Don’t Quit!  Endure!

I sat down anxiously to take the 4-5 hour exam whose specter had haunted my calendar for some time. As the proctor left the testing area, I timidly clicked the “start” button and found myself nervously watching the timer ticking away the precious time that was given to me to finish. The first two sections of the exam were the writing portion. I was quite anxious to take this portion of the test and felt good about the topic that was assigned to me. Wanting to see the other topics, and assuming that I would have more than one choice of topic to choose from as I had read in my practice book, I found myself clicking the “next” button until the wording on the screen indicated that I have just finished the writing portion of the test. I was overwhelmed with sheer terror as I realized that I would be graded on a test on which I had never typed a single word for this computer-generated test. I had “completed” one-third of the test in just a matter of 10 minutes. I raised my hand and the test proctor came to answer my question. After explaining to her what I had done, she looked at me, turned her head slightly, and with a weak smile of pity, she said those dreaded words that I did not want to hear: “I am sorry, Mr. Overstreet, there is nothing I can do at this point to help you.” Realizing that anything I said would be of no use, I turned my head, looked down and with embarrassment mumbled a stunned “Thank you.” I felt defeated knowing after this mistake, there would be no way for me to pass the exam. For the next three hours, I sat at that computer answering question after question so that I could finish the exam for which I had paid so much money. Oftentimes I found myself drifting from the content of the questions and focusing on the problem that I had created. I found myself petitioning God to give me peace and to forget my mindless debacle.

Can you relate to this story? Have you found yourself so preoccupied with your mistakes that your vision becomes unclear? Think about Peter who stumbled and fell many times, yet he got up again. He continued to “get up” because his eyes were fixed on Jesus.

One thing I am sure of is that our environment nor our mistakes determine and will not ever determine our endurance, and our endurance is the key to our success. We must never quit! Keeping on in the face of adversity is one of the most important aspects of those who find success. Yes, we may make unfortunate mistakes that tempt us to give up or distract us from improving, but we do not have to be defined by those mistakes. Instead, we must always endure.
ACCEPT THE PRESENT, FORGET THE PAST

Satellite Youth Vespers at PMC Youth Chapel November 30th at 7pm. The speaker for this vespers will be Michael Jones. Come and be blessed by an amazing message.

SA CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Andrews Academy is having their annual Children’s Christmas Party on December 2nd from 6-8pm. If any AA students would like to buy a $10 gift and watch a child,

SA TALENT NIGHT

The SA Talent Night is not until February 10th but any acts must turn in an Audition Application located in the office and turned in by December 14th. Four acts in each of the three categories will be chosen to perform in the Talent Night. These categories include: Vocal Music, Instrumental Music and Non-Musical. Audition dates are Monday, January 14th at 3:30-5pm and Tuesday, January 15th at 3:30-5pm.

Silhouettes and Select String Orchestra are performing at La Porte SDA Church, 1480 Boyd Boulevard, La Porte, IN 46350, this Sabbath, December 1. Members of these two groups need to meet at AA parking lot to load the bus at 9:45 AM Sabbath morning. The church service starts at 11:30 AM and we will have lunch at the church after the service. Then in the afternoon we have another concert at the Village Church, here in Berrien Springs, at 5:00 PM. Members of AA Chorale need to join the rest of the group by 4:30 PM in the Village Church. ~Mr. Flores

Feast of Lights—2012

The annual Feast of Lights Christmas Concert will be held on Friday December 7th at the PMC Church at 7pm. This delightful holiday program features choral & instrumental music, as well as readings and congregational singing.
The end of a remarkable teaching career is soon upon us. Alan Anderson joined the Andrews Academy faculty as an industrial arts teacher in 1970 and, at the end of this school year, (June, 2013) he will complete 43 years of service. For each of those 43 years, as he influenced the lives of countless students, Mr. Anderson has always conducted himself appropriately, with integrity, dignity, and graciousness. Mr. Anderson will continue to serve through the end of this school year and you can look forward to an occasion during Spring 2013 when we will celebrate Mr. Anderson’s many contributions to Andrews Academy.

Sow Safari, Andrews Academy’s biennial two-week mission trip, has been an important part of Andrews Academy’s mission since 1986. The name, SOW Safari, speaks to the reason for these trips: Service through construction on a church or school building, Outreach through Vacation Bible Schools, and Witness through evangelistic efforts. To date, several hundred people have been baptized through the evangelistic component of these trips, including some of the students themselves!

Two years ago, a group of AA students gave a good portion of their Christmas holiday to build a church and conduct Vacation Bible Schools in La Barra, Mexico. This Christmas holiday a group of students will be going to Falakata, India to construct several one-day churches and outreach with vacation Bible schools.

Please continue to pray for Andrews Academy, specifically keeping this SOW Safari mission trip in prayers as the details of this trip develops. Many students were looking forward to helping others to make a change in other people’s lives. Please be praying that when they reached out and help others for Jesus that their own lives experience a great change as well.

If you are being impressed to help with a financial contribution for this mission trip please contact the school with your gift (tax receipt provided). Several students are still needing to raise funds for this mission trip we encourage you to help these students raise their goal. Contact Sari Butler at 269-471-3140 or at butlers@andrews.edu. Thank you!
RMES 5th Grade Class Visits AA Biology Lab!

Pastor Hall delivers the chapel talk for our a.m. devotions.
CITRUS FRUIT PROGRAM

Due to the continued dwindling interest and participation in the fruit program and the increasing cost of the fruit, we have decided to discontinue the Citrus Fruit Program for this year. We hope to revisit this again next year and hopefully revive this community program. The Village SDA Elementary school is still participating. To contact the front office please call 269-473-5121 x10. Thank you for your loyal patronage!
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