Principal’s Message

Gardening 101

Over spring break I was fortunate enough to spend a few days with my family in the Chattanooga, TN area. Good quality time with family is such a gift from God. I thoroughly enjoyed hanging out with my family—my brothers, my mom, my dad, and my nephews. Every time I go “home,” I love to help my mom and dad around the house. Whether it is gutter cleaning, shed building, or yard maintenance, I love to be able to help them in any way I can. This time gardening was on the list, and I found myself pulling the tiller out and tilling the soil, making it ready for planting. This work was difficult, leaving me muddy, exhausted, and my hands covered with blisters, but I was smiling in enjoyment as I worked. Why? There is something special about gardening. It seems that after enduring the grueling winter months and being refreshed by the warm, fragrant spring air, pulling out the gardening equipment just seems right. After two or three hours of tilling and seven or eight more hours of digging up my dad’s famous Jerusalem Artichokes, we were ready to set the plants and seed in the ground. This was the part I enjoyed the most! Why? I can’t wait to see the results of the hard work we did together. In fact, as I think of gardening in the Bible, we meet the very first gardener, Adam, in Genesis 2:15: "And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it." (KJV) Thus, man’s love affair with gardening began.

Now, you may not relish gardening as much as I do, but if you are involved in any way in the lives of young people, you are a gardener. I believe that we here at Andrews Academy are in the gardening business as well. We are helping till the ground, plant seeds, and also eliminate any weeds that may pop up along the way in the fertile soil of our young people. We must strive to remember that our ultimate goal is to: “create in man the image of his Maker.” We need to ask ourselves many questions as we work with our young people. Today, I ask you to consider some. How is your garden doing? Do you have big plans for your garden? What is your hope in planting? Do you find yourself planting seeds for your child, pulling weeds that may be in their path, or even tilling the soil for a good crop? Whatever it is, may God continue to bless you and your gardening experience, and may the garden of young people here at Andrews Academy produce a bumper crop here on earth and most importantly, in heaven.
The Andrews Academy Music Department presents The Seven Last Words of Christ, featuring the academy chorale, soloists, concert orchestra, and school drama club. This artistic commemoration of Christ’s redemptive sacrifice culminates the Academy’s week-long celebration of Christ’s passion. The community is invited to enjoy this unique interpretation of Theodore Dubois’ The Seven Last Words of Christ. It will surely inspire listeners to contemplate the Cross and the salvation it promises.

General rehearsal times for the performance:
Monday, April 2 – 4:00-6:00 PM
Friday, April 6 – 10:00-12:00 AM

Orchestra/String Orchestra Tour is on April 19-22. We will be going to Ohio and performing in one school and three churches in Toledo, Kettering, Hamilton, and Columbus. The fee for this tour is $200.00 per member. Please bring your money next week, no later than Wednesday, April 4. Thank You ~ Hector Flores
Our student week of prayer is next week. Please pray that the Lord will use these speakers in a mighty way as they minister to the student body, faculty, staff, and parents.

Joy Ngugi - Freshman class Pastor
David Church - Sophomore class Pastor
Jessica Smith - Junior Class Pastor
Cooper Hodges - Senior Class Pastor
Yuna Seo - NHS Pastor

On Tuesday of this week the student body voted for the 2012-2013 Student Association Officers. The Winners were announced during morning devotions Wednesday morning.

Pictured Left to Right: Jessica Smith; Pastor, Jordan Mondak; PR, Ben Vanderwaal President, Troy Furst; Treasurer, Aram Chong; Secretary, Brandon VonDorpowski; Social Vice-president
Welcome Back! We want to welcome back all students/parents and faculty who went on the Reformation tour. We are so happy that you ALL have arrived safely. Our thoughts and prayers were with you every step of the way.
This is a kind reminder notice to all parents who will need financial assistance for the 2012-13 school year to pick up forms at the front office. Once you have the financial assistance forms please do not forget to fill them out completely and to include proof of income (such as tax return for 2011, your W2 or 1099-Misc for self-employed individuals). Any financial assistance forms that do not include proof of income for 2011 will delay timely processing of your request. Please have all forms in by 5/31/2012. If you have further questions please contact Mrs. James at 269-471-2860.