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The HAAppenings

THE HINSDALE ADVENTIST ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



Walk-A-Thon 2019

HAA HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The annual school walk-a-thon sponsored by the Home & School Association was an absolute success! We started off with a school assembly, in which a sophomore, Carmen Perez, did a devotional thought. As the highschoolers went to their respective classrooms to walk the younger grades out, you could see the joy in each of their faces! After a 2 mile walk of bonding between the elementary and highschoolers, the students arrived at Katherine Legge Park. At the park, they enjoyed participating in football, soccer, volleyball and various other activities. We closed off our day enjoying our time together over hotdogs! We're looking forward to what next year brings!



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FALL WEEK OF
PRAYER WITH PR.
AARON MACE

We were blessed to welcome Pastor Aaron Mace, of the Burr Ridge SDA Church, as our Fall Week of Prayer speaker. Each day Pastor Mace held sessions for Preschool-4th, 5th-8th, and high school where he shared stories of his life and lessons from the Bible. As a former army paratrooper, Pastor Mace had many exciting stories to share with the students and was able to describe various ways he encountered God during his time in Iraq and beyond. Some highlights from his talks included how God spoke directly to him through his phone when he was literally lost,

using the experience of parachuting as a metaphor for following & trusting God, his use of alliteration to help the high school students remember key words from the message, and high fives for everyone as they left each day. Pastor Mace is a dynamic speaker and was able to connect with HAA students in a way that drew them closer to Christ.

Perhaps the best part of the week for everyone happened on Friday. At the end of his sessions Pastor Mace asked students to indicate if God was calling them to baptism or a renewed commitment and over 20 students responded.



For the first time ever, four HAA students participated in the All State Band Day at Illinois State University. The day included concerts, master classes, and audition preparation.

Junior/Senior Campout

Showers of Blessings

Jr/Sr Camp-out looked quite a bit different this year due to all of the rain and thunderstorms moving through the area last week. Although the group started their weekend at Green Valley Forest Preserve they finished their "camp-out" back at HAA safe and protected from the weather. Despite the weather and change of locations, students were still able to complete their team-building activities and receive a rich spiritual experience. One student described the weekend as "a unique experience unlike what other classes have had." Highlights from Jr/Sr included the Cross Swamp game, blind volleyball, the dragon game, building camaraderie between classes, and spiritual messages. One junior said the weekend taught him to look for "blessings in disguise" and to "have gratitude for what you have." Perhaps the weekend was best summed up by another student who said "despite the challenges we faced we still had fun and engaged with each other"



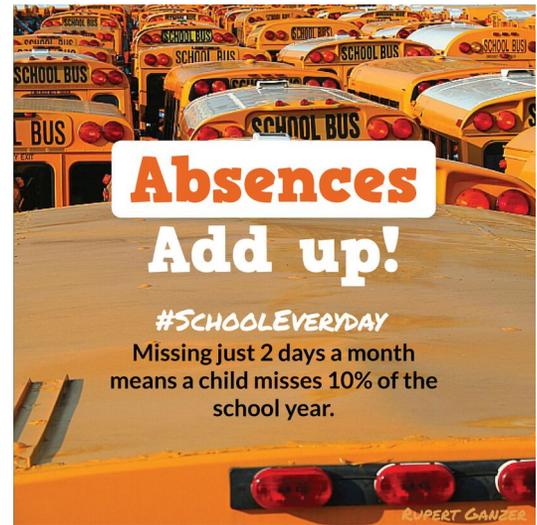
Thank you to our amazing Home & School Association and all the volunteers who make events like Walk-a-Thon possible! We are so grateful for your time, energy, and support. HAA is a better place because of you.



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MAKES A DIFFERENCE

- Many of the youngest students miss 10 percent of the school year—about 18 days a year or just two days every month.
- Chronic absenteeism in kindergarten, and even preK, can predict lower test scores, poor attendance and retention in later grades, especially if the problem persists for more than a year.
- If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.
- Data show that children who are chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade are far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school leads to poor overall attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.
- School begins at 8:00 a.m. every day at HAA and dismisses at 3:15 M-Th, 2:00 on Fridays



GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

read well by the end of third grade

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

pass important courses

HIGH SCHOOLERS

stay on track for graduation

COLLEGE STUDENTS

earn their degrees

WORKERS

succeed in their jobs

Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.

What We've Been Up to Lately

Making the Most of September

There's always so much going on at HAA! Beyond the big events like Walk-a-Thon and Week of Prayer, and the daily events like math lessons, science experiments, and spelling tests, much more has happened. Athletics are underway, robotics is gearing up, classes are taking field trips, choir already had their first performance, and we dedicated the Senior class, just to name a few events. What a blessing to have such an active school!



HINSDALE ADVENTIST ACADEMY

FALL CONCERT

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR
MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND
CHAMBER SINGERS
CONCERT CHOIR
CONCERT BAND

OCTOBER 22, 2019
7:00 PM
HINSDALE ADVENTIST ACADEMY GYM

FALL FEST

HINSDALE ADVENTIST ACADEMY'S ANNUAL

6PM TO 9PM
NOVEMBER 2, 2019
HAA GYM
631 E HICKORY ST,
HINSDALE, IL, 60521

FOOD, DRINKS,
GAMES & MORE!

October 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 29 | 30 | 1 ACT 11th/12th College Fair | 2 1st/2nd Field Trip | 3 Leadership Camp | 4 Leadership Camp | 5 Leadership Camp |
| 6 Leadership Camp | 7 | 8 | 9 School Picture Retakes | 10 Preschool Field Trip | 11 End of 1st Quarter | 12 |
| 13 | 14 NO SCHOOL— Columbus Day | 15 NO SCHOOL— Teacher In-Service | 16 PSAT 11th/12th Preschool Field Trip | 17 Constituency Meeting | 18 | 19 Education Sabbath |
| 20 | 21 | 22 Fall Concert | 23 Career Day Parent/Teacher Conferences | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 ACT Test | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 NHS Field Trip | 2 Fall Fest |

For up-to-date calendar information, including the athletics calendar, please refer to www.HAA.org