



Prep Time



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From the Principal's Desk

Upcoming Events

February

Mon. 2/14 -

Lunches of Love

Tues - 2/15

PE Swimming begins

Mon 2/21

President's Day - No School

Tue 2/22

Professional Day

- No School

Thurs. 2/24

Mama Lucia Fundraiser

Sat. - 2/26

Skate Night

Safety First!

The safety of your child is very important to us! This month we have been re-viewing and updating our safety procedures to ensure that we are prepared in the event of an emergency. We have crisis management plans in place for events such as fire, severe weather, civil disturbance in the area, and violence on our own campus. We wanted to take a moment to remind you of some of our procedures that affect parents and visitors when on our campus.

All parents and visitors **MUST sign-in and sign-out in the office.** This helps us keep track of who is coming into our buildings and how many we need to account for in the event of an emergency. You will receive a visitor/volunteer badge in the office.

Please do not park between the lower and middle school buildings. If we have an emergency, emergency vehicles will need this area. Please only park in designated parking spaces in the main parking lot.



Lunches of Love



Don't forget lunches of love this Monday! This is an opportunity to send or bring in a special lunch for your child. Below is a listing of lunch times:

Tenali, Meliti, Oster - 11:30

Smith & Litten - 12:00

Middle School - 12:30

Here's to a Happy Valentine

Celebrate the love of family, friends, and good health. Whether you plan to celebrate Valentine's Day on your own or with someone else, take steps to be a healthy valentine. Challenge yourself to be active, healthy, and smoke free. For more heart healthy information go to <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/Valentine/>

And now these three remain: faith, hope & love. But the greatest of these is love. 1 Cor. 13:13

Intra-Mural Soccer

We are preparing to start our Intra-Mural after school soccer program. The forms have been sent home with all the pertinent information. Parents and students who are interested, kindly go through the information and return to us by the due date. To accommodate for the missed days, we are extending the deadline to **Monday, February 22nd**. Late applications will not be accepted.



Spring Benefit Gala: Mark your calendars because you don't want to miss this year's Spring Benefit Gala (aka: Spring Fling Banquet). On Sunday, April 17, our school will go "Above and Beyond" once again with this year's theme of "Fly Me to the Moon." Our Gala Committee is looking for volunteers to help in the planning of the event as well. Contact this year's Gala Co-Chairs, Jeanine Soliman (jwsoliman@verizon.net) or Chris Chen (chris@gpprotocol.com). See attached flyer for additional information.

NO UNIFORM DAY - Monday February 14th

Congratulations on collecting 1800 box tops which has earned the entire school a no uniform day on Monday, Feb. 14th! Thank you to all the parents, students, & teachers who supported this program. With your support, the school earned \$450.00 which will be used for H&S activities. Thank you to Yvette Patton & Lina Inae for coordinating box tops this school year. Please continue to collect your box tops over the summer, and we look forward to a successful box tops program next school year.

Goggles allowed for Swimming



Please note that goggles will be allowed for use during the swimming classes at the Olney Swim Center. Please ensure that only your child's eyes are covered by the goggles. Nose and mouth should be clear. Students will not be allowed to use incorrectly sized goggles. Swimming begins this Tuesday, February 15th please ensure permission slips are in by February 14th.

Home & School News:

Feb. 24 - Mamma Lucia - Enjoy an Italian dinner at Mamma Lucia's on **Thursday** night, Feb. 24th from 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm at the Olney location (18224 Village Center Drive). H&S will take home a percentage of the entire night's sales, including carry-out and gift-certificate purchases! No coupon or identification needed. Invite your friends and enjoy the evening while supporting OAPS.

Feb. 26 - Ice Skating Social at The Gardens Ice House - Bring your family and enjoy a fun night of ice skating and socializing with other OAPS families on **Saturday** night, Feb. 26th from 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm. The Gardens Ice House is located at 13800 Old Gunpowder Road in Laurel. Phone # 301-953-0100. The Price is \$7.70 per person which includes admission and skate rental. H&S will provide free hot chocolate.

Bible Study - Fridays 8:15 am -9:15 am in the church foyer. We are studying **The Twelve Extraordinary Women**. Next week's topic is **Ruth**. Please stop by the office to pick up your copy and join us for studying, prayer, and praise reports.

Uniforms - H&S has many "gently used" uniforms for sale. All uniforms have been washed and are in good condition. Blazers and Jumpers are \$10.00, all other items are \$5.00. If you are interested in purchasing or donating items, please contact Juli at julieisele@aol.com.



Prayer & Praise

Any concern too small to be turned into a prayer is too small to be made into a burden. - Corrie Ten Boom



- Please pray for...
- Our School and Church families who may be dealing with health and financial issues.
- For Dwayne Boyd - battling cancer. Mr. Boyd helped with the church lunch during previous school years.
- The McKinney family - death of a family member.

School Board Update

School Board Update: I would like to do a better job of communicating the activities of our School Board. Each month, I will share information in the Prep Time in an effort to keep you informed.

Every six years, the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the governing institution of our school, and the Middle States Association, an organization that certifies private schools in our area, evaluate our school. Our school will be evaluated on April 6 & 7. The purpose of the evaluation is to help us define our mission and goals and to improve our total school program. The evaluation process has three stages: the self-study, the visit by a visiting team, and the follow-up activities. According to the Conference rationale statement, "The school's philosophy and school wide goals for student learning and the criteria for accreditation from the North American Division Commission on Accreditation serve as the underlying foundation for these stages". We are currently in the self-study stage of the process. Just a few of the areas the self-study looks at are curriculum, spiritual emphasis, and facility. In order to prepare our facility for the upcoming visit of the evaluation team, we would like to organize a Work-Bee on Sunday, April 3. Mrs. Walker will provide additional information about the Work-Bee in upcoming Prep Times.

Thank you for your support in the many ways you help our school. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions. We are here to serve our children and parents in the best possible way. Please remember us in your prayers as we seek God's wisdom and guidance.

With kind regards,

Chris Chen, Board Chair

After-School Research Workshops

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Research paper workshops are being offered for students who may need additional help or time in working on their cultural arts research paper. Michelle Saleh will reinforce skills being taught in class and help with additional organization and development of the paper. A flyer came home this past week outlining additional information. Grades 3-5 will meet on Tuesdays from 4:30-5:30 and grades 6-8 on Wednesdays. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Fever and Illnesses

We understand that missing a day of work and school due to illness may create a difficult situation for families; we ask that if you notice a change in your child's disposition, energy level, & appetite in the morning, that you thoughtfully consider not sending him/her to school.

Although obvious signs (i.e. fever, vomiting, diarrhea etc) are not yet apparent, your child may actually be getting sick. This will help *contain* the spread of viruses and *decrease* the amount of time lost from work and school for everyone.