

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



**HOT LUNCH** is served every Friday. There will be **no** hot lunch this week due to Christmas vacation.

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL** - School ends on **Thursday 19th December at NOON**. Please make adequate arrangements for your child to be picked up on time, especially if they are taking the bus home. School will re-open on **Monday 6th January**.

**FUN WEEK** - Today we began GAA's Fun Week with Pyjama & Cuddle Toy Day! **Uniforms are not required during Fun Week. However, if your child chooses not to participate in Fun Week, please ensure they come to school dressed in full school uniform.**

Please note the following days:

Tuesday 17th - Sports Day (wear your favourite sport's jersey etc.)

Wednesday 18th - Formal Day - especially as we are Christmas lunching

Thursday 19th - Retro Day - any time period except this one (e.g. 70s, 80s etc.)

(Dresses will only be permitted on Wed. and Thurs.)

**SCHOOL PHOTOS** - order deadline was today. **If you missed ordering and would still like to place an order, please order online or by phone.**

**SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH** - will be held on **Wednesday 18th December**. As in the past, our lunch will consist of delicious, festive foods. There will be no charge for the lunch this year.

\*\*All are welcome to join us for a piano recital led by Mrs. Bryce at **12:00 pm**.

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** - Thank you for supporting our Christmas Program. Your kind words, food contributions, and monetary gifts were greatly appreciated! **The offering and bake sale raised a total of \$634.35. Thank You!!**

Students, you did a marvellous job! Well done!!

**DECEMBER CHARACTER TRAIT** - is **PEACE!** Peace is trusting that God is in control. Philippians 4:7 says "And the **peace** of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." To help your child learn more about **peace** and how to have **peace** that is beyond understanding, focus on the story of Daniel found in Daniel chapter 6.

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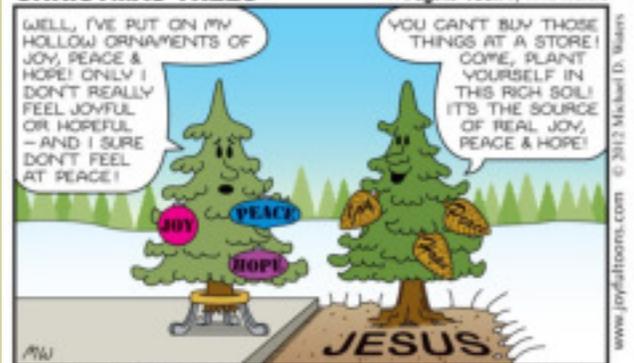


### December 2019

- Dec. 17: Gr. 7 & 8 Ski trip to Snow Valley—POSTPONED until January 14th
- 18: School Christmas Lunch & Piano Recital
- 19: Noon dismissal

#### CHRISTMAS TREES

A Joyful Year by Mike Waters



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- ROMANS 15:13 NIV

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

**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!

**\*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!**

**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.

**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.

