

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



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH - will be held this coming **Friday 14th December**. As in the past, our lunch will consist of delicious, festive foods. The price will be **\$6.00**. If you would like your child to have lunch, please send in payment by **Thursday 13th December**, so that we can adequately cater for them.

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 - Thank you for supporting us last Saturday evening. Your kind words, food contributions, and monetary gifts were greatly appreciated. GAA is so fortunate to have such a kind and generous extended family! We raised a total of \$546.70, part of which will go to our sister school - Saipan SDA School. Thank you once again.

MOVIE NIGHT - We are planning to have a Movie 'Night' right after school on **Monday 17th December**. Please read the letter that was sent home with your child(ren) today, fill out the bottom, and return it to

the school by this Friday 14th December.

SKATING - Our first skating session is scheduled to take place this **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. **(Skates will not be available at the arena! They must be obtained from the school BEFORE Wednesday!)** 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 12:50 pm.**

SPIRIT WEEK - Week commencing **17th December** will be our spirit week. **Uniforms are not required during Spirit Week. However, if your child chooses not to participate in Spirit Week, please ensure they come to school dressed in full school uniform**

Please note the following days:

Monday 17th - Pyjama & Cuddle Toy Day

Tuesday 18th - Wacky Hair Day

Wednesday 19th - Class Colour Day (all items of

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- Dec. 12: Skating - Parents Welcome!
- 14: Christmas Lunch
- 17: Beginning of Spirit Week
- 17: Movie Night
- 20: Noon dismissal



clothing in one colour)

Kindergarten - blue

Grades 1-3 - green

Grades 4-6 - red

Grades 7&8 - yellow

Thursday 20th - Backward Clothes Day

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - School ends on **Thursday 20th December at NOON**. School will re-open on **Monday 7th January**.

WIINTER CLOTHING - This is a reminder to all of our students that proper winter clothing must be worn. This includes hats, **gloves**, and boots in addition to your winter coats and snow pants.

TIP OF THE WEEK - Room to be Different: The primary way to give our children grace is to offer it in place of our selfish preferences. They receive grace when we choose not to commit sins against their hearts when our human nature would suggest that it would be okay to do so. In fact, the greater grace that children receive is when we can even see the sins we are inclined to commit against their hearts followed by our willingness to go against our selfish urges. So much grace is stolen in the heat of a moment by our selfishness. Kids want things, need things, say things, or do things that either bother us, embarrass us, or hurt us. But sometimes the reason we are hurt is because we might be exercising immaturity, insecurity, or indifference. We take things that are huge to children and trivialize them, or we take small issues and magnify them out of proportion. — *Grace Based Parenting, p. 141*

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT - 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!