

Keeping you informed on the life and activity of your local Adventist school



HOT LUNCH - Hot lunch is served every Friday. This week, hot lunch will be pancit, spring rolls and dessert. Please send your money (\$4.00) to the school by Wednesday of this week.

FUNDSCRIP - Great Christmas Gifts!!

The next Fundscrip order is due in the office by this **Friday 7th December**. Please support the school by purchasing gift cards - even for your regular grocery and gas purchases - and 'give back' to the school. There are over 170 retailers in Ontario to choose from. **You get full value of the card, and pay nothing more!!** This is such an easy way to support the school. **Please participate!! Order forms will be attached to this email.**

SCHOLASTIC - Scholastic order forms were sent home last week. Parental judgment is needed. Some books that are offered may not fit with what you believe. The school does not endorse the books available. Please choose wisely. This month's orders were due in the office by Monday 3rd December, in order to be back before the Christmas Break. However, **you have one extra day to bring in your orders. They are now due on Tuesday 4th December.**

HOLIDAY POTS FOR SALE (Please see photo attached to 5th Nov. Notes & News) - Potted greenery (2 gallon pot) for your porch/walkway/entry, 24-30" wide and 30-36" tall (including pot). **Cost is \$25, with all proceeds going to the school.** Please call or visit the office to place your order.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & BAKE SALE - Staff and students are excited because it is almost time for our annual Christmas production! Please work with your child(ren) to ensure they learn their lines. This year the production is entitled 'Chris-Myth Busters' and will be on **Saturday 8th December**. Doors will open at 5:45 pm. The program will commence promptly at 6:30 pm. Please come along and support, bringing your family and friends. See you there! **Parents, please ensure your children arrive no later than 6:00 pm so that they can be calm and ready to start on time.** Each year we ask parents to bring treats to share for a fellowship time at the end of the program. This year we look forward to continuing that tradition. Please bring the dish associated with the first letter of your last name: A - L fruit planter and M-Z vegetable platter.

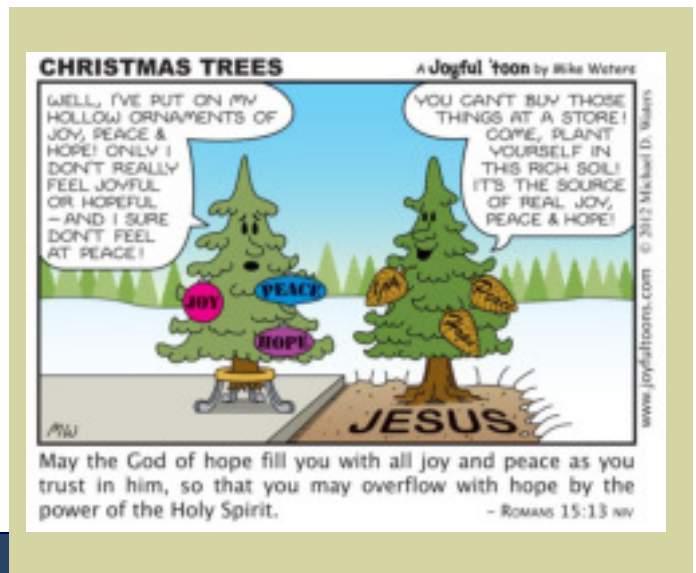
This year we will be having a Bake Sale. We are encouraging you to either bake or come along ready to

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December 2018



- Dec. 04: Scholastic Orders due
- 07: Fundscrip Orders due
- 08: Christmas Production
- 12: Skating - Parents Welcome!
- 17: Beginning of Spirit Week
- 17: Movie Night
- 19: Christmas Lunch
- 20: Noon dismissal



purchase delicious baked goods. Funds raised will go towards our sister school—Saipan SDA School, in the Northern Mariana Islands which was hit by Typhoon Yutu. This is an opportunity for our school to get involved in helping others. **If you would like to bake something, please inform your child's class teacher via your child's agenda.**

SKATING - Our first skating session is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 12th December**. Please begin getting your child(ren)'s skating equipment ready. GAA has some skates to lend out. If you require skates for your child, please send a note or write a note in your child's agenda, stating the size required. We will try to accommodate them. Skates are offered on a first come first serve basis. **Please note, ALL students are required to wear helmets.** *****Permission forms must be returned or your child will not be permitted to participate. They will then need to be picked up at the school by 1:30 pm.**

TIP OF THE WEEK - Room to be Different: Grace can't be some abstract concept that you talk about in your home. It has to be a real-time action that ultimately imprints itself on your children's hearts. Therefore grace must be quantifiable. To talk about grace, sing about grace, and have our children memorize verses about grace - but not give them specific gifts of grace - is to undermine God's work of grace in their hearts. Grace not only means that God loves them even though they are sinners, but that He loves them uniquely and specially. — *Grace Based Parenting, p. 141*

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT - Each month we will have a character trait that will focus on encouraging students to reflect the character of God and to grow into responsible, social beings. **THIS MONTH'S CHARACTER TRAIT is self-discipline!** **Self-discipline means:** thinking about your words and actions and then making choices that are right for you and others. It is the training of oneself, usually for improvement. Self-discipline shows good self-control. **I show self-discipline when I accept that things do not always go my way.** 2 Tim. 1:7 - 'For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and **discipline.**

***Please remember to check your school email address regularly for new information from the Principal and teachers!**

BUS CANCELLATION/ SCHOOL CLOSURE - Unfortunately, inclement weather brings along with it the possibility of school closures. Please note that if Hamilton Public or Catholic Board cancels school busses, SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED. Please check CHCH (television), 680News and 900CHML, as well as our website for school closures. Once we have been informed by the bus company, a member of staff will call you to let you know that school will be closed.

STUDENT DROP OFF - Please remember that **student supervision does not begin until 8:50 am**, unless a specific arrangement has been made with your child's class teacher for that day. Please remain with your children until that time, to ensure their safety. Thank you for respecting the staff devotional time.

STUDENT PICK UP - Please remember that **student supervision ends at 3:30 pm**, unless a specific arrangement has been made with your child's class teacher for that day. Please respect our time by picking your child up on time.

TELEPHONE CALLS - If there is a need to contact your child during the day, please call during recess - **10:40-11:15 or 12:50-13:25**, and not during instructional hours. Thank you for your understanding.

FOOD ALLERGIES - Please help us to keep our school an allergen free facility by ensuring your child has **no nut products**. In addition to this, if your child requires the use of an epi-pen, could you please ensure he/she has two, one for the office and one to be carried on their person.

STUDENT SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT - If your child has an up-coming event, e.g. baptism, investiture, tournament (and such like), we would like to know so that we can actively support them where possible! We are here for all your children, not just academically, but in all areas of their lives. Share, so that we can show them how much we care!