

# AA Weekly

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## Happy 90th Birthday Mr. Knobby



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Today we celebrated Mr. Knobby Mauro's ninetieth birthday. For the last number of years during Mr. Mauro's retirement he has been volunteering at Andrews Academy. He attends to the tables during the lunch hour and more importantly sits and talks with the students. He knows almost every student by name, if not the first name by at least their last name. Last name because he knows the vast majority of the students parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles because he either taught them, was their dean, or was their principal at some point in their life. I have the privilege of eating lunch with him most days, it is then that he often tells interesting stories of these students parents or grandparents were in his school that he worked at.

Mr. Mauro was principal of Andrews Academy (Emmanuel Missionary college Academy (EMCA)) from 1959 to 1969. He helped shape the traditions and culture of this school. Fun traditions such as Hodge Podge, Shydepoke, Winter Bible Camp to name a few. That's just the beginning of his nearly 60 years of devotion to Andrews Academy. Besides being a steadfast financial contributor to the school, he and his wife have personally helped numerous students living expenses by taking them into their home and providing for their needs.



At noon the students entered into the Commons singing happy birthday and continued singing as they gathered around him. He shared how he loves it here at AA and talking with you the students each day.



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# AA Highlights

## Tuesday Assembly

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Officer Smeedendorf was here to speak to Andrews Academy students about bullying and cyber bullying. He advised students about the dangers and threats to high school students living in our technological age. For example: students learned what a powerful weapon a cell phone could be. Used incorrectly, a cell phone can be used to spread harmful content about a fellow student much faster than word of mouth. Messages and photos on a cell phone are never completely erased. Students should use caution in what they like and re-tweet on various social media sites.



## Introducing Mr. Dakota Hall - Student Teacher Next Semester

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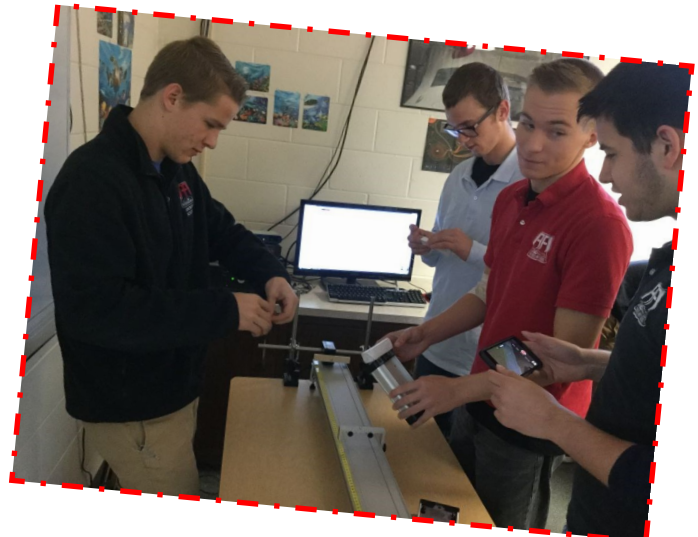
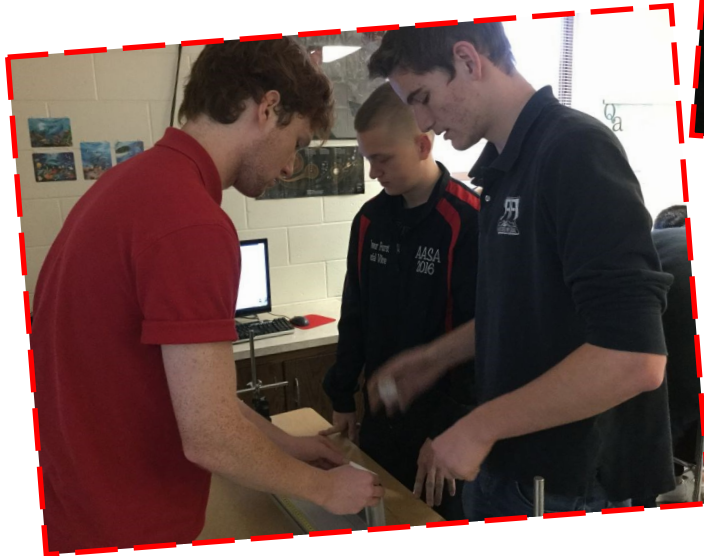
As part of our working partnership with AU, Andrews Academy teachers often collaborate with the Teaching and Learning Dept. to mentor young teachers-in-training through their student teaching experience, and many university students who take education coursework also spend time in observation and “micro-teaching” in academy classrooms. During the week of November 9-13, Mr. Dakota Hall, an English/History student at AU, spent time conducting a series of lessons in Ms. Wright’s Children’s Literature class. The lessons related to two major texts assigned to the students, and gave them the opportunity to examine concepts related to the genre of Fantasy writing. Mr. Hall, who has served as Ms. Wright’s principal reader for the last 2 years, is preparing to student teach with her in the second semester of this school year. During that semester he will incrementally assume responsibility for English II, American Classics, and 2 sections of composition. Welcome, Mr. Hall!!!



# AA Highlights

## Physics Class Experiment

After studying about momentum, the physics students designed bumpers for lab carts. A force sensor measured the force in a collision. The goal was to make a bumper out of paper that minimized the force in the collision. Please go to [facebook](#).



# AA Highlights

## Sewing and Design I

Sewing and Design class was invited to participate creating Christmas stockings for the military. Each student created 2 Christmas stockings. "It's such an awesome opportunity to serve our community. Any chance we get, I will have my students serve," said Mrs. Sanchez. The Blue Star Mothers will be taking all 14 Christmas stockings and putting gifts inside for the military this weekend. We continue to uplift in prayer the men and women who serve our Country.



## Andrews Academy Blood Drive

On Friday, Nov. 13, 2015 the Andrews Academy chapel was "transformed" into a mini hospital unit in order to accommodate the students and community members participating in the academy's eighth annual blood drive. Students not only volunteered to give blood but also participated in the event by helping with paper work, handing out cookies to donors, and recruiting other students to donate blood. Nearly half of this year's student participants were first time donors. Hopefully, their first time experience will translate into a lifetime of participation in similar blood drives.

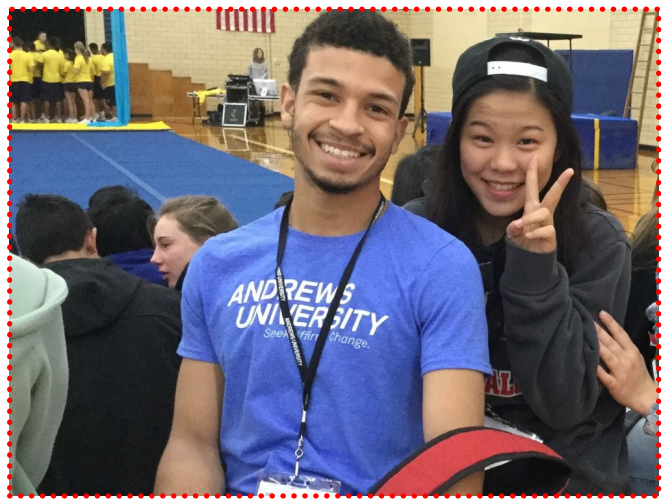
As always, we at Andrews Academy greatly appreciate the community's continued support of our students and programs, and a special thank you to those of you who stopped in to give blood. We hope to see you again during the next blood drive!



# AA Highlights

## Junior Preview

This past Sunday and Monday AA Juniors participated in Junior Preview at Andrews University. This is a 24 - hour program designed by Andrews University to help Juniors experience a taste of college life and expectations of college. It also provides an opportunity to learn more of what is needed to get into college. After the welcome Juniors from the Lake Union academies were mixed with other schools and divided into small groups to participate in various activities throughout the afternoon . Monday morning began with worship and breakfast. This was followed by a short Gymnics presentation. Following this there were two career seminars of the Juniors choice. Each of these programs were designed to learn more of AU and of a possible major the junior may pursue.



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## Chapel

On Monday Mr. Elmundo Dublin, a seminary student and husband of Keisha Dublin (AA finance person) presented the worship. He shared while living in Brooklyn NY and attending a high school of over 2 000 students, he had a reputation of being an excellent basketball player until someone outdid him in a challenge. His reputation dramatically changed. He stressed how the reputation you have is important (Prov. 22), and how especially now, with instant social media, decisions you make will follow you a long time. He prayed that each person will emulate Christ, that when people hear of your reputation they see Jesus.



Tuesday was a question and answer session led by the spiritual life committee (organizational pastors). Students submitted questions and class pastors lead in a discussion with students and then gave their input from the Biblical research they had done in preparation for chapel. Thank you students and Mrs. Jakobsons for leading in this.



Wednesday, PMC youth pastor Benjamin Martin shared, "These are the Days of Elijah" from I King 19. When Elijah put the mantle on Elisha to be the next prophet Elisha went home wondering what to do. He then decided to set aside everything to follow God's will. Pastor Martin throughout the presentation shared stories of his puppy he had that was an important part of his life. That at some point he decided to give his dog away, students gasped in disbelief. He then shared that he had decided to marry "Mrs. Martin", who was allergic to dogs. In order for the relationship to go to the next level you may need to let some things go that may be hindering your relationship. Like Elijah he challenged each of us to look into our life to see if there is something that you may need to let go in order to live fully for Jesus.



# AA Highlights

## Chapel—continued

Thursday Mrs. Hernandez, Chance's mom, shared some experiences from her life of how God had answered prayer. She helped the audience focus in on the presentation by having two volunteers stand up and make a speech for a silly cause... such as which way the toilet paper roll should be rolled out. If people can become passionate about insignificant items like this, how much more we should be passionate about living our life for Jesus. She shared an experience from her first employment of being fired because she would not work on the Sabbath. Even though she didn't want to be fired God answered her prayers in a different way and in two ways: co-workers were impressed with her devotion to her God, and she soon afterwards received a much better paying job working somewhere else. It's important to be living a life that is passionate for Jesus.



Thank you song leaders who lead in singing throughout the week.



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## Penny Arcade Thank You

I would like to thank so many students who volunteered to help make Penny Arcade of last Saturday night such a great success. This program is an important recruiting event that catches the attention of many eighth graders in the area and sparks an interest in attending AA.

I appreciate how each organization worked closely with your sponsors to develop interesting, fun and interactive events for eighth grade guests and for the AA family to enjoy. I was impressed with how many students, besides the officers, volunteered days in advance to help create impressive class banners & posters. Congratulations sophomores for winning the \$ 100 dollar prize or the best class banner. Even the posters for the various food booths were exceptional. Freshmen, your cookie booth poster was amazing.



Your positive efforts were greatly appreciated in helping make the 73 eighth grades guests have a wonderful time.

Thanks again, your principal,

Jeannie Leiterman





# Announcements

## NHS CAUSE WEEK

NHS Cause Week starts Monday, and we need your help! We will be raising funds for care bags for foster care children in Berrien County. There are two ways you can help: 1) If you have any extra fabric laying around the house, bring it in to Starr Davis and donate it to help make the gift bags. 2) Buy a T-Shirt! NHS has designed a special shirt for \$10 that may be worn during Cause Week and possibly at other specially announced times. If 175 shirts are sold, Mr. VanDenburgh will get a mohawk haircut! Shirts are available in all sizes, and can be purchased either at lunch or after school. Help us reach our goal!

## HANDBELL PERFORMANCE

AA Handbell Ensemble is performing at PMC this Sabbath (Nov. 14). Students need to be on the platform in concert uniform ready to play at 8:30am. We will perform for both services. Also, don't forget to bring a breakfast item to share in between services!

## SPAGHETTI DINNER – SOPHOMORE CLASS FUNDRAISER

Andrews Academy Sophomore class is having a Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner, this Sunday, November 15 from 4 pm to 7 pm. Sophomores with last names beginning with A-K need to bring 2 uncooked bags or boxes of spaghetti and baked brownies. Sophomores with last names beginning with L-Z should bring 2 large bottles/jars of Ragu/Prego spaghetti sauce. You are also needed to come and help cook, serve, and clean up.

## FRESHMEN SELLING COOKIE DOUGH

Are you looking for a convenient treat to serve or looking for "sweet" gift to share this holiday season then please contact a freshmen who are now taking orders for a 2 lb tub of cookie dough. Freshmen will be taking orders now till after thanksgiving. Cookie dough will be delivered before Christmas holidays. Thanks for helping the freshmen with this important class fundraiser.

## FINAL EXAM REMINDER

We have set aside three school days for final exams. Final exams play a critical role in reviewing concepts one final time before the semester ends. To help maintain a strong sense of security for the final examinations we have a "no early departure during exam times policy". If in the unavoidable situation a student must be absent from a scheduled final exam and an exception is approved by the administrator, then the "no early departure during exam times policy" form (available at front office) needs to be filled out by the student and the family weeks in advance of exams.

## TUITION

Tuition payment #4 is due on or before November 25th.