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Physical Science Class

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Upcoming Events:

- 9/7 Labor Day - No School
- 9/9 SA Campout Orientation
- 9/9 SA School Picnic
- 9/11-9/13 SA Campout
- 9/15 Senior Convocation
- 9/15 Senior vs School Flag Football
- 9/18 Class Vespers
- 9/20-9/24 Senior Class Trip
- 9/24 Service Day

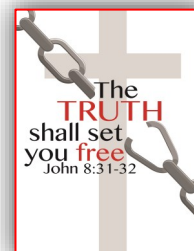
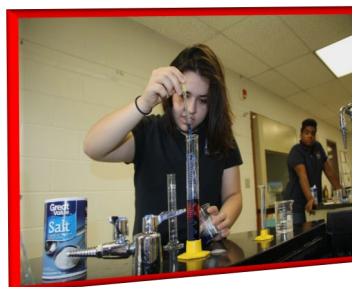


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Andrews Academy is pleased to introduce a new class this school year. The school has offered Earth science, biology, chemistry and physics for many years. The new class, Physical science, offers a fifth science class for students to choose from. Physical science includes topics from chemistry and physics during this year long class.

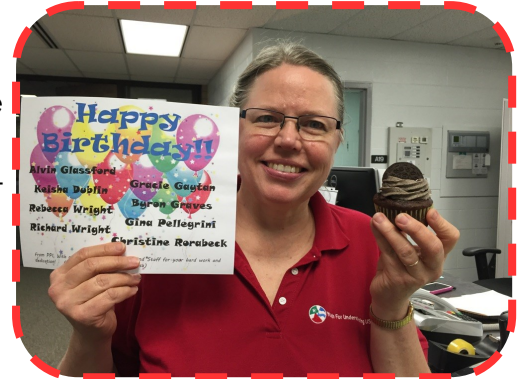
Miss Chao, class instructor, is designing a lot of experiments for students to practice the theory they are studying. Recently they were studying density and groups of students devised experiments to create a solution with multiple layers of density. Students were proud of their results.



AA Highlights

PPI Thanks

Parents Positively Involved (PPI) is a parent group that is actively involved in helping in various school functions throughout the school year. We thank the numerous parents that are involved in helping throughout the school year. The faculty would specifically like to thank you for providing birthday treats as we began the first faculty meeting of the school year. There are so many items to take care of during the busy first week of school that this treat was greatly appreciated as we began our first meeting.



Chapel Presenters

We have been blessed with four different presenters this week during chapel. On Monday Pastor Carmona shared insight on this year's school theme "the Truth shall set you free" by sharing a personal story from his childhood. It helped each of us to see that the truth is not a preposition, the Truth is a person (God). Nikolai Greaves, an alumni from a few years ago, also shared insight on the theme by sharing his journey since he graduated from AA. He shared how the Truth will set you free, if you allow Him, encouraging each of us to trust in Him. On Wednesday, Andrea Jakobsons, AA Bible teacher, shared an experience from her life of four years ago that personalized this text that she knew for her entire life. Now making this text to have great meaning for her.

Two individuals shared of a ministry that they are involved in during Thursday's chapel. It is a ministry of praying for and helping foster children. Students were invited to volunteer in an event that will occur on Sept. 17. Mrs. Jakobsons is working on this project with these two individuals and has a sign up sheet in the front office for you to sign and be involved in.



AA Highlights

NHS Vespers

On Friday evening, August 28, members of the National Honors Society prepared a special "Welcome Back" vespers program for the Andrews Academy student body. At 7 pm, around 120 students gathered in the AA Chapel for the first vespers of the the year. After opening prayer and welcome by Brianna Moore, song service was led by Starr Davis and Yehjee Lee. Kaily Iwasa and Ruth Burn provided the special music. The evening's message was presented by Pastor Stephen Apola (South Bend First SDA Church). After worship, students enjoyed food (prepared by the NHS members) and fellowship to end the first vespers of the year. A big thanks to NHS President Starr Davis and all the NHS members for their work in preparing this wonderful evening!



AU/AA Meeting

Andrews Academy is one of the university schools of Andrews University. Andrews Academy and University work closely together to help each other and plan various programs together. This past week, AU's enrollment office met with the teachers to discuss various programs, most of which involve AA seniors. During this meeting the teachers also met with the new school board chair, Alayne Thorpe, Dean of the School of Distance Education. We thank AU enrollment office for providing a tasty meal at the close of our meeting. Pictured in the photo are: Alayne Thorpe, board chair; Jeannie Leiterman, AA Interim Principal; and Randy Graves, Vice President For Enrollment Management at AU.



Announcements

SENIOR CLASS

Senior class trip money (\$250) is due this Friday, September 4! Jersey money (\$25) is due Wednesday, September 9. If you would like a jersey talk to Sharon.

SILHOUETTES AND SELECT STRINGS

There will be a student/parent meeting this coming Tuesday, September 8, 6:30 PM in the AA Choir room, C47. We will talk about the Music Mission Trip to Thailand that will happen over Spring Break. Please come!

SCHOOL PICNIC PERMISSION SLIPS

Have your permission slip signed and ready for Wednesday, September 9. This will be your ticket onto the bus.

SCHOOL PICNIC/VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT—LUNCH PROVIDED—Bring your own water

School Picnic Wednesday, September 9 be at the school at 8:30 am. There will also be a volleyball tourney. Sign-up sheet in Library on Mrs. Leiterman's door. Six people per team. There will be a departure from AA at 10:45 am for those taking morning college classes to Warren Dunes. Mr. Sherman will be leaving from Warren Dunes at 11:15 am to bring back students with afternoon college classes.

SA CAMPOUT

Wednesday, September 9 at 8:00 am all students planning and those who are on the waiting list for SA Campout are required to arrive at the school for orientation. The campout list of names are posted at the display case.

STUDENT WORK

We have an elderly lady in the community who is needing some help ASAP to move. If you can spare the time, please call Carol at 269-613-3090 for more details. She lives on 4th Street. \$10/hour

GOD'S HANDS

Still looking for volunteers for the September 17th Foster Care event. Sign-up sheets are located in the office.

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Announcements

PSAT

Freshmen and Sophomore students will no longer be tested on September 21. All Freshmen, Sophomore, and Junior students will be taking a grade appropriate version of PSAT on October 14. More details to follow.

The PSAT, given in October every year, is always an important test for high school juniors, and to a lesser extent, sophomores.

But this year, it's even more critical — so much so that I recommend that every eligible high school student who's even thinking about attending college really should take the PSAT this fall.

The PSAT is the “baby sibling” of the SAT, and like that standardized test, is administered by the College Board. But while the SAT is the most commonly used college admissions test for U.S. colleges, the PSAT has a different purpose.

It's intended to help younger students practice for the SAT, and those who score highly on the PSAT are eligible for scholarships awarded through the National Merit program.

There are now three tests in the PSAT suite: The PSAT 8/9 for eighth-graders and freshmen; the PSAT 10 for sophomores; and the PSAT/NMSQT, the test used for the National Merit program.

Both the SAT and the PSAT are unveiling long-awaited redesigns this fall. And as the first one out of the gate, the PSAT will present an excellent chance for students to get their first look at how the SAT is likely to change.

They'll also be able to develop a sense of how they may need to prepare for that test down the road — or for sophomores, an idea of what they may need to work on before they take the PSAT as juniors hoping for college scholarships.

The entire suite of SAT exams, including the PSAT, is being redesigned to better test the skills and knowledge that students will need in college and career. The questions are designed to more closely reflect the material covered in high school classrooms, both in information covered and the way questions are asked.

So how do students prepare for a test that no one has taken yet?

Get online: The College Board has already posted PSAT sample questions and a PSAT practice test on its website, collegeboard.org. This is an excellent way to start familiarizing yourself with the new format.

Be ready to focus: The new test is longer — 2 hours and 45 minutes, or 35 minutes longer than the old test. Students need to be ready to be on top of their game for the entire length of the test, so taking sample tests or scheduling longer study sessions may be important.

Practice educated guessing: For the first time, the PSAT won't penalize wrong answers, so it's good to take a swing even at a question you can't easily answer. Try to eliminate obvious wrong answers and use context clues to make the best choice possible. And instead of five choices on each multiple choice question, the new PSAT will have just four, putting the odds more in your favor.

Get some formal prep: The PSAT will still be slightly less complex than the SAT, but it's expected to be more rigorous in many respects than the previous version.

For instance, on the PSAT math test, students should be prepared to solve many questions that require two or more steps and may need to use common geometric equations and spatial reasoning.

(In contrast, the new SAT will heavily emphasize multi-step problems and expect students to understand statistics topics such as sampling and inferring correlation and causation.)

A PSAT-specific prep course can help students strengthen their problem-solving skills, ability to interpret data, and understand vocabulary through context clues, all of which are expected to count heavily toward success on the new test. A formal PSAT prep course also can help students feel more confident on test day — in my experience, a well-prepared student tends to stress less and score better.