


Gap Rap Newsletter

Growing in academic, social, physical and spiritual maturity.

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GO CRAZY!

Everyone's favorite spirit day is coming up! Crazy Hair day will be paired with Mis-Match day this Friday, February 10! Come to school with your craziest hair-do and in your most mis-matching clothes!

PRESIDENT'S DAY

We will have no school on Monday, February 20, 2023 in honor of President's Day.

PICTURE RETAKES

Picture retake day will be on Thursday, February 23. All new students, graduates, and class photos will be taken (no action needed). If you would like your child's photo re-taken, you must request it by Friday, February 17. A sign up sheet is in the school office or you can respond to the email sent by the photographer. Do you need more information about picture day? Visit our website | click Students | then click School Photography. You will be redirected to the photographer's website. Note: normal uniform dress code will be in effect on retake day.



STRAWBERRY FUNDRAISER

Florida strawberries are in peak flavor in March and are soooooo delicious! They are loaded with nutrients and powerful, disease fighting antioxidants! The berries are picked, hydro cooled and shipped out on refrigerated trucks the **SAME DAY!** They come packed in sealed, one quart, plastic containers. This fundraiser allows you to buy the freshest strawberries at the very best prices! You can purchase a full flat (8 quarts) or a half flat (4 quarts).

Full flat - \$32

Half flat - \$17

Maybe you're thinking "*I can't eat that many strawberries all at once!!*" Well, no problem! Strawberries can be stored in the freezer and used to make jam, cobblers, smoothies, popsicles and so much more! Order forms will be available in the school office later this week! Be sure to share this information with your friends, family and neighbors!

PAYMENT FEES

Earlier this week, the principal sent out an email requesting everyone's participation to help us reign in our payment processing fees. You can do your part to help the school by paying with cash, check or ACH (direct debit through your bank account on our online payment processor, Adventist School Pay). Thank you for your support in this!

CANCELED

The Valentine's Day Banquet and Talent Show (originally scheduled for February 12th) has been canceled. Several factors went into this decision but the Pathfinder Club hopes to plan a different event in order to raise money to go to the International Camporee.

COMFORT KITS

The Women's Ministry at SG Church is collecting items to put together "comfort kits" for the American Red Cross and the Homeless Ministry. You can help by donating items! A list has been posted on the school bulletin board.

REMEMBER THIS

* Yearbook Pictures

Do you have any pictures from field trips, student Sabbaths, or school events that you'd like to share for the yearbook? Send them to Stephanie by email or text (423-653-1557).

* Online Payments

You can pay tuition, hot lunch and more online through the link on our website. Please use the ACH (direct debit) option!!

* Snack Shop

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

* 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



FEBRUARY

Birthdays

REGAN

FEB 4

JESAIAH

FEB 6

JEREMY

FEB 6

MAGGIE

FEB 16

LOGAN

FEB 24

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Feb 8 - Pathfinders Meeting 6:30 pm
- Feb 10 - Crazy Hair / Mis-Match Day!
- Feb 20 - President's Day - NO SCHOOL
- Feb 25 - Student Sabbath - Grades 6-8
- Mar 7 - Education Fair "Cultural Extravaganza"
- Mar 13-17 - Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

MORE LIKE JESUS

By Kent Kast



"Garbage in, garbage out." This was a phrase I first remember learning in a computer programming class in college. We learned how to write programs to run on computers and quickly learned the meaning of this phrase. If we wrote bad code, we had bad results. If we were careful with the code we had better results. Then taking this one step farther, once the program was done it was most often one that required you to put in some data and then the program would spit out the results. Again, if we would put in corrupted data the output would spit out bad results. "Garbage in, garbage out" really made sense. So we worked hard to get a good product.

What would our lives be like if we worked that hard on ourselves? What if we paid attention to what we listened to and what we watched? This line of thought takes me back to the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve were told not to partake of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Apparently, Adam was naïve enough to believe that he would be better off knowing evil as well as good. We are apparently no better today. We still seem to think that we need to know about things good and bad. I have even heard parents tell me their children needed to experience worldly things. What if we tried God's method and only beheld the good and not the evil? What if we focused only on positive and good things instead of the negative and bad? This is starting to sound like a quote from a well-known author who said,

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." (Philippians 4:8, ASV)

Here he was writing to some new believers who must have been having the same problems we have today. They were possibly listening, watching, thinking about things that were bringing them down or drawing them away from Christ. If we truly want to become "more like Jesus" then we need to look at Him, think about Him, listen to Him, and talk about Him. Take our focus off the horrible things on the TV and news. Stop reading about the evil we see around us. Let's refocus our lives so we can become more like Jesus.