

# AA Weekly

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## Next School Year To Increase To 200 Days & School Day To 10 Hours!

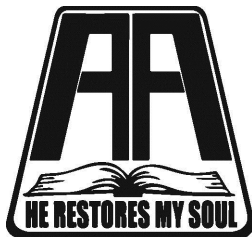
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### Upcoming Events:

- 4/1 Satellite
- 4/3 SA Banquet
- 4/4-4/8 Week of Prayer
- 4/4 SA Election Campaign
- 4/4 Spiritual Life Committee
- 4/5 Seniors Registration at AU
- 4/5 Academic Advising
- 4/5 SA Officers Meeting
- 4/8 Seven Last Words of Christ Concert
- 4/15 No School



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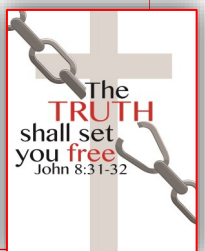
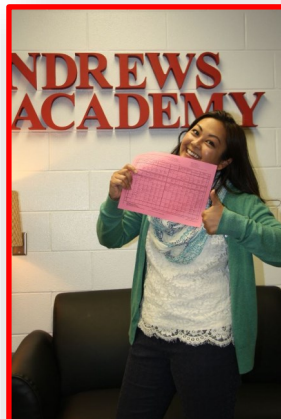
Please read the entire article to understand the purpose of this announcement. Andrews Academy wants to take a lead not only in Adventist education but education in general to make progressive changes. For years students have expressed frustration that we move through classwork too quickly, and teachers expressed concern that they are not able to accomplish all the objectives of the class. So we have decided to increase the school year from 180 days to a 200 day school year. Instead of ending the year at the end of May we will dismiss at the end of June.

Again we have listened to students and teachers as we plan to increase the school day to 10 hour days! For years students have expressed a desire to have a longer break between classes, so instead of a 5 min break we will have a 10 minute break between classes. Students really miss their "rest periods" and recesses from elementary school. So we have decided to include an hour siesta after lunch. Students can choose to either go out for recess or go to Señora Sanchez room for a siesta. To promote the siesta Señora Sanchez plans on providing tasty spanish treats for those that participate.

Teachers have also expressed a desire to have more time each day to teach so we are going to increase the class period from 50 min to 60 min each. Faculty and Staff are excited to make these changes to next school year's schedule. Of course the only truthful reason for an announcement like this is because it's, April Fools Day. Hope you enjoyed your day!

### 2016 - 2017 Typical Day

6 am strings  
7:00 am first class  
8:10 am chapel  
8:40 am second class  
9:50 am third class  
11:00 am fourth class  
12:10 am lunch  
12:40 am Siesta/Recess  
1:50 pm fifth class  
3:00 pm sixth class  
4:10 pm seventh class  
5:10 pm dismissal



# AA Highlights

## Advisees Assembly

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Usually school assemblies are held in the chapel for the entire school. This week there was a variety of activities that different groups of students were participating in. Most Freshmen - Juniors met with their advisors to continue working on their class schedules for next school year. Advisors have a checklist of classes advisees have taken as they work together making sure they are getting the classes they want & need to get. Please continue to work on your schedules and your packets so they can be turned in by April 29.



## AU Meeting about Dual Enrollment

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Also during assembly time AU representatives met with current AA sophomores and juniors that are interested in taking dual enrollment classes. If students meet the requirements and are interested in a challenge, students can take a college class and receive high school and college credit. Representatives listed classes that are available and discussed expectations and how to enroll.



## PREPARING FOR GRADUATION ASSEMBLY FOR SENIORS

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While freshmen through juniors met with their advisors, seniors met in the home economics room for a special class meeting. Seniors are in the process of making plans for graduation. For example they created a list of names of speakers they would like to have for graduation weekend, they filled out orders for graduation flowers, and started writing their "bios" that will be read on graduation weekend as they get their diplomas.





# AA Highlights

## Easter Passion Play

Various Andrews Academy classes, including the Bible classes, encouraged students to participate in the passion play that occurred on campus. Thank you to numerous students for lending a helping hand in this play. It's a great way to witness for Jesus as community members come to Andrews University to retrace the steps leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection.



# AA Highlights

## Class Vespers

At various times throughout the school year each class has a vespers, often the vespers includes some type of activity. Approximately 40 freshmen enjoyed the beautiful early spring weather as they had a hotdog supper by the campfire and ran through the 1.1 miles of trails in search of Easter Eggs. After running through the forest for about 45 minutes students went indoors for worship together led by the class pastor, John Kent. Sophomores gathered at the academy and had a retro time as they played in the playground equipment at Ruth Murdoch SDA school. Following this they went indoors for a pizza supper followed by vespers led by Pastor Martin. The Juniors gathered in the chapel for a slide show presentation by Pastor Burn (Ruth's dad) who showed pictures and video from his recent trip to the AFM mission projects in the Philippines.

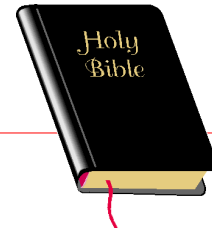
The Seniors enjoyed a class vespers this past Friday that took place at the campus center rec center. They enjoyed a fun evening of games and good food. The seniors had the opportunity to interact more with some University faculty from the enrollment office, who we had interviews with earlier that morning. We ended the night with a worship thought that was brought to us by a university seminary student.





# AA Highlights

## Chapels This Week



Cynthia Salinas, a worker at Michigan conference of SDA, came to share an experience from Global Youth Day, which occurred around two weeks ago. The key text for the day, Luke 10:27, told everyone to, 'love the Lord your God with all you heart, mind, and soul and love you neighbor as yourself.' This text comes right before Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan, where those who were high in church ranks and knew all the Bible left a man to die at the side of a road while the one who knew little to nothing of God helped the man to safety. She charged us to not be like the priest or levite in that story, that the Good Samaritan set a principle for all of us to follow.

On Tuesday, Pastor Ben Martin came to discuss the cross and its impact on our lives today. He shared Philippians 2:6-8, which says that God was obedient to death and humbled/lowered himself to lift us up. So why do we assume that we're better than someone else when God died for all of us equally? The truth is we can't because once we've accepted God, He will be with us, and when He is there you can't have racism or sexism. Matthew 25:40 says that what we do to the 'least of them' we do it to God because He made himself the lowest person, bearing all our sins on the cross.



# AA Highlights

## Chapels

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Pastor Martin returned on Wednesday to continue his analysis of the cross and how we can relate to it. He told the story from the perspective of the disciples, who, for years had been trying to guess Jesus' next move. They couldn't understand why Jesus would let himself be killed. They were trying to figure out God's motives by what they could understand of him, but they couldn't because the cross doesn't make sense from a logical standpoint because you cannot logically explain emotion. What happened at the cross wasn't an act of logic, it was an act of love. God's love is so vast and amazing, we can't describe it, we can only accept it as ours.

Pastor Martin continued his talk from Wednesday on Thursday. He talked about how the cross should change the way we interact with people in everyday life. One of the things that Jesus repeated many times during his life on Earth was to, 'take up your cross and follow me.' What does that mean? It means that when we follow God we must die to the world and focus only on him. We must forget about what the 'accepted' way of life is and do what He tells us to.

By taking up our crosses we make it so we cannot separate our beliefs from our actions; God will be with us in what we do, say, and think.



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## Junior Class Fundraiser

Please help the junior class as they raise funds for their class expenses. This will be a "tasty" way for you to lend a helping hand as they raise funds for their class. Please contact a junior class member who can give you this flyer for when you go to Panera Bread, or you can print this flyer directly. Thanks so much for supporting the Junior class.



## EAT BREAD TO RAISE DOUGH

PLEASE JOIN  
Andrews Academy Class of 2017

on  
Thursday, April 14th, 2016

from  
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Panera Bread® located at 3260 Niles Road, St Joseph will donate a percentage of its sales during the event to Andrews Academy Class of 2017 when you show this flyer.

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# Announcements



## THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST CONCERT

Andrews Academy Music Department, invites you to attend the presentation of the Easter cantata "The Seven Last Words of Christ", by Theodore Dubois, performed by the AA Chorale & soloists, organ, and drama of the crucifixion scene. One single presentation will be held at Pioneer Memorial Church on the Campus of Andrews University on Friday, April 8, at 7:30 PM.

## AA SENIORS MEET AU ADVISORS TUESDAY 10:15 AM

On April 5 seniors, who have completed their application to Andrews University, and have been admitted, will be going over to the university to register for classes while the rest of Andrews Academy will stay at AA. 44 seniors will leave the academy at 10:15 am and will gather in the PMC commons for registration information and lunch and then will meet with their AU academic advisors. Seniors will then return to AA somewhere between 1:00 and 1:30 pm to continue with their afternoon classes. Seniors who are not going to this meeting are expected to go to their advisors for assembly (you could work on homework) and then attend the rest of your regularly scheduled classes throughout the rest of the day.

## ACADEMIC ADVISING

Next Tuesday's assembly, April 5, will be dedicated to academic advising. In order to ensure this time is maximized, please make sure you bring your enrollment packet that you received March 24 as you meet with your advisor.

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## FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Andrews University Theatre Wing is putting on "Fiddler on the Roof" and would love to have you come watch! This comedic musical will have you laughing, crying, and falling in love with the little Jewish community of Anatevka. "Fiddler" will be performed at Newbold Auditorium, Buller Hall, on Friday, April 8 at 5pm, Saturday, April 9 at 8:30pm, and Sunday, April 10 at 3pm. Tickets are \$10 each and can be bought from anyone involved in the production, at the student center on the AU campus, or at the door if tickets are still available. You can email [autheatrewing@gmail.com](mailto:autheatrewing@gmail.com) if you have any questions, or contact Anna Rorabeck ([rorabeck.anna@gmail.com](mailto:rorabeck.anna@gmail.com)). Hope to see you all there!

## FOR SALE

- 1 – dishwasher - \$50
- 1 – gas stove - \$50
- 2 – electric wall ovens – FREE
- 2 – electric cooktops - FREE

All proceeds will go towards our Home Ec. laboratory. Buyer must be able to pick up the appliances. Please see/call Ray Spoon for more information. 471-6079.



# Announcements

## INTERNATIONAL GUARDIANSHIP PAPERS

All International students are reminded to renew their guardianship Michigan Power of Attorney papers every six months. Some of you have expired papers. Others of you just need to prepare the new papers for next fall.