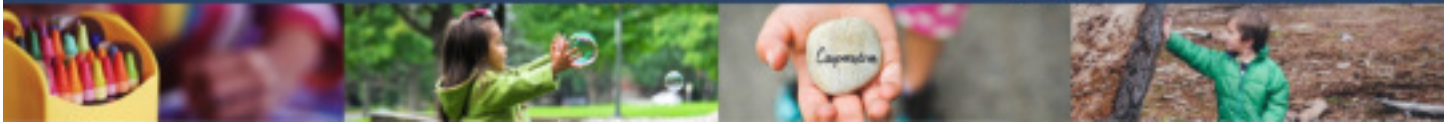


Keeping you informed on the life and activity of your local Adventist school



Happy New Year! Praise the Lord for allowing us to see 2020!

With a new calendar year comes many hopes and dreams of things to come. My staff and I wish you all a wonderful, healthy and happy new year! Tradition dictates that a new year brings a resolution. Let us resolve this year to place God in the driver's seat in all that we do. We are one step closer to His soon return; how can we make a difference in the lives of our children and others?



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

CONGRATULATIONS! - to Heather and Ryan on the birth of Marissa's and Declan's baby sister, Ryleigh! May God's blessings be with your family always.

FUNDSCRIP - The next Fundscrip order is due in the office by **Friday 17th January**. 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. **Please participate!!**

SKATING - Our next skating outing is scheduled for **Monday 20th January**. Please remember that **all students are required to wear a helmet**.

**** Parents picking up non-participating students at the school must do so by 1:30 pm.**

JANUARY CHARACTER TRAIT - is **PATIENCE!** **Patience** is not getting easily angered when you have to wait. Psalm 86:15 says "But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness." Just as God is **patient**, we need to be **patient** with others so we can be an example of God's character.

To help your child learn more about **patience**, read the story of Moses and the Israelites. God led the people through the wilderness for forty years, listening to their complaints and doubts. But He **patiently** heard their cries and met their needs all along the way.

WINTER CLOTHING - This is a reminder that proper winter clothing must be worn. This includes **hats**,

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January 2020



Jan. 17: Fundscrip orders due
20: Skating - Parents welcome!
30: Pizza lunch courtesy of Kingsway College



gloves, winter boots, winter coats and snow pants, as needed. Parents, please monitor the weather forecast and send your child(ren) with the appropriate clothing. Thank you!



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 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.

SICK STUDENTS - Under no circumstances may a sick child be brought to school. **No students may be sent to school wearing a face mask or with a request to be kept inside at recess.** If your child is too sick to go outside, then they should be resting at home. Sick children expose other children and staff members who they come in contact with. These people can in turn, expose others. Help minimize the spread of illness to our students and staff!

MEDICATION - If it is necessary for your child to take medication during school hours, the form **Administration of Prescribed Medication** must first be completed by the parent and the attending physician and returned to the school. This form can be found in the registration package online or from the office upon request. It gives the school permission to administer the medication to your child.

***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.

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!