Week

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Michigan Youth Rush



Pastor Joe Reeves, the Youth Pastor from Village Church, during Wednesday chapel had several AA students share some stories from canvassing this summer. It was most interesting to hear the ways Jesus worked through Andrews Academy students as they canvassed.

He also had a representative from Michigan conference of SDA invite students to get involved in "Michigan Youth Rush". She had a booth in the commons throughout the afternoon so students could stop by and look into the possibility of canvassing this summer. Please go to www.miyouthrush.com for many more details. Get involved in ministry this summer.

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3/28 & 3/29 Noon Dismissal

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Afternoon Classes meet 3/29 in the morning

3/30 Academic Affairrs

3/31 Last Day to Withdraw

SA Election Orientation 3/31

4/1 Satellite

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Academic Orientation Assembly

This week's assembly was an important one for students as they prepare for next school year. The various diplomas and expectations where discussed, as well as a description of classes, so students, parents and advisors could start the process of making a class selection for next school year. An explanation of what steps are needed to complete the reapplication process was also described. One important step that takes some planning is for parents and student to make an appointment with our fi-



nancial advisor to finalized you plan for next school year.



Preparing for Graduation Assembly for Seniors

While freshmen through juniors met in the chapel for assembly seniors met in the library for a special class meeting. Seniors are in the process of making plans for graduation. For example they selected seniors for People's Choice Awards that will be given out class night. They also finished writing parent tributes for class night. The following day, Friday, seniors recorded their tributes and met with AU advisors as they were making their plans for their freshmen year in college.







Safety Drills

Throughout the school year various safety drills occur to practice procedures during an emergency. We have Tornado Drills, Intruder Drills, and Fire Drills to name a few. Often drills occur in the middle of a class period and we are familiar with what to do. Wednesday's fire drill occurred near the beginning of chapel to practice what to do in an emergency while in chapel. It is always good to practice drills in various situations so we can practice what should be done and make thoughtful improvements on how it could be done better. These drills are coordinated with campus safety and the county.



SA Banquet

As you are aware the SA Banquet will be April 3rd at 6 pm. SA Banquet tickets are being sold until Wednesday, March 30th. Tickets are \$10.00. There is a challenge to be creative in asking someone to the banquet, those who are most creative will receive free tickets. There has been rather creative minds at work.... this one included a scavenger hunt (using my skeleton) at various locations throughout the school.



MOITS

Chapel

On Monday, Pastor Joe Reeves, the Youth Pastor from Village Church, came to talk about God's sacrifice for us. He told us a story about a woman name Sarah. When she was heading home on the highway, she noticed some headlights coming toward her in her lane. She called the police for help as she slowed down to stay away from the oncoming car. Just before the car hit her, a police cruiser pulled around her and took the blow from the car.



The officer in the car was killed, but Sarah's car didn't have a scratch. Pastor Joe contrasted this with God's sacrifice on the cross for us, taking our blow from sin so that we can live forever with Him.

On Tuesday, Pastor Joe returned to share some stories from canvassing this past summer. He had some students who participated in canvassing over the summer share their personal experiences. Afterwards, he shared a story of one of the other students, Helen Johnston, who was on tour in Thailand. During the summer she gave a Baptist pastor a copy of The Great Controversy, and he was so enthusiastic he promised to put it in the church library. Even though he didn't have enough money, she let him take it because she felt



God telling her that it was important for him to have it. Later that day, as she was canvassing a new neighborhood, she met a woman who knew her name and already had a check written out for the exact cost of the Great Controversy. Earlier that day God had told her that Helen was coming. God has miraculous plans for us that involve listening to Him when He tells us to do things.

Mr. Vandenburgh gave us our chapel talk on Thursday. He quoted some texts about wisdom and learning from our mistakes. Then he shared with us one of his greatest regrets that he's learned from. As a college student, he made good friends with a carpenter named Butch. He lived with Butch and his wife for awhile before he moved to Michigan and became a teacher. In Michigan, he would call Butch to check up on him, but as time went on, the calls became less and less frequent until finally they guit altogether. Numerous times he would think that he should call him again but it off because he was embarrassed that it had been a long time since he called last. One night, he looked up Butch online only to find that he had passed away the day before. He encouraged us never to take someone for granted; take the time to build that relationship.



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Silhouettes & Strings Music Mission Trip

We are glad that Andrews Academy's Silhouettes and Strings were able to travel to Thailand and share Jesus through music in a country with a very small Christian population. The group sang in schools, hospitals, churches and auditoriums in various places throughout Thailand and was able to take in some of the significant sights of the country.

A moving story for many of the participants of the tour was when they sang in a patient's hospital room for a mother



and her daughter. A family of ten from Mexico were in Thailand for their Christmas holidays, when an unfortunate tragic accident occurred. Four of the family were killed, two have been in the hospital since Christmas, and four were able to return home. The widowed mother was able to go to the concert in the evening, and as her tears flowed was blessed by the healing music. Somehow arrangements were made for the Silhouettes to go into their room the following day to sing for the mother and her daughter. Life has many very sad moments, but the healing power of sharing Jesus through music can have such a tremendous blessing on individuals.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to bless those who attended the concerts as well as the participants of this tour. We praise God for the safety as they traveled the thousands of miles. We live in troubled times with terrorists attack in Brussels on the eve of their return trip home to the unusual storm and flooding in Dubai on the day they were to depart, we are thankful for their safe return.

Please check Facebook for additional pictures.





Announcements



JUNIOR CLASS VESPERS

Junior class vespers at Andrews Academy, Friday, March 25th at 7:00 pm.

SOPHOMORE CLASS VESPERS

Sophomore class vespers this Friday at Andrews Academy at 6:00-8:30 pm. Bring \$5.00.

FRESHMEN CLASS VESPERS & EASTER ACTIVITY

The freshmen class officers are planning a class vespers and Easter activity this Friday evening, March 25, from 6:00 till 8:30 pm at the Atkins house. We will start with a hotdog supper by the campfire followed by an Easter egg hunt on the 1.1 miles of trails. It will be cool so please bring a warm jacket. We will then go indoors for our worship program. Please bring the signed permission slip with you which also contains the food items to bring for the supper as well as a map to the Atkins home.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

A reminder that 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. Please follow the below instructions to sign-up. 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.

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.

RE-ENROLLMENT PACKETS

Students received their re-enrollment packets after assembly yesterday. If you have not received your re-enrollment packet please stop by the office.

TUITION

Tuition payment #8 is due on or before March 25th.