

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



**Welcome back** from the mid-winter break! We hope everyone was able to enjoy some relaxation and fun during the week.

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

**PIZZA DAY** - On **Thursday 21st March**, a free pizza lunch will be provided by Kingsway College. Each student will receive 2 slices of pizza, juice, and a cookie. If your child prefers not to eat pizza, please send them with an alternative lunch.

**\*PLEASE NOTE** - For safety reasons, please **do not** send **GLASS BOTTLES** or **GLASS DISHES** to school with your child(ren).

**SKATING** - Please remember to return all borrowed skates and helmets now that our skating outings are finished for this season.

**CONSTITUENCY MEETING** - The annual GAA Constituency Meeting will take place on **Saturday 30th March** at 7:00 pm. Please come and support.

## lookingahead...



### March 2019

- March 19: Grade 7 & 8 Field Trip to Ski Snow Valley, Barrie
- 21: Kingsway College sponsored Pizza Day
- 25: Grad photo orders due
- 30: GAA Annual Constituency Meeting

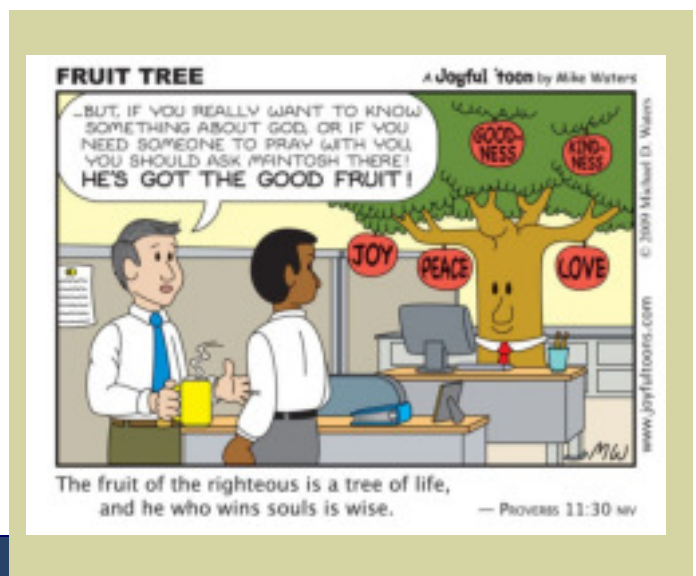
**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING GRADUATION AND END OF SCHOOL** - Due to the abundance of snow days this year, our last day of school is now scheduled for **Friday 21st June at noon**. Graduation will now be held on **Thursday 20th June**.

**Also**, Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews on 14th May are **cancelled**. Telephone interviews will be available.

**GRAD PHOTO ORDERS** - Please send in your grad photo orders, with payment, by **Monday 25th March**. Please note that even if you are not ordering, the proofs still need to be returned, otherwise a \$10 charge will be levied.

**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** - **We need to treat our kids the way God treats us.** The Bible says, "Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you (1Peter 5:7 NKJV). It's amazing how inclusive the word "all" is. It doesn't say



that we are to cast only our **legitimate** cares on Him. Although He's a busy God with a lot on His plate, He's also an omnipotent God, so He's never too busy. Nevertheless, it would seem reasonable, at least from a human perspective, not to bother God with things that stem from our children's immaturity and lack of sophistication. Fortunately, God is a God of grace. He loves to give us things we don't necessarily deserve but desperately need. He knows we often lack perspective, but that doesn't stop Him from inviting us close to His heart. A good example of God's grace is not only the gigantic act of grace that Jesus showed by dying on the cross for our sins, but also the little acts of grace He demonstrated in the midst of His crucifixion. Soldiers, leaders, followers, and criminals got Jesus' individual attention when He had bigger tasks on His "to do" list. That's because God's grace notices vulnerable people. It's in constant tune with their hearts. Our children need this kind of grace. Their confusing lives cry out for our sensitive touch. God gives us just enough of a head start to bring perspective and understanding to the fragile needs of our kids. - Grace Based Parenting, pgs. 167, 168

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

**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.

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

**\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*** - 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.**

**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 (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.

**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!