



Principal's Message:

Our board has been looking at possibilities for growing our school. As you are no doubt aware, our lower elementary classrooms have had waiting lists for the last four years. Our current space is restricting our potential for growth in these areas. The board has developed a Facilities Master Plan Committee to present a variety of options for facility improvements that could lead to our ability to accommodate more students. For several years now, we have had to turn families away because we could not accommodate their enrollment needs in our lower elementary classrooms. This past week, the faculty and board met together for a visioning and planning meeting. No concrete plans have been made, but steps are being taken to continue to research ways to maintain academic excellence, provide solutions for creating a lower student/teacher ratio while being able to increase our enrollment in our lower grades which will no doubt lead to facility expansion. We solicit your prayers for God's wisdom and guidance as the board and faculty work collaboratively together to come up with viable solutions to manage future growth. I will keep you updated as the plans materialize.

-Mr. Fralick

The Pine Hills Adventist Academy **Performing Arts Department** presents *The Music Man*, Feb 23 & 24. Tickets are available online or at the box office the day of.



Go to our website, www.phaaonline.com, and follow the link to the ticket vendor. Ticket prices range between \$16-20 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and \$8 for children/students. If you have any issues when purchasing tickets, please contact Jenell Wareham at the school office (530) 885-9447.

All ticket sales are final

Spring Pictures will be taken on March 5. Grades K-6 may come to school in non-dress code for photo taking only. Grades 7-12 must arrive at school in school dress code, but may change just before being photographed. All students must change into clothes that are compliant with the school dress code policy immediately following their photo shoot. All students will be photographed but there is no obligation to purchase photos. You just need to choose your background. Once you receive your photo packet, you will have the choice to buy some, all, or none of your student(s) pictures. If you choose not to purchase, packets must be returned.



PHAA Calendar At-A-Glance

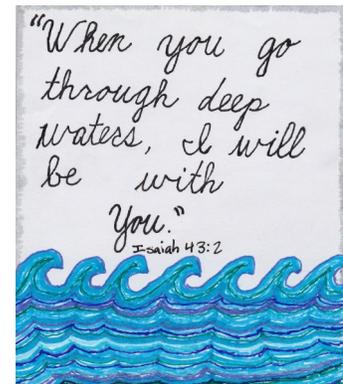
- Feb 23-24** The Music Man
- Feb 26** Volleyball VS Encina Prep @ PHAA
- Feb 27** Volleyball @ Cristo Ray
- Feb 28** NHS Field Trip
- Mar 1** 3/4 Grandparents Tea
- Mar 1** NCC Band Festival
- Mar 5** Spring Pictures
- Mar 7** 3/4 Exploration Utility Field Trip
- Mar 8** High School Vespers
- Mar 9** JR High Basketball @ PHAA

Hot Lunch Schedule

Tuesday Taco bell
Sponsored by the Junior class

Wednesday Haystacks \$5
Sponsored by the 3/4 grade class

Thursday Musical Pizza
Sponsored by the music department



Student art by: Rianna Krussow

Pine Hills 2019 Mission Trip March 17-24 *Lets Serve Together!* Our team of



volunteers will be working with Linda Vista Adventist Elementary School in Ventura County to help improve their facility so that they

may better assist their community. If you would like to be considered for being a part of our volunteer team . Please click **FILL OUT FORM** to sign up by February 22nd The cost of the trip is \$250 which will cover meals, lodging, travel and activities together. We are specifically looking for adults with construction experience and youth grades 7-12 with a desire to serve. If you have questions please contact DanaRae Detar via email at: danarae.detar@nccsda.com or text 530.305.5946.

2019 Northern California Junior High Band Festival Information

Who: Select Junior High Band Members
Rehearsal / Performance Date: Friday, March 1, 2019 (Students will be practicing all day)
Concert Time: 7 pm that same evening
Place: Antioch/Hilltop SDA Church
Cost per student: \$25

Thank you for **not parking** in the fire lane, which is the area next to our



front sidewalk. If you need to come inside, please park in one of our many designated parking spots. This space during dismissal is re-

served for curbside pick-up and should be used only for emergency personnel during the school day. Thank you for helping to make our school a safer place for our students!

All Juniors should register for the ACT



& SAT test. The registration deadline for the **ACT is March 8, 2019.** The

registration deadline for the **SAT is April 5, 2019.** If you have questions contact Mrs. Wareham.

It is time to pre-register for the 2019-20 School Year:

Registration



You can save \$50 per child if you fill out your intent for re-enrollment for next year and pay a \$100 deposit/child (which will be credit-

ed along with a \$50 bonus to your first month's (August) tuition payment for the 19-20 school year). Your \$100 will multiply into \$150 just by doing the following:

- Turn your Intent form to the office by March 1, 2019
- Pay the non-refundable \$100 deposit, which will go towards next year's tuition expenses, by March 1, 2019
- Fill out the re-registration paperwork on or before Friday, June 14, 2019 which will be given to you in May.

Getting your paperwork in by March 1, will ensure your child's spot in his/her classroom for next year. It will also help us make plans for future growth. Visitation day brought many families who are interested in sending their child(ren) to our school. They too have been encouraged to submit their application paperwork as soon as possible as there will again be a wait list for grades 1-8 for the 2019-20 school year. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Visitation Day Update: We had 31 student visitors on our campus, Thursday, for our annual Visitation Day. The Lord blessed with a great day. We had opportunities to make connections with parents & students alike. The morning began with an assembly where Passionate Praise led out with song service, Jenna Fenselau (our SA Pastor) presented a beautiful devotional thought, Eric Devai presented a promotional video that he and some friends created about our school, 3rd & 4th presented a rendition of Yankee Doodle on their violins, while the drama cast presented two scenes from The Music Man. The students were dismissed to their respective classrooms where they had the opportunity to move-up for the day, while the prospective parents had a meet and greet reception where some of our parents and faculty. A huge "Thank You" to Heidy Williams and her crew for the delicious treats and beautiful decorations! The parents then took a tour of our campus & classrooms, ending with a complimentary lunch in our cafeteria. We look forward to future conversations with these new families over the next few months. Thank you for helping to spread the word about your satisfaction with our school! If you know someone who was unable to attend our visitation day, please share with them that our campus is always open to visitors and we are happy to make appointments for students to spend the day with us on a day that works for them.

Student art by: Katie Price



New update on Xander from Bryan & Ruth Dawson:

Please know how much we appreciate every one of you, and how blessed we are by your prayers! Dr. Falco is up now in the rotation, so we'll have him for



the next five days. He's a wonderful Christian man who has prayed with us and encouraged us with scripture, and we deeply appreciate his compassion and care for our family. When I say that God has put every single person we have needed in our path at exactly the right moment, I really mean it. Dr. Falco was the first doctor to give us a small ray of hope after Xander was put on ECMO. He didn't pretend that the chances were good, but he always reminded us that God can do whatever He wants, and that amazing things happen when His people come together to pray. This morning, we learned just how amazing those things are.

Dr. Falco shared something unbelievable with us today. He began by saying "I didn't tell you this before because you just didn't need to hear it, but I want to share it with you now. There are several markers that we use to evaluate chances of mortality in critically ill kids. We combine heart rate, blood pressure, lactate, blood gasses, etc. to get a number. 5-10 is typical for very sick kids; 30 is really, really bad. I've never seen it go above an 85. "Xander's number was 93. "He shouldn't be alive. God must have incredible plans for him."

Xander is quite literally the sickest, least likely to survive child this doctor has ever seen. He's been practicing medicine for many years and works in a pediatric intensive unit at a hospital that gets the worst of the critically ill children in a major metropolitan area, and he's never seen a child sicker or more guaranteed to die than Xander. Xander, who is sipping apple juice, kissing his mama and whispering to the nurses about his best friend Jake. God is so good!

This explains why all the PICU staff members keep coming in to his room to see him. Several people have told us they were here the night Xander came in and they just wanted to see for themselves how great he's doing. No one can believe

this child is still alive, let alone breathing on his own and speaking. Frankly, neither can I. Anyone who saw him lying gray and lifeless while the crash team performed chest compressions on his frail, little body would be never able to imagine where he'd be just two weeks later. Xander is, in every possible way, a miracle.

I need to stress that God is not good because Xander survived. Children die unfairly every day. Horrible things happen all the time, and God is always good. If Xander had not lived, God is good. If Xander survived but was profoundly brain damaged, God is good. If he loses his feet, if he cannot walk, if his kidneys never come back and he needs a transplant or has to remain on dialysis indefinitely, God is good. If Xander gets a secondary infection that he cannot fight or his heart isn't able to continue to pump and we lose him, God is good.

He is good and while we are so thankful that He has chosen to answer yes to the thousands of prayers that have gone up for Xander all over the world, we know that even if the answer had been no, God is good.

These words from one of my favorite authors have carried me through some difficult times in my life, and they are a tremendous comfort to me now. They serve as a reminder that whatever our Heavenly Father allows, no matter how difficult or painful or impossible to understand, is for our good and we can trust ourselves fully to His care.

"The Father's presence encircled Christ, and nothing befell Him but that which infinite love permitted for the blessing of the world. Here was His source of comfort, and it is for us... Whatever comes to [us] comes from Christ... Nothing can touch [us] except by our Lord's permission, and 'all things' that are permitted 'work together for good to them that love God.' (Romans 8:28)" Now, for the actual medical update...

Xander had a good day yesterday. He's doing well without the breathing tube and gets a little help from high-flow oxygen through a nasal cannula. His respirations are a little fast, but he's comfortable so there's no real concern. He is SO happy to be free of that breathing tube!

He is experiencing some opiate withdrawals now that he's being weaned off of the sedatives, but they are manageable and

not causing him too much distress. He is constantly cold, has some slight tremors, and is still tachycardic and flip-flopping between hypertension and hypotension. These should all abate as his body adjusts to no longer being sedated.

He has been speaking to us in a faint, hoarse whisper, and while it usually takes several tries before I can understand what he is saying, it is wonderful to hear him speak and be able to communicate with us. He will be getting a communication board today with pictures of the things he most often wants or needs, so he can save his voice and allow his throat to heal. Xander is coming off of CRRT again today to try and motivate his kidneys to kick back in. It can take several months for them to regain function, so there's no panic at this point, but they do want to get them going as soon as possible. He is still a few days away from being able to eat or drink, but he is getting little sips of water and diluted apple juice from a swab, and he loves it. This poor kid hasn't tasted anything in over two weeks, so that apple juice is making him VERY happy! His feet are still in extreme pain, and he is able to move his feet a little but cannot move his toes. A non-pediatric vascular surgeon will be coming in to assess the extent of the nerve damage, since this level of neuropathy is so rarely seen in children.

Xander began some light physical therapy yesterday, so now we have several exercises to do with him three times a day. It is a little painful for him and wears him out, but he pushes himself each time. He's such a fighter!

We're praying especially for his feet, his kidneys and that he'll be able to remain off of the breathing tube.

We would like to invite everyone to join us in a special season of praise for all God has done for Xander. Of course, we are praising Him constantly, but our family will be pausing at 5pm PST for 15 minutes of dedicated praise and thanksgiving. If you are able, we'd love to have hundreds of people praising God simultaneously for this unbelievable miracle. We remain so grateful for your prayers!