
The HAAppenings

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Welcome back!

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Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! We are so glad you are part of the HAA family and we are very excited about the year ahead. We have big plans for this year; including sports programs, Lego Robotics, musicals, performing arts tours, mission week, and strong academic opportunities.

We spent the summer preparing for the new school year and anticipating the return of our students. You might notice some changes that took place over the summer like the library makeover, facility upgrades, and new faculty members. We hope all of these things will help make 2018/19 one of the best years yet!

Please continue to pray for God's blessings on our school, staff, students, and families this year!

Summer HAAppenings



The HAA had a very busy summer. Teachers made over their classrooms, took classes, wrote lesson plans, and attended the NAD Teacher Convention. Students worked summer jobs, went to camp, volunteered locally, and went on mission trips. God blessed in all of our various activities by keeping everyone safe and bringing us together for this school year. We know that our summer activities better prepared us for lives of purpose, service, and leadership.



Top Left: Hinsdale Fil-Am church embarks on their mission trip to Puerto Rico Bottom Left: The Prayer Walk at HAA rededicated the school & staff to God's purpose Above: The HydroStorm Robotics Team works as exhibitors during the NAD Teacher Convention

1st Week Snapshots



HAA teachers and students started the year off strong by worshiping together, playing games, singing songs, and diving right into their academic work.



Shine Through Me

2018-2019 SPIRITUAL THEME

"For God, who said, 'Light shall shine out of darkness,' is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ."
- 2 Corinthians 4:6

The Bible clearly calls us to shine for Christ, while simultaneously teaching us that the only way for us to have light is to reflect His. This year students and staff at HAA are putting our spiritual focus on what it means to "shine through me." We recognize that everything we do is a consequence of the light God shines on us and that without Him, we would never have the opportunity to shine. Likewise, we are seeking to be used by the Holy Spirit to shine the light of Christ so brightly that everyone around us will see it.

As a school, we know that our purpose is to teach students to "not [be] mere reflectors of other men's thoughts," but rather to "grow in knowledge and in faith" so that we will reflect Jesus. By putting our focus on this spiritual theme our prayer is that we will not only gain wisdom, but also a deeper relationship with Jesus in order to better serve our gospel mission. Our prayer is that Hinsdale Adventist Academy will be "the light of the world."



Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

- *Matthew 5:16 NKJV*

Library Refresh

*LIFE OF SERVICE PROFILE:
MELISSA MURRILL*

Last spring, Melissa Murrill glanced in at the school library as she was heading down the hall and was struck by a vision for the space. Amongst the tall bookshelves and stacks of books she saw an opportunity to create a space students and teachers would want to learn in.

Soon after school let out, Melissa and her family began the process of transforming the space. They spent days sorting, organizing, and cleaning, followed by days sawing, drilling, and painting. Melissa enlisted donors to help purchase new carpet, furniture, and supplies, and she motivated teams of other volunteers to help with the project as well.

Countless hours and several sleepless nights later, she opened the library doors to students on the first day of school. Her vision for the space has become a reality; there are a variety of study spaces available, comfortable places to curl up with a book, engaging activities, and space for creativity. Students from Kindergarten all the way through high school are excited about the space and asking to spend time there. Melissa's dedication to the library has not only transformed part of the school but, inspired other parents and even students to volunteer as well.

HAA Annual Fund

DONATIONS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE.

Christian schooling involves a fundamental teaching and knowledge of God who is the creator of all things. At Hinsdale Adventist Academy, education means an academically excellent curriculum with a solid scriptural foundation that will instill a biblical worldview. This outcome, however, is not completely self-funding. The HAA Annual Fund bridges the gap between tuition income and the true cost of operating our school. We believe that changing the world for Christ starts with nurturing one student at a time. The Annual Fund supplies the financial resources to



provide students with a Christ-centered, academically excellent education which focuses on developing God-given gifts and abilities so students can impact the world and build God's kingdom.

By giving to the Annual Fund, you will make an impact on every aspect of school life - academics, spiritual development, athletics, fine arts, and technology. Our Annual Fund is essential each year because it supports the entire school from pre-K through grade 12.

Your gift is a commitment to support the cause of Christian schooling in the greater Chicagoland area. Every gift is appreciated - no gift is too small. When you give to Hinsdale Adventist Academy, you are not just giving to educate a student, you are investing in a life that will impact our world for the glory of God.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 19 | 20 | 21 Board Meeting | 22 Alumni Meeting | 23 | 24 HS Beach Day, K-8 Splash Day | 25 |
| 26 AHH Ice Cream Social | 27 | 28 Picture Day | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 |
| 2 | 3 LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL | 4 K-6 Dibels Testing | 5 K-6 Dibels Testing | 6 K-6 Dibels Testing | 7 K-6 Dibels Testing | 8 Concert Choir at Burbank Church, HS Softball Night |
| 9 Movie Premiere | 10 Week of Prayer | 11 Week of Prayer | 12 Week of Prayer | 13 Week of Prayer | 14 Week of Prayer, Walk-a-thon, Senior Dedication | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 Preschool Field Trip | 20 AU Sci Fest | 21 AU Sci Fest | 22 AU Sci Fest |

Please refer to the calendar on www.haa.org for up-to-date information, including the Athletics calendar.