



PARENT BULLETIN

NOVEMBER 30, 2018

Principal's Message:

Dear Parents:

As the basketball game season begins I would like to share some of my thoughts with you concerning our role as parents when it comes to sports. First of all I am so appreciative of our volunteer coaches. The time and skill that they contribute is amazing! If it weren't for them, we wouldn't be able to offer the sports program that we do. I would hope that our comments and attitudes would always reflect our appreciation.

In all of my years of working with families I have noticed a constant: everyone feels that their child is the most valuable treasure on the planet. And as an educator, I too see the value of every child...but that's just it, all children are valuable...God's greatest treasure is His children! Sometimes we as parents of young athletes, act on what we feel is best for our child. We hear their complaints and desire to do something about it. We may even be tempted to go to our child's coach to ask for more playing time...realistically speaking, how will they ever get better if they do not get playing time? In my limited experience with parenting, I have never felt impressed to do such a thing. I trust my child's coaches explicitly. I encourage you too, to let them do their job without micromanaging their choices. When my children were in Kindergarten, they played soccer. At that particular age everyone had equal playing time. What was important was the experience gained. We try to recreate these same experiences in PE where everyone participates equally. But when you play as part of a team in a league, experience is only one aspect of the entire program. Keep in mind, we are not operating an intermural program. In other words....please join me in trusting the coaches and their decisions. Let's pay our volunteer coaches with our appreciation!

Secondly, I would like for Pine Hills to be known as "The Friendly School". I think that we have the potential to do this because we have you as our parents. When playing other teams, let's cheer for all good plays...whether from our team or the opposing team. In addition, wouldn't it be great if each of our guests were greeted from at least three different people? What if we took it a few steps further and had some actual dialogue with the other parents? Following these simple suggestions will help to build an extended community! Our sideline commentary also makes a difference. The referee's, like us are not perfect. Let's try to keep our comments about them and the opposing team as positive as we can. Bottom line...what would Jesus do?

-Mr. Fralick

If your child has been **sick, with a fever**, and you are trying to figure out whether or not to send him/her back to school? If so, please keep the following in mind: Your child must be fever free for 24 hours before sending him/her back to school. This policy not only helps your child regain his/her stamina after being sick, but also helps to keep the sickness from spreading to his/her classmates.

Christmas Caroling On Saturday



night, Dec 8th from 6-8, the Home & School is sponsoring a Christmas Caroling event

which will be targeted to neighborhoods that are in close proximity to the school. It is another effort to let our neighbors know that there is an exceptional Christian school nearby. In addition to singing a couple songs at each door, a small gift will be left behind with the school's contact information. When groups are finished, they can come back to the school for a hot drink, some cookies and a gingerbread house competition. One of the goals for this fun event is to develop a greater sense of community within our school family.

MBA Volleyball Friendship Rally:

Twenty-eight of our high school students are traveling to Monterey Bay Academy today to participate in their annual Volleyball Friendship Rally. This is not just a weekend that is immersed in volleyball, but it is ultimately about fellowship with students from other Adventist schools. If you have not yet made your child's payment of \$60, please do so as soon as possible.

PHAA Calendar At-A-Glance

- NOV. 30-DEC 2** MBA Volleyball Tournament
- DEC. 3** JR Basketball @ PHAA
- DEC. 4** Varsity Basketball @ EAS
- DEC. 4** NHS Field Trip
- Dec. 5** Varsity Basketball @ Napa Christian
- DEC. 7** 8th Grade Vespers
- DEC. 7** HS Vespers
- DEC. 7** HS Service / Outreach
- Dec. 8** Home & School Caroling
- DEC. 9** HS Banquet
- Dec. 10** Varsity Basketball @ PHAA

Hot Lunch Schedule

Wednesday New Enchiladas \$5.00

Sponsored by the 7/8 grade class

Thursday Musical Pizza

Sponsored by the Music Department



Senior Fundraiser Always running late? Can't find a place to park? Want that front row seat? Now you can arrive a little late to our Elementary Christmas Program, which will be held on December 21, and a senior will escort you to the front row. For the Christmas concert, the seniors will be reserving four parking spaces and front row seats. Bid now, by sending your name, phone, and bid amounts for a parking spot and/or 4-5 front row seats to office@phaschool.org. Bid on both for the full celebrity experience! The highest bids will be selected on December 12. Proceeds go towards the Senior Class Trip to Washington DC!

High School No Uniform Day Fundraiser The high school Student Association is planning on a no uniform day on Wednesday, December 5th. If high school students wish to participate in this optional activity they should pay \$2 to the SA treasurer, Aleyah, either on Monday, December 3rd or Tuesday, December 4th. If students do not pay in advance of the 5th, they will not be able to participate and will be expected to follow regular dress code guidelines. Students should keep the following in mind when they pick out their clothes: no ripped jeans, shorts & skirts still need to follow our length standards, only closed toe footwear with heel or heel straps, T-shirts may be worn but should uphold a positive Christian image. If in doubt...don't wear it. This will be a trial run for such a fundraiser. The SA has proposed two other days in December for this activity, but we are holding off on those dates until we see how this trial day works.

Please find attached a **December Prayer Calendar**. We invite you to pray for each student throughout the month. If my people, who are called by my name, would humble themselves and pray, then I will.

High School Vespers: All high school students are invited to their Christmas Vespers on Friday, December 7 from 4-6 at the Auburn SDA Church. All students are encouraged to participate in an ugly Christmas sweater contest. The ugliest sweater gets a prize! In addition to a time for worship, there will be gingerbread house decorating and snacks will be provided.

Our next high school **Service Day** has been re-scheduled for Friday, December 7th from 8:10-12:30.



Basketball season has started! Practice sessions are as follows: **Jr. High Boys:** Sunday from 2:30-4:00 & Tuesday from 3:30-4:30. **Jr. High Girls:** Sunday from 4:00-5:30 & Monday from 3:30-4:30. **Varsity Boys:** Sunday from 8:00-11:00 & Tuesday from 4:30-7:00. **Varsity Girls:** Wednesday & Thursday from 4:30-7:00.

English Walnuts are for sale in the office for \$3 a bag all proceeds will go to those who have been affected by the camp fire.



Christmas Gift Idea: Beautiful handmade Note Cards are for sale in the office. These cards have been created by our 3rd-8th grade students in Mrs. Kuest's Art Classes. Cards are being sold for \$3 each, or \$5 for two, or \$10 for five.

Pine Hills Food Drive Challenge. As you count your blessings this holiday season, please consider helping those less fortunate. The Auburn S.D.A Church's Community Services has a need for food supplies for low income individuals and families here in our local community. These Families' financial struggles can be a result of a medical health crisis, loss of employment, loss of a spouse, etc., all of which can make their holiday season look bleak. You can share God's love and lighten their burdens by donating food items off the following list which will be collected by Auburn SDA Church's Community Services who will provide them directly to the families in need. Thank you for sharing your blessings!



Here is a list of food items we are needing:

Canned item's as follows: Corn, Cranberry Sauce, Fruit, Fruit Juices, Fruit Pie Fillings, Milk, Pumpkin, Soup, Vegetables, Yams.

Other Food Items: Cornbread, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Jam, Mac & Cheese, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Peanut Butter, Saltine Crackers, Stuffing Mix.

The Challenge

The class who brings in the most items wins Jamba juice for the whole class. Drop boxes will be in the individual class rooms. Challenge ends December 8th.

Teams will be:

- 1&2 Grades 7&8 Grades
- 3&4 Grades 11&12 Grades
- K&5&6 Grades 9&10 Grades

If you have a yahoo, Hotmail, AOL email account in our data base you



have not been receiving emails from us. FACTS has been in contact with

these email providers and have provided them with all the necessary information to verify the email traffic is legitimate. To date, they have not responded with a timeframe to resolve this issue. The issue is they are delaying the delivery of emails to recipient mailboxes due to increased spam scanning. We understand this is a great inconvenience to our parents, students, and staff and FACTS is using every available resource to resolve this issue as quickly as possible.

ParentsWeb – We're excited to announce a substantial update to

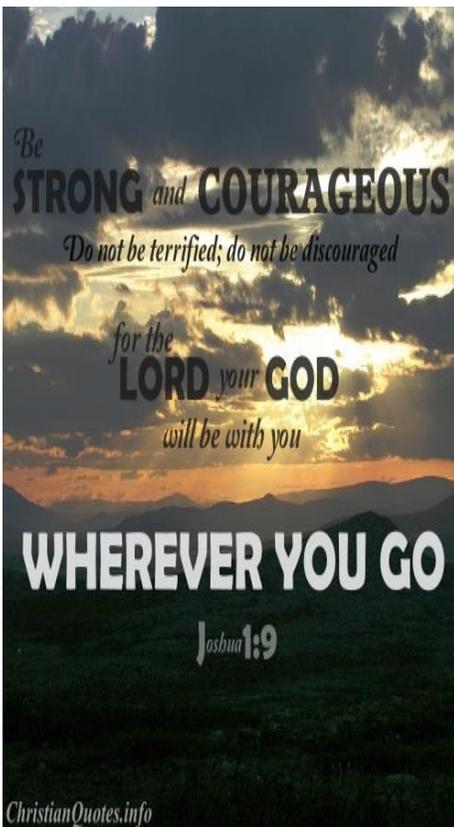


ParentsWeb (soon-to-be FACTS Family Online). This update provides a free, accessible, and easy-to-use mobile experience for you, our families. Now, parents can access ParentsWeb features and functions from their device of choice, whether that's a desktop or laptop computer, tablet, or mobile device (without having to purchase the RenWeb Home app). Simply visit www.factsmgt.com for your devices web browser and log in to ParentsWeb using your same login and password you have been using. We hope this new option for using ParentsWeb will be helpful and if you have any questions about accessing ParentsWeb, please contact Mrs. Wareham.

For those who still enjoy the function of the RenWeb Home app, you can continue to use it for the nominal annual fee of \$4.99/yr.

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.



A Mystery Masquerade: The high school students have been invited to A Mystery Masquerade, Christmas Formal Banquet on Sunday, December 9 from 5-8 pm. The cost is \$25 per person and payments will be accepted up through Tuesday, Dec. 4th. Please refer to the Banquet Dress Code guidelines from our handbook in this bulletin. The event will take place in Old Sacramento at Knobs and Knockers Restaurant: 1023 Front Street A.

