

AA Weekly

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Andrews Academy Family

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Each year Andrews Academy's school year begins with an AA family prayer & an AA family picture. Throughout the school year "AA family" references are made. Recently during alumni weekend we have seen the banner above the theme wall stating, "We are Family". For some who have just begun their four year journey here at AA you may wonder what this is all about.

Events of this past Tuesday have helped everyone see what we mean by the AA family. As students and faculty became aware of the serious car accident that Daniel Greene & Hadassah Schnepf (AA class of 2015) were injured in and the loss of Jamison Moore's grandmother we saw what this meant. Numerous people have stopped and talk with Jamison to see how he was doing and to offer condolences. Many students have been praying for and visiting Hadassah.

Just over four years ago the members of AA's class of 2015 met for the first time. As they had classes together, participated in class activities, vespers and so many other AA events, long lasting friendships were nurtured. Senior class trip, at the beginning of their senior year, pulled the class together even more for their senior year. Now as they hear the news of this serious accident they rally around their classmate in prayer and support.

Support, either in person as they visit Hadassah in the hospital or through a collective group prayer each day. Even though some members of the class are hundreds of miles away and some are on another continent they are unified in prayer. Just after a few hours of making a suggestion on their facebook page for a group prayer at 2 pm each day, the majority of the class have made this commitment to pray together.



Wednesday morning the AA family again had a special family prayer this time for Daniel and Hadassah's recovery. Please continue to pray for their healing and recovery as well as comfort for the Moore family. And please also pray for the safety of each student.



AA Highlights

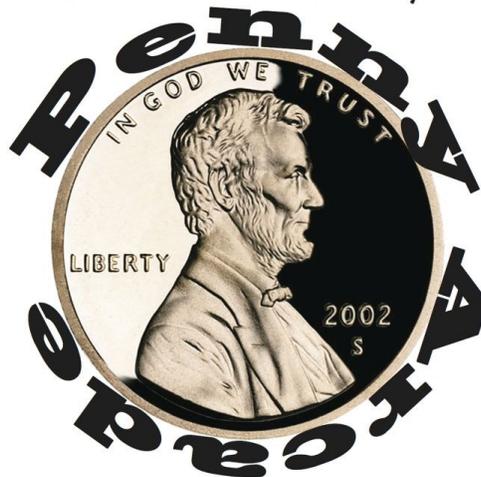
Preparations and Invitation for Penny Arcade

Andrews Academy is inviting all eighth graders in the area to Penny Arcade, Saturday night Nov. 7, 2015. Current AA students help run the fun evening of games, activities & sell food; all for just pennies. Come enjoy the food and activities, and help run the booths starting at 8 pm and concluding at 10 pm.

A big thank you to so many volunteers who have been preparing banners for their class and their booths for penny arcade. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.



Can't buy much with a penny these days?!
Come to Andrews Academy's



Who?: Area 8th graders

What?: Games, food, friends, fun

When?: November 7, 8-10:00pm

Where?: AA Gym

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AA Highlights

Tuesday Assembly

Periodically the school has a Tuesday assembly on general curricular topics. Some of these topics may not be part of a classroom experience but are very important to the students. This Tuesday James Merrills, a professional lecturer on various topics affecting youth, presented our assembly. His topic was, "Take Back Your Think!" Don't allow social media to control your life or personal choices! Amazing presentation. Every so often gasps could be heard throughout the audience as students learned new things they had not known before.

Near the conclusion he had a student come forward and had him wear a "strait jacket" illustrating how there is loss of control when confined by addiction. He then guided the student on how to get out of the strait jacket, that people can be set free from addictions. I also appreciated the straight forward "AA family" talk Mrs. Leiterman led in at the close of the presentation. She addressed some items that students were misusing with social media. There appeared to be a recognition by some that behaviors needed to change. We pray that students will make good choices as it relates to social media.



AA Highlights

AA Concerto Night

Andrews Academy Concerto Night, conducted by Hector D Flores, was held Sunday evening Nov. 1, 2015. The concerto included music by Mozart, Haydn, Kabalevsky, and D'Indy. The evening featured Jihoo Choi, Nick Tumangday, John Byeon, Dominique Tan-Ng, Justin Johnson, and Sion Kim.

A concerto is a musical composition for a solo instrument, or a group of solo instruments, accompanied by an orchestra. The idea of a concerto is that the two parts, the soloist and the orchestra, alternate episodes of opposition, cooperation, and independence in the creation of the music flow. To play a concerto with an orchestra is the dream of any soloist. AA's Concerto Night began in 2010, with the purpose to give some of our most advanced music students the opportunity to perform publicly while accompanied by an orchestra, as well as to bring quality music to our student body and to our community.

It was a wonderful evening of great music. Thank you Hector Flores, guest soloists, and orchestra.

Please see [facebook](#) for many more pictures.



AA Highlights

Freshmen Class Vespers

The Freshmen class of 2019 had their second class vespers of the school year last Friday. We thank the Mun family for hosting the vespers at Iliana's grandparents home. The fall fun evening began with three on three basketball, football, and three relay challenges for the class.

God blessed with a cool yet sunny evening. The previous days and following day were wet and cold. We were thankful for a beautiful fall evening and for the Mun's for creating a large fire that kept us warm in the "fire bowl" for our vespers portion of the evening. Thank you song leaders for pulling us together as a group and leading us in singing. The class pastor, John Kent, led in the worship thought.

For more photos please go to the class [facebook](#) page.



AA Highlights

Chapel

Monday Chris Cheatham, a pastor in the seminary, shared Joshua 1: 7 - 9 on the topic of leadership. There will be things we have to do as a leader that may make you unpopular. To always remember that God knows you will be ok, that He has your back.



Tuesday the spiritual life committee lead in a question and answer period on various topics.

Wednesday Pastor Glassford showed a short video which vividly illustrates a complete reversal of thought that we as Christian's have compared to the secular public. Each of us need this reversal of thought. He then shared various insights on this theme.



Thursday Pastor Anthony, Deliverance Choir leader, present our worship thought on I Sam. 16: 7. He encouraged each to remember like David and Paul did to cling on to the promise that God has a plan for you. He concluded with three key thoughts: 1. Cease the opportunity you have now. 2. Don't be afraid to be different. and 3. Never stop pushing for better.



Many students really got involved in singing "we are soldiers in the army" as Starr Davis led each AA class to sing a verse of the song during Thursday's song service.



AA Highlights

Bell Choir Clinic

This past week the AA Handbell Ensemble traveled to Toledo, Ohio for the annual Ringfest handbell festival (Oct. 28-31, 2015). Fifteen Adventist academy bell choirs from around the nation participated this year, from as far away as Texas and Washington State.

Friday night all of the hard work came together at the Ringfest concert which featured six mass pieces and solos by each academy. Our group performed O Worship the King by Kevin McChesney, and it went very well. Also, Dominique Tan-Ng was chosen to perform with the Festival Bell Choir, which consists of one ringer from each academy.

For more photos of this event please go to [Facebook](#).



Announcements

BAND PERFORMANCE

Tomorrow the AA Band will be performing at Niles Westside SDA Church in Niles. Call time (which means onstage ready to play, in concert uniform) is 8am. For those needing a ride, the bus leaves the AA parking lot at 7:30am sharp.

NHS CAUSE WEEK

NHS Cause Week begins November 16, and we need your help! We will be raising funds for Christmas gift bags for foster care children in Berrien County. There are two ways you can start helping now: 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 is designing a special shirt for \$10 that may be worn during Cause Week and possibly at other specially announced times. If a certain number of shirts are sold, various teachers have agreed to do something funny (details to be announced next week). T-Shirts should be available next week.

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Please plan ahead for final exam week Dec. 16 - 18. Final exams play a critical role in reviewing concepts one final time before the semester ends. Please plan Christmas break travel after the last exam Friday noon, Dec. 18.

TUITION

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

BLOOD DRIVE

Please look for your SA officers in the lunch room over the next week to sign up for the the Blood Drive. Friday, November 13th there will be a blood drive in AA's Chapel from 8 am-1 pm. Students must be 17 years old to donate or 16 with parental consent. Visit www.miblood.org/donating-blood/ for consent form and more info! We will be posting more info as the date approaches.

SPAGHETTI DINNER – SOPHOMORE CLASS FUNDRAISER

Andrews Academy Sophomore class is having a Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner, Sunday, November 15 from 4 pm to 7 pm. Bring the family to this fundraiser that is held in the Andrews Academy commons. Single tickets at \$7 while a family ticket is \$25 (4-6 people). Please contact an Andrews Academy Sophomore to purchase a ticket or call 471 6488. Please purchase tickets by November 12.