


Gap Rap Newsletter

Growing in academic, social, physical and spiritual maturity.

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Join us Friday, December 9th at 7:00 pm in the school gymnasium for this year's Christmas program, titled "Carols of the Night." After the program, please plan to stay for some refreshments (see below: Cookies).

COOKIES

After the Christmas Program (see above), we'd love to invite families to fellowship together and enjoy some refreshments. The school will provide hot beverages. *We ask that each family brings a plate of cookies to share.* Kid decorated, homemade, or store bought... all kinds of cookies are welcome!

MUSIC ATTIRE

For all musical performances, including Student Sabbaths, the Christmas Program, and our End-of-the-Year Program, the attire for students will be black and white. For girls, this could be a black dress or a black/white skirt/shirt combo. Boys should wear black pants with a white shirt.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

On Friday, December 16, we will have an early dismissal at noon to kick off our 2 week Christmas break! School will resume on Monday, January 2nd. Enjoy the time off!

BASKETBALL

Prepare your future Standifer Gap Panther player with a basketball course offered through i9Sports. They are holding a winter course over at OAKS (Ooltewah Adventist School) starting in January. **This is for boys and girls, ages 6 - 15.** More information can be found at i9sports.com and search for programs in the 37363 zip code area or contact Shannon Phillips at 423-417-1997.

SOCCER SHOTS

Sign ups for second semester Soccer Shots are open for students aged 5 - 8 years old. The winter/spring session begins on January 23rd and runs through the first of May. For more details and to sign up, you can find a direct link on our website by clicking on Students / Soccer Shots.

PANTHER PURPLE

We are the Panthers and on game days, we wear purple!! Help support our basketball team by sporting a purple shirt on game days (home & away). Please stick with the regular uniform bottoms, but instead of a uniform shirt, a modest and appropriate shirt in the color purple may be worn! Our next game is an away game tomorrow (12/1) at Berry College Elementary.

SPIRIT WEEK

December 12-16 will be spirit week at school! More details to come about the specifics of each of these days.

Monday - Character Day

Tuesday - Twin Day

Wednesday - Hat Day

Thursday - Sports Wear Day

Friday - Christmas Attire

YEARBOOK PICTURES

If you have taken any pictures over the course of the school year that you would like to be considered to be put into the yearbook, please email them: standifergapsda@gmail.com.

REMEMBER THIS

* Volunteers

Remember to log your hours in the parent volunteer book which is located in the school office.

* Jeans & T-shirt Friday

On Fridays, students may wear jeans (without holes/rips) and their school t-shirt/hoodie or a uniform shirt.

* Online Payments

You can pay tuition, hot lunch and more online through the link on our website. There is a \$25 minimum for credit/debit cards.

* Ukulele/Guitar

Wednesdays & Fridays at 7:30 am in the music room.

* Check Grades

Parents can check grades with their FACTS Family Portal login.

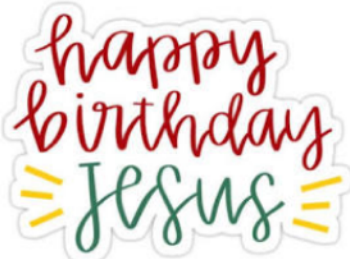
* Support & Shop



DECEMBER

Birthdays

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CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Nov 30 - Pathfinders 6:30 pm
- Dec 1 - Basketball AWAY Game at Berry 5 pm
- Dec 8 - Basketball HOME Game vs Berry 5 pm
- Dec 9 - Christmas Music Program 7 pm
- Dec 16 - Noon Dismissal
- Dec 19 - 30 - Christmas Break - NO SCHOOL

MORE LIKE JESUS

By Stephanie Land

Traditions are special and important. They stick with us and sometimes we even pass them along to future generations because they were that meaningful to us. At Christmas time, many traditions abound. And each family has their own way of celebrating the holiday. While I love looking at beautifully lit Christmas trees, finding houses that are obnoxiously decorated, making Christmas cookies, and enjoying holiday parties, there is so much more to Christmas than all that. This is a time to remember the Messiah, the Prince of Peace, the Savior of the World! Which is why I created an Advent booklet to read to my children, starting our own tradition of remembering the reason for the season.

The Christmas Story is so rich in beauty and wonder and it's one I look forward to talking about every year with my children. I'd like to share this tradition with you in a three-part article, leading up to Christmas break. Starting on December 1st and ending on Christmas Day, we read about the story of Jesus. His eternal existence. His Creator-ship. The accusations against Him. The war. His plan for Redemption. The prophecies. His miraculous birth. And what it all means for us. Truth. Love. Hope. Reconciliation. Freedom. Unity. Christ became the second Adam, redeeming humanity and making a way for us to become what God designed us to be - more like Jesus.

December	Title	Scripture Reference	Song
1st	In the Beginning...	John 1:1-5	"Receive Our King"
2nd	Sin Enters the Universe	Ezekiel 28:12-17 Isaiah 14:13-14 Revelation 12:7	"His Name Shall Be"
3rd	Creation of Earth	Genesis 1-2	"Earth"
4th	Humanity Falls into Sin	Genesis 3	"The Devil is a Liar"
5th	The Messiah is Promised	Genesis 3:8-15	"Messiah"
6th	Keeping Open the Avenue	Genesis 6:5-8 11:1-9	"Waiting for the Dawn"
7th	Prophecies of the Coming Messiah	Isaiah 7:14-15 9:6-7	"His Name is Wonderful"
8th	Have You Not Heard?	Isaiah 40:21-31	"Behold"

If you'd like a printed out booklet to take home, which also links to a playlist of the chosen songs for each day's reading, I am selling them in the office for \$3 each to raise money for the school (in the spirit of giving, you are welcome to donate more). At home, we read each day while indulging in a scrumptious chocolate and end by listening to the song.