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Mission Week

LOCAL, DOMESTIC, INTERNATIONAL

The second annual high school mission week was a fantastic opportunity for students to learn through service. Every high school student participated in various service projects throughout the week. From Hinsdale to Chicago to Springfield to Baharona Dominican Republic, HAA students were serving people far and wide and in numerous ways. Students worked bread lines, cleaned community centers, painted buildings, led health seminars, ran Vacation Bible Schools, and built a house over the course of the week. For many academy students the blessings they received from helping others were even greater than the impact they were making. At HAA, students are often reminded that serving others is an important part of the Christian walk, but mission week provided tangible ways for them to get involved and experience service in brand new ways. These young people are certainly prepared for lives of service now and in the future.

Model U.N.

Just before spring break about 20 students spent two days in Indianapolis participating in Model United Nations at IUPUI. Model U.N. is a program where "students across the country and around the world participate in Model United Nations, which involves substantial researching, public speaking, debating, and writing skills, as well as critical thinking, teamwork, and leadership abilities." The IUPUI summit draws public and private schools from throughout Indiana and neighboring states. Out of several hundred competitors, two HAA students, Tony Zhao & Tatiana Babcock were recognized as Outstanding Delegates for their contributions throughout the summit.



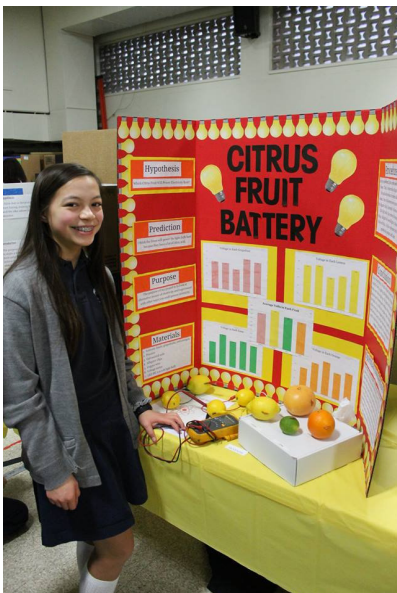
Photography Tour

Students in Photography class with Mrs. Mendez went on their first ever photography tour this spring. Traveling to Northern Michigan and back the students were able to capture beautiful sights throughout the state on Michigan. Highlights included the Mackinac Bridge and Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore (pictured below) where students photographed Lake Michigan and the scenery. The group also visited local towns and hiked through state parks to get the best possible shots. Throughout the trip the students focused on seeing the art in every day places and things around them. Mrs. Mendez always makes it a point to help her students see the beauty God has created for us no matter where we are.



Science Fair

This spring seventh grade participated in the Illinois Conference Science Fair at North Shore Adventist Academy in Chicago. With the help of Mr. Carlos each student created a unique science project to present. The class spent the day downtown presenting their posters explaining their hypothesis, experiment, and findings to a panel of judges from around the conference. The students also brought examples of their projects or the experiment itself to further demonstrate everything they had learned in preparation for the fair. During the



day the 7th graders had the opportunity to view projects by students from other Adventist schools. No two projects were alike and it was a great opportunity for the seventh grade class to learn more about science and make a few new friends along the way.

Scholastic Book Fair

Just before Spring Break Hinsdale Adventist Academy hosted a Scholastic Book Fair for the first time in over five years. Coordinated by Mrs. Jenkins and staffed by volunteers, students and parents spent lots of time in the school library throughout the week pursuing all sorts of new books. For many elementary students the highlight of the week was a visit from Mr. Schu, "the Ambassador of School Libraries for Scholastic Book Fairs." Mr. Schu brought excitement and energy to reading and encouraged students and teachers alike to pick up a good book. In part, book sales during the fair benefited classrooms and the school library giving students access to new books throughout the building.



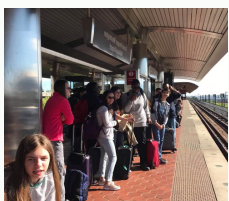
SA Banquet

The annual academy banquet was held on April 28 the Spirit of Chicago Dinner Cruise on Lake Michigan. High school students dressed up for the afternoon and enjoyed a cruise around the lake and a delicious dinner. It was a beautiful spring day and a lovely way to welcome spring.



8th Grade Class Trip

The annual 8th grade class trip to Washington D.C. was once again a success! Led by Pastor Parker, a native of the D.C. area, and joined by the Downers Grove SDA School, the 8th graders spent five days exploring the nation's capitol and learning about American history. Each day was jam packed with museum visits, historic sites, and lots of walking. Highlights of the trip included The Museum of the Bible, the National Museum of African American History, and a private tour of the FBI Headquarters. According to Josh "the Old Testament part of the Bible Museum was the coolest part" and Zac stated that his favorite part of the trip was "the Abraham Lincoln memorial", Jonah loved the Holocaust Museum because it was so moving.



Student Baptisms

The highlight of Adventist education is seeing students grow closer to Christ through an intelligent faith. Nothing brings more joy to Adventist educators than to see a student of ours surrender their life to Jesus. Recently two HAA ladies made this very decision. Sofia in the eighth grade was baptized on April 20 after completing a series of Bible studies with Pastor Parker and being an active member of the Hinsdale church youth group for more than a year. Sofia said she decided to be baptized after her grandfather passed away because it made her realize how important things really were and she has felt "way happier than before" since



her baptism. Mikenna, a junior at HAA decided she wanted to be baptized after Bible Camp this winter. The week before her baptism Mikenna delivered a powerful week of prayer message to the student body about the comfort and strength she has found in her relationship with Christ.



Music Tour

High School Band and Chamber Singers embarked on a tour of the South April 7. Venturing through eight states over the course of the week the music ensembles performed at places such as Artillery Park in New Orleans and the Country Music Hall of Fame in Nashville. Not only were the students able to perform in various venues, they also visited a number of locations with musical significance such as the National Blues Museum in St. Louis, the Jazz Museum in New Orleans, and Graceland in Memphis. For many of the students the best parts of the trip included meeting and performing for students at a New Orleans charter school, witnessing to people & bringing joy throughout the trip and providing the church service for the Springfield church Sabbath morning.



The Music Man

For months HAA choir students have been heard singing strains of "Wells Fargo Wagon" and "Seventy Six Trombones" all around the school. On May 1st HAA premiered Meredith Willson's *The Music Man* a classic musical about the gift of music and the joy it brings. Courtland (senior) and Anneliese (junior) led the cast as the show's main characters, Harold Hill and Marian Paroo and Max (3rd Grade) stole the show with his performance as Winthrop. Mr. Daniel chose to produce *The Music Man* this year because it is his favorite musical and it "is a redemptive story...a joyful reminder that we are tasked to be our best selves and to help one another." With outstanding performances by the entire cast the show was a hit!

Drama at PBE

On April 26 & 27 Illinois hosted the international Pathfinder Bible Experience (PBE) in Rockford. Over 3,000 Pathfinders from several different countries gathered to test their knowledge of the book of Luke. The HAA drama team, Act in Faith, was invited to perform various skits on Friday and Saturday. They presented about the resurrection of Jesus and a program titled "Greatest Gift." According to Lexie, a sophomore in the group, it was a thrilling experience to "perform for all of those people, more than we've ever performed for before. It was inspiring that we were able to be part of such an amazing ministry and to touch so many lives." Despite the snowstorm Act In Faith was honored to participate at PBE.



Little Lambs

As usual, Little Lambs preschool has been keeping very busy this spring. In the midst of special activities, field trips, and preparing for the end of the year, Little Lambs was also accredited in April. A team of early childhood educators evaluated the entire Little Lambs program. The accreditation process is part of an initiative by the North American Division to enhance SDA preschools. The accreditation report was very positive and highlighted the extremely loving and safe atmosphere Ms. Shelly and her fellow teachers have fostered there. Congratulations to the Little Lambs team on all your hard work!



LEGO Robotics

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE

On Sunday March 17, 2019 the HAA Legends of the Shooting Stars (LOTSS) LEGO Robotics team placed in the top three teams (out of a total of 11 teams) at the regional tournament of the Adventist Robotics League that took place at Kettering College and was the only Lake Union team to advance to the National Tournament held at Forest Lake Academy in Florida. This past weekend the students competed at the National tournament, besides being loads of fun, our students learn critical thinking and teambuilding skills, basic STEM applications, and even presentation skills. Space Project - the students came up with a space related problem and try to solve it. For their work on this, they received 1st place. The robots are built by the students from Lego pieces and they include a variety of electric motors and sensors. The robots are then programmed by the students to perform the different tasks completely autonomously. Robot Design - teams are judged on the design of their robot. Simplicity, durability, programming, automation, mission strategy, creativity, & efficiency are highly scored in this category. LOTSS received 1st place in this category. The teams had such a great time competing with 30 teams from all over the United States and Saipan.



Remember to follow Hinsdale Adventist Academy on Facebook and Instagram to see everything happening at school!



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VersaFund Grant

Recently, HAA was awarded \$10,000 for technology in the middle grades, thanks to the efforts of J Carlos (math & science teacher). The grant was awarded by the VersaCare Foundation.

This is Versacare's fourth successive year funding STEM grants. To date, they have provided 228 schools with a total of \$1,825,000.

Versacare, Inc., is the largest independent private foundation supporting the varied ministries of the SDA Church with grant funding. A self-funded lay organization, it is comprised of both lay Adventists and present and former church employees.

For more information about Versacare's STEM grant program, please visit www.versacare.org.



Re-Enrollment

RESERVE YOUR SPACE FOR 2019-2020

As we wrap up the 2018-2019 school year, we are already looking to the new year on the horizon. Teachers are planning lessons, field trips, and room arrangements. Student government officers are being elected for the coming year, the class of 2020 are thinking about where they will travel, and we are strategizing ways to continuously improve.

HAA will look different next year, and although these changes bring new challenges, it is an opportunity for us to try new things, step out of comfort zones, and shake things up a bit. We are incredibly grateful to Ms. Blanco, Ms. Viclar, Ms. Del Jean, and Mr. Dunham for the ministry they have shared during their time at HAA.



Mrs. T will continue to teach Kindergarten, Ms. Datil will be teaching a combined 1/2 class and Mrs. Jenkins will have a combined 3/4 room. All of them have already started preparing for their classes and are excited to welcome students into their rooms. Fifth grade will have Mr. Carlos for math and Mrs. Samuel for their other subjects. Sixth grade will have Mr. Carlos for math and science, Ms. Noverola for language arts, and Mrs. Samuel for Bible and social studies. Seventh and Eighth grade will also have Mr. Carlos for math and science, Ms. Noverola for language arts, Pastor Parker for Bible, and Ms. Noverola/Mrs. Samuel for social studies. In high school, Mr. Dunham's classes will be taught by Mr. Ferguson, Pr. Frederick, and Ms. Fawn.

The teachers are prayerfully preparing for the coming year and looking forward to all the opportunities it will bring. We hope you'll be here too!

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>The Music Man</i>	2	3 Robotics Tournament	4 K-3 Church Program <i>The Music Man</i>
5 Robotics Tournament <i>The Music Man</i>	6 Robotics Tournament Teacher Appreciation Week	7 Teacher Appreciation Week	8 Teacher Appreciation Week PreK Field Trip	9 Teacher Appreciation Week	10 Teacher Appreciation Week NJHS Induction	11
12 Mother's Day	13 Outdoor Ed HS Athletic Awards Ceremony	14 Outdoor Ed	15 7th Field Trip HS Academic Awards/NHS Induction	16 Outdoor Ed	17 4th Field Trip	18 Music Performance
19 Spring Concert	20 MS Athletic Awards	21 1st Field Trip	22 PreK Graduation	23 4/5 Field Trip 8th Grade Graduation	24 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Senior Consecration	25 Baccalaureate
26 Senior Commencement	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

Please refer to the calendar on www.haa.org for up-to-date information, including the Athletics calendar.