



Happy New Year! Thanking the Lord for allowing us to see 2019!

With another new calendar year comes many hopes and dreams of what is to come in 2019. On behalf of the staff at GAA, let me officially wish you all a wonderful, healthy and happy new year. As tradition dictates, a new year often means a resolution. Being humans, we try on occasion to better ourselves and improve our lives. Let us resolve this year to place God in the driver's seat in all that we do. We are one step nearer to His soon return; how can we make a difference in the lives of our children and others?

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

FUNDSCRIP - The next Fundscrip order is due in the office by this **Friday 11th January**. 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.**

MAD SCIENCE - On Monday, 14th January, we will have a Mad Science Assembly. The students will get to participate in some exciting experiments! Please check next week's newsletter to find out more information regarding the Mad Science Program that may be offered once again at Grandview this year.

SKATING - Our next skating outing is scheduled for **Wednesday 23rd January**. Please remember, **all students are required to wear a helmet.**

**** Parents picking up non-participating students at the school must do so by 1:30 pm.**

PARENTS - On rare occasions, severe weather arrives quickly and unexpectedly during the school day. On days when this occurs, GAA may dismiss early. **It is imperative that your personal information is updated to ensure you receive timely notification!** It is also important if you work during the day, to have arrangements in place for someone to care for your child(ren) if such a need arises. GAA understands that changing the daily schedule for any reason is disruptive to families. We appreciate your cooperation during

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January 2019



- Jan. 11: Fundscrip Orders Due
- 14: Mad Science Assembly
- 19: Gr. 4 - 8 to visit Lincoln Pioneer Church
- 23: Skating - Parents Welcome!
- 28: PD Day - NO SCHOOL!
- 31: First Semester / Term Ends



times when we are experiencing weather that can be dangerous for students and staff.

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.

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT - This month's character trait is **responsibility!** **Responsibility** means: faithfully doing the job that was assigned at home, school or church and accepting the consequences of your choice. **Responsibility** also means setting a good example for those who look up to you. I show **responsibility** when I am willing to admit mistakes and make things right. Romans 14:12 says '**So each of us will have to answer to God.**' Let's choose to be **responsible**.

TIP OF THE WEEK - The Freedom To Be Different: My boy was asking for my permission to do something to his hair that might cause some adults to assume that he was rebelling. You know the normal assumptions: "He's got a problem with authority." "He must have a chip on his shoulder." "He's one of those shiftless kids who has no direction in his life." Those are the kinds of assumptions that adults — who should know better— often place on kids who stand out from the crowd or don't fit the conventional molds. These conclusions are seldom based on actual knowledge of the child, but rather reflect the limited scope or the utter ignorance of the adult. My son did not have a problem with authority. He was a boy filled with joy, excitement and adventure. He had simply become enamored with this fad. Parents, when hit by a discussion like this, will often say to themselves, "What will my friends think?" Out of fear of what relatives, friends, or those in authority might say, many parents react to their children's tendencies to be different in a way that closes their spirits. When that happens, it can close their spirits for good. Fortunately, we have many grace based friends who see childhood as a time that God has set aside for children to work the "ding-dong" out of themselves. My advice to parents whose friends criticize them for having different kids: "Get new friends." It's easier than trying to get new children. Besides, you'll probably be better off. — *Grace Based Parenting, p. 145*

***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!