

# notes&news

Monday 18th November, 2019





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

**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY** - Please note that picture day will take place on Monday, 25th November. Students should be dressed in a clean, crisp uniform. There is no need to wear the white dress shirt.

**WINTER CLOTHING** - As winter-like weather is upon us, this is a reminder to all of our students that proper winter clothing must be worn. includes hats, gloves, and winter boots, in addition to winter coats and snow pants, when needed. Parents, please monitor the weather forecast and send your child(ren) with the appropriate clothing. Thank you!



**<u>UNIFORMS</u>** - An order for uniforms will be going in at the end of the month. If you need any polo shirts or cardigans for your child(ren), please order soon! Orders were supposed to be in by last Friday. An extension date of Friday 22nd November will be given. There will not be another order until February.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - Staff and students are excited because it is almost time for our annual Christmas production! Please work with your child(ren) to ensure they learn their lines. This year the production is entitled 'The First Leon' and will be on Saturday 7th December. Doors will open at 5:45 pm. The program will commence promptly at 6:30 pm. Please come along and support, bringing your family and friends. See you there!

Parents, please ensure your children arrive no later than 6:00 pm so that they can be calm and ready to start on time.

\*\*Each year we ask parents to bring treats to share for a fellowship time at the end of the program. This year we look forward to continuing that tradition. Please bring the dish associated with the first letter of your last name: A-L vegetable platter and M-Z fruit platter.

BAKE SALE - After the Christmas Program, we will have our 2nd Annual Bake Sale! We encourage you to either bake or come along ready to purchase delicious baked goods. We are looking for contributions of fresh, home-baked goods - breads, cupcakes, cookies, muffins, pies, etc. Part of the funds raised will once

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#### **COMING UP IN DECEMBER**

Dec. 07: Gr. JK/SK visit to Hamilton Filipino Church

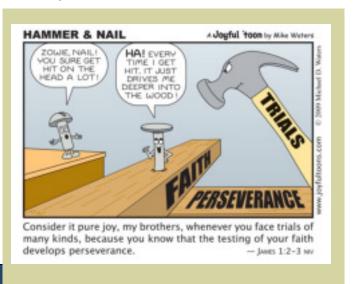
07: GAA Christmas Program & Bake Sale

og: Skating

16: Movie Night

17: Gr. 7 & 8 Ski trip to Snow Valley

19: Noon dismissal





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again go towards our sister school - Saipan SDA school in the Northern Mariana Islands. This is an opportunity to get involved in helping others. If you would like to bake something, please inform your child's class teacher via your child's agenda or leave a message in the office.

**SKATING** - Our first skating session is scheduled to take place on **Monday 9th December**. Please begin getting your child(ren)'s skating equipment ready. GAA has some skates to **lend** out. If you require skates for your child, please send a note or write a note in your child's agenda, stating the size required. We will try to accommodate them. Skates are offered on a first come first serve basis. **Please note, ALL students are required to wear helmets.** 

<u>BUS CANCELLATION/SCHOOL CLOSURE</u>: 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.

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.

\*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.

NOVEMBER 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.

**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.

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u> - 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.