Juniors on the honor roll for a GPA of at least 3.00 last semester: Christiana Atkins, Hannah Baxter, Lyndon Bradfield, Chelsey Cameron, Minji Cha, Young Ji Choi, Melody Collins, Reginald Desrosiers, Alyson Drew, Jeffrey Emile, Sergio Francisco, Obed Galla, Shane Glassford, Amante Gonzalez, Rachel Gray, April Habenicht, Cooper Hodges, Ruifeng Ji, Dong Jin Kim, Ha Yan Lee, Jae Young Lee, Jee Yeon Lee, Jeong Bin Lee, Seong Min Lee, Hayley Lofthouse, Hannah Mbungu, Daniel Mpano, Camille Nixon, Tobias Osenau, Mihael Plantak, Alexander Poole, Ashley Reichert, Zachary Reichert, John Henri Rorabeck, Yuna Seo, Amy Seol, Ronald Wathe, Kyle Whiteside, Dillon Zimmerman.

We had a wonderful talent night which was billed as SA Night Live on the 13th of February when eleven different acts competed for prizes. There were a number of excellent things that were done in between the main acts to fill in while the participants were making appropriate preparations to come on stage. Each person paid $3 for entry to the event or paid $5 as a family unit. Special thanks goes to Amante Gonzalez for his role as emcee in keeping the program moving. Finally, the judges David Nowack, Jonathan Carbonell, and Debbie Weithers determined that the third place winner was the Baguettes (Ingrid Dumitrescu, Simone Weithers, Andrea Barton, and Rachellynne Brantly) in their performance of Mr. Sand Man. Second place went to Rachellynne Brantly on her violin as she was accompanied by Joyce Yoon at the piano performing Romanze. The first place winner was Lifase Bilima, Joelle McIntyre, Brock Vance and Joses Ngugi in their presentation of Wonderful. The People’s Choice Award went to Cavan Miller and Michael Thompson as they performed Everything. A very big thank you goes to the Student Association officers, the SA sponsors and all who supported the efforts of the fine evening experienced on that occasion.

After taking the Presidents’ Day holiday on Monday the 21st of February, Pastor Micheal Goetz led us in a devotional thought on Tuesday, the 22nd. He opened by quoting Paul in Romans 1:14 where he says, “I am a debtor both to the Greek and the non-Greek both to the wise and the foolish.” The pastor reminded us that there are two types of Christians in this world. There are the real and there are the fake. At that point he wanted to know how many of us who claimed to be Christians were real and how many of us were fake? So, he gave us a quiz. He wanted us to answer the question ourselves, but be honest and forthright. It would not be necessary to share the results of the quiz with anyone else. The only question on the quiz was Has someone seen Jesus because of something you have said or done recently? If you are showing Jesus, others will notice it because we cannot hide from anything or anyone! If you are not sharing Jesus, you’re narcissistic and you are faking it. It is simply an oxymoron to claim that you live for self and for Jesus simultaneously. It cannot be done.

The pastor went on to tell the story of an experience that he had while colporteuring in Pasco, Washington. He went to the door and knocked. He could tell that someone was inside. But after waiting and waiting, he finally decided that it was time to leave and find a different house. So he went down to the next door and began knocking on the door when he noticed the man from the previous house running down the sidewalk in bare feet toward him pleading with him to buy the books. So, we have to ask ourselves the question – Was there something that the man saw in Pastor Micheal on that occasion? Are we for real or are we just fake?

On Wednesday, Pastor Micheal Goetz told of a situation where someone had called the ambulance. He said for a situation like that, you would not expect the driver to say, “just wait a minute. I am eating my breakfast and doing the dishes and when I am finished, then I will come to assist you in your difficulty.” No, you expect immediacy. You want action and you want it right now. When someone’s life is in danger, your expectation of what needs to be done exponentially increases! Should it be any different when we are here waiting and working for the second coming of Jesus. He asked us if we were fake or real Christians. Are we here to see the job completed or are we just faking it?

He told the story of a time that he and a friend were selling books in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was to take one side of the road, and his friend was working the other side. It was a type of game to see who would finish their side first. On this one day he was standing at the door knocking when he saw his friend going down the other side of the road. He also noticed just a few doors down, an individual getting into the car in preparation to drive away. So, Pastor Micheal was somewhat relieved to know that would be one house he would not need to canvas. However, his friend who was observing the same thing flew across the road and jumped across obstacles in the pathway and ran up to the car and urgently knocked on the window. It turned out that the friend was able to sell $1,250 worth of books on the hood of the car. Perhaps one day we will see many in heaven because of books that were sold or left at the door of a home.

Pastor Micheal promoted summer employment through the Mega-book program. Two gentlemen, Matt Hasty and Kamil Tetz were there with a booth encouraging student help during the next summer season. There were a number of students who indicated an interest in summer employment using this technique. If you have any interest in the program, they can be contacted at (517) 582-0768 or through e-mail at
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The recent music tour to the greater Chicago area included the chorale singing group along with the silhouettes and the bells which meant that 63 students were on the trip along with 5 adults and 2 bus drivers. It was an inspirational trip which provided all with an opportunity to attend the Chicago Symphony Orchestra on Thursday evening, visit and perform at the Burgess Square Nursing Home on Friday where they were well received and acclaimed for their musical talent. Mr. Boward was pleasantly surprised by a former music student of his, Joel DeJesus, who is an alumnus of Andrews Academy and is currently serving our country as a vital part of our national security force. The students went on to perform at the Chicago West Central Church and the Romanian Church on Sabbath. They all enjoyed a very fine home cooked meal which is one of the trademarks of that congregation. The students also visited the Museum of Science and Industry as well as having their Saturday night entertainment at Medieval Times. They visited the Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg, Illinois, prior to their return home that afternoon. This was the last Chorale/Silhouettes/Handbell tour for Mr. Boward. He said that he has done 46 tours in all. Do you think that he is an expert in that capacity?

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Andrews Academy is currently in the process of seeking an individual to teach music beginning with the 2011-2012 school year. Someone will be found to take the position, but no one will be found to fill his shoes. He is loved by all of his students and deeply admired by the faculty and staff as well.

“Habits are at first cobwebs, then cables” – Spanish Proverb

The blood drive of February 18 resulted in 17 pints of blood donated with 7 of these being first time donors. Thank you so much for this very inspiring support of this program.

The deadline for the ACT registration is on the 4th of March. This registration will result in the ACT testing in the AU Counseling and Testing Center from 8:00 - 12:00 pm on the 10th of April.

The National Honor Society will have their annual induction ceremony to induct seven new members on Sunday evening, March 6. To become a member of the organization, the student must perform academically at a minimum GPA of 3.50, have excellent Leadership, Character and Service records and work toward the betterment of the school and society in general.

The AU College Preview is available to seniors who would like to obtain a better understanding of the university and its multiple programs of study. Any senior having a desire to be a part of this program should pre-arrange with the academy office.

Our annual Academy Day will take place on Tuesday, March 8, when the 8th graders from all of the feeder schools visit our academy campus for the day. We begin the experience at 7:45 with registration in the gymnasium and worship in the chapel. We then give the students an opportunity to visit classes. While that experience is not quite the same as an ordinary day, it does give a flavor of what academy life is all about. The meal is furnished as a gift from the academy and is for all attending. If you know of anyone that is academy age and could benefit from this program who is not in our feeder school system, please let us know by calling the academy office at 471-3138. Dismissal from this event is usually about 2:30 pm in the afternoon. Thank you for your continued support.

Following the Academy Day program is what we know as the Academy Adventure which is a program designed for parents and their children. That program begins in the academy commons at 6:30 with a light supper. Parents are then invited to visit 4 different places in the building which speak to issues of curriculum, attendance and behavior, co-curricular activities on the campus, and finances. We trust that all parents will be able to come to this experience in order to plan ahead for life at Andrews Academy this next year.

The middle of the 2nd semester will occur on Thursday, March 10. Some teachers are in the habit of giving midterm exams. That will vary from teacher to teacher. Just be aware that we are facing the home stretch and the academics need to be in order so that we will be able to finish strongly at the end of the semester. Parent/Teacher/Student conferences will take place on the 28th and 29th of the month of March. Please call the office for appointment, 269.471.3138.

The senior retreat occurs on Friday, the 11th of March. Seniors will be putting a number of things in place such as parent tributes, ordering flowers, determining music and a variety of different items that need to be carefully planned as they make the careful preparation for commencement weekend.