



Holiday Observance Policy

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In accordance with Academy Philosophy and Statement of Faith, the following shall be observed:

- ❖ The true meaning of Christian holidays, in harmony with God's Word, shall be taught, promoted, and practiced. For example, Christmas shall be celebrated as the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ; and the Easter season celebrated commemorating the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. While some Academy parents may promote and permit the Santa Claus and Easter bunny myths in the home, school staff shall not do so in the classroom. School personnel are asked to devote time and effort to teaching the truths of Christian holidays, rather than dispelling myths among individual students. Observance of St. Patrick's Day is permissible in light of historical support for the Christianity and service of the honoree.
- ❖ Non-Christian secularly based holidays are to be evaluated differently. Halloween observance (including all related activities) has no redeeming value relative to Christian school philosophy. The symbolism relating to witches, goblins, jack-o-lanterns, etc., is actually counter Christian. Staff shall not observe Halloween in the classroom or decorate with the aforementioned symbols. Valentines Day is generally accepted in Christian circles as a holiday which promotes love and caring for others. Therefore, most practices connected with this holiday are acceptable. The single exception is the promotion of the satanically based Cupid.
- ❖ Other holidays may be regularly observed, and the true reasons for observances taught (i.e. Labor day, Thanksgiving, Memorial Day, etc.)