

# THE HAAPPENINGS

The Official Monthly Newsletter of  
Hinsdale Adventist Academy

## Principal's Corner

Dear Friends,

As I walk the school halls, I listen to the preschoolers excitedly describe how they will decorate their gingerbread creations; I hear the sound of the lower elementary children rehearsing Christmas carols for their musical concert; I smell hot cocoa as the middle school students share in a warm cup-o'-cheer; I see the trimming of Christmas trees, some with student-crafted ornaments and glistening lights; I feel the anticipation of the high school students as they share their plans for winter banquet and

Christmas break; AND I smile as I 'taste and see that the Lord is Good!' (Psalms 34:8)

This time of year, the HAA Family revels in a season of gratitude and grace. We see the incomparable gift of the love and mercy of our Savior Jesus Christ shine through in the hearts of the students and all who seek to love and serve Him.

It's incredible to think the end of 2021 is approaching soon, as well as our first semester! I want to thank everyone: students and parents, faculty and staff, administration, pastors and church members, alumni and friends, for all you have done to support in-person learning this school year! Of course, there are always challenges along the way, but we know and have experienced that God is greater!

We wish you a wonderful Christmas season and hope you enjoy the 2-week break with your children starting at noon on Friday, December 17th through January 2, 2022.

Blessings,

Judie Rosa



# In the news

## Some exciting news items:

- Christmas candy grams will be available to purchase from 8th grade starting December 1. The High School choir will perform at Independence Boulevard Church on Sabbath, December 4.
- Home and School Meeting - December 7 at 4:00pm in the library
- The HAA Christmas Program at Hinsdale Church is on Sabbath, December 11.
- PK-4 Christmas musical program at HAA, December 17.
- **Christmas break begins on December 17 at noon, classes resume on January 3.**
- **NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE AVAILABLE ON DECEMBER 17**
- Join us every Monday at 7:50 in the library for Parent and Community Prayer time.
- As you select your end of year giving, please consider making a donation to HAA!

A graphic of a stethoscope with a red chest piece and silver earpieces, positioned behind the 'HEALTH CORNER' text.

## HEALTH CORNER

- **The COVID Vaccine is NOW AVAILABLE for everyone 5 years of age and over, when your child is vaccinated, please provide a copy of their vaccination card to the front office.**
- Thank you for keeping our community safe! **If you travel internationally over the holidays please check the CDC guidance for testing and quarantine restrictions when you return. COVID-19 Traveler Information ([state.gov](https://www.state.gov/covid-19-traveler-information))**
- Keep your students home when they exhibit symptoms associated with COVID, such as headache, fever, cough, stomach ache, runny nose, etc.
- It is imperative you report when a household member has tested positive for COVID-19 or is displaying symptoms.
- According to the IL Department of Health "Schools shall exclude any Student or School Personnel who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19, as defined by the CDC, until they test negative for COVID-19 or for a minimum of 10 days, until they are fever free for 24 hours and until 48 hours after diarrhea or vomiting have ceased."
- **In order to return to school after you have experience ANY Covid symptoms you must provide a negative PCR test.**



# HAA STEM CLUB

This year, under the guidance of Mrs. Navarro, HAA has started multiple STEM/STEAM Clubs, this incorporates Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math into all their activities.

In the past, we have had two middle school LEGO Robotics teams who have competed on the national level. This year, for the first time ever, we have a HS Robotics team, 2 MS LEGO Robotics teams, and an Elementary STEAM Club of 24 students, K-4, led by Mrs. Triana Ward.

HAA is currently developing an area for a Makerspace Lab for innovators, inventors, and curious kids. A makerspace is a place for hands-on learning with many of the tools needed for creativity, innovation, collaboration, and invention. This lab will be a room for students to explore, take apart, put together, try it again, construct knowledge, process patterns, deconstruct, and persist, building resilience and problem solving.

This room will have computers, creation space, robotics tables, cubbies for storage, idea guides, and invention challenges. We already have a 3D printer, a Green Screen, a coming 1Kw Photovoltaic solar panel (from the IL Clean Energy Foundation Grant), and lots of ideas to put into action.



HAA's STEM leader, Mrs. Navarro says, "I'm excited that HAA has a vision of bringing STEM to our school as it fosters critical thinking and innovation."

"In the Spring, we plan to partner up with Andrews University and host a STEM MISSION...INVENT! event where students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their abilities to invent a prototype that can help offer solutions to real-world problems."

Meeting times:

K-4 STEAM Club: next on December 14, then bi-weekly  
Middle School's Robotics: Wednesdays at 3:30pm  
HS Robotics: Wednesday's at 4:00pm





# HURRICANE HIGHLIGHTS



## Highest Scoring Game EVER!!!

On November 30 the Lady Hurricanes had the highest scoring game under Coach Alabata! The score was 99 - 10.

Congrats Lady Hurricanes on an incredible win!

Their season record is 7-0

The men's team, the Hurricanes is also undefeated (2-0) so far this season!

All HS Varsity games are streamed live on the HAA Facebook page.

For all the latest game schedules check out the HAA Athletics webpage:

<https://sites.google.com/haa.org/haasports/>





CHRISTMAS SEASON IS FINALLY HERE!

SUPPORT THE 8TH GRADE CLASS BY BUYING  
**CHRISTMAS GOODY  
BAGS!**

**\$1:**

customized card, chocolate  
kisses, candy cane, stamp

**\$3:**

customized card, chocolate  
kisses, candy cane, stamp, hot  
chocolate packet, sugar cookies

**\$6:**

customized card, chocolate  
kisses, candy cane, stamp, hot  
chocolate bomb, sugar cookies,  
fuzzy socks

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ACCEPTING ORDERS FROM DEC. 1-10  
GOODY BAGS WILL BE DELIVERED DEC. 17

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**HINSDALE ADVENTIST ACADEMY**



**ELEMENTARY &  
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**HINSDALE SDA CHURCH**

**TUESDAY, DEC. 7TH**

**6: 30 PM**



# THANK YOU

*for considering...*



This year HAA has seen a lot of exciting change, energy efficient capital improvements, and student growth, but we are even more excited about the plans we have to take HAA forward! Leadership at HAA is ready to make transformational changes within our programs, and to our building. One of our initiatives is to revamp the front of our building to include a security entrance for our children, and provide much needed repairs to the face of our school. We know this project is large, but we are not deterred by hard work and a clear vision!

We have been in the Hinsdale neighborhood for over 100 years, but this is only the beginning of our community work!

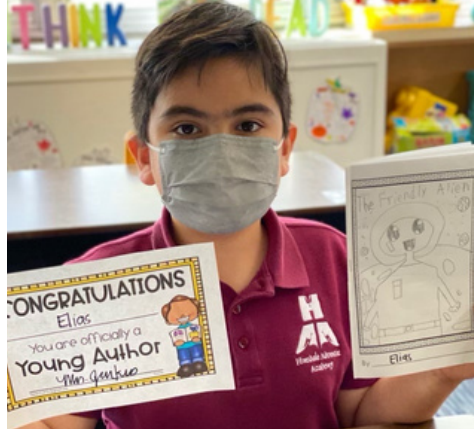
HAA relies heavily on fundraising efforts, and currently 40% of students are receiving tuition assistance as we believe in an equitable education for all. As you select your year-end giving, please consider a selection to one of our following projects:

- Security entrance and building facade upgrade/repairs (see vision above)
- HVAC throughout the building to combine with the ComEd program for non-profit organizations
- Parking lot repairs
- STEM/STEAM Makerspace
- ACT/SAT Prep Program
- Aftercare Program
- HAA General Fund
- Tuition Assistance



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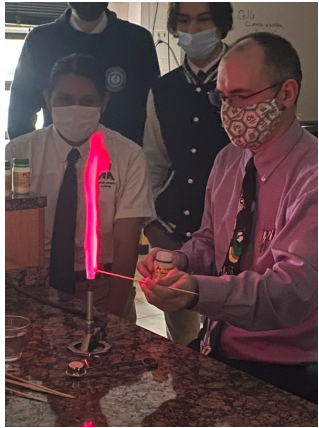


# PreK - 8

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# RX Mobile Christmas Drive

The RX Mobile Food Pantry Truck wants to partner with you  
in adopting a child and giving a gift!

This year we welcome you to join us in a  
special focus of giving pajamas and books!

All gifts must be returned to the  
Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church located at  
201 Oak St, Hinsdale Il, 60521 on  
Wednesday December 15 between 10:30-6:00pm.

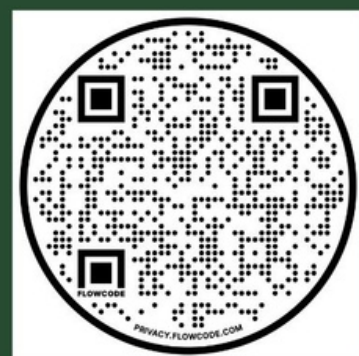
Have Questions?

Contact Pastor Elizabeth McDonald

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Scan Here to Sign Up



# DECEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 HS CHOIR PERFORM
5	6	7 K-8 CHRISTMAS CONCERT	8	9	10	11 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM HSDAC
12	13	14	15	16	17 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL NOON DISMISS	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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