

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



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

FUNDSCRIP: This month's Fundscrip orders are due in the office by this **Friday 8th November**. 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. **These cards make great gifts!** Please participate.

TUTION PAYMENTS: were due last Friday, 1st November. Did you make your payment?

PARENT-STUDENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS: are scheduled for **Monday 11th November**. We encourage you to take this opportunity to find out about your child(ren)'s progress. **Interim Progress Reports were sent home yesterday**. Inside the report envelope was an interview sheet to fill out. Please

indicate your desired time on the interview appointment form and **return it to the school no later than Thursday 7th November**. Appointments are filled on a first come, first served basis.

SUITABLE OUTDOOR CLOTHING - As colder weather is upon us, this is a reminder to all of our students that proper outdoor clothing must be worn. **Parents**, please monitor the weather forecast and send your child(ren) with the appropriate clothing. Thank you.



INTERNATIONAL SOUP/SONG FEST - **Saturday, 9th November 2019 at GAA**. Featuring Silent Auction, Photo Booth, International Music, and more!! Doors open at 6:00 pm. Supper served starting at 7 pm - soups, salad, breads, and dessert. Meal tickets **in advance** - Adults \$12 each, Children 12 & under \$2 each. Tickets at the door - Adults \$15 each, Children 12 & under \$3 each. Limited seating - don't delay. Each ticket includes Photo Booth from 6:45 - 8:30 pm. Come dressed in your country's costume. Recognition for outstanding costume participation and display. **Please come and support this GAA Fundraiser!!!**

PARENTS: On rare occasions, severe weather arrives

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November 2019

- Nov. 08: Fundscrip orders due in the office
- 09: GAA Fundraiser - International Soup/Song Fest
- 11: Parent-Teacher Interviews - NO SCHOOL
- 18: Beginning of the Fall Week In Spiritual Emphasis

OIL OF JOY

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



and provide for those who grieve in Zion — to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

— ISAIAH 61:3 NIV

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.

BUS CANCELLATION/SCHOOL CLOSURE: Unfortunately, inclement weather brings along with it the possibility of school closures. Please note the 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 to your email, GAA website and Facebook by 6:45 am. **NO PHONE CALLS WILL BE MADE BY THE SCHOOL.**



SCHOOL THEME FOR 2019-2020 - Our school theme this year is **Growing With God.** To assist your child in understanding how to grow, we suggest you focus on the daily Bible text and activities in their agenda.

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT - **Our theme this year is the Fruit of the Spirit.** Each month we will have a character trait that will focus on encouraging students to reflect the character of God and to grow into responsible, social beings. **THIS MONTH'S CHARACTER TRAIT is JOY!** Joy comes from knowing that God is the source of true happiness. Nehemiah 8:10 says "...The joy of the Lord is your strength." To help your child learn more about **joy** and God being the source of our true happiness, you can focus on the story of Job found in Job chapter 1.

MUSIC LESSONS - Mrs. Bryce will return to teaching piano on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you would like your child to have music lesson, please feel free to contact Mrs. Bryce directly at telephone number 905-765-3350. She would be more than happy to hear from you.

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

IMPORTANT: Please DO NOT park in the Fire Zone.

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 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. **Please bring and pick up your students 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.

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

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 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!