

PARENT BULLETIN

A weekly newsletter for parents, students, staff and
volunteers at
PINE HILLS ADVENTIST ACADEMY

Issued December 6, 2019



Principal's Message:

Dear Parents:

For more than a thousand years the Jewish people had been awaiting the coming of the Messiah, and yet at the **time** of His coming they weren't prepared to meet Him. How could this be? Generation after generation, a history of families sharing the news about the promise of all promises...the Savior... the one whom the whole sacrificial system pointed to, was

cast aside as they instead focused on "forms of religion" and routines.

Satan's plan was working. He was able to shift the focus of the people off of the Savior, to themselves. The sacrificial system ceased to be a constant reminder that Jesus's spotless life was the ticket to their salvation. Instead of trusting in the One whom these sacrifices and ordinances pointed to, they trusted instead in the acts themselves to **save** them. With checklists in hand, the result was a "form of religion" which lacked meaning and spiritual life. The attack by Satan on God's character, that had started in heaven, had made it's way to earth. This dark shadow, grew greater and greater as Satan began to have more and more influence over the inhabitants of the earth. The bodies of human beings, that were made for the dwelling place of God, had now become filled with satanic forces.

As the universe watched what was taking place on planet earth, it was clear to all that apart from God, it would be impossible for humanity to be saved from Satan's clutch. Instead of destroying the world, the creator would make a last ditch effort to infuse this planet with new life and power. It was at this point in history, the world's darkest hour, that God decided to send His Son in order to save you. When it seemed as though Satan was about to be victorious, the Son of God came with a message of divine grace. He came to restore in man the image of the one who created him. "He came to expel the demons that had controlled the will. He came to lift us up from the dust, to reshape the marred character after the pattern of His divine character, and to make it beautiful with His own glory (Desire of Ages pl 38)."

Has the situation changed much over the past 2,000 years? Does Satan still try to shift our focus off of Jesus and onto ourselves? Is Satan still trying to attack God's character? Does our spiritual journey lack power & meaning? Do we still carry around a checklist to see if we and others are "good" Christians? Do we still spend more time focusing on our problems/challenges than on the one who has the power to fix them? Are we thinking much about Jesus's second coming? Are we sharing the good news about Jesus's saving grace to the world around us? Do we fully appreciate the free **gift** of salvation or do we try to complicate it? Are we allowing the Savior of the World to create a clean heart in each of us?

Your partner in Christian education,

Mr. Joe Fralick

Looking for the perfect Christmas card? Look no further! What says love more than a handmade card?



Grades 2-8 have some amazing art that would make the **perfect gift** for grandparents! Check it out at www.cafepress.com/PHAstudentart.

Also beautiful student-made note cards are being sold in the office for \$3 each, or \$5 for two, or \$10 for five. Please stop by to look at your child's cards. All money collected goes towards buying art supplies.

Prayer Calendar for December: Every day our faculty meet together for worship and prayer. During this time, we pray specifically for one of our students or staff members according to our monthly **Prayer Calendar**. Feel free to join us in systematically praying for each of our student and staff members.



Our **Ski/Snowboard Days** will be January 23rd at Sugar Bowl and February 6th at Northstar. Our make-up ski day is February 27th. A package of lift ticket, rental equipment, & lesson will be offered to all students and their families who wish to participate. Alternate **activities**, at school, will be planned for those students who choose not to participate.

Looking for a Christmas event to take the **family** too? High school students still needing a concert to go to? Here it is... and its free!

THE GRANITE BAY SDA CHURCH INVITES YOU
TO JOIN US FOR THEIR 2019

Christmas

CONCERT

TELL ME THE STORY OF JESUS.
DECEMBER 7 AT 5 P.M.

RECEPTION WITH COOKIES & FRUIT IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.
THE CONCERT WILL BENEFIT OUR HOMELESS MINISTRY.
SMALL BAGS PACKED FOR THE HOMELESS WILL BE
DISTRIBUTED AFTER THE CONCERT.

Lost and Found is going, going, gone! All unclaimed items will be donated December 20th. Please **make sure** your child isn't missing anything. There are many unlabeled jackets,



pants, shirts, water bottles, and much more!

Our Home & School and Beautiful Minds Wellness four part series on Adolescent Mental Health here at Pine Hills Adventist Academy is coming to an end. Psychiatrist Dr. Daniel Binus, MD will be addressing relevant mental health issues for his favorite people...teenagers and emerging adults (and their parents).

- **Saturday night, December 7 at 5:30 PM**

- Relational Connectedness in a Lonely World - Dr. Binus

Dr. Daniel Binus believes in addressing the emotional, physical, and spiritual factors that influence a person's well being. He has a special passion for adolescents and [young adults](#). He is the founder and clinical director of Beautiful Minds Medical.



Beautiful Minds
Wellness

This four part Adolescent Mental Health Series is specifically designed for 7th - 12th grade adolescents and their parents. Thank you for providing alternate care options for children younger than 7th grade. If this event is perceived as an elementary event from our oldest students, they will most likely not come back for further sessions. Our time together will begin with worship through song. At the conclusion of the seminar, the gym will be open for basketball & volleyball with snacks being sold by the Junior Class in the lobby. Feel free to invite other friends to join you in this informative & fun time together.

PHAA VEGE STORE is always open

It's NOT TOO SOON...

Be sure to get your Dinner Roasts, Turkey Loaf, and gravy too!

The Holidays are fast approaching!



Taco Bell Tuesday. Burritos can be purchased for \$2.50 each. Order forms will be available in the lobby on Tuesday morning or you can use the [online order form](#). This fundraiser is sponsored by the senior class.

Hot Lunch for Wednesday, December 11th will be Baked Potatoes. Students can bring \$5 or parents may choose to give their child permission to bill their account. This fundraising lunch is sponsored by the 5/6 Grade class.



Pizza hot lunch will be on Thursday, December 12th. Pizza is \$2 a slice. Order forms are available in the lobby on Thursday morning, or you can use the [online order form](#). All profits go to the music department.

All School Calendar At-A-Glance

Dec 6 8th Grade Vespers (3:00)
Dec 8th High School Banquet/Social
Dec 9th Varsity BB@ JAA 6pm
Dec 10th Choralaries @ State Capitol
Dec 11th Varsity BB@ Cristo Rey
Dec 12th JH BB @ Adventure 3:30 pm
Dec 13th 7-12 Grade Christmas program
Dec 12th-20th Dead Week
Dec 17th JH BB @ PHAA 3:30 pm
Dec 17th All High School Field Trip
Dec 17th Choralaries @ Adventist Health
Dec 19th K-8 Roller Skating
Dec 19th K-8 Christmas Concert
Dec 20th 2nd Quarter Ends (Last day of school before Christmas Vacation)



Elementary Elements: News & Information for Grades K-8



After Care will be closing at 5:30 on Tuesday, December 10th so that Lindsay will be able to join the staff with her family for their annual Christmas dinner which will be held at 6:00 p.m. Thank you for rearranging your schedule to accommodate for this change in routine.

Dear K-6 Parents,

Preparations for the Christmas play/program are underway and your kids are already working hard. I wanted to give you more details about the program and about some costuming items that you will need for this play. I want to get it to you early so you will have time to get what you need. The holiday season gets so crazy!!!

Date: Thursday, December 19

Time: 6 pm

Place: PHAA Gym

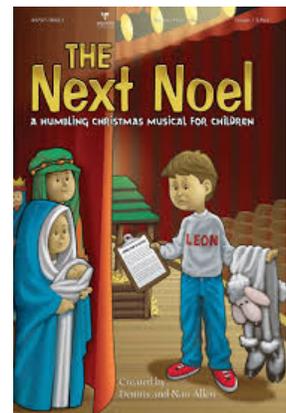
Costumes: This year's play is called "The Next Noel" and it is a sequel to last year's play. The costume this year is simple:

- Jeans (no rips please)
- Red t-shirt or red polo shirt (can be long sleeved or short sleeved)
- Tennis shoes (white if possible)

We will be providing different small costumes and things for each different scene. These items can go over the basic outfit above.

Students in grades 5-6 will be playing in their respective ensembles. Beginning Band and Beginning Strings will be on the program. Be sure your child brings his/her instrument and has all necessary items to play (rosin, reeds, cork grease, oil, etc.) Please do not forget MUSIC!!!

Home and School has asked each family to bring 1 dozen cookies to share for our reception after the program. You will be getting more reminders as we get closer to the event. It should be a very special evening. I am looking forward to the holiday fun, music, good cheer and a great message...that Christ is the center of Christmas!! Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. My email is: jill.genobaga@nccsda.com and my text number is (530) 713-5828.



Dear 7-8th Grade Parents,

Our preparations for our Christmas programs are underway and your kids are already working hard. I wanted to give you more details about the program and uniform needs. **Your students will be participating in TWO Christmas concerts.** Below are the details:

Concert 1: Sacred Concert with the high school students

What: Junior High Choir and 7-8th Grade Band

Place: Gracepoint SDA Church (3500 Sunset Boulevard / Rocklin, CA. 95677)

Date: Friday, Dec. 13

Time: 7 pm is the concert. Call time: 6 pm.

Dress: Black and white

- Black pants or skirts with black tights (girls can wear either pants or skirts)
- Dark shoes/dark socks
- White long sleeved shirt/sweater/blouse.
- Boys can wear black ties or black bow ties.

Those who have a high school uniform, please wear that.

Concert 2: PHAA K-8 Secular Concert

What: Junior High Band

Date: Thursday, December 19

Time: 6 pm Call time: 5:30 pm.

Place: PHAA Gym

Dress: Red or green shirt/sweater, jeans. You can add a holiday scarf or Santa hat.

Be sure your child brings his/her instrument and has all necessary items to play (rosin, reeds, cork grease, oil, etc.). Please remember to bring your MUSIC FOLDER!

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K-8 Christmas Roller Skating Event Info:

Who: K-8 students & families

What: Roller Skating

When: Thursday, December 19, 2019

Leave school at 9:00. The session is from 10-12.

Where: Roller King Skating Center (889 Riverside Ave. / Roseville)

Why: P.E. Field Trip! Let's learn or improve our skills!

Cost: \$5 per skater

Dress Guidelines: Students can wear clothes that meet the Friday dress code guidelines

What to Bring: Lunch or \$ to purchase food there (optional), Car seat (if required for your child)

*Remember, this is also the day of the K-6 Christmas Program. Our tradition is to dismiss school after the skating session, and the program counts as the other part of our school day, since attendance at the program is also expected. Aftercare will be available if needed.



High School Happenings:

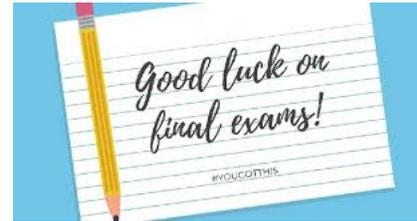
NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR GRADES 9-12

All high school Parents, thank you for bringing a dozen of nut-free cookies to share for our reception after the grades



7-12 Christmas program which will be held on December 13th at 7 pm at the Grace Point Church. Thank you!

Students are expected to be at **semester exams** which are scheduled for December 18-20th. Semester finals can not be made up except in the case of death of a family member or **illness** with a doctor's note.



The Student Association is planning A Vintage Christmas Banquet for all high school students on December 8, 2019 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the General Gomez Arts and Events Center in Auburn. There are still several families who have not paid yet. Thank you for taking care of this as soon as possible. The attire is formal (with a 1940's twist being optional). Please refer to the dress **code** guidelines below before purchasing your child's attire for the evening.

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.

Preparations for our **High School Christmas Programs** are underway and your kids are already working hard. I wanted to give you more details about the upcoming programs. **Your students will be participating in FOUR Christmas concerts.** Below are the details:

Concert 1: Christmas at the Capitol

What: Concert at the state capitol. Choralaires and HS Brass

Where: State Capitol / 1315 10th St.

Date: Tuesday, Dec. 10

Time: Noon

Dress: Choralaires dress uniform

All are welcome to come watch. Admission is free. We will sing in the rotunda on the main level of the capitol building. If anyone is free to drive, I may need a couple drivers. We will leave school at 10 am and return by 1:30.

Concert 2: Grades 7-12 Sacred Concert

What: Grades 7-12 Concert: HS Choir, HS Choralaires, HS Symphony, HS Brass, Jr. High Choir and JR High Band

Place: Gracepoint SDA Church (3500 Sunset Boulevard /Rocklin, CA. 95677)

Date: Friday, Dec. 13

Time: 7 pm is the concert. Call time: 6 pm.

Dress: Choralaires dress uniform

Concert 3: Choralaires at Adventist Health

What: Choralaires sing at Adventist Health Corporate Headquarters

Place: Adventist Health Corporate Headquarters (1 Adventist Health Way / Roseville, CA. 95661)

Date: Tuesday, December 17

Time: CALL TIME: 7:45 am at Adventist Health. We will meet a [security guard](#) at that time as a group who will take us to the performance space. Performance is from 8:30-9:00 am

Dress: Choralaires dress uniform

Rides: Please let me know if you will meet us there or if you will need a ride from PHAA. Licensed student drivers are NOT allowed to drive themselves to Adventist Health per insurance rules. An adult can drive them/drop them off, or they can meet me at the school at 7:00 am for a ride.

Concert 4: Secular Concert with K-8 students

What: K-8 Christmas Program CHORALAIRES

Date: Thursday, December 19

Time: 7 pm Call time: 6:30 pm.

Place: PHAA Gym

Dress: Ugly Christmas Sweaters with jeans

Choralaires will receive community service credit for singing and helping the elementary teachers with logistics. We will also sing for the intermission.

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High School Dead Week is December 12-20. What is Dead Week? During dead week high school students will not have any extra-curricular activities planned in order to provide extra time for studying for exams and finishing up end of the semester projects.

High School Attendance Reminder: PHAA requires a minimum of 85% attendance per class, per semester in order to receive credit in that class (even if you were receiving an A in the class). This policy relates to total absences, excused and unexcused which is approximately 14 absences per semester for a class that meets five days/week and approximately 7 absences per semester for classes that meet two days per week. Remember three tardies also equals an absence.

What constitutes an excused absence?

- Illness of the student

- Death in the immediate family
- Mandatory court appearance
- Unavoidable medical or dental appointment

For unexcused absences no make up work will be allowed.

What constitutes a prearranged absence?

- At least **three days** prior to the event, a Prearranged Absence Form is submitted
- Limited to five school days total
- Seniors are allowed an additional two days for college visits
- Make up work will be allowed

Chaplain's Corner:

Keeping You Informed Regarding Spiritual Development for grades K-12

NorCal Girls Retreat:

Lodi Academy is hosting a girls retreat for specifically for Girls ages 13-19 on January 10-12, 2020. The neat thing about this event is that it is student inspired. The retreat is designed to create an atmosphere where girls can connect with each other and grow spiritually. The theme of #OPTOUTSIDE will include the following: reaching **outside** of ones comfort zone to do service and that our worth as individuals is from God and "not our **outside** appearance". This event costs \$30 and you can register by emailing:

optoutsidegirlsretreat@gmail.com

Please see the attached **invitation letter** by Lodi's SA President for more information.



Decorating for Christmas:

Today high school students will be visiting Solstice Living Center and assisting them with setting up Christmas decorations. This is the fourth year of decorating for them and it is always super appreciated by the residents.

Christmas Community Service Family Project!

The Auburn Church is serving a fancy Christmas meal at the local homeless shelter this Christmas and is looking for volunteers. We have had multiple students participate in serving meals at the shelter and all have had a really enjoyable experience. This is something you can consider doing as a family this Christmas season. If you are Interested please reach out to the community service pastor at Auburn, Steve Holm (916 425-6766 Cell)

Chapel Chatter:

This past Wednesday our high school students met with their small groups to dialogue about our Anti- Bullying program. We talked about the miss balance of power in various relationships, the problem that it causes in preventing bullying, and what we can do to correct that. In Elementary chapels today, Pastor Mel continued our series on *Responsibility...* speaking on 1 Kings 11:27-37, while in high school Chapel, Pastor Tim continued our series on *What We Believe*. He spoke about Spiritual Gifts and the Holy Spirit.

Support the school mission trip! **Get your school swag!**

Foam hands, stickers, small cowbell, mega phones are \$5 each
large cowbell \$15. If interested, contact Dana Rae.



Dana Rae DeTar, Director of Spiritual Life / 530-305-5946 /
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Sports Spotlight:

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR ATHLETES IN GRADES 5-12



Basketball season has started. Practice sessions are as follows:

Jr. High Boys: Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30

Jr. High Girls: Mondays & Thursdays from 3:30-4:30

Varsity Boys: Sundays & Mondays from 5:30-8:00

Varsity Girls: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4:30-7:00

Sports Calendar: For your convenience, our athletic director, Brad Ludwig, has created a Google Calendar just for sports events. You can access the sports calendar with the button below. Since this is the beginning of the school year, the sports calendar is considered tentative. It will continue to be updated as games are added and practice times are confirmed.

Also, if you have a Google account and would like to add the sports calendar, follow the instructions below. After the school year begins and the calendar is more established, you might want to change the [notifications](#) under "Settings" so you can be aware of changes or cancellations in the sports calendar.

RESOURCES:

Quick Access to Useful Links

[Visit our website](#)

[FACTS \(District Code = PH-CA\)](#)

[SCHOOL CALENDAR--Click Here](#)

[SPORTS CALENDAR--Click Here](#)

Do you have a Google account and use Google Calendar? If so, you can add the school calendar and/or sports calendar by following these steps:

1. [Login to your Google account and Open Google Calendar.](#)
2. Open the school calendar and/or sports calendar with the buttons above.
3. In the bottom, right corner of the calendar screen(s) you opened click the "+ Google Calendar" icon.
4. Click the "Add" button to add the open calendar to your Google Calendar.



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