




# Gap Rap Newsletter

Growing in academic, social, physical and spiritual maturity.

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## CHRISTMAS BREAK

Christmas Break is almost here! This Friday, December 16, school will be dismissed at noon. **There will be NO aftercare on this day.** Break will continue through the following 2 weeks, December 19-30. School will resume on Monday, January 2, 2023!

## FUNDRAISER ITEMS

The fall fundraiser items have arrived and are ready for you to pick up. We ask that payment be made for the items in one lump sum before taking them from the school if possible. If you can't do that, please make payment in a lump sum as soon as you are able. For questions, contact Leah at (207) 751-5740.

## SOFTBALL

Registration for Collegedale Softball begins January 1st! If you register by January 14, a \$5 discount will be applied. This is for boys and girls aged 3 years old through high school! For more info, please visit: [www.cdalesoftball.com](http://www.cdalesoftball.com).

## BASKETBALL

Prepare your future Standifer Gap Panther player with a basketball course offered through i9Sports. Boys and girls aged 6 - 15 are invited to register to play. Classes are being hosted at Ooltewah SDA School. For more info, go to [i9sports.com](http://i9sports.com) & search for programs in the area. You can also contact Shannon Phillips at 423-417-1997.

## HOT LUNCH

Please settle up all hot lunch/snack accounts with the front office by the end of this week. Stephanie Land can tell you the balance owed on your student's account and then you can pay by cash, check or card in the office, or online through our tuition payment processor, Adventist School Pay. Thank you!

## SPIRIT WEEK

Continues this week with the following spirit days:

### Thursday - Sports Day

Students can come to school wearing any kind of sports related attire. This will also be a Panthers Basketball Away Game day, so purple shirts are also encouraged!

### Friday - Christmas Attire

Students can wear Christmas clothes - this will also be a half day and Christmas class party day.

*Students who do not wish to participate in the above Spirit Days must come to school in their uniforms.*

## SG VS OAKS

Come out to support our team as we play at OAKS tomorrow December 15 at 4:30 pm. The game is an away game held at Ooltewah Adventist School. Don't forget to wear purple!! Go Panthers!

## SOCCER SHOTS

Second semester soccer, for ages 5-8 years old, is open for registration. Classes are held after school on Mondays and begin January 23rd. For more details and to sign up, you can find a direct link on our website by clicking on Students / Soccer Shots.

## REMEMBER THIS

### \* Snack Shop

Students can purchase a snack in the front office for \$1. Those without cash will be charged to their hot lunch account.

### \* 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.

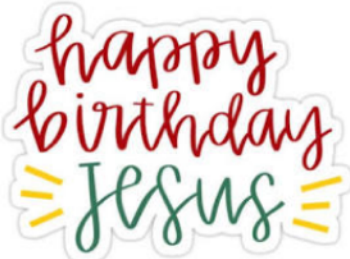
### \* Support & Shop



# DECEMBER

## Birthdays

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## CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Dec 15 - Basketball AWAY Game at OAKS 4:30pm
- Dec 16 - Noon Dismissal
- Dec 19 - 30 - Christmas Break - NO SCHOOL
- Jan 2 - School Resumes
- Jan 16 - MLK Jr Day - NO SCHOOL
- Jan 21 - Student Sabbath (K-3rd Grades)

## MORE LIKE JESUS

By Stephanie Land

We are wrapping up our Christmas Advent series this week which will culminate in the exciting birth of Jesus. Now, while it's true that December 25th is not Jesus's actual birthday, we can still use the Christmas holiday to direct our minds to consider what Jesus's birth means for us. God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are ONE in love. Their existence IS love. And everything they create is designed to operate in harmony with love. Love (selfless giving) is the basis for life. But sin (fear & selfishness) entered the picture and humanity was infected with this condition that is out of harmony with life. Selfishness is the exact opposite of selfless love. Our sin-sickness is terminal. We are dying. But God loved us too much to let us just die. He had a plan to save us, to heal us, to bring us back into harmony with His design for life. That plan was Jesus - the offspring announced in Genesis 3:15 that would crush the serpent's head. Of course, Satan did everything he could to try and stop this plan from happening - from the outright wickedness and violence of the people before the Flood to the hypocritical self-righteous Pharisees in Jesus' day (Satan doesn't care if you say you believe in God as long as the god you worship has the beastly qualities of Satan himself - force, coercion, lies, manipulation, deceit, etc). Jesus became a human and picked up where Adam failed. He made a way for us to be saved from the sin that is destroying us. Now, it is our choice. God is like our Heavenly Doctor who diagnoses our condition and offers us a free Remedy. Will we trust our Heavenly Doctor and partake of His treatment plan? Will we allow God to heal our sin-sick hearts and bring us back into harmony with His design for life? Or will we reject His gracious, merciful healing? Jesus came to restore us from sin! Immanuel, God with us!

December	Title	Scripture Reference	Song
18th	An Angel Visits Mary	Luke 1:26-38	"Silent Night"
19th	Mary Feels Blessed	Luke 1:46-54	"Mary, Did You Know?"
20th	Immanuel, God With Us	Matthew 1:18-23	"God With Us"
21st	Traveling to Bethlehem	Luke 2:1-5	"Breath of Heaven"
22nd	Jesus is Born!	Luke 2:6-20	"Come and Adore"
23rd	Wise Men See a Star	Matthew 2:1-11	"Star of Wonder"
24th	Jesus Came to Heal Us from Sin	Galatians 4:4-6	"Receive Our King"
25th	Jesus Christ is the Model of Perfection	Colossians 1:15-20	"Emmanuel"