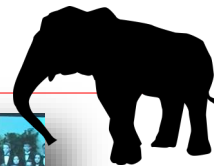


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Silhouettes & Strings Tour



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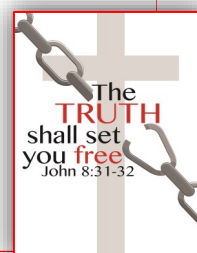
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Please continue to pray for Silhouettes and Strings tour that was to begin this past Wednesday afternoon. Flooding in the desert city of Dubai shut down the airport and cancelled their flight. They hope to now leave Saturday night to begin their Thailand music mission trip that was to include ten performances. Mr. Karlton Keller, former AA music teacher, which works in Thailand has helped coordinate the trip among the many Adventist institutions like, schools, hospitals, orphanages, and mission centers. Our Andrews Academy students will be singing and playing music and sharing testimonies in all these different settings as well as in concert halls.

They will also have the opportunity to experience the culture of Thailand and visit some of the most important cultural centers and natural resources. Locations such as Koh Similan Island (Koh Similan Island, the "heaven on earth", is known as the best unspoiled tropical national park in Thailand and also one of the top World's diving's playground), tour the King's palace, visit Phuket old town - Sino-Portuguese Houses, and many other sites.

Thank you Mr. Flores for organizing this music mission trip. Thousands of miles will be traveled so please continue to pray for safety as they travel and share Jesus through music in Thailand, a predominantly Buddhist country with only 1.2% of the population being Christians. Please pray that the re-scheduling of flights and concerts can be worked out.

Please check [Facebook](#) for photos from this trip as they become available



AA Highlights

Daughters of the American Revolution Award Recipient

A few weeks ago the Algonquin Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented Good Citizen Awards to various students in Berrien County. Daughters are "vibrant, active women who are passionate about community service, preserving history, educating children, as well as honoring and supporting those who serve our nation". The Algonquin Chapter honored Andrews Academy's senior Zoey Caballero at their annual awards program.



Gymnastics Class Program During Academy Day

Last year a gymnastics class was added to the academy curriculum. The Gymnics coach and his team members have been teaching this class. Academy day was the first time the Academy gymnastics class made a presentation. They did a routine that acted out the great controversy and God's love for us. An excellent performance.



AA Highlights

AA Participation in AU Music Festival



Andrews University Music Festival 2016 was held, March 2 – 5. The four-day festival is for academy and high school musicians and celebrated the accomplishments of each singer and string player and challenged their artistic expression. The daily agenda was comprised of inspirational ensemble rehearsals, interspersed with specialized clinics and master classes for all attendees.



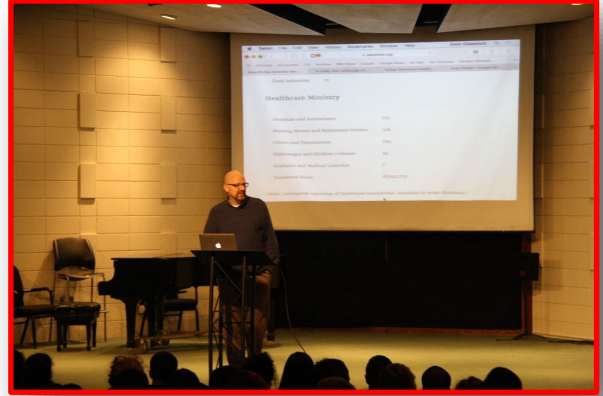
This year the emphasis was for choral and Orchestra. During Sabbath church at PMC attendees presented special music. Andrews Academy strings made up the majority of the combined orchestra. Jamison Moore, AA sophomore, was the solo instrumentalist for the combined choral and orchestra special music.



AA Highlights

Chapel

On Monday, Pastor Glassford continued his introduction of the SDA world church by showing us their main website. He showed us many statistics so that we could get a grasp of how big our church really is. There are 78,000 churches in our SDA church spread over 237 countries. He shared a story from a volunteer that worked in Asian Aid. The volunteer found a child tied to a post in the front yard. She took in the child and gave her food and new clothes. Within a week, the girl was just as loved and happy as the other children. Pastor Glassford encouraged us to turn our backs on the 'American Dream' of being famous and wealthy and go help people less fortunate than us. He reminded us that we are storing up "gold" in Heaven, not on Earth.



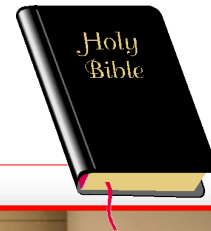
Academy day was on Tuesday, so we had a special chapel with many performances by the various music groups and a song service by the spiritual life committee. Mr. Doug Taylor, AA alumnus and part time teacher, embellished the story of David and Goliath, telling it with colorful humor. To end, he pointed out that even though David did some pretty bad things, God still thought of him as a man after his own heart because David trusted Him. We, too, can be after God's heart if only we learn to trust Him.



Thank you sophomores in leading in song service this week



AA Highlights



On Wednesday, Pastor Mackenzie presented our chapel talk. He asked for five volunteers to come look at a poster he'd made. Each volunteer got to open a flap to see a small part of the picture and then tell the school what they saw. At the end, he asked them to tell him what they thought the whole picture was of. They didn't know because they'd only seen a small portion of it. Pastor Mackenzie then read Gen. 45:5, where Joseph tells his brothers that even though they sold him because they hated him, God had a bigger picture, a plan that they fit into. After this, Pastor Mackenzie showed us the real picture underneath, which was a tiger. Even though we only see the small pictures and they don't seem to fit together, God has a way to work it all for His purpose and when we look back we can see the bigger picture.



Thursday pastor Glassford began worship by asking if you ever dreamed of finding a treasure? He shared a website 'dreams come true' kickstarter, a place where people can raise money for their ideas. For example someone fills potholes with art and people donate money for him because they get some stuff from him. Wouldn't it be great if your goal was to raise \$ 1000 but exceeded it by raising \$1 1000 like he did? Do you look for money- do you go to Dave Ramsey to save money. Romans 13:8 says, "Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law". The economy of Heaven is different, we are all rich in Him, so we can love everyone forever.

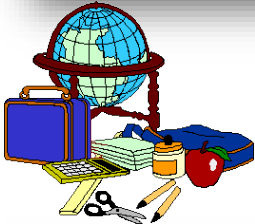


AA Highlights

Academy Day Thank You

The faculty would like to thank the many students who were involved in helping in so many ways during Academy day this week. Some were group leaders who guided eighth grade guests through out the day. Others help run activities or helped set up so many details that made the day run so smoothly. The day was a great success with seventy

eighth grade guests present. We would like to also thank all the students for getting involved in the class activities and working along with the eighth grade guests.



Announcements



LOCKERS

It has come to our attention that some students are routinely jamming paper into the lock mechanism on the lockers, resulting in a high number of broken locks. In order to address this problem we are preparing to implement a \$25 dollar fine for each incident involving a paper-jammed lock, **beginning March 21, 2016**. It is also a security and safety issue. A number of years ago, during a weekend event, a young child found an unlocked locker and locked himself inside, paramedics had to be called in to supply oxygen while a key to unlock the locker could be found. So please always lock your locker.

ATTENDANCE REMINDER - EXCUSING AN ABSENCE OR TARDY

Please remember to fill out a pre - arranged absence card for any scheduled appointments or trips that require you to miss school prior to your departure. Parents would need to write a short note or call the front office if the student was sick or there was some significant family emergency that caused you to be absent or late. Someone accidentally sleeping in or an alarm clock not being set, etc. is not an emergency and generally will not be accepted. This is what attendance points are for because once in awhile mistakes will happen. Parents please also remember to write a brief reason for the absence (such as "ill", or "at emergency room till late into the night"). We need to keep records of how many are absent due to illness etc. **We will not be able to excuse items if only "please excuse" is recorded.** Thank you for helping with this item.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Monday, March 28 and Tuesday, March 29. Students will be dismissed at noon on both days to accommodate the conferences. Sign-up will open up Monday, March 21. If slots fill up or you are not able to come in during our allotted times or don't see a teacher's name, please feel free to contact our teacher's directly to set up a conference. The front office has a faculty roster which includes contact information for each teacher. Please note the instructions below for setting up a conference. The process is similar to shopping online. You must choose the timeslot most convenient for you, "add" it to your cart and then "submit" your order. This step must be repeated for each teacher you want to meet with.

We look forward to meeting with each of you.

The link for the parents to login is:

<http://gotsession.com/aa/>

These are the steps:

1. Fill out the form
2. Click the "Add to Cart" button
3. Click the "View Cart" button
4. Click the "Submit Order" button.

These steps **MUST** be done for **EACH** appointment. Failure to do so will create confusion as you will be receiving email notifications that include other parents' appointments.

Announcements

CHAPEL REVERENCE

Please remember to not bring food or drinks into the chapel. We want to maintain a spirit of reverence and want to keep this room a very neat and clean place for us to worship God in. Thanks.

SA BANQUET ATTIRE

As our SA Banquet, “Happily Ever After” approaches, we want to enable you to assist your child in selecting attire which is appropriate for such an occasion, and which meets the standards for all Andrews Academy banquets. In an effort to ensure that all students may participate without the additional burden of banquet attire costs, formal attire is strongly discouraged. To that end, please note that modest Sabbath attire is most appropriate for this occasion. Specifically:

Gentlemen: A clean, well fitted Sabbath suit which incorporates a dress shirt, tie, suit coat or sport jacket, and dress shoes is appropriate. Please note that jacket and tie are required.

Ladies: Please select dresses which incorporate ample coverage of the back, chest and shoulders—No plunging necklines or backless apparel. If sleeveless then straps need to be 3 fingers wide. On past occasions, some young ladies have preferred to amend a dress with these features by adding a sweater or shawl to the ensemble. Please note that should you choose to add this “corrective” to a potentially questionable dress, the shawl/sweater/additional covering MUST remain firmly in place for the duration of the evening. Please take the necessary steps to ensure that no “slippage” or “disappearing act” will occur during that time. Dresses must incorporate a skirt length which reaches the knee both when a young lady is standing or seated. Please keep this in mind when making shoe selections for the banquet.

Thank you so much for your kindness and support as we work together to help your children achieve their very best at Andrews Academy. If you have further questions, please don’t hesitate to contact any of the faculty listed below.

We wanted to share this well in advance of the banquet in case there are individuals that may go shopping this spring break.