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AA Thanksgiving Traditions

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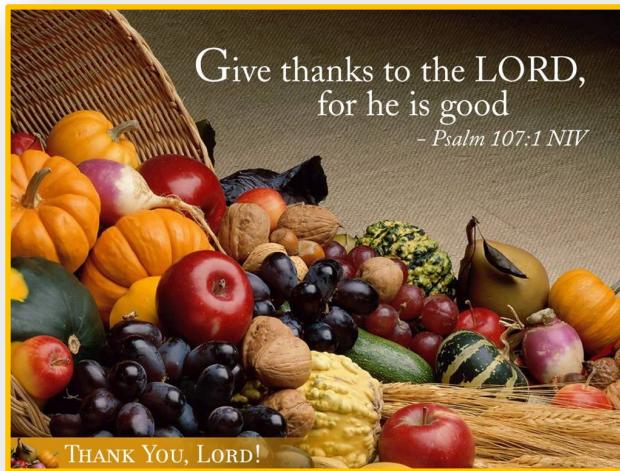
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God has truly blessed this school year. As we are soon to enjoy the Thanksgiving holidays lets thank Jesus for the many blessings the Andrews Academy family have received and please continue to pray for the school that His Spirit will lead throughout the remainder of the school year.

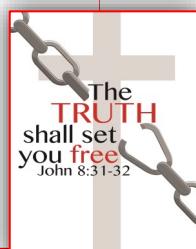
Andrews Academy has a number of Thanksgiving traditions. On Tuesday we will have our Thanksgiving Harvest assembly. This is an assembly when often a short story is read to remind us of the meaning of Thanksgiving. The majority of the assembly program involves writing letters of thanks to people who have impacted our life. The student association and volunteers then deliver these letters to the mailboxes in students lockers so that everyone is greeted with letters of thanks the following morning.

A second tradition is to have an AA family breakfast Wednesday morning prior to the Thanksgiving break. Every student is to contribute an item for the breakfast. A relatively new component of AA's Thanksgiving celebration will be "Quirky Turkey" which began in 2014. The student association has developed a series of fun games between the four classes of the school.

Please remember to bring the food items to your 8 am class Tuesday morning. This will allow time to prepare the food for Wednesday morning.

Mr. Atkins/Mr. Vandenburg
Mr. Ferguson/Mrs. Mills
Mrs. Jakobsons/Sherman
Ms. Wright
Ms. Chao/Mrs. Rorabeck
Mr. Wright
Mrs. Pellegrini/Mrs. Sanchez/Mrs. Aguilar
Pastor Glassford

Pancake Mix
Bagels & Cream Cheese
Fruit
Napkins, Plates, Paper
Juice
Eggs
Toppings
\$5 (to purchase breakfast links)



AA Highlights

Sophomore Class Vespers

The Sophomore officers planned a fun and meaningful class vespers last Friday. Fun and games occurred in the gym from 4-5:00. Following this there was an early Thanksgiving dinner, complete with Dinner Roast, mashed potatoes, and good fellowship. There was also a time of sharing what classmates value about their peers. "Drop the Blanket," a fun bible game, provided some interactive worship as groups on either side of a blanket depicted scenes from the bible. The group on the opposite side had to guess the scene when the blanket was dropped, revealing the depiction. Sophomores concluded their vespers with two brief devotional videos. Thank you sophomore officers for planning a great evening together for the class.

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



AA Highlights

Sophomore Class Fundraiser

On Sunday Nov. 15, 2015 the sophomore class had a Spaghetti dinner fundraiser. The purpose of the fundraiser dinner is of course to raise funds for the class activities they may do over the four years they are together at Andrews Academy. Another important purpose of fundraisers is to provide opportunity for class officers to use their leadership skills in motivating the class to participate and to develop organizational skills as they take care of the details of the fundraiser.



It was interesting to watch the class develop great teamwork as the event unfolded. It was a lot of fun to work together and see the dynamics of teamwork and leadership develop. The fundraiser was a great success, raising close to \$ 1, 000.

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



AA Highlights

Junior Class Vespers

This past Friday evening the Junior class officers planned a vespers was at Justin Johnson's home. The class would like to thank the Johnson's who hosted the vespers and cooked a feast for all to enjoy class. This was followed by a short song service and a worship thought by Kevin, a seminary student friend of several class members. Thank you Junior class officers for planning the evening program.



Berrien Springs - Eau Claire Rotary Club Honors Robert Cecil

Rotary is a worldwide organization of more than 1.2 million people. Rotarians provide humanitarian service and help build goodwill and peace in the world. The Berrien Springs-Eau Claire Rotary Club serves the local community in a number of ways. One of which is providing scholarships which are given to seniors at Berrien Springs and Eau Claire High Schools and Andrews Academy each year. These cash awards are intended to encourage the students to go on to the college of their choice. This year they honored Robert Cecil, a senior of Andrews Academy, at their youth appreciation breakfast Nov. 19, 2015. Congratulations Robert.



AA Highlights

Thursday Assembly



The National Honor Society students have worked diligently to plan an informative assembly to end Cause Week. They partnered with Dawn Wales and her PMC Grow Group to raise both awareness and funds for foster children in Berrien County. The assembly was broken up into different stations, all of which would combine into many holiday gifts for foster children who are less fortunate. In the gym there was a game in which many different teams tried to sort as many clothes as possible in the time allotment. Another event was sewing together bags to hold some of the crafts and gifts made in the remaining stations. Students wrote notes to foster children on cards and in Bibles. They also made creative cards and wrote some encouraging notes to the kids receiving the gifts.

It was a very creative and interactive program to help academy students better understand children who are in tough situations in our own community, thus creating even more interest in raising funds for God's Hands for Kids to help those in need, and inspiring students to give to the fundraising project challenge. Many students participated in the fundraiser by purchasing a T - shirt specifically made for the week. Over \$1600.00 was raised. NHS will continue to sell shirts next week.



AA Highlights

Chapel

The week of November 16-20, 2015 was the ninth annual NHS Cause Week. During the week, the National Honor Society (NHS) was responsible for the morning devotions and the assembly program. NHS Cause Week is a week where NHS officers, members, and guest speakers raise awareness about a specific cause with the aim to make a difference in the world, both globally and locally. This year's theme was to raise awareness for foster children.



Monday: Julia O'Carey, the director of ASAP Ministries, came to talk to us about foster children. She told us how hard it is for them to be separated from all the places and people they grow to love. Mrs. O'Carey used an illustration of writing down our own favorite things on slips of paper and having them taken away from us and substituted with things from other people. She then shared her own personal testimony of taking in a foster child and how God had influenced her in that decision.



Tuesday: Kyra, who experienced a life in foster care, told us what life was like as a ward of state. She had been taken from her home when she was 11 years old because her mother, an alcoholic, and her abusive boyfriend, had hurt Kyra and her younger siblings. Kyra is now 18 and she has lived in 13 different foster homes. She shared more experiences with us and told us how hard it is to raise yourself and siblings. Even though she has had such a difficult life she is still grateful to God for directing her to people that can help her get through life's difficulties. She left us by telling us to live every day to the very best, because, especially as a foster child, you never know what tomorrow may bring.



AA Highlights

Chapel—continued

Wednesday: Michelle Kuicken, who's been working for Child Welfare for 18 years, shared with us how the process of getting help to foster children usually works. She told us how she was responsible for gathering enough information about the home. After enough true facts were acquired, she would bring the case to her supervisor, who would ask her questions, verifying that the home is indeed abusive. Following this, a hearing would be held between herself, her supervisor, and a prosecutor. She shared how she tries to reach out to friends and family of the child so they can provide a more comfortable home. Her story of how the process works helped us understand how hard it can be for both the child and the case worker.



Thursday: For chapel, two foster children came and spoke about how their journey has gone and how being in the system has affected their lives. Both are from a southwest Michigan high school. One explained how throughout his life he's blamed himself for what happened to him and how hard it was to let that go. He is so thankful for his foster grandfather who has done so much to change his life. Another shared her story, how she had lived with an amazing family and how she was grateful for the Child Welfare for helping her get through hardships.



Friday morning Starr Davis, NHS president, shared some of her childhood memories of her parents involvement in helping others. Both her parents being social workers who are also heavily involved in their church would often help drive individuals to and from church. As a child this sometimes bothered Starr as some of the homeless individuals did not smell good. As she reflected back on these experiences she now appreciated that her parents did this because it helped her be involved in helping others. She concluded the week by referring back to the theme text for the week James 1:27.



Announcements

SILHOUETTES AND SELECT STRINGS

Silhouettes and Select Strings perform this Sabbath, November 21, at the FIL-AM SDA Church, here in Berrien Springs. Members of these groups need to be at the church, in their uniforms, no later than 10:45 AM. Thank you!

DUAL ENROLLMENT/COLLEGE ENRICHMENT CLASSES

Registration for Spring Semester at AU is open. If you are planning to take a college class for dual credit or for college enrichment, please complete the application form and turn it in to Ms. Iyonne no later than the end of this week. These applications need to be reviewed and approved by the academic affairs committee that meets **on Monday**. As you choose your classes, please make sure that your college schedule does not interfere with your Academy classes.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

As this semester starts winding down, you need to start thinking of your next semester classes. There are new technology classes being offered. If you would like to make any schedule changes, please come see me prior to **December 11**. Remember that changes need to be approved by your parents so plan accordingly so you are able to meet this deadline. We will enforce a \$5 schedule change after this date.

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.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

Wednesday, November 25, school will dismiss at noon for the Thanksgiving Break.

TUITION

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