

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



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 clothing in one colour)

Kindergarten - blue

Grades 1-3 - green

Grades 4-6 - red

Grades 7&8 - yellow

Thursday 20th - Backward Clothes Day

RECITAL - All are welcome to join us for a piano recital led by Mrs. Bryce on **19th December from 2:30-3:15 pm.**

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 - What Different Means: Let me give you some synonyms for "different". I'm talking about "unique", "weird", "bizarre", "strange", "goofy", and "quirky". Grace based homes should provide a safe haven for these kinds of children. I'm not saying that grace-based homes should tolerate sin, or evil, or anything that goes contrary to clearly stated precepts in the Bible. For instance, a child who interrupts his/her teachers, speaks disrespectfully to people in authority, or uses caustic put-downs against his/her siblings can't hide behind any of the synonyms listed above as a way of abdicating responsibility for his/her actions. He/she can't explain his/her disrespectful behavior with a throwaway excuse like, "Listen, I'm just goofy that way. Why can't you just accept me as I am?" Those who are just plain different and do goofy things aren't necessarily wrong. They're just different. — *Grace Based Parenting, p. 143*

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

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Dec. 17: Beginning of Spirit Week

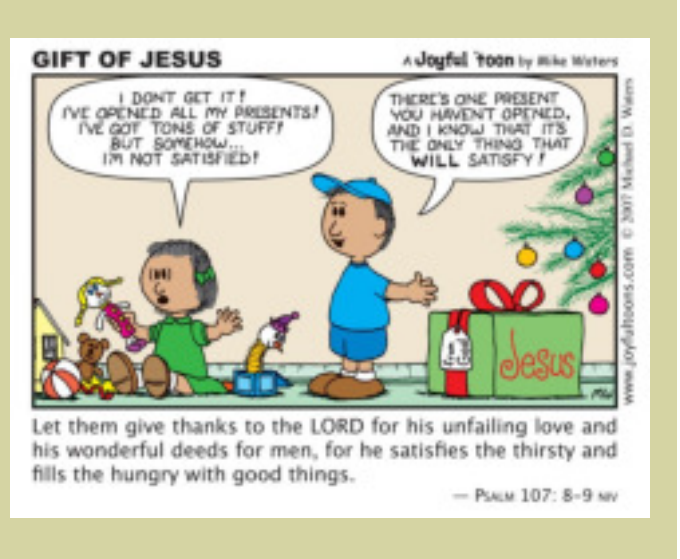
17: Movie Night

19: Piano Recital

20: Noon dismissal - PLEASE NOTE!!

Jan. 07: School re-opens

14: Mad Science Assembly



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**.

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.

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

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!