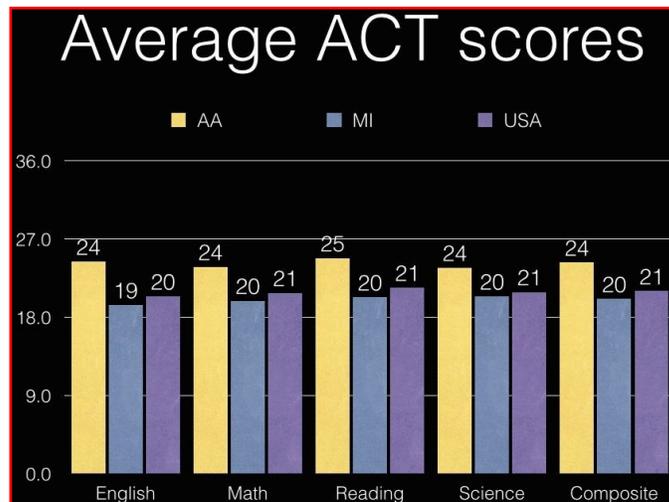


# AA Weekly

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## Standardized Testing Overview



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### Upcoming Events:

- 9/30 LifeTouch Picture Retakes
- 10/1-10/4 Leadership Camp
- 10/7 NAD College Fair
- 10/8 Freshman Vision Screening
- 10/10 No School –Columbus Day
- 10/13 AA Rec Night
- 10/14 PSAT Testing
- 10/16-10/17 Alumni Weekend



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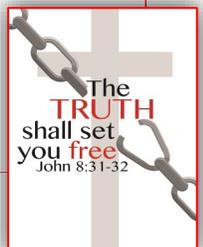
This past Monday was a redesigned and more extensive "Test Preparation Day" for the Freshmen through Juniors. Students learned insights and strategies for taking the standardized tests such as the PSAT, SAT and ACT.

Andrews Academy has a long history of academic excellence. You can see that the scores of last year's senior class are much better than the rest of Michigan and the national average. This has been true for many years. These ACT scores have been important for our students' entrance into many colleges and for earning scholarships. Last year's seniors received well over 1.64 million dollars in scholarships as a result of their ACT scores and GPA's.

Most years Andrews Academy has a few National Merit Finalists or semi-finalists. In 2012 AA had four national merit finalists in a class of sixty graduates. As we examined the data of fairly large cities in Michigan we noticed that entire cities may have one or two finalists. We are proud to say we have one semi-finalist this year. Congratulations to Jonathan Logan!

While a test preparation day like this past Monday is important, Andrews Academy provides ACT/SAT and PSAT preparation every day with a very rich academic program. Their varied learning experiences such as hands on problem solving labs, projects and other classroom activities daily build the knowledge base and skills to be successful with these tests.

Please continue to pray for each student: 1. for dedication and enjoyment as each participates in these daily learning experiences 2. that each does well in the academic program and on these standardized tests as well as flourishing in all other ways 3. and pray in a special way that while doing all the daily school activities and worships that each student will be drawn closer to Jesus as a result of our time together.



# AA Highlights

## God's Hands 4 Kids



God's Hands 4 Kids is a ministry in our community which provides programs and support for foster children in the county. Ministry organizers are working with AA's Bible teacher Mrs. Andrea Jakobsens to include Academy student leadership for various functions throughout the year. The first program occurred in the PMC commons this past Thursday, Sept. 17. Thank you ministry leaders for including academy students, and thank you



Academy students for volunteering your time to help children in our community.

## AA String Orchestra at PMC

AA's String orchestra shared Jesus through music this past Sabbath (Sept. 19) at PMC during AU's week of spiritual emphasis. Thank you Mr. Flores and Mr. Graves and all the Andrews Academy students who are taking music classes for their many hours of practice and the performances you do. These songs do indeed draw us closer to God during our worship experiences.



# AA Highlights

## Senior Class Trip

Seniors have enjoyed their class trip this week and God has blessed. More pictures of their adventure to come.



## Some Members of AA's Class of 2027!



An unexpected opportunity came up that allowed Mrs. Leiterman to go over to Niles SDA and bake barnyard cupcakes with some future AA students. :) We love the partnership that AA has with the many different area schools.

# AA Highlights

## Class Vespers

The Junior class and Sophomore class each had their class vespers Friday evening. We have a few pictures from the sophomore class vespers that was held on the shores of Lake Chapin. Class officers organized the event and cooked a stew on the campfire while the class went canoeing. Although it was cloudy and threatening to storm, the weather held off while they finished canoeing and later gathered around the campfire for supper and worship together. Nick Tu-mangday's cousin led in the worship thought as he shared his testimony of how God changed his life. Thank you class officers for planning these class vespers, and we pray that each student will be drawn closer to each other and to our God as they worship together.



# AA Highlights

## Service Day



As part of Andrews Academy educational program we focused on community service yesterday, Thursday Sept. 24, 2015. As a school we feel that it is important for students to learn to serve our community. We teach this concept in a very practical way by devoting an entire day practicing this concept with the students, as well as having various smaller projects throughout the year.



The community appreciates what Andrews Academy does. As Pastor Glassford called organizations to see if they needed any help this year they would comment on how well the students behaved and worked so hard last year. That they were eager to have Andrews Academy students help again this year. Some groups worked so quickly that the project was getting done faster than planned and some were running out of things to do so they asked, "can we ask if we can shake out the carpets and mop the floor for him when we are done with the windows." You should be proud of what your children did yesterday as they served the community. Our little bit of effort went a long way in demonstrating the philosophy of Andrews Academy and the diligence, maturity, and selflessness of its students.



# AA Highlights

## Chapel Presenters

We have again been blessed by three presenters this week during chapel. Mr. Mario Ferguson, Nikolai Greaves, Pastor Carmona, and Jennifer Hernandez. Pastor Carmona told of a story when he was in a situation that was way over his head. While a student at Andrews University he was driving home to the east coast for the summer. He was driving an old car that in Ohio had a flat tire which put them late. Then late at night the muffler broke off. They stopped on the side of the turnpike and realized if they had safety wire they could tie it up for the rest of the trip. They had none and after a couple of hours a police stopped but was unable to help as he had to rush off. They were scared and began to pray. After about an hour a trucker on the other side of the turnpike in the darkness for some reason and stopped, came over to see if they were ok. They were so thankful that he for some reason had safety wire that retrieved from his truck. As they turned to thank him he and his truck were nowhere to be seen.

The group of AU students were convinced that an angel came that night to rescue them. Pastor Carmona shared Psalm 24:7 and concluded with two statements: 1. God is real, and 2. God still sends His angels to intervene when we are in over our heads.



# AA Highlights

## "Test Prep Day"

This past Monday was a redesigned and more extensive "Test Preparation Day" for the Freshmen through Juniors while seniors were on their class trip. The students were divided into seven groups and participated in seven activities during the day. One station explained why there are these tests, another dealt with test taking strategies, and a third station introduced students to "Khan Academy's" online program to help students prepare for these tests. There were three stations dealing with subject strategies: math, science, and reading/writing. The seventh station, "recess" in the gym, provided physical exercise in the midst of a very busy academic day.

A special thank you to Carletta Witzel from the AU Student Success Center for presenting test taking strategies, and Aaron Moushon from AU's CAS Deans' Office for presenting "why test".



# Announcements

## LIFETOUCH PICTURES

Please stop by the office to pick up your school pictures.

## LIFETOUCH PICTURE RETAKE

Picture retakes will be September 30th. If you are planning for a retake, please stop by the office to pick up a new order form.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church starts again on Sabbath, October 3rd at 4pm. We need your help! If you are interested in working with kids, singing, playing an instrument, working with crafts, pointing kids to Christ and having fun all at the same time, please join our team! You can also get community service hours.

Our theme this year is called Discovery Space Lab, where kids will be taken to an orbiting space station where they will learn about God's amazing universe along with the Captain and his fearless crew.

If you are interested in volunteering please see Ms. Ivonne in the registrar's office for details. Sign up soon, October 3 is around the corner!

## PSAT

All Freshmen, Sophomore, and Junior students will be taking a grade appropriate version of PSAT on October 14. No morning classes for Senior Class. All classes resume at 12:05 pm. There will be no fees for AA students to take the PSAT.

## ADDITIONAL SAT TEST PREP AVAILABLE

SAT Math – Six- Tuesdays starting September 29 thru November 3 from 6-8 p.m.

SAT English – Six - Wednesdays starting September 30 thru November 4 from 6-8 p.m. Each class is on the campus of Indiana University South Bend. Cost is \$159 for one class or \$285 for both.

For information on registering, please visit our website at <https://www.iusb.edu/extended/on-campus/lifelong-learning/test-preparation.php> to register.