

THE HAAPPENINGS

The official newsletter of Hinsdale Adventist Academy



Annual Spelling Bee

1st-8th Grade Spelling Competition

In a year when so many regular events have had to be cancelled or postponed indefinitely, it was very exciting to hold the annual Scripps spelling bee last week. Of course the event looked a bit different - masks on, spellers socially distanced, and spectators via Zoom - but we were still able to enjoy this yearly tradition. After multiple rounds and many challenging words, Emilio Villeda was determined to be the HAA champion. Congratulations Emilio!

Grade Level Champions:

- 1st: Joey Medrano
- 2nd: Avery Iordache
- 3rd: Micki Kopunovic
- 4th: Simon Indrieu
- 5th: Makenna Hann
- 6th: Emilio Villeda
- 7th: Tristan Iordache
- 8th: Nadia Bibulovic

Well done everyone!





Re-Enrollment Time

IT'S TIME ENROLL FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

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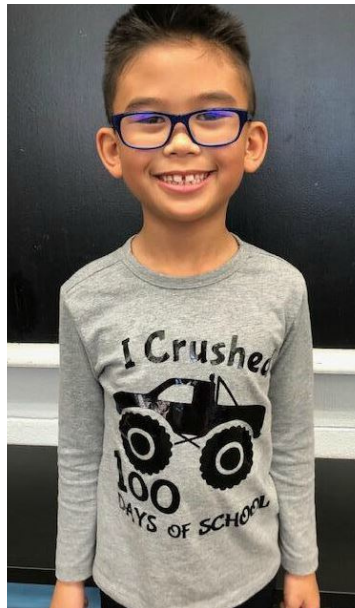
**2021-2022
ENROLLMENT
NOW OPEN!!!**

Enroll for the chance to win...
 February: \$750 off tuition
 March: \$500 off tuition
 April: \$250 off tuition

We are diligently making plans for the upcoming school year already and we want each of you to join us. Enrollment for the new year is now open via FACTS (RenWeb). Simply login to your account, select the re-enrollment tab, and complete the registration questions. Families who complete re-enrollment this month will be eligible to win a \$750 tuition credit. By enrolling early for the coming year, you will help us as we plan our budget, set goals, and coordinate events. We are very excited about the coming year and hope you will choose to be part of the HAA family again!

If you have any questions or need any help enrolling for next year we're here to help. Call 630-323-9211 or email office@haa.org

100
 DAYS OF
 SCHOOL



COVID-19 UPDATES

BE A HERO: PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS



Wear face covering at all times



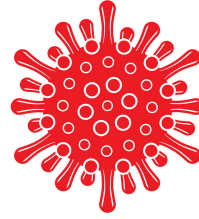
Stay 6-feet apart



Wash your hands frequently



Showing symptoms? Stay home!



COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS

HAA must be notified immediately if a student tests positive for the virus. Please call 630-323-9211 should your child become Covid positive.

Stay safe and stay well!

Please remember - students who are learning in-person and wish to switch to connected learning must have parents contact the office. Call 630-323-9211 or speak to your child's teacher for more information.

Vaccine for Staff

SCHOOL STAFF RECEIVE SHOTS

Over the past two months HAA faculty and staff have begun getting the COVID-19 vaccine. We are pleased to report that nearly all school employees have now received at least the first dose of the vaccine. It is a true blessing to have access to this medicine and to be able to do our part to protect our community.



Exciting News!

HAA RECEIVES MAJOR DONATION - FUNDRAISING PLANNED



Hinsdale Adventist Academy has been extremely blessed by a donor who has given the school \$100,000 as a challenge to raise \$100,000 more! Our donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, is excited about what is happening at HAA and has a vision for the future.

After we raise \$100,000 to match their generous contribution, they would like to see us pay down our debt to the Illinois Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists. This is something that has not been done in many years, and HAA has created a 4-year plan for debt repayment, and this would cut that time in half! It would also allow the school to benefit by not making debt payments, using our endowment for programs and tuition assistance instead of debt, and also allow us to get discounts from the ILC. The total HAA would benefit from would be approximately \$140,000 every year! As you know, this would allow us to enhance programs, help with tuition assistance, budget for capital improvements, and so much more! We understand raising \$100,000 may not be easy, but the reward at the end is worth the work to accomplish this goal! We invite you to consider a donation, and to reach out to those who would like to take part in HAA's vision!

To donate visit <https://hinsdaleadventistacademy.factsmgtadmin.com/give/>

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

After a lot of deliberation, prayer, conversation, and a few tears, I have decided not to return to HAA as principal next year (2021-2022). I want to thank each of you for the trust you have placed in me while I have served in this capacity.

After 14 years of working at HAA, this is a very tough decision. I love our school! As much as I am passionate about this school, my heart says that I need to be more present for my daughter and spend more time with her while she is still so young. My husband, Jason, and I feel that the best choice for our family is for me to step back from full time work for a while.

I am confident that God has big plans for this school in the future. As I reflect on my years as principal, His hand is evident in so many ways; leading us through good times and difficult ones. I know God has the right leader already in place to continue moving our school forward.

I am not exactly sure where God is leading me and my family next, but I will continue to keep HAA in my prayers and I can't wait to see what God has planned for this wonderful school. I look forward to a strong finish for this school year and savoring my final few months with my HAA family.

Sincerely,
Fawn Scherencel

