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Almost Setting a Guinness World Record



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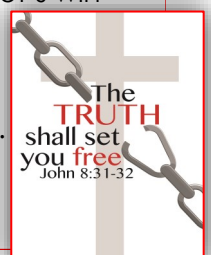
Anticipation of trying to break a Guinness World Record could be felt in the air Wednesday afternoon as students dismissed a little early from their classes to go to Johnson Gym at AU. There, students were divided into groups of fifty. Each group had a leader who made sure there were fifty participants and to record if they did the sit ups properly or not.

When the one minute buzzer began there was a sea of over 530 individuals doing sit ups in unison. Numerous individuals either allowed their feet to lift off the ground or were not able to keep doing the sit ups and were disqualified. After two attempts the group had 496 who were successful, however 504 were needed to break the record.

Despite the disappointment in not reaching the goal, Andrews Academy students had a lot of fun trying. It was a positive experience to have Academy and University students, faculty, administration, as well as pastors and community members working together for one goal, to beat the record.

As I reflected on the events of the day my mind kept turning to Hebrews 12:1 - 3. "And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus". It was fun to all work together to "run the race" of doing sit ups together to break the record. My prayer is that each of us will run the Christian race that God puts before us with so much greater interest, effort and anticipation compared to this last Wednesday. Unlike this past Wednesday, we know what the outcome will be of this "Heavenly Race" will be. Let's win this Heavenly race together!

For more pictures of this event please go to the Academy's [facebook](#) page. And please visit the [newsbroadcast](#) page.



AA Highlights

Class Vespers and Activities

Class vespers and activities provide a meaningful time to be drawn closer to God, to develop friendships outside the classroom setting, and an opportunity for class officers to develop leadership skills as they plan and lead in the activity and worship experience.

Traditionally individual classes have organized and planned events, sometimes classes work together in planning an event. On Friday Jan. 8, 2016 all four classes went ice skating at the Howard rink in St. Joseph. 120 students participated.

After the skating each class went somewhere for their class vespers. Sophomores at the Newkirk's, Freshmen met in the Home Ec room, and Juniors and Seniors had their worship in the commons. Freshmen vespers included singing & charades on the theme of trust. John Kent led in a story of trust about her mom as a child. While living in India the family was surprised to run into a cobra. The father without explaining details ask his daughter, (John's mother) to shine a light into the eyes of the cobra. She totally trusted her father and did this without asking questions. Meanwhile her father took the rest of the family to safety, circled around and killed the cobra. John's mother totally trusted her father, John encouraged each of us to totally trust our heavenly father, even when things do not make sense.

Thank you officers for planning a fun and meaningful vespers and afternoon together. Please go to [Facebook](#) for many more pictures of this event.



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Cool Photos

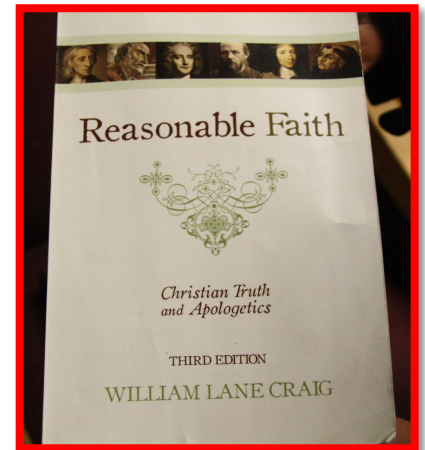


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Chapel



Monday- An Andrews Academy alumnus came to talk to us. He used a short illustration to prove that if there is something wrong with us, that God is the only one who can fix it. If his iPhone was damaged; he would go to an Apple store to fix it. He would not turn to Android because they did not make his phone. And yet we are running around to everyone except God to fix our problems. He encouraged us to give up searching for help in this world and turn to God. He shared a title of a book that provides many excellent illustrations for us to consider. In case you missed this book title here is a picture of the book he draws many illustrations from.



On Wednesday one of our fellow students, Chris Won, shared some of the most common reasons teenagers leave the church. About 6 out of 10 teenagers leave the church for good. He said that we should remember that we don't go to church to hang around with friends, it's to be with God. We need to prioritize God in our life.

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After the "Powerball" lottery record of over \$ 1 billion being won the night before, Pastor Glassford told us of his relatives who are constantly buying lottery tickets. The tickets represent hope to them; the hope of finally winning, of having a chance to win. He then asked us if we are hopeless or if we feel like we have no chance to win. We shouldn't feel this way because he reminded us of John 14: 1 - 3 that God will win in the end and He loves us and is preparing a home in Heaven for us. Let's build our hope on Jesus.



On Friday the Spiritual Life Committee led in worship. The spiritual life committee is made up of pastors from the four classes and the student association. They would pose a question and ask for students to share their ideas. The pastors would then share some of their answers they had prepared in advance to answer with various scriptures. Some questions are more intense than others, for example one of the questions today was how to help individuals with suicidal thoughts. I'm impressed with the collective thought the students share, and appreciate the leadership of Mrs. Jakobsons and the Spiritual Life Committee.



Announcements

SILHOUETTES AND SELECT STRINGS

Silhouettes and Select Strings perform this Sabbath, January 16, at Paw Paw Church. Members of these groups need to be in the AA parking lot no later than 8:45 AM in their uniforms. We will return by 3:00 PM.

ATTENDANCE REMINDER - PREPARE FOR MICHIGAN SNOWY ROADS

I would like to remind students to plan ahead for the snow during this season. This would mean that you would need to leave possibly 5 - 10 minutes earlier during the snow season so you can arrive on time. (If you live farther away from AA then you may need to leave your home even earlier). This is why we generally will not be accepting "snow covered roads" as an excuse for being tardy. SAFETY is of most importance. So please do not drive quickly to get to school. Give yourself more time to travel. If there is the rare day when conditions were unexpectedly worse than anticipated, especially for those who live a distance from AA, then please submit a signed excuse from your parents. Thanks so much.

DROP/ADD CLASS DEADLINES

Please pay close attention to the following deadlines:

January 21 – last day to drop a class and/or add a new one class

March 31 – Last day to withdraw from a class and receive a "W".

After the March 31 deadline, you may not withdraw from any classes and you will receive whatever grade you have earned for the class.

*Please keep in mind that lab fees are not refundable as that money has been used to purchase the supplies for the class based on the number of students who were enrolled.

INTERNATIONAL APPRECIATION WEEK

International Appreciation Week is coming up in two weeks (January 25-29). Friday, January 29 from 10:45-12:45pm will be our annual International Assembly and Food Fair. We invite parents and family to join us as we celebrate our school diversity. We also ask students and family to bring a traditional dish to share during our Food Fair, which should begin around 11:45am.

>>FASHION SHOW

**We are looking for students to participate in our International Fashion Show! If you have or can borrow native costumes of your country, we are looking for students to sign up with Mrs. Sanchez for the Fashion Show. Sign-ups start NOW!

Students and faculty are also invited to wear traditional clothing/costumes from another country on Friday of that week.

Blessings to all!

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IMPORTANT

SENIOR YEARBOOK ADS ON SALE NOW!

Parents and guardians of a senior...The time has come in the year to create a "Parent tribute" for your senior. These ads are placed in the back of the 2016 yearbook. Due to limited space, we will only have 1/2 page and 1/4 page ads available. Our yearbook production is done online and we will have Senior Ads submitted online as well. A flyer with the ad information went home on Friday with your son/daughter. (Another copy will be emailed early this week)

For those who don't have access to a computer or a scanner, the yearbook staff will be holding a Senior Ad Night on Thursday, January 21 from 4:30-7:30pm in the Academy School Library. We will have a personal scanner and several computers on hand to assist parents in creating these ads. Please keep in mind, these can be done from home on a personal computer, not a smartphone or Ipad. Payments will also be done online with options like PayPal and Credit Card. The last day for creating an Ad for your senior is Friday, January 22, 2016 at sundown. There will be no extension past this date. Please mark your calendar and we appreciate your help in getting these done within the next two weeks. If you have any questions, please email aayearbook@yahoo.com and Mrs. Sanchez will respond within 24 hrs.

**Senior Ads are not mandatory, but a special memory for your son or daughter that will last a lifetime.

*Time frame to create ad online: Friday, Jan.8-Friday, Jan.22.

~Sanchez/Yearbook Staff

FAFSA

Seniors & Parents... Plan to attend FAFSA Night on Monday, January 25 @ 7 p.m. in the Andrews Academy Computer Classroom, hosted by Andrews University. FAFSA may allow you to qualify for federal financial aid and other free money to help attend college. Representatives will assist in completing your FAFSA applications. The FAFSA deadline for Michigan residents is March 1 so don't delay! Bring your parent's tax information.

TUITION

Tuition payment #6 is due on or before January 25th.