



What a task to care for nearly 300 people and their transportation to the beach on Sunday, the 3rd of September. The day was cloudy and it was uncertain whether the weather would hold for the event. Many were exclaiming that we could get rained out. But the longer we were there, the more obvious it was that things were going to work out just fine. God provided us with the right amount of clouds to keep us from sunburn and just sufficient wind to cause the waves on the lake to billow into a fun experience for every teenager who had a desire to experience that type of activity. Thanks to all of the faculty and especially **John Reichert** for watching the swimmers at the beach. Special thanks goes to **Alan Anderson** for arranging the transportation.

First place in the sand sculpture contest was captured by the seniors, with the freshman coming in second. Congratulations to the seniors. The seniors also won the tug-of-war for the fourth straight year. We expected that since they have always been the largest class on campus.

Wow! What an experience! There were 105 eager teenagers who were ready and willing to camp out on the 3rd weekend of school. The entire group went to Muskegon State Park on Lake Michigan where they set up camp, sang, ate, and attended meetings where **Jean Marcel Clouzet**, an alumnus currently in the seminary, led out. On Sabbath afternoon they went on a canoe trip that was approximately one hour and twenty minutes away from camp. Because of the large group, the bus had to take three trips in order to accommodate them all. But by 10:30 Saturday night, they were all safely back at camp where they were waiting to gobble down their "6:00 pm" meal. The first group had sundown worship on time at camp and the second group had their worship on the bus while returning to camp. Following that, they played "capture the flag" near the beach.

On their return to the main campsite, they were given hot chocolate and s'moors and went off to their tents. By 2:30 in the morning, they were so exhausted from all of the activity that all of them collapsed into a deep sleep and woke up a bit late on Sunday in preparation for the trip home. They stopped and enjoyed an ice cream treat at Sherman's in South Haven as they returned from Muskegon. In the process there were a number of items that were misplaced. In case you know of things that went on the trip but did not return, it might be well to search in the lost and found on campus.

Chikondi Kamvazaana, the president of the Student Association, along with **Richard Davisson**, **Liann Chuah**, **Ben Quartey**, **Gerilyn Jones** and **Christian Tchamba** have done an excellent job in planning for this occasion. They indicated that perhaps if it were to be done again, they would take fewer people on the trip. Much thanks also goes to the many faculty members who helped accompany them on this trip with special thanks to **Pastor Glassford**, primary sponsor of the Student Association, and **Alan Anderson** who was busy driving the bus for the students a large portion of the time.

Prior to leaving for the SA campout, elections were held for the juniors. Those juniors officially elected to positions of leadership were: **Mark Joslin**, President; **Soo Jin Kang**, Vice President; **Zeth Caldwell**, Pastor; **Paola Caceres**, Secretary; **Elihu Michel**, Treasurer; **Clifford Allen**, Public Relations; and the representatives are **Keila Carmona**, **Sean Glassford**, and **Michael Hernandez**.

Also elected to official class office were the sophomore class officers. Their president is **Simone Weithers**; vice president is **Joyce Yoon**; the pastor is **Olivia Knott**; their secretary is **Rachel Ji Yeon Lee**; while the treasurer is **Christine Min Jeong Choi**; the public relations position was filled by **Raymond Ulrich**. Two of their representatives to the Student Council are **Rachel Brantley** and **Laura Miller**. They still need to elect a third representative.

If you did not open the AAWeekly last week, it would be good for you to locate it and remove the contents. Enclosed was the Edline activation code for parents of new students so that you can more carefully keep track of the on-line grades of your son or daughter. If you should experience any difficulty in obtaining the information, please call the academy office at (269) 471-3138. Thank you for attending to this very important matter.

Also included in the mailing last week, was a two-sided sheet describing all of the formal test evaluations available to Andrews Academy students. It identifies the name of the test, the appropriate grade level, the rationale for taking the test, the cost, the time when it will be given, the deadlines for signing up for the test, and the place where it is to be given. SAVE this important material. You undoubtedly will need it again. This double-sided page

provides necessary information regarding planning resources to take the test.

Last week it was mentioned that SOW Safari is raising funds for the upcoming trip to Chile. They will be headed there toward the last part of November and returning in the first part of December. The school has enrolled in the Meijer Community Rewards Program. **The 6-digit code number is 745035.** This number must be used when joining the program. There are four ways to join the program. You can join in the store, apply on-line, by telephone or by mail. You do not need a credit card to participate. You simply need a Meijer 1 card which identifies you and the school.

- Join in the store by applying for a Meijer's Credit card or Meijer 1 card.
- Join on-line at Meijer.com/rewards
- Supporters who have a Meijer's credit card can join by calling 1-800-962-7011
- Supporters can join through mail to Meijer, PO Box 1752; Grand Rapids, MI 49501-1752.

It is important to note, as with all credit cards, it should be used responsibly since it can act as a two-edged sword. In no way are we promoting Meijer's or credit cards. We are only giving you information so that you can help provide funding for a charity if you desire to do so at no extra expense to you. More information is available at their website <meijer.com/rewards>.

Another item of unfinished business is the NHS vespers that was beached out at the academy building. Those responsible for masterfully pulling together Plan B were the NHS president, **Erica Evans**, along with **Rossenery Vargas**, **Lorraine Parreno**, **Mateja Plantak**, **Samantha Snively**, and **Christian Bacchiocchi**. Special recognition goes to **Sari Butler** for supporting the students in their planning and execution of the event. It never is too late to thank those who have played important roles in the support of a program.

The *SmileSafe Kids* safety ID cards, compliments of *LifeTouch* Photographers, are included with this mailing. See <www.smilesafekids.com> for more info.

- ☞ The week of *September 8-12* is set aside as Senior Spirit Week. On Monday the students were dressed in their class colors. Tuesday was dress-up day and the Senior Convocation at 10:15 where **Pastor Dwight Nelson** of the Pioneer Memorial Church served as the guest speaker. On Wednesday the seniors were dressed as athletes. On Thursday the seniors are to dress from another decade. Then on Friday, they will be cognizant of our environment as they practice a Go-Green Day.

- ☞ Included in that week was the Senior vs. School Flagball game. Here the senior girls lost to the school in a very close game of 6 to 0, while the senior guys won their game by an even closer point margin of 20 to 19. Both games were played well with good sportsmanship and lots of school spirit. A special thanks goes to **Donita Jardine**, president of the PPI, and all of her team for the hard work in providing for food and drink during the game.

- ☞ On the heels of Senior Spirit Week, eligible seniors will depart by bus at 8:00 am on Sunday morning, *September 14*, for their senior class trip. They will take in several events in the Chicago area, including a service day, prior to their return on *Thursday, September 18* at 6:00 pm.

- ☞ *Monday, September 15*, is the deadline for PSAT Registration (\$13.00). The test is given primarily for juniors, but it is good practice for sophomores to become acquainted with the exam. Often even freshman will take the test to better understand what they need to study in preparation for taking it two years down the line. There can be big rewards for those who score high on this test.

- ☞ During the time while the seniors are on their class trip, the freshman, sophomores, and juniors will be testing in such evaluations as the Cognitive Genesis Tests, DAT and other tests.

- ☞ Our annual Class Service Day takes place on *Thursday, September 18*. After the 8:00 am classes meet, we will have a special day of helping out in the community. The events of this day center around the 9:20 classes. So, the members of the 9:20 class will work together through out the entire day in serving those in need. A special thank you goes to Pastor Alvin Glassford who has gone to extensive planning in preparation for this day.

- ☞ Academic Affairs Committee and the academy Health and Safety Committee will meet on *Wednesday, September 17* to care for routine business. If your son or daughter has academic requests that need processing for next semester, this is an excellent time for those to be submitted. The second committee that afternoon will get prepared for an upcoming lockdown drill this fall.