



BIRTHDAYS - Wishing a Happy Birthday to Luca for Tuesday 1st March, Larrisa for Wednesday 2nd March, Jaimie for Saturday 5th March, and Nathan and Nemuel for Sunday 6th March!

TAX RECEIPTS - Please note that if you are entitled to a tax receipt, it was sent home with your child today. For parents of online students, tax receipts were emailed to you today.

CONSTITUENCY MEETING - The annual GAA Constituency Meeting will take place on **Saturday 12th March at 6:00 pm** (virtually via Zoom). Please support the school by attending this meeting.

Link: GAA's Virtual Constituency Meeting 2022
Meeting ID: 915 3378 0015
Passcode: GAAAGM

REPORT CARDS - Please remember to **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.



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.

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

looking ahead...



March 2022

March 12: Annual Constituency Meeting (Virtual), 6:00 pm
14 - 18: Mid-Winter Break - NO SCHOOL
21: Classes Resume

LIFEBOAT

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. - JOHN 3:17 KJV

example your address or phone number, please notify the office immediately.

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.

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.

MARCH'S CHARACTER TRAIT is Fairness! Fairness sees a situation from the viewpoint of each person involved and not just ours. It seeks the best, just, equitable solution, even if it hurts us.

Being **fair** means you are honest, honorable, able to accomplish a thing by looking at everyone's side, and treating others equally.

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 7:12 (NIV)

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.

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

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.



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.



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.**