



**BIRTHDAYS** - Wishing a Happy Birthday to Luke for Monday 21st February!

**REPORT CARDS** - Report Cards were sent home on Tuesday. Please **return the report envelope as well as the enclosed form that indicates your receipt of the Report Card.**

**Online parents**, please sign the form and either deliver it to the school or scan and email it back to the secretary.

**PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS** - **Virtual** parent-teacher interviews are scheduled for **Wednesday 16th February** and **Thursday 17th February** from 3:30 - 6:30 pm. You should have received an email from your child's teacher with a link to **Calendly**, our appointment booking system.

**AWARDS** - Now that we have calculated all grades, we will publish the Principal's List and Honour Roll for Semester 1 shortly.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION UPDATES** - If there have been any changes in your personal information, for example your address or phone number, please notify the office immediately.



**February is Black History Month in Canada.** During this month, GAA will be honouring the legacy of Black Canadians. The 2022 theme for Black History is "February and Forever: Celebrating Black History Today and Every Day." It focuses on recognizing the daily contributions that Black Canadians made and continue to make to Canada.

Please join us virtually each Wednesday morning for a time of recognition. Our time of celebrating will begin right after Joint Worship. If you are unable to attend, ask your child/children who we recognized and how they have contributed to our country.

**STUDENT ABSENCE** - Please remember that it is your duty to notify the school (by phone or by email) if your child is going to be late or absent. It is important that we have all absences explained and all students accounted for as soon as possible each day.

## looking ahead...

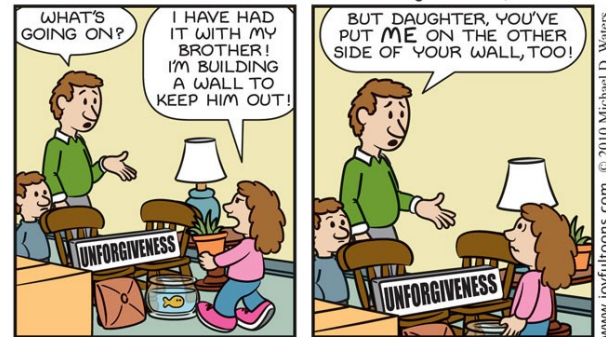


### **February 2022** **Black History Month**

- Feb. 01: Second Semester begins
- 15: Report Card 1 Home
- 16-17: Virtual Parent-Teacher Interviews - 3:30 - 6:30 pm
- 21: Family Day Holiday - **NO SCHOOL**

#### **WALL OF UNFORGIVENESS**

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.  
— MATTHEW 6:14-15 NIV

**FAMILY DAY HOLIDAY** - Just a reminder that on **Monday 21st February**, the provincial statutory holiday Family Day is observed. There will be **NO SCHOOL** on this day.

**EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS** - The time has come again for the SDACC Office of Education to receive nominations for the Excellence in Education Awards. If you would like to nominate a deserving teacher or principal, please go to <https://education.adventist.ca> under Resources ~ SDACC ~ Excellence in Education Award or call the SDACC Office of Education at 905-433-0011. Deadline is 15th April.

**FEBRUARY'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

**COVID SCREENING** - Parents/guardians, screening of your children must be done after they awake in the morning. It is impossible to know how they are feeling if you screen them while they are still sleeping.

**STUDENT ARRIVAL TIMES** - Please bring your child (ren) so they arrive during their allocated entrance times. **Their classes begin immediately after their admittance time.**

**If a student is not on time for their class admittance time, they must enter by the main doors AFTER 8:55 am.**

**SUITABLE OUTDOOR CLOTHING** - This is a reminder to all of our students that proper outdoor clothing must be worn. This may include **hats, gloves, winter boots, winter coats, and snow pants**, when needed. **Parents**, please monitor the weather forecast and send your children with the appropriate clothing. Thank you.



**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.



**SCHOOL CLOSURE** - If the school must close, **for any reason** (weather or other), the closure will be announced on **your school email or Facebook**. Once cancellation has been confirmed, we will post to your email, GAA website and Facebook by 7:00 a.m. **NO PHONE CALLS WILL BE MADE BY THE SCHOOL.**



**IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR PARENTS** - On rare occasions, severe weather or other emergencies may 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 or other situations that can be dangerous for students and staff.

**MASKS REQUIRED ON SCHOOL PROPERTY** - Just a reminder that **masks must be worn on school property, both inside and outside.**



**EMAILS** - Please remember to check your emails regularly for new information from the Principal and teachers.