect the artist in our lives, but we also face a constant threat from those who wish to destroy what Christ has done. Satan would love to see Christ's masterpiece destroyed as well. Thankfully, unlike the *Mona Lisa*, we need never find ourselves outside the protective hands of our master, our Savior! Confident of that protection, let us each strive with our maker's help to display the wonders he has done to all around us.

## Commencement Concert, Anniversaries & Farewells

The annual Commencement Concert will take place on Friday, May 26, 2017, beginning at 7pm in the ALA gym. The concert will include performances by all ALA choirs and the Concert Band, as well as individual performers.

During the concert, two ALA teachers will be honored for milestone anniversaries.

- **Gary Gray** will be honored for the milestone of 40 years in the public ministry, with 23 of those years at ALA. Prior to ALA, Gary served at Gloria Dei Lutheran School in Sierra Madre, California; Good Shepherd Lutheran School in West Bend, Wisconsin; and Abiding Word Lutheran School in Houston, Texas.
- **Virginia Steinmetz** will be honored for 25 years in the public ministry, all at ALA.

Teachers who will be leaving ALA at the end of this school year will also be recognized.

- **Scott and Kelly Loberger** will be moving this summer to Doral, Florida, where Scott accepted a call to teach at Divine Savior Academy. While at ALA, Scott taught math classes, and Kelly served as our Student Success Coordinator.
- **Andrea Indahl** has accepted a call to CrossWalk in Phoenix and will finish this year as our art instructor.
- Our Spanish instructor, **Kandi Rosales**, will be leaving after this year as she and her husband welcome their third daughter to their family.

We invite you to join us in thanking God for the blessing of these faithful servants. Following the concert there will be an outdoor reception for our honorees. Everyone is invited to the concert and reception. No RSVP is requested, and no tickets are needed for the concert or the reception.

## Notes & News

### POINTS OF INTEREST

#### ALA Sundays

The ALA Sunday at Emmanuel, Tempe, has been rescheduled for May 21 in the 7:45am and the 9:15am services only. The ALA Sunday at Grace, Vail, has been rescheduled for June 4 at 10am.

#### Raise Funds for ALA Athletics

The ALA athletic program will be installing and removing 10 volleyball sport courts at the Phoenix Convention Center for the Volleyball Festival. Each court will take six-eight people about an hour. The more athletes and parents we have, the more quickly it can be done.

- Install: Sunday, June 25, start at noon
- Remove: Monday, July 3, start at 9am

If you are able to participate on either or both days, contact Athletic Director Dave Peter at [Peter@ALAcoyotes.org](mailto:Peter@ALAcoyotes.org) or 602-268-8686 x19

#### Scrip

Contact Mr. Mueller to purchase Scrip. He will order twice a month. The two deadlines this month are May 12 & 30.

#### QUESTIONS?

Contact John Mueller  
[Mueller@ALAcoyotes.org](mailto:Mueller@ALAcoyotes.org)  
602-268-8686 ext. 13

#### No Summer Physicals at ALA

We will not be offering physicals on the ALA campus during the 2017 summer. The business (Physico) that offered that service has closed, and we have not been able to find a suitable replacement. Please remember that all athletes must have a physical before the start of practice. *Note:* A Minute Clinic or urgent care will usually have physicals available for \$25.

Please refer to the athletic page of [ALAcoyotes.org](http://ALAcoyotes.org) for important information for the 2017-18 school year.

- **Mr. Matthew Sonntag** received a call to teach science and run technology at Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, Michigan. He has announced that he is declining this call and will continue to serve God's people here at ALA. We are thankful for this decision and the continuity it provides.
- **Mrs. Stephnie Marquez** is holding the call to serve as our art teacher next year. Mrs. Marquez is a member of CrossWalk, has a daughter who graduated from ALA in 2016, and another daughter who will be at ALA as a freshman this fall. She is married to Tom, a Phoenix police detective.
- Congratulations to **senior Adam Martz** who was selected to sing in the state of Arizona honor choir, comprised of the top 200 high school singers across the entire state! We were prohibited from announcing this earlier, but Adam participated in a concert at ASU on April 8.
- Our building and grounds supervisor **Barry Preston** is looking forward to the marriage of his daughter at the end of May.
- **Mrs. Lynnette Stahmann** and her husband Rev. Josh Stahmann are the proud owners of a new home as they have purchased the house that the Loberger family is vacating in Laveen.
- **Mr. Mark Steiner** attended the National Conference for Teachers of Mathematics in San Antonio, Texas, last month.

### Semester Two Exams

Final exams for all students in grades 9-11 will take place Wednesday through Friday, May 24-26. The schedule is enclosed with this mailing and is also posted on the Parent Resources page of the ALA website. Take note of the policies regarding these tests and the test days.

### ALA Tuition Assistance - May 15

Applications for tuition assistance awards from the ALA Tuition Assistance Fund are now available. This is not to be confused with the AZ Tuition Tax Credit (ACSTO and others) applications. This application is available on the Parent Resources page of the ALA website.

- You can complete the application form on your computer.
- You must print the completed application for signatures required.
- Submit completed and signed applications along with required W2 documentation to the school office for Mr. John Mueller.
- Applications are due **by May 15, 2017**.
- Scholarships are awarded in summer and applied to the tuition accounts of students in January of the applicable school year.

### ACSTO Applications

All ALA families must submit an application to ACSTO in order to be eligible for tax credit awards during 2017-18. Please complete the online application at [ACSTO.org](http://ACSTO.org). Contact Michelle Meyer with questions. 602-268-8686 x40 or [Admissions@ALAcoyotes.org](mailto:Admissions@ALAcoyotes.org)



### International Housing

We are looking for families willing to host international students for the 2017-18 school year. Host families need to welcome the student as a family member and provide a bed (can be a shared bedroom), a place to study, meals, and transportation for their international student. Compensation is provided. Please contact [internationals@alacoyotes.org](mailto:internationals@alacoyotes.org) as soon as possible if you are interested!

### St. Thomas Lutheran Church

On Sunday, April 30, St. Thomas Lutheran Church will hold its last worship service before disbanding. **ALA began in 1978 at St. Thomas**, located near Thomas and 51st Avenue, and existed there for its first two years. In the past decades, the congregation saw a significant change in their neighborhood leading them to begin in earnest a Spanish ministry. The original largely Anglo congregation declined in membership, and recently they ceded their entire property to the Spanish ministry of *Iglesia Luterana Santo Tomas*, whose pastors are Rev. Thomas Zimdars and Rev. Francisco Cossio. For the enormous part this congregation and their former pastor William Meier played in the founding of our high school, we are most thankful.

# Guidance at a Glance

## Seniors

### SENIOR FINAL EXAMS

Seniors will be taking their final exams on Thursday and Friday, May 18 and 19. See the insert for the specific schedule.

### SCHOLARSHIP INFO NEEDED

We would like to announce any awards or merit college scholarships that our students will be receiving. **Please give this info to Mrs. Jaehnig by May 10** so this can be included in the May 16 awards program. We are requesting information on all merit scholarships—not just the ones that are being accepted or used. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Jaehnig at [Jaehnig@ALAcoyotes.org](mailto:Jaehnig@ALAcoyotes.org).

### EXIT INTERVIEWS

Mr. Rosenbaum has been meeting one-on-one with seniors as they conclude their high school years.

### FINAL TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

Seniors need to request a final transcript to the college of choice, using [Parchment.com](http://Parchment.com). The transcript will be sent electronically. The request can be made already. When making the request on Parchment, simply click “HOLD FOR GRADES” and it will be sent AFTER the final grades have been posted. Financial accounts must be in good standing for the transcript to be processed.

## Advanced Placement (AP) Exams

### SCHEDULE

- Monday, May 1, noon - AP Psychology
- Wednesday, May 3, 8am - AP English Literature and Composition
- Monday, May 8, 8am - AP Biology

- Tuesday, May 9, 8am - AP Calculus AB and BC
- Friday, May 12, noon - AP European History

Students must plan to be at school according to this schedule. Morning exams start at 8am; students should plan to be in the test room by 7:45am.

### GETTING AP SCORES

Scores will be available online in July at [apscores.org](http://apscores.org). Observe the following: Fill in AP answer sheets carefully and consistently.

Before July, the student should create a CollegeBoard account, if he/she does not already have one. The following information will be required to see scores in July:

- ~ College Board account username and password
- ~ 2017 AP number (received with testing materials)

Check on [apscores.org](http://apscores.org) after the exam to see the exact date that scores will be released.

## ACT Scores

Beginning in mid-May (three to eight weeks after taking the test), ACT scores from the April 19 test administration will become available online. Juniors should create a free ACT web account, if they haven't already. When setting up the account, all information must match what was on the test: name, spellings, date of birth, etc.

If you have questions about setting up an ACT account, you can email ACT at [ACT-WebAccount@act.org](mailto:ACT-WebAccount@act.org).

## Graduation Information

### Saturday, May 27, 2017, 10am

### ALA Gymnasium

Graduates will assemble in the music room at 9:30am.



### CAPS & GOWNS

Caps, gowns and tassels will be sent home with each graduate about a week before graduation. The gowns are rentals and need to be returned. As soon as you receive the gown, take it out of the bag and hang it up to remove wrinkles. Ironing is not recommended.

Guys wear dress pants, dress shoes, a shirt and a tie under the gown. Girls wear dresses or skirts with the hemline not below the hemline of the gown. Athletic shoes and flip flops are not to be worn.

### SEATING

There are no tickets used for seating and no limits to guests. There is also no reserving of seats permitted. To be fair to all, each graduate family is asked to limit seating in the “prime” seating area to six (6) seats. Doors will open at 8:30am the morning of graduation.

### PICTURES

A family member is welcome to be in the music room beforehand if group pictures are wanted. Keep in mind that there is limited space and time for this. Tom Weinstein will be photographing the graduation ceremony. Ordering information will be available soon.

### THE SERVICE & CEREMONY

The service begins promptly at 10am. The ceremony immediately follows the service. This year's speaker is Pastor Stephen Luchterhand. The student speakers are Courtney Hoskinson and Frank Cossio. The class verse is 1 Timothy 4:12.

### AFTER THE CEREMONY

Afterwards there will be a reception line, and all graduates will be a part of this line. When this ends, grads must return the gown in the office and pick up the diploma insert before leaving campus. (All grads receive only the diploma cover during the ceremony.) You can plan to be leaving campus around noon or 12:30pm. Please plan your celebrations accordingly.

## NATIONAL TEST DATES

Test	Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (w/late fee)
ACT	June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017	May 6-19, 2017

All ALA JUNIORS took the ACT at school on Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

[actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org)

SAT	Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration (w/late fee)
	May 6, 2017	April 7, 2017	April 25, 2017
	June 3, 2017	May 9, 2017	May 24, 2017

[collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat](http://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat)

Please include ALA's high school code—030262—on all test registration.

# May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8AM AP Psychology exam	2 1:45PM (TENTATIVE) H Golf vs Gilbert Christian, AZ College Prep	3 8AM AP English Literature & Composition exam  5:30PM Softball Banquet	4	5 Chapel - Pastor Patoka  A Golf @ Metro Invitational (McDowell Mtn Golf Club)	6 A Golf @ Metro Invitational (Palmbrook Country Club, Sun City)
					State Track	
7 2:30 PM - 6PM Kanitz Recital (gym)	8 8AM AP Biology exam  5PM Board of Directors meeting	9 8AM-2PM WLC here  8AM AP Calculus AB & BC exams  6PM Track Banquet	10 Chapel - Pastor Pautz  12:30PM Senior Class Picture  6 - 7:30PM A Cappella Practice	11 12:09PM GCU here  6:30PM Spring Recital (Mrs. Johnson)	12 12PM AP European History exam  12PM Scrip card order deadline - BY NOON	13 8AM - 12PM ALA Grade School Solo Ensemble Festival - elementary students  1PM Incoming Freshman Testing
	3:20PM - 5PM Football Practice				State Golf	
	TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK					
14 <b>Mother's Day</b>	15 6 - 8PM A Cappella Banquet	16 1:45 PM Scholastic & Fine Arts Awards & NHS Induction Ceremony	17 12PM Senior/Faculty Lunch  5:30PM Golf Banquet	18 Senior exams - English, Science, Religion	19 Senior exams - Math, Social Studies, Misc.  3:30PM Student Council dance set up  7PM Senior Farewell Dance	20
		A Cappella Auditions				
		3:20PM - 5PM Football Practice				
21 ALA Sunday at Emmanuel, Tempe (7:45AM & 9:15AM services only)	22	23	24 Exam Day #1 Periods B, C, H	25 Exam Day #2 Periods A, G, D	26 Exam Day #3 Periods F, E	27 10AM Graduation
	Senior Class Trip			9:10-9:30AM All choir (Concert Choir, A Cappella, and Freshman Choir) rehearsal in gym	8:30am Senior meeting & rehearsal  7PM Commencement Concert	
28	29 <b>Memorial Day</b>	30 6AM CC Practice  12PM Scrip card order deadline - BY NOON	31 6AM CC Practice  8AM - 4PM Spring In-service  4 - 6:30PM Boys High School Basketball Camp	JUNE 1 8AM - 4PM Spring In-service  4PM - 6:30PM Boys High School Basketball Camp  5 - 11PM PCL VB League (Phoenix College)  6:30PM CC Adventure Run (Scottsdale)	2 7AM CC Practice  7 - 9AM VB Lifting  9 - 11:30AM Boys High School Basketball Camp	3
4 10AM ALA Sunday at Grace, Vail (Tucson)						

*Please refer to the online calendar at [ALAcoyotes.org/calendar](http://ALAcoyotes.org/calendar) for updates.*