

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 **baked potatoes with bar fillings, brown beans, a bun and dessert**. Please send your money (\$4.00) to the school by Wednesday of this week.

POSTER COMPETITION - The Ontario Conference is hosting the Earth Day Summit on Sunday 21st April at the International Centre in Mississauga. **STUDENTS...** we need you to participate and display your talents by **designing a poster** that recognizes God as Creator and our responsibilities as faithful stewards, doing our part in taking care of the Earth God gave to us. The poster should depict in some way our saying "thanks to God our Creator and Provider". **PARENTS...** please encourage your child/ren to participate! Winning posters will be on display at the Summit and awards will be presented. **Posters must be submitted by Friday 29th March.**

***Please see attached sheets for contest criteria.**

***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 this **Saturday 30th March** at 7:30 pm. Please come and support.

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 - SK and Grade 8 grad photo orders and payment **were due today!** **Please send them in by tomorrow!!** After tomorrow, you will have to mail in the orders yourself. 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.

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March/April 2019

March 26: Grad photo orders due - last chance!

26: **Scholastic orders due**

29: Earth Day poster due

30: GAA Annual Constituency Meeting

April 05: Fundscrip orders due

06: Gr. 7 & 8 class at Hamilton Filipino Church and Heritage Green Nursing Home

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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 give our children the freedom to be vulnerable because of the unique nature of childhood. The position our children hold early in their lives makes them an automatic victim of two colliding forces inside them. On one side are the *facts* of any given situation. These are the things parents can see that our children can't always see. On the other side of the equation are the *feelings* of any given situation. These often determine what our children perceive about the situation they're in. The key point is that the way our children feel about situations may not have any connection whatsoever to the facts. For instance, they may feel lonely, even though they have plenty of friends who dearly love them.. They may feel fairly dim, even though their IQ tests say they're pretty smart. Because of this disconnect between the facts and the feelings, our children can feel extremely vulnerable as they move through their childhood.

It would be easy to dismiss their concerns with a simple recitation of the facts. But children's feelings have the power to cloud the facts. Regardless of what we point out, their hearts are often stuck in their "feelings" mode (just as we often are as adults). Their lack of maturity makes it hard for them to see beyond their emotions. The good news is that their problems dissipate as they grow older and have more experiences to help them filter their lives through, but not completely. Your willingness and ability to come alongside your children's vulnerabilities with grace helps them work through their difficulties. - Grace Based Parenting, pgs. 171, 172

PARENTS - On rare occasions, severe weather/situations arrive 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/situations that can be dangerous for students and staff.

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

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.

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 (**no phone calls will be made**). 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!