

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 **tacos, fries 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 **Friday 5th April**. Please support the school by purchasing these gift cards! You receive full value of the card, and pay nothing more!!

FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE OF THE MONTH - Please see attached for the Hamilton Fire Department safety message for the month of April.

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

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.

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT - This month's character trait is **perseverance!** **Perseverance** means: being steadfast, not giving up. It is sticking to something, staying committed, no matter how long it takes or what obstacles appear to stop you. Instead of giving up, look for ways to remove or work around the obstacles. Without **perseverance**, people give up on things easily. Jesus wants us to always think: **'Yes, I can do it, I won't give up.'** (Galatians 6:9)

TIP OF THE WEEK - The Freedom to be Vulnerable: Grace-based homes are a vital link to children's wholeness and wellness as adults. That's because our vulnerabilities have the power to define us if we aren't careful. Legalism, strident or rigid parenting models, and preoccupied moms and dads can keep children from growing beyond their vulnerabilities. Grace is the key that unlocks the door to a balanced adult life. They might feel stupid, foolish, gangly, out of place, or out of touch. They need a grace that offers love instead of lectures, understanding instead of ignorance and a plan instead of dismissal. - Grace Based Parenting, pgs. 172, 173

***PLEASE NOTE** - For safety reasons, please **do not** send **GLASS BOTTLES** or **GLASS DISHES** to school with

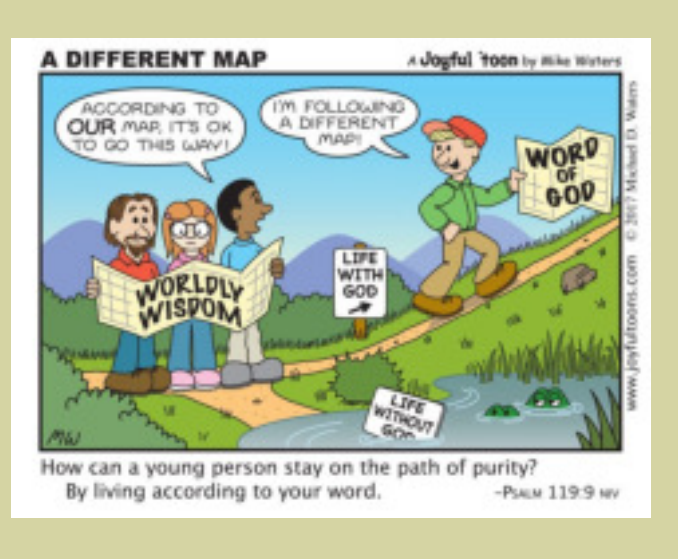
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April 2019



- April 05: Fundscrip orders due
- 06: Gr. 7 & 8 class at Hamilton Filipino Church and Heritage Green Nursing Home
- 08: Gr. 4-6 class trip to Ruthven
- 19: Good Friday - NO SCHOOL
- 22: Easter Monday holiday - NO SCHOOL
- 22-26: Adventist Education/Teacher Appreciation Week
- 27: Adventist Education Day

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your child(ren).

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!

***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.

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.

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.