



The Good Parts

Changes for the Coming Year

Summer has flown by and there is only two weeks until our next faculty meeting. We have had to make a few changes this year so please read this newsletter carefully.

1.) Tuition change. The church that hosts our meetings has been very accommodating and kind about letting us use their facilities. But for them to adhere to the United Methodist Church's requirements for safe sanctuaries (more on that in our first meeting), they have asked us to hire a security guard for the parking lot during our meetings. We have found a very helpful police officer who is willing to help us each month. The cost of hiring him requires that we raise the tuition by \$5 a month but it also has a silver lining as we can use the church in October, April and July. I have decided that those evenings will be designated games night and we'll have heavy snacks (perhaps pizza if the budget allows) plus a great game at each table. The fun will be for all ages.

2.) Strict attendance policy. Our attendance policy states that a faculty member or spouse must attend four meetings a year. This past year we have also counted field trips, Birmingham Botanical Garden visits and other meet ups for attendance to try to help accommodate for schedules. We will continue counting those plus the games nights as attendance. **Faculty members are expected to attend four meetings or meetups.** In the case of unforeseen and urgent circumstances, please discuss attendance with Laura McKenzie

3.) We must have an email address on record for each family as a contact point. This past year and last year, because I was worried about parents attending a meeting when the weather was dangerous, I managed to make my way to the church and open the doors. Kemi was kind enough to watch a tornado's path in one instance to alert me if it was headed my way as I drove. Because of this, I need a way of contacting parents the day of a meet up or meeting to cancel at the last minute if dangerous weather suddenly develops. Please email asburyacademy@gmail.com if I have indicated that I need your email address. Please also use that email to contact me if you need to change any of your contact information. I MUST have up-to-date contact information. **Do be sure to check your email or Facebook for cancellations before events.**

4.) In order to adhere to our host church's Safe Sanctuary policy, we ask that all children be accompanied by their parents at ALL TIMES during our meetings. Thank You!

The following is a schedule up to our December meeting:

August 1st: Faculty Meeting. Doors open at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:00. Topic: Organization, Motivation, Making it all work.

September 5th: Faculty Meeting. Language Arts & Literature Project Night. Doors open at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7:00. Students are encouraged to bring a project pertaining to Literature or Writing. (If someone wants to borrow a Miss Frizz costume, let me know!)

September 8th: Birmingham Botanical Gardens Meetup and (optional) Picnic. 11:00 until ?????? Be watching the weather. We usually bring a sack lunch with us because there is so much to talk about!

September 20th: Oak Mountain Nature Walk. All ages. We will do an easy trail. Then we'll drop by the Wildlife Center for a quick look at the raptors, the baby birds and the rehabilitating birds. A formal tour is in the works. After the nature center tour, those who would like to stay and hike more and cookout with us are welcome!

October 3rd. Games night with snacks. Doors open at 6:30. Bring your favorite games. All ages!

October 6th Birmingham Botanical Gardens Tour. 11:00 AM Come join us. We'll have an art project for all students. I need to know how many are attending this so please let me know at asburyacademy@gmail.com

November 7th Faculty Meeting. Social Studies Night. Students are encouraged to bring social studies projects to share with our group.

November 10th Birmingham Botanical Gardens 1:00 pm

TBA Field Trip to the Birmingham Southern Environmental Center. We'll visit the Interactive Museum (with hands on activities) and the Ecoscape Outdoor Classroom. I believe the cost is \$4 a person. More details coming soon.

December 12th (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE) Faculty Meeting. We'll have food and fun for all at this meeting.

Have you mailed your end of year report yet? These were due in June. I absolutely must have them by the August meeting. Below is a blank report. Please copy one for each child and mail to Asbury Academy PO Box 603, Springville, AL 35146:

End of Year Report ----- Please Print Clearly

Asbury Academy reserves the right to dismiss a family who has been habitually late with reports and or tuition. This report is due at the June meeting and will not be accepted later than the August meeting. For Kindergarten through 8th Grade ONLY fill in the smaller box on the left under School Record K-8. For 9th Grade and above fill in right side that is larger and has space for extra-curricular activities and stewardship.

Name: _____ Social Security #: _____ Date of Birth: _____

_____ Last First Middle
 Date Enrolled: _____ Date Withdrawn: _____ Race (opt): _____ Sex: _____

Father	Mother
Name: Address: H. Phone: W. Phone: Occupation: W. Address: Email:	Name: Address: H. Phone: W. Phone: Occupation: W. Address: Email:

Grades K- 8	Grades 9 – 12 GRADE: _____ YEAR: _____ Days Schooled: _____ Credits: _____			
Year 2016	Subjects	1 st Semester Grade	2 nd Semester Grade	Average
Grade Level				
# of Days Schooled				
Subject Grade				
Language Arts				
English				
Reading				
Spelling				
Arithmetic				
Science				
Social Studies				
Stewardship and Extra Curricular Activities				

Please check this box if you plan to return in 2017 – 2018 Please remember that your child will be removed from our rolls if we do not receive an end of year report by August. We will report non-compliance to the appropriate school district. End of year reports are VITAL!

The following form must be in each student's file in order to help fulfill the United Methodist Church's Safe Sanctuary Policy as well as to illustrate that our most important policies are clearly understood. We do appreciate you taking the time and trouble to be sure this agreement is in each child's file. To view our updated Faculty Manual, please visit: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dlyOCip697TaQCfvLLpSLmQ9Krla5wDfzKQOQyzMIVqg/edit?usp=sharing>

It is my understanding of my enrollment with Asbury Academy:

- I understand that Asbury Academy does not supervise my teaching and that, as legal, custodial parent or guardian, I take complete responsibility for educating my child. Asbury will collect attendance and progress reports as well as grades and keep these records as well as provide a transcript if needed. _____
- I understand that it is my responsibility to provide monthly progress reports and report attendance to Asbury Academy on a monthly basis. _____
- I understand that at the end of the year, I am required to send an End of Year Report to Asbury Academy. _____
- I understand and will comply with Asbury Academy's requirements regarding tuition, reporting attendance and submitting monthly as well as yearly reports for each of my children. _____
- I understand that failure to meet Asbury Academy's requirements regarding tuition, attendance, monthly reports and yearly reports will be reported to my local school board and will result in my child/children being removed from enrollment at Asbury Academy. Report of my lack of compliance will be communicated to the next school my child/children are enrolled in. _____
- I understand that I am responsible for notifying Asbury Academy in ANY change of custody, address, and contact information. Failure to do so will result in removal from Asbury Academy and notification to local school authorities. _____
- I understand that my children will be supervised during public school hours by me or an adult designated by me. _____
- I understand that I must fully supervise my child at all meetings and meet ups. I agree to accompany my child on trips to our car or bathroom or other places my child might go. I understand that I will take sole responsibility for my child at meetings and meet ups. _____

The custodial parent or legal guardian of the following student(s):

Fully understands the requirements of Asbury Academy as laid out in the Faculty Manual and agrees to fulfill our obligations to the best of our ability.

Printed Full Name

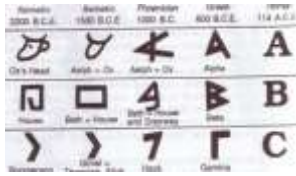
X _____
Signature

Date

Printed Full Name

X _____

Did you know?



Asbury Academy has a Pinterest Account. A team of us has been hard at work finding pins that would be helpful and/or fun for homeschoolers on a large number of topics. Do you need help teaching 12th grade English? We have that. Do you want some organizational helps? We have that.

Visit <https://www.pinterest.com/asburyacademy/> to see what ideas we've found so far. If you would like to join our team, just ask Laura.

What's New in the Library?

In August, we'll have these new resources and more!

- Optimizing Brain Fitness
- Biology
- Building Great Sentences
- Discovering Genealogy
- Daily Paragraph Editing

And more!

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

