

# PARENT BULLETIN

A weekly newsletter for parents, students, staff and volunteers at

**PINE HILLS ADVENTIST ACADEMY**

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## ***Principal's Message: A Christmas Trilogy Part 3 of 3***

*Dear Parents:*

The tiny baby that Mary now held in her arms, was the one whom the first sacrifice, offered by Adam & Eve at the gate of the Garden of Eden, pointed toward. Because He was the first born of Mary and Joseph, the law required that Jesus be presented in the temple to be consecrated. Unfortunately, the Messiah went unnoticed by the priest that lifted the baby before the altar. No thought was given to the fact that he was holding the Majesty of

Heaven in his arms. This ceremony commemorated the deliverance of the first born of the Israelite's. The blood-sprinkled doorposts enabled the angel of death to pass over their homes on the night before leaving Egypt, but now the ritual had become routine. How ironic that Jesus, the "first born of heaven," the one whom this very act pointed to, went undetected as the "Promised One" by the priests and religious leaders.

However, as Simeon made his way into the temple, he saw a family presenting their first-born son before the priest. Even though the outward appearance suggested that they were of humble origin, Simeon was impressed that the young baby who they were holding in their arms was the one whom God had promised to send as the Savior of the World. As the priest returned the young infant to his mother, Simeon then took the child and with arms outstretched, presented Him to God. His knowledge of the prophecies concerning the Messiah could be heard in his spirit-filled testimony. Mary contemplated his far-reaching words. As she looked upon her son, she also recalled the words spoken by the shepherds. Her heart was filled with joy! Unfortunately, it wouldn't be until she stood at the foot of the cross before she would fully understand the significance of these words spoken by a stranger. Hope and encouragement would also be a result of these words. Anna also, a prophetess, came over and verified Simeon's evidence concerning the Messiah.

The shepherds, Simeon, and Anna were not the only ones that recognized the coming of the Messiah. The magi, who had been diligently studying the scriptures knew that the "fullness of time" was coming. "The wise-men had seen a mysterious light in the heavens upon that night when the glory of God flooded the hills of Bethlehem. As the light faded, a luminous star appeared, and lingered in the sky. That star was a distant company of shining angels, but of this the wise-men were ignorant." Through dreams the magi were instructed to go in search of this newborn prince. With each step, they eagerly anticipated the joyful scene that they would encounter when they knelt before the long-awaited Messiah. As they entered Jerusalem, they saw no celebration nor heard any shouts of praise. How could it be? How could God's "chosen people" be so ignorant of the greatest event in history?

As I have read this story again, I find myself wondering similar questions. It amazes me how God had worked so carefully to communicate his plans to His people. Every symbol such as the

firstborn son's consecration and regular sacrifices in the temple were pointing to and fulfilled in the life of Jesus. Unfortunately, most of God's people seemed to be desensitized and merely participated in the routines. So few were truly searching for the meaning God was trying to reveal. And some who were standing side by side had completely different experiences; Christ was unnoticed by most and celebrated by a few. I can't help but ask myself whether this is similar to the condition of God's people today? For our church families? Our students? Our own families? Will you join me this Christmas break in asking yourself some of these hard but important questions? For the coming year, I know God desires to guide and reveal Himself to us in very real ways, like he did for the shepherds, Simeon, Anna and the magi.

*The ideas in this message come from chapters 5&6 of the Desire of Ages.*

*Your partner in Christian education,*

*Mr. Joe Fralick*

**The school office will be closed** during Christmas vacation (December 21-January 5th) and will reopen on January 6, 2020. We would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## Welcome AnnaBeth Gabrielle Pummel!



### **Our school schedules two snow sport days for our K-12 students.**

These will be considered non-academic school days where attendance will be taken. If your child chooses to participate, he/she will be marked present. If your child chooses not to participate, alternative activities will be planned at school. On January 23<sup>rd</sup> we are scheduled to go to Sugar Bowl and on February 6<sup>th</sup> we are scheduled to go to NorthStar. We have also scheduled an additional make-up day on February 27<sup>th</sup> which will only be used if inclement weather prohibits us from participating in one of the scheduled dates. This is another great opportunity to help build community among our families. Ski forms were sent home today with your child or you can download the forms [here](#). Please turn forms into the office by January 7th.

For students in grades K-6 we require at least one parent or other designated adult to

bring your child on this outing. Better yet... bring along the whole family and enjoy a discounted day at one of Tahoe's ski resorts. The total cost for Sugar Bowl is \$65 which includes: equipment, lessons, & lift ticket. Please look through the attached packet for specific details about cost. The packages DO NOT include helmets. All students need to have a helmet, they can either rent a helmet for \$15 or bring their own. If you feel like this activity would be beneficial for your child, but you can't afford to pay the full amount, please contact me so that we can come up with a plan for how to make this a possibility for your child. Hope to see everyone on the slopes!

**Today marks the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter (elementary) and 1<sup>st</sup> semester (high school).** Report cards for this marking period will be sent home by January 10th. Thanks for being patient with our teachers. They deserve a vacation too! Grades are not due to the office until the end of the day on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.



A **January Prayer Calendar** is **attached**. Thanks for joining us in praying specifically for the students/staff member identified each day!

As the **3<sup>rd</sup> quarter begins for elementary and 2nd Quarter for high school on Jan 6<sup>th</sup>** each student starts off the year with all A's / E's. It's up to your child to keep them. Some factors that could contribute towards this goal include: building a relationship with God (He is the source of all information), getting the proper amount of rest each night, eating healthy food (we are what we eat), drinking an adequate amount of water, getting enough exercise, doing homework consistently, studying for tests, chunking projects into manageable pieces, etc. Let's do what we can to develop some good habits in our young scholars!



**Taco Bell Tuesday.** Burritos can be purchased for \$2.50 each. Order forms will be available in the lobby on Tuesday morning. This fundraiser is sponsored by the senior class.

**Hot Lunch for Wednesday, January 8th** will be Indian Food. Students can bring \$5 or parents may choose to give their child permission to bill their account. This fundraising lunch is sponsored by the 2/3rd Grade class.



**Pizza hot lunch will be on Thursday, January 9th.** Pizza is \$2 a slice. Order forms are available in the lobby on Thursday morning. All profits go to the music department.

### **All School Calendar At-A-Glance**

Dec 20th 2nd Quarter Ends (Last day of school before Christmas Vacation)

Jan 6th 3rd Quarter Begins

Jan 7th PHAA Ladies@ CountryDay 5 pm

Jan 7th Phaa Varsity Guys @ CCAA 6 pm

Jan 9th K/1 Field Trip



Jan 10th High School Service Day  
Jan 21st PHAA @ Ghidotti 6 pm  
Jan 16th PHAA Varsity Guys @ Cornerstone 6 pm

#### **This Week's Student & Staff Birthdays:**

Dec 21st- Alexis Lyman  
Dec 25th-Chandler Gadreault  
Dec 28th- Jenna Fanselau  
Dec 30th- Joshua Childers  
Jan 1st- Matt Stokes  
Jan 1st- Brandon Rodriguez  
Jan 2nd- Elias Vaughan  
Jan 3rd-Clara Magan  
Jan 4th- Caleb Edlund  
Jan 6th- Adam Rodriguez  
Jan 8th-Carrie Lebarre



### *Elementary Elements:*

News & Informaiton for Grades K-8

**Christmas Music Program:** Special thanks to Mrs. Jill Genobaga for another wonderful Christmas program. The music was beautiful and the message of The Next Noel reminded us to be like sheep that follow Jesus with humility. Thank you, parents also for your support. The students were really used by God to be a blessing to the audience.

### *High School Happenings:*

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR GRADES 9-12

**The next ACT will be administered on Sunday, February 9 at Pine Hills.** This will be the last ACT offered at PHAA during the 2019-2020 school year so any senior who still needs to take the test should register. We also recommend all Juniors take the test in February and then again in the Fall of their senior year. Colleges will look at the highest score a student earns, so its best if they take the test more than once. To register for the ACT go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) to create an account and sign up for the test. Registration deadline for the February ACT testing is January 10th. Please be sure to go online before the 10th to sign up for the test.

PHAA School Code: 050-183

PHAA Test Center Code: 211-501

Free online test prep help is available on their website as well. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Wareham.

### *Chaplain's Corner:*

**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 comfot 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.



**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)

On January 10 the high school will be having **service day** where each of the campus family groups goes out and serves together. We try to make these projects hands on and involve interaction with the individuals they are serving. Our hope is that students are able to see the difference they are making which will instigate/reinforce a lifestyle of service. You may know some individuals in need, perhaps a neighbor or family member. Please reach out to Mrs. DeTar if you know someone we can serve on January 10th.



Each year in early February the Youth Department sponsors **Freshmen /Sophomore Retreat**. This retreat is for high school students who are Freshman and Sophomores. This time together provides opportunities for students to grow in their relationship with God along with other "like minded" students from Northern California. In addition, a group of Juniors/Seniors are given the opportunity to learn how to lead small groups, give Bible Studies, and

preach the Good News about Jesus. Deadline for sign-up is January 27



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.

## 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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Online Login: **FACTS Family Portal** (District Code = PH-CA)