

UPCOMING EVENTS

- PATHFINDER CAMP-OUT**
November 16-18, 2018
- THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY DINNER TO GO**
November 19, 2018
- THANKSGIVING FEAST**
November 21, 2018
- THANKSGIVING BREAK (NO SCHOOL)**
November 22-23, 2018
- FACULTY CHRISTMAS PARTY**
December 3, 2018
- CHRISTMAS MUSICAL REHEARSAL**
December 5, 2018
- CHRISTMAS MUSICAL**
December 6, 2018
- SCHOOL IN SESSION**
December 7, 2018
- FIRST SEMESTER EXAM WEEK**
December 13, 14, 17, and 18, 2018
- LAST DAY OF SECOND QUARTER**
December 19, 2018
- FIRST DAY OF THIRD QUARTER**
January 7, 2019
- SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY**
January 14, 2019

GAA'S MISSION
is to help students:

Glorify God in their daily lives,
Achieve academic excellence with
social responsibility,
Apply diligently the principles of
healthful living.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- PATHFINDER CAMP-OUT**
Pathfinder clubs all over Guam will be participating this weekend at the island-wide Pathfinder camp-out that will be held at GAA, Windward Campus.
- SCHOOL SPIRIT: FALL COLORS DAY**
Students are encouraged to show school spirit this coming Wednesday, November 21, by coming to school in your fall color shirts and uniform bottoms.
- THANKSGIVING FEAST**
We are looking forward to our annual Thanksgiving feast for our students **on Wednesday, November 21**. Please note that it has been moved to the 21st from its original date of November 19.
- STUDENT ASSOCIATION RETREAT**
We would like to let you know that the normal retreat for the upper school has been moved to the spring as we were having difficulty finding a safe and appropriate site for the retreat. We are working so as to have that ready for spring so it can be a well planned and wonderful experience for all.

GAA HANDBELLS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

| DATE / TIME | VENUE |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Dec 6 (Thu) 6pm | Agana Heights |
| Dec 8 (Sat) 6:30pm | The Westin Resort |
| Dec 9 (Sun) 10am | Lotte Hotel |
| Dec 11 (Tue) 5:30pm | Tumon Sands Plaza |
| Dec 12 (Wed) 5:30pm | Agana Shopping Center |
| Dec 15 (Sat) 10am | Happy Family SDA Church |
| Dec 15 (Sat) 6:30pm | Hilton Guam Resort |
| Dec 16 (Sun) 11:30am | Dust Thani Guam Resort |
| Dec 18 (Tue) 5:30pm | Outrigger Guam Beach Resort |
| Dec 19 (Wed) 5:30pm | Sheraton Laguna Guam Resort |



GUAM ADVENTIST ACADEMY

CLASS OF 2019

\$5 THANKSGIVING GRAMS

Say thank you to your friends, family, and loved ones by gifting them with our delicious Thanksgiving Grams which include: Homemade Peanut Butter Cookies, Chips, Gummies, Chocolates, and Caramels

TEXT/WHATSAPP JIHYE CHOI AT 487-1181 FOR ORDERS

PLEASE REQUEST ORDERS BY THIS THURSDAY NOV. 19

SNAPSHOTS GALLERY



YOU'RE INVITED
TO VISIT AN ADVENTIST CHURCH THIS SABBATH!

Locations and contact information are listed in www.gmmsda.org/churches or call 477-9745 (GMM Office).

ANGELS' MESSAGE

GAA Gives to Sugar Plum Tree

By Newsletter Staff

As we near Thanksgiving, we are reminded of everything that we have to be grateful for, even the most seemingly trivial things we take for granted such as, a roof over our heads, clothes on our backs, and hygiene products. So this year, we decided that it was fitting to kick off GAA's holiday program by partnering with the Sugar Plum Tree Organization, as we have done for the past several years, to fulfill the holiday wish lists of the needy and neglected here on Guam who wouldn't otherwise receive anything during the holidays. It is also during this time we reflect on God's gift of His only Begotten Son to all of us. In Matthew 5:16 it says, "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." The ultimate gift was Jesus's sacrifice and it is because of Him that we have a second chance at redemption. It is because of God's love and His will for us to love our fellow brothers and sisters that compels our participation in this very special annual program. Each class selected a few adoptees and worked together to do whatever they could to get



their requested items. Some of the adoptees were elderly who requested basic necessities such as shampoo and conditioner. But a majority of our names were children and some were even 6 month old babies. Many requests involved diapers and/or clothes, but most toddlers just wished for toys; a baby doll or even a toy car. Some requests involved very specific items such as a Paw Patrol toy for a 2 year old boy and some requests were very general such as "educational toys" for a six month old, but each class was determined to get the toys these kids wished for. In the end, we were able to complete every item off our list of names. Today in the upper room, a special ceremony was held to present our gifts to the Sugar Plum Tree Organization. A representative from the organization, Mr. Terry Aguon came to accept the gifts from each class. Mr. Aguon has previously worked as a social worker and has been a veteran advocate for our island's children- with over 30 years of experience under his belt. He gave a few brief remarks and then each class proceeded to present their donations and take a picture with him. It was a wonderful and humbling experience to see all the gifts in one place, knowing that the gifts would soon be delivered to those in need and

would bring them joy or comfort. After the presentation ceremony, we began our chapel and Pastor Cunha gave his inspiring message. With one more month until Christmas, we are grateful that we had this opportunity to be able to spread holiday cheer to some people who might need it the most. If you would like to volunteer your time to help the Sugar Plum Tree wrap all the gifts, "The Big Wrap" will be held at 9 A.M. December 17 at the Bank of Hawaii in Hagåtña. Volunteers should come with a pair of scissors and a pen/marker. Thank you to all the parents, teachers, and students for all your love and support in help making many kids and elderly's wishes come true. We hope you have a blessed Thanksgiving.



"Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms." Psalm 95:2

THANKSGIVING FEAST DAY NOVEMBER 21

Did you do something good today? Helped someone carry their books? Opened the door for a teacher or a classmate? Shared your lunch with a friend who forgot to bring a meal? Picked up trash to keep the school tidy? Chances are, you might get yourself a gold card soon!



Gold Cards: You Got CAUGHT!

Students caught doing good are recognized by Mr. Wilson with a gold card.

Make no mistake, students at GAA lend a helping hand not because

they want a gold card, it's because they know it is the right thing to do. They find joy in helping others without thinking about getting something in return.

Paul encourages us to keep doing something good in Galatians 6:9 "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Some students are surprised when they receive a gold card. They did not expect that someone caught them doing something good.

Have you done something good and not receive a gold card? Paul says, keep doing good! Our heavenly Father sees and knows everything that we do. He even knows why we are doing them.



THANKSGIVING DOOR DECORATION

The Student Association Leaders of Guam Adventist Academy have been busy brainstorming and planning exciting new events and activities for our school. This week, SA spent their mornings decorating the upper room door with a festive turkey for the upcoming Fall Themed Door Decorating activity for the school!

colorful fall leaves, fat turkeys, orange pumpkins, and any other decorations that will display the season of fall. Include what you are thankful for. The SA leaders chose this activity not only to encourage the students to use their creativity, but to also have each class work together as a team and put their talents together to create something beautiful.

Our school's SA student leaders hope that both lower and upper

school will enjoy this activity to show some fall and school spirit and have fun working together with their classmates. SA wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and to have a fun door decorating time!



NOVEMBER JOINT CHAPEL

3rd and 4th Grade class led the song service singing "I just want to be a sheep".

Kinora led in the opening prayer.



Guest speaker Pastor Cunha shared a message about Jesus laying down His life for all of us because He loves us.



Pastor Cunha offered a prayer for the students.



Mr. Gary Wilson

Principal



From the Principal's Desk

One of my favorite days of the year is Thanksgiving. It is truly a time to remember to be thankful for our families, friends, homes, pets, and the wonderful blessings of a Loving God even when we have not always done the things He wants us to. I love the story of our Pilgrim families who sacrificed so much to begin the country that has provided for us the many freedoms we enjoy today. I enjoy reading stories of those who have sacrificed so others could be blessed. I read recently of a young girl who gave up her place to save another during World War II. Her reason was that if in saving the one person she was saving the world. Many people in the military and otherwise have given so much over the years to give us freedom and the possibility to celebrate Thanksgiving in the comfort of our families and homes. I also want to give thanks for all of you as students, staff, and parents of GAA!! 1 Thessalonians 1:2 "We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers".



Senior Sabbath Continues

This past Saturday, the seniors led another "Senior Sabbath" at the Ordot Seventh-Day Adventist Church. They followed their usual routine of introducing themselves, their class positions, and hobbies.



children about the importance of listening to your teachers.

The speaker for the Sabbath was none other than our very own high school English and World History teacher, Miss Hartline who gave a touching testimony about her upbringing and the values of going to an Adventist school. She talked about how her teachers at her school had a Christian character



Next, the girls of the class, Selencia, Michelle, Kaveri, and JiHyee led song service. When the church went into the main worship service, the seniors led out in the intercessory prayer, Scripture reading, children's story, offering, and more.



Michelle Norton and Kaveri Jimenez shared a story to



and showed her the love and affection she so craved as a young child. It shed light on the importance of learning in an

Adventist environment surrounded by teachers who truly care for their students and instill a love of learning about Jesus.

Selencia Saladier, a senior at GAA gave her thoughts on Miss Hartline's sermon; she said, "It



was such a blessing to be able to visit the Ordot SDA church and to hear Miss Hartline's beautiful testimony. I was truly touched and I am very thankful that our class has this opportunity to spend this Sabbath with the Ordot church family."

The senior class will visit the Happy Family SDA church in Dededo next month. They are inviting you to join them as the lead out in the Divine Worship program.

AMAZING FACTS

Pigeon Mission (an Amazing Fact)

Because there are so many pigeons in the world, we sometimes fail to appreciate these remarkable birds. Pigeons mate for life, make excellent parents, and have been known to live over 30 years! The racing pigeon is the marathon athlete of the air. It has the ability to beat its wings up to 10 times per second, and maintain a heart rate of 600 beats per minute for up to 16 hours without rest, while flying 50 to 60 mph! In addition, it can fly nearly straight up.

These skills have made homing pigeons a valuable communication tool for carrying messages in wartime. During WWII, 98 percent of pigeon missions were successful, often despite enemy fire. A famous WWI homing pigeon named Cher Ami delivered a vital message—the location of the famous Lost Battalion. The mission of that pigeon alone is credited with saving nearly 200 human lives! Cher Ami was awarded a medal for his heroic service. He died from his extensive battle wounds.

The French, Swiss, Israeli, and Chinese armies still use homing pigeons today because their messaging is not affected by electronic jamming. In the 17th century, King George of England decreed all pigeon droppings to be property of the Crown—and the lofts were policed to enforce the law! The reason? Pigeon manure was used in making gunpowder.

Advanced studies at the University of Montana and at Harvard have concluded: "Pound for pound, the pigeon is one of the smartest, most physically adept creatures in the animal kingdom." They have been taught to use tools and were found to retain hundreds of objects or images in their memory! Knowing this, the pharmaceutical industry in Australia employed pigeons trained to identify anomalies in pills on a moving conveyor. The birds did outstanding work, but authorities soon ended the practice, fearing backlash from the perception that pigeons were more efficient workers than people. And, of course, they would work for chicken feed!

Did you know there was a prophet in the Bible whose name was pigeon? Jonah's name means "dove" or "pigeon." Unlike the faithful homing pigeons, Jonah tried to flee from duty. God mercifully spared his life, and Jonah went on to preach God's message of warning, which saved an entire city from destruction.

