

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 burgers, veggies and dessert. Please send your money (\$4.00) to the school by Wednesday of this week.

REPORT CARDS - If you have not yet done so, please sign and return the bottom portion of page 3 & 4 of the report card, **as well as the envelope** it was sent home in, as soon as possible.

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 order will be due in the office by **Tuesday 26th February (extended)**.

CAT 4 TESTING - From 25th February to 4th March, students in grades 1 - 8 will undergo a selection of Cognitive Achievement Tests. These tests are diagnostic and help teachers to understand students' individual thought processes, so that they can plan appropriately and provide different strategies for learning where these may be necessary. Students should not worry or attempt to study for these tests

as there are no 'right' or 'wrong' answers. Test Schedule: Tuesday 26th: Gr. 1-3 Word Analysis; Friday 1st: Writing and Spelling; Monday 4th: Math and Computation and Estimation.

FUNDSCRIP - The next Fundscrip order is due in the office by **Friday 1st March**. 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!!**

****IMPORTANT NOTICE**** - On days of inclement weather, **please check your school email and Facebook to see if school is cancelled**. Notice will be posted by 6:45 am. **Phone calls will no longer be made by the staff.**

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

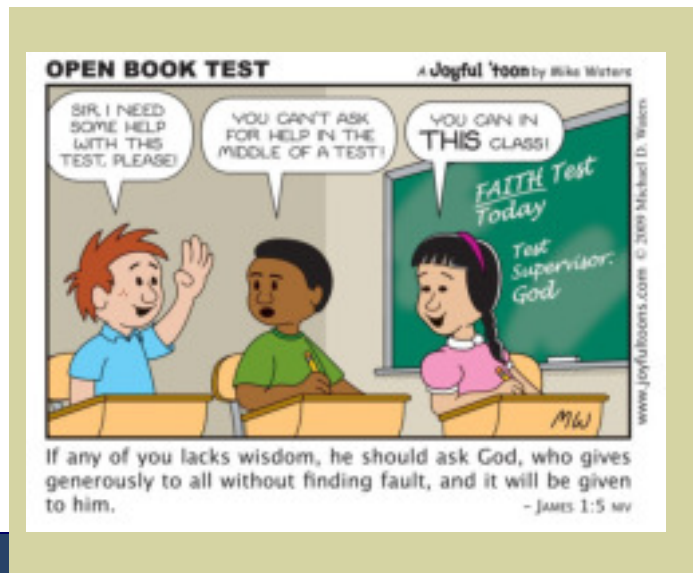
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February/March 2019

- Feb. 25: Beginning of CAT 4 Tests (Cognitive Ability Test) - Grades 1 - 8
- 26: Scholastic orders due
- March 1: Fundscrip orders due
- 1: Fire Safety Presentation and In-school Science Fair
- 2: Gr. 4-6 Brantford Church Visit/ Heritage Green Nursing Home
- 11-15: Mid-Winter Break - NO SCHOOL

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

WINTER 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 **honesty!** **Honesty** means: giving the correct idea or impression, keeping your word, honouring your commitments and returning what you borrowed. **Honesty** can also mean doing your own assignments and being real or genuine. Proverbs 12:17 says: 'an **honest** witness tells the truth, a false witness tells lies.' I choose to be **honest**, just like Jesus.

TIP OF THE WEEK - GATEKEEPERS OF HIS GRACE: One of the great things about God's grace is the safe haven it offers to a transparent heart. He doesn't require masks in His throne room. Jesus makes people feel comfortable even when He catches them without their makeup. When circumstances scrub off the layers of their self-confidence, and their shortcomings wash away the foundation of their self-righteousness, Jesus isn't appalled by the blemishes He finds underneath. There's no sin too bad, no doubt too big, no question too hard, and no heart too broken for His grace to deal with. These are the very things that children need to learn early on in their lives, and God has given parents the responsibility to be the gatekeepers of His grace. It is your careful response to these fragile issues that plays the key role in whether your children will even be inclined to head down the path to God's grace. - Grace Based Parenting, pg. 164

STUDENT SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT - If your child has an upcoming 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!

***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 buses (look online for cancellation of Hamilton-Wentworth School Transportation), **SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED**. Please check **your school email or Facebook** for school closures. Once we have been informed of cancellation by the bus company, we will post it to your email and Facebook by 6:45 am.

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.