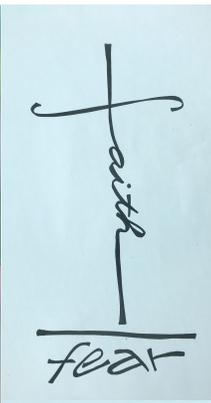


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I AM YOUR GOD WITH YOU I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU
HELP YOU & UPHOLD YOU WITH MY RIGHTEOUS RIGHT HAND

FEAR NOT - BE NOT DISMAYED
ISAIAH 41:10

Dear TAA students and families,

We just passed the first quarter mark and TAA students have already experienced faith and fun! The 2018-2019 school year theme is “faith over fear” which is the main idea of Isaiah’s message in his 41st chapter, 10th verse. Each week in chapel, our speakers encourage TAA students to practice their faith always, especially if they feel afraid. We proclaim this message to everyone outside of TAA when we wear our field trip T-shirts (Mrs. Kim Bokovoy designed them)!

The days are going by quickly and we’ve already had a ribbon-cutting ceremony, visited the Tulsa State Fair, been challenged in Colorado, attended leadership camp, enjoyed field trips to the Pumpkin Patch, the weather center at University of Oklahoma, and The Gathering Place, and started the tower gardens.

We have some new teachers this year: Heather Martinez returning to 5th/6th grades and Pablo Tebes, high school Spanish instructor. Mrs. Rachel Arroyo-Watson is our new hot lunch chef. *If you’re an alumnus of TAA, we hope you’ll join us for an alumni lunch on October 31, November 5, November 27 or December 4. Just RSVP by calling the office!*

Many of you have been selling “The World’s Finest Chocolate” to assist our worthy student fund, and it’s really making an impact for our students. If you would like to buy a box or two to sell at your business, let one of secretaries know right away. Also, our new sweatshirts and hoodies are available now, so everyone can stay warm and look great. Buy one as a gift for your family members. As always, feel free to call me with your praises, concerns, or questions. Thank you for sharing your student with us at TAA!

Shaun Lazarus, TAA Principal



TAA WANTS TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOU!

NOTES

Teachers send notes home with students; please ask your student daily if s/he brought home a note! Notes, "Remind" and "Onecall" are TAA's OFFICIAL methods of communication.

REMINDE

RECOMMENDED: Sign up with "Remind" for TAA alerts and messages about school closing, alerts and reminders. These texts are often grade specific and enhance your student's learning experience.

FACEBOOK

OPTIONAL: Our Facebook page contains all of TAA's school activities and is a place for families to share how their students are thriving.

ONECALL

REQUIRED: OneCall is used for global school events and emergencies and is sent to your cell phone. You are automatically signed up when you give TAA your telephone number at registration.

TAA has an online calendar on its website and a printed calendar in the main office. Please call our office during school hours to leave a message for a teacher or if you have a question about school events. *Personal texts to teachers should be reserved for emergencies only.*

GEAR UP! TAA CLASS OFFICERS ATTEND SWAU LEADERSHIP CAMP AT WEWOKA WOODS ADVENTIST CENTER



More than 100 high school students descended on Wewoka Woods Adventist Center for the Southwestern Union Conference's Leadership Camp in September. Seniors Garik Brown and Sarah Wagener and junior Sophia Fisher (pictured in a skit, left) attended on behalf of their classes. The weekend was full of mini-seminars for various school leaders including Student Association and Class Officers. The seminars were taught by Southwestern Adventist University S.A. officers who provided

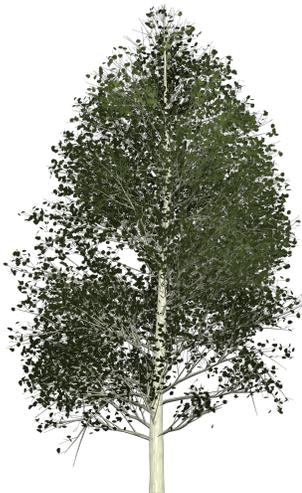


personal experiences and creative ideas to the high school students.

The weekend's theme "gear up" is a nod to Ephesians 6:10-18, which instructs believers to "put on the whole armor of God," and although worship may have been the ulterior focus, it was definitely front and center. School sponsors and music directors made every worship program intimate and inspiring, and every school partnered with another to make a praise team to begin each service. Pastor Chris shared personal stories with the group that provoked the teens to think about their daily decisions for Christ. Friday evening was especially impactful as students participated in communion and foot washing, then spent another hour singing spontaneous songs and hymns that reflected their love for God.

HIGH SCHOOL CHALLENGE PITKIN, COLORADO

TAA high school students enjoyed a chilly but beautiful week in Pitkin, Colorado in late August. They slept in tents and hammocks and made their own food. Along the way they explored a research center, and the Roosevelt mine went gold panning, hiking, hiking, bathing in frozen creeks and even managed to go sightseeing through the woods in a sponsor's ATV. Thank you high school sponsors and Jake Schellenberg and Erika Figueroa!



FUN IS NOT JUST *ELEMENTARY!*



TAA elementary students are exposed to many forms of learning, in and out of the classroom. In the first quarter, these students have been to the Children's Museum, the Pumpkin Patch, the State Fair, and more. In the classroom, students are learning to accept Jesus as their forever friend; they have "burnt" their sins in a (small, controlled!) fire; and 7th & 8th graders "buddy up" with PreK-K every Tuesday. Grades 5-8 are also studying Spanish!

A loud shout out to our supportive parents and families who help as classroom volunteers and field trip chaperones. *Our students benefit from your help! If you have a few hours a week to be a classroom helper, please call the office or let your child's teacher know your best day/hour.*



TAA JOINS TULSA REGIONAL CHAMBER



TAA recently joined the Tulsa Regional Chamber of Commerce and held a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Wednesday, September 29, 2018. TAA has been one of Tulsa's best-kept education secrets since it opened in 1916, but the school board wants to share our quality education with our community. "We want to connect with other educators and also businesses so that TAA can expand its mission to prepare students for heaven and earth. By meeting like-minded individuals and businesses, we can better serve our student body. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was followed by a reception and Oklahoma Conference officers mingled with the guests from area churches and local businesses.

To help TAA's community development, Mr. Lazarus applied for a grant from the Adventist organization Philanthropic Services for Institutions. TAA was granted \$46,000 over three years to use for advancing the "financial sustainability and accessibility of Adventist education" to the Tulsa area. TAA's responsibilities include a 100% commitment from teachers and school board members to donate monthly to the school; create a direct mail campaign; visit major donors; join a Chamber of Commerce; and many other activities vital to sustaining and improving TAA's viability. Caroline Fisher, TAA's Director for Institutional Advancement, is working on these projects with the support of Mr. Lazarus and the TAA school board, so please help us let Green Country know about us!

ANNOUNCING ALUMNI LUNCHEONS!

You are invited to attend any of our **FREE ALUMNI LUNCHEONS**.
Sit with students and share your TAA stories. Invite fellow TAA alums to join you!
Lunch start times vary from 11:15-noon; choose any time/date!

Wednesday, Oct. 31

Monday, November 5 or Tuesday, November 27

Tuesday, December 4

RSVP to Mrs. Fisher at 918-834-1107 or cfisher@tulsaadventistacademy.org



November/ December Calendar!

OCT. 29-NOV. 2: WEEK OF PRAYER

OCT. 31: ALUMNI LUNCH

NOV. 2: REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR DEC. 9 ACT TEST

NOV. 3: TAA SABBATH & HAYRIDE

NOV. 7-11: ACROFEST AT SWAU

NOV. 20 (NOON)-25: THANKSGIVING BREAK

NOV. 28-DEC. 1: OZARK MUSIC FESTIVAL

DEC. 6: CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

DEC. 9: ACT TEST

DEC. 19 (NOON)-JAN. 2: CHRISTMAS BREAK

FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL



CONGRATULATIONS to the first quarter honor roll students! Honor roll starts in grade 3. Freshman Kimberly Adewunmi and Sophomore Anna Rose Jones both received President's Honor Roll (4.0 GPA). We have six Principal's Honor Roll students (3.5-3.9 GPA) and 31 Honor Roll (3.5-3.6 GPA) students. We look forward to having even more students on honor roll in December. You're doing great!

REMINDERS:

HIGH SCHOOL FAMILIES: Last day to register for the ACT on December 9, 2018 is November 2, 2018. REGISTER TODAY at www.act.org! Late fees accrue after Nov. 2. SWAU Music Festival and TAA History Tour are scheduled during spring 2019 ACT dates, so you are encouraged to test early!

ALL DRIVERS: For our students' safety, all drivers should only enter through the south entrance and only exit through the north exit. Please do not get out of your car if in waiting line; use the handy parking lot to groom, unpack, etc.!

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