



**Principal's Message:**

Dear Parents,

*Our students did a fantastic job with their projects for last night's Academic Fair. Thanks for coming out to support their efforts. I loved to see our Kindergarten students dressed up as representatives from various countries from around the world as they stood next to their displays. Did you ask them to tell you more information about their country? Our first and second graders did a phenomenal job of portraying prominent individuals from our nation's history. Their memorization skills were outstanding! Our third and fourth graders either chose to do research on a historical person or on one of the 50 states. They too were dressed up and were present beside their display board to tell you more about their character or state. Our fifth & sixth graders also chose a historical character from our country and wrote a report as well as created a display that gave more information about their character. I hope you took some time to read their reports! Many were pretty impressive! Our seventh & eighth graders took us back in time to the medieval period where student helped us to see what life was like for individuals that lived and worked during this interesting period of time. They drew me into their projects with their small moment paragraphs. Their creative approach, made me want to search their boards for more information! Our sophomore's presented information about various historical events while our juniors took us on a tour through the decades. The seniors may have tried to convince you to stay at one of their stunning hotels. These hotel projects included a model, detailed information presented in either a brochure or on a website, and a taste from their hotel's restaurant. What a great night!*

Your partner in Christian education,  
-Joe Fralick

Spring photos have been given out to your child. If you wish to purchase any, please follow the instructions inside the packet for payment. **Any photos you do not wish to purchase should have been returned to the office by Friday, April 19.** If you missed the deadline, please submit on Monday



All golfers please save the date for our **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament** which will be held on Friday, May 10, 2019 at the Dark Horse Golf Course. Come and enjoy a great day of golf and a chance to win several prizes, not to mention the proceeds will go toward supporting our school! Would love to see a couple of parent teams participate in this fundraising event for our school! Please see the attached registration form.



Our last **high school service day** for the school year was scheduled for today, Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to sharing with you their experiences in next week's Parent Bulletin.

**Attention all high school students! A special night is planned for you** by your Student Association for Saturday night, April 27<sup>th</sup>. The evening will begin with an Agape Feast/vespers at 6:00. A Lock-in will follow which will include team games, activities and food.

**Track and Field** awards Ceremony for K-4, 7-8 Monday morning April 22 at 8:15 in the gym. Awards for 5-6 will be given on Friday at 12:00 during chapel



**PHAA Calendar At-A-Glance**

- April 22-25** 5/6 Leoni Meadows
- April 24** Volleyball @ Lodi
- April 27** HS Agape Feast/Lock-In
- April 29-May 3** Week of Prayer
- April 29-May 3** Spirit Week
- April 29-May 3** Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 3-4** Passionate Praise camp @ PHAA
- May 4** Choralaires @ Meadow Vista
- May 4** Passionate Praise @ Meadow Vista

**Hot Lunch Schedule**

**Tuesday** Taco Bell  
Sponsored by the Seniors



**Wednesday** Veggie Burgers \$5  
Sponsored by the 9th Grade class



**Thursday** Musical Pizza  
Sponsored by the music department



## Our Track & Field Day was a success! The



excitement on the part of the students was high! A huge thanks to Heidy Williams,

the event coordinator, for all of her effort to make this event possible! Also our elementary PE teachers, Lynn Sandman & Lindsay Quirarte, have been a real source of enthusiasm and encouragement to our students as they worked to help prepare them for this event! We also want to thank those that helped to prepare the track & field: Billy Phillips, Sam Munoz, Heidy Williams, Sash & Paul Nehvatal, Jason Gallagher, Victor Ibarra & a crew of 8<sup>th</sup> graders. We would also like to thank all parents that helped out in today's event as score keepers. We couldn't do this without you! Also a special thanks to some of our high school students that served as our group leaders for each of our student teams. All in all it was a great day! Even though the event is over, feel free to continue to help your child meet his/her fundraising goals!

**A fantastic adventure awaits our 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders** as they head to Leoni Meadows next week, April 22-25. This annual outdoor education event is looked forward to by many students throughout the Northern California Conference. Students will have the opportunity to connect with God, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders from other Adventist schools across the conference, and with God's second book, nature!

## **Attention all 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:**



An Algebra 1 placement test is scheduled to be given by Mrs. Gipson on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:25-4:20. Has your child been getting A's in Math? Has

he/she also achieved above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile in math on the Iowa Assessments? If so, then this opportunity to be on the advanced math track in high school may be for your child, allowing him/her to take Calculus during their senior year. In addition, students must score 90% or higher on this placement test. Please remember, this is an optional opportunity.

## **Freshly picked mandarins are available in**



**the office** for \$15 per bag. They are still really tasty, just ask for a sample! There are so many things you can do with man-

darins:

1. Eat them, 2. Juice them (super yummy), 3. Peel them and then freeze the segments (this is a great treat). Come and get your bag and if we run out, we will pick some more! Thank you for supporting the Senior Class!

## **Academic Advisement for incoming**

**Grades 9-12:** It's time to start preparing for next school year! We want to make sure your child/children are on the right course for graduation. If your child will be in high school next school year, please follow the link below to sign-up for a time to meet with Mrs. Wareham and go over high school class schedules, community service hours, graduation requirements, and any questions you may have. If none of the times on the list work for you, please contact Mrs. Wareham to schedule a time that will work. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-Sa8sBCe-DoXP6daLYyoCunRR8E2ALjDvtcBwqFP8F50/edit?usp=sharing>

## **ART AUCTION SPONSORS NEEDED**

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Art Auction is coming up on May 9<sup>th</sup> and we are in need of some help. In addition to the projects the classrooms are making, we are looking for donations that have to do with the arts.

### **Examples would be**

- \*photography packets
- \*framed artwork or crafts from local (Placer or Nevada County) artists
- \*gift certificates to a paint studio (**Art Bistro** in Rocklin, **Froggy Ceramics** in Auburn or **Come Paint With Us** in Grass Valley)
- \*Tickets to Orchestra, Choir or Drama performances
- \*Sponsor one of our fine art gift baskets (Please see me for details)

Contact: Gina Kuest  
Email: [ginapaintspets@gmail.com](mailto:ginapaintspets@gmail.com)  
Text: 360-820-11

## **Banquet Dress Code:**

Thank you for keeping the following criteria in mind when selecting banquet attire for your child. Consequences for non-compliance can be found in the handbook.

For Girls: The front of the dress must be at or above the cleavage line and should remain modest when leaning over. No cleavage should show at any time. Sheer and see through material will not be considered a part of the dress. The back of the dress must be at or above the middle of the back and should completely cover undergarments. The length of the dress must not reach higher than three inches above the top of the knee cap (Patella) when standing straight. However, different materials and styles may dictate a longer length in order to maintain modesty. Slits in the dress may not reach higher than three inches above the knee cap. The fabric should not be see-through and should be substantial enough to cover the outline of undergarments. If a dress is chosen that is close to the limits listed above, please bring the dress to school so that any problems at the event can be avoided. If a picture is sent, the staff can get an idea of problems; but nothing will be sure unless the dress is modeled. No jewelry of any kind may be worn. For Guys: Suits, sport coats, or church attire is appropriate. No shorts or short pants of any kind are acceptable. No jewelry of any kind may be worn.

## **The Student Association invites all high school students to a Cinco de Mayo Fies-**



**ta** on May 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:00 at Hidden Creek Farms. It is the girl's turn to ask the guys. Students should sign-up and pay the \$25 dollar fee/person in the office by Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Xander has settled into his new hospital and rehab routine and is doing better each day. His feet are improving well - his left foot no longer needs a dressing and his right foot looks so much better. It will still be quite a while before the right foot is healed, but we are so pleased with the progress.

He is now able to stand unassisted for a few seconds at a time, although he is still very wobbly and unstable. He takes steps with a walker or while being supported by his therapists and is looking forward to being rid of his wheelchair as soon as possible. He can also transfer himself unassisted from his bed to his wheelchair and back again, and likes to show that skill off for us. He is gaining more independence each day. He works so hard and is always pushing himself toward his goal of coming home.

Xander is off of his tube feedings for now, in an attempt to allow his appetite to increase enough that he can rely solely on feeding himself. He struggles to get enough calories, but wants his feeding tube to come out so he keeps trying. His tastebuds have changed significantly since his illness and many things he once enjoyed no longer taste good to him. We are constantly on the hunt for nourishing, caloric-rich food that he will enjoy.

His heart and blood pressure are still not able to be regulated without medication. His doctor believes that these will both return to normal function in time and is not concerned. We would love for him to be able to be off all of his medication, but that will most likely be several months down the road. In the meantime, we are thankful that he has been able to come off of several of his medications so far and only has a few remaining.

Xander has enjoyed having visits from friends and is always asking "Is anyone

coming to see me today?" After more than two months in the hospital, he is restless and enjoys the diversion of visitors. His therapy schedule takes up a large portion of his day, but he does have a few free hours each day and all day Sunday. It can be a challenge to keep him occupied, especially as he is getting better and his energy is increasing! His giggle is back, he is once again telling jokes and pulling pranks and he frequently has that mischievous gleam in his eyes that we missed for so long. He was excited to have a visit from his helicopter crew last week. He had worried that he wouldn't see them after he transferred to rehab, but they make flights to this hospital too and made sure to stop in and see him. Xander is always happy to see them and we're so thankful that they keep in touch with us!

The hospital has a program for children in long-term hospital stays called "Deck My Room." Xander was able to choose a theme and DMR volunteers came while he was in therapy and decorated his room from top to bottom in his chosen theme. He was so excited to come back to his room and find himself "in the ocean!" They also left gifts for him and each of his brothers based on their interests, so no one feels left out. It can be a struggle for

kids to see a sibling being constantly showered with gifts, so we are very grateful to "Deck My Room" for including all four of our boys.

We are working on writing thank you notes to the many, many people who have sent cards and gifts. A few of the envelopes were mistakenly discarded, so if you have sent a card, check or gift to Xander, please message us with your address so we can be sure to include you in our list. We don't want to overlook any of you!

Many people have expressed disappointment in the lack of updates in recent weeks, and we are sorry for that. There really isn't very much to update right now - Xander is continuing his therapy, has no pressing medical issues and things are pretty uneventful these days, for which we are very thankful. We're still very busy, but there is a sameness to our days now that we appreciate after so many weeks of unpredictability. Our little boy is recovering beautifully, and we are so, so grateful! We hope that you will continue to remember Xander in your thoughts and prayers and wish you all abundant blessings!

