



As last year, daylight savings time begins earlier this year. Before you go to bed on Saturday night, set your clocks ahead one hour (“spring ahead”) so that you will be on time with Southwestern Michigan on Sunday morning. Thus will begin the season of daylight savings time that will conclude *November 1*. It probably is good to realize that starting the day earlier will also get us back to sleep one hour earlier that evening.

It would be well to clarify the academy’s stance on jewelry again. As published in the *Sourcebook*, p.76, “Accessories should be simple. Jewelry such as earrings, non-medical bracelets or necklaces, and rings are unacceptable. All hats/head coverings should be removed and remain off while the student is inside the school building.” The Seventh-day Adventist church does not recommend the wearing of jewelry. We are a Seventh-day Adventist school and do make an effort to comply with the guidelines of the church.

On p. 287 of *Seventh-day Adventists Believe*, it states, “In view of these Scriptural teachings and the principles laid out above, we believe that Christians ought not to adorn themselves with jewelry. We understand this to mean that the wearing of rings, earrings, necklaces, and bracelets, and showy tie tacks, cuff links, and pins—and any other type of jewelry that has as its main function display—is unnecessary and not in harmony with the simplicity of adornment urged by Scripture.” Closer reading of the context of that passage will give the listener a better understanding of why the authors were led to the conclusion cited in quotes above.

Now, having made the statements recorded above, it is important to realize that while off campus the guidelines that are in place on campus also apply. Therefore, when a trip or tour is scheduled for an off campus destination, the rules that apply on campus also apply off campus. We do appreciate the willing cooperation of students and parents regarding the dress code. Another way of looking at the code is to view the code as part of the work requirements for that particular job. All of us recognize that depending on the job, there are always certain dress requirements. Going to school can be considered to be a job with certain dress requirements.

The Handbells and Chorale returned home from a very successful tour. They were treated to very nice housing for three nights in the Hilton Suites at Oakbrook Terrace at a rate of about \$25.00 per night

per person which included a full breakfast in the morning. During their stay students had the opportunity to listen to the Chicago Symphony, visit the Medieval Times restaurant, and swim at the indoor pool. Their first performance was at Hinsdale Academy where they played for grades K-12. The group did an excellent job in spite of the fact that acoustics were not the best in the gym and the piano was not at the usual level.

The next two performances took place on Sabbath at the Bowlingbrook Church and a nearby Methodist Church where a Seventh-day Adventist Spanish congregation meets. The Bowlingbrook Church had limited space, but the Methodist Church had excellent acoustics with plenty of space. Each time the performances occurred, the results just became better and better. As it is often said, practice makes perfect. The organizations had plenty of practice by the time they did the four performances during the tour.

There was another performance on Sunday which was a difficult experience because the AU coach developed a problem with the air pressure which controls most of the functions of the vehicle. During the winter months condensation can form in the air pressure lines and the lines may freeze up. It turns out that is exactly what happened. We were able to make it to the Hinsdale Oasis before coming to a complete halt. **Mr. Anderson** called the university for assistance and they sent a pickup truck with tools to fix the broken coach and sent the new coach for transportation home. Actually the bus did not arrive until about an hour after the performance was over.

At the time of the breakdown, the members of the Moraine Valley Community Baptist Church were contacted and they came out en masse by private auto to pick us up. They were so gracious and hospitable that the musicians were simply delighted to worship with them in that setting. Besides feeding us, they wanted us back another time to share additional good music and praise. Some were asking if we could come back again this year. May God grant that congregation the very same blessings that we receive on a daily basis.

The Juniors who achieved at least a 3.00 GPA for the fall semester are the featured class this week. They include **Clifford Allen, Paola Caceres, Lin Caiying, Brianna Cave, Kaitlyn Dent, Kristin Edwards, Sean Glassford, Jasmine Griggs, Jia Guo, Michael Hernandez, Klara Hopkins, Mark Joslin, Soo Kang,**

Andrew Kutzner, Louis-Fulbert Michel, Fritz Miot, Matthew Oosterwal, Jung Pak, Soon Jun Park, William Schlichter, Matthew Schwer, Carlos Velasquez, Jonathon Wolfer, and Trevor Zimmerman. This represents 40% of the total junior class who have achieved at the honor roll level. Congratulations to all who have worked so hard and so long to accomplish this objective.

On *Sunday, March 1*, the National Honor Society officers along with their sponsors, **Mrs. Butler** and **Pastor Glassford**, held a dinner to raise funds for a mission project. The fund raiser had about 135 guests for the beans and rice dinner. They raised about \$1500. NHS president **Erica Evans** shared information about KIVA a third world lending organization. This is an organization that will receive a minimum \$25.00 gift from an individual or organization for the purpose of starting a business for an individual in a third world country. Once the business is up and running, the gift is returned.

Also presenting pictures and a message about Solusi University that evening was **Dr. Zvandasara**. His message was about the present crisis at the school in Zimbabwe. Most faculty and students are existing on one meal each day. Pathetically, they live on just \$30 per month. If it had not been for the offering taken up in this community at PMC some time ago, they would not be able to survive presently. They have currently sown seeds and hope that because of the current rain, they will be able to harvest a good crop in the fall that will support their needs. **Dr. Zedvandasara** will be here to speak at morning devotions on *Thursday, March 5*, to give us additional information regarding the current crisis that is being faced at Solusi.

Tuesday, March 3, Andrews Academy celebrated their annual Academy Day. The day began with registration at 7:45 in the gym followed by a band mini-concert in the commons. After morning devotions, classes met for 40-minute periods. At 12:05 lunch was served to all guests and freshman while the other students attended their noon hour classes. At 12:35 the guests and freshman class played in the gym while the others ate. Then all went to the chapel for a short kaleidoscope presentation and awards for the guests. At the conclusion the day, each guest received a water bottle and had a picture taken under the class of 2013 banner. Seventy-five guests experienced a good time at the academy.

Academy Adventure was held on Tuesday evening at 6:30. After a haystack supper and some brief socialization, all were given the opportunity to meet the faculty and visit various areas in the school as **Mrs. Pellegrini, Mrs. Sanchez, Pastor Glassford** and

Coach Reichert led groups of parents from one location to another to learn about the Andrews Academy program and the cost of attending next year. The four different stations included information about academics, the co-curricular program, the attendance and citizenship guidelines, and financial information. If you know of anyone who needs to be here next year, please let the academy office know so that early provision can be made for their future as an Andrews Academy student.

The junior class officers along with their sponsors, **Mrs. Butler** and **Mr. Sherman**, are supporting a fund raising project during the month of March to harvest any used cell phones. If you, one of your friends or family members have old cell phones that are no longer in use, please drop them off at the main office or at Apple Valley Market so that they can be recycled for profit. Thank you for your support of the junior class in raising money for their senior class trip.

The Lake Union Music Festival registration took place at 3:30 pm on *Wednesday, March 4*. They will hone their skills under the direction of a guest clinician on Thursday and Friday. Andrews Academy is sending a total of 14 students to be a part of this festival which will conclude with a concert in the Howard Performing Arts Center on *Sabbath, March 7*, at 4:00 pm. All are invited to come and support their friends at that time.

The second blood drive of the year takes place this *Monday, March 9*, from 8:00 am -1:00 pm. It is open to the public and is available to all Andrews Academy students who are at least 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds. All interested students are to bring a permission slip from their parents and register with one of the Student Association officers. Please remember to eat a good breakfast and have plenty of water prior to giving your blood.

The Michigan Merit Exam (MME) is scheduled for all juniors on *Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, March 10-12*. All juniors are required to take the tests. Testing begins at 7:45 am each day. The MME includes a college-reportable ACT score. This \$4,000 scholarship to a Michigan college of their choice is available to all Andrews Academy juniors who are Michigan residents and who receive a commendable score.