



BIRTHDAYS - Wishing a Happy Birthday to Elkana for **TODAY**, and Cheryn for Sunday 10th April!

PICTURE DAY - School and grad photos will be taken on Tuesday, 26th April. Please watch for more details.



STUDENT ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE TIMES - Student entry time will now be from 8:35-8:50 am and the exit time will be 3:05-3:20 pm for **ALL** classes. **Friday** exit time will be 1:15-1:30 pm.

COVID UPDATE - Since our last Notes & News, we have become aware of a few more cases of Covid at GAA. **PLEASE MONITOR YOUR CHILDREN CLOSELY FOR SIGNS & SYMPTOMS. Please remember: Students and staff must continue to screen on a daily basis and follow the Public Health recommendations. However, verification to the school is no longer needed.**

WHAT TO DO NEXT - If Covid is in your household, or you suspect it and are unsure of what to do next, please follow the Hamilton Public Health guidelines

as outlined in the flowcharts attached.

COMING SOON - a School Climate Survey and a GAA specific survey to be filled out by parents, students and staff. More details to follow shortly.

REGISTRATION FORMS 2022-2023 - Forms (previously sent home with students) and payment are due in the office by **Friday 6th May** to be eligible for the early registration discount fee of \$80. After this date, the fee will rise to \$160, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Please note: all students must be re-registered for each new school year. All required forms must be filled out once again. Please write neatly and legibly.

****NEW** - ONLINE VIRTUAL SCHOOL WILL NOT BE OFFERED BY GAA FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR.**

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.

STUDENT ABSENCE - Please remember that it is your duty to notify the school (by phone or by email) if

looking ahead...



April 2022

- April 15: Good Friday - NO SCHOOL
- 18: Easter Monday Holiday - NO SCHOOL
- 19-22: Adventist Education Week
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- 23: Adventist Education Sabbath
- 26: Picture Day
- 26-27 : Parent-Teacher Virtual Interviews, 3:30-6:30 pm

TELESCOPE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. - 2 CORINTHIANS 4:18 NIV

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.**

APRIL'S CHARACTER TRAIT is Respect! **Respect** is feeling that something or someone is valuable and worthy of honour while at the same time showing this feeling by actions. Both feeling and acting are required for **respect**.

We should **respect** God, as He is worthy of our words and actions. We should **respect** others, as God created other people and we **respect** God by **respecting** others. We should **respect** ourselves as we have been created and loved by God.

1 Peter 2: 17 says, "Show proper **respect** to everyone. Love the community of believers. Have **respect** for God. Honor the king." (NIRV)

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 - **Parents**, please monitor the weather forecast and send your children with the appropriate clothing. Thank you.

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

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.