

# Tulsa Adventist Academy

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## IT'S TIME TO "SPRING" FOR TAA!

We are halfway through the school year and already preparing for the next one! Several students enrolled for the second semester, including Korean exchange students, and **Mr. Jake Schellenberg** is our new school board chairman. We are so happy to have you all with us! As you see above, TAA's tower gardens are growing and thriving with lettuces and herbs. The biology class is pollinating, germinating, trimming, planting, feeding, watering and whispering encouraging words to help the gardens grow! Speaking of growing, there are several very important upcoming events listed below that will help your child continue growing with TAA.

On **Friday, February 23**, TAA kicks off the pre-registration process with **Visitation Day** for all grades. Bring a friend so they can meet teachers, staff and students.

**Register** your child for the 2018-2019 school year with only a registration fee raise! If you pre-register on **Thursday, March 1**, you will keep the current year's tuition rates. After that date, the tuition rates are rising by 2%. TAA also offers discounts for siblings and for constituent churches: Adventist Fellowship in Tulsa; First SDA church in Tulsa; Spanish Central SDA and Spanish Independence SDA; and Sand Springs SDA in Sand Springs. Come enjoy the science fair while you're registering your children for another great year!

**Parent-teacher conferences** will be held on **Monday, March 5** only. Please reserve your time with your student(s) teachers by calling the TAA office by **Monday, February 26**. Slots go quickly!

And one last thing: please pray for our high school students who are going to **Puerto Rico** during spring break. More than half of the island is still without electricity and running water and our students will be helping clean up much of Hurricane Maria's debris.

Shaun Lazarus, Principal

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# TAA IN ACTION!

## SWAU HOOPS CLASSIC

TAA's girls' varsity basketball team enjoyed a long weekend of hard play with 55 other academy teams during Southwestern Adventist University's Hoops Classic in January. Coach Lance Bailey and sponsor Jennifer Whittington accompanied the team. The purpose of the event as noted on SWAU's website is:

1 To develop Christ-like character through a quality athletic program, with attention given to fellowship, respect for opponents, level of play and competitive and recreational fun.

2 To allow for participation that will be conducted in such a manner as to emphasize the learning of athletic skills and sportsmanship.

3 To provide an opportunity for the development of character, self-respect, social grace, physical dexterity and personal discipline on and off the court of play.

4 To promote the concepts of teamwork, fair play and the ideals of service to each other as team members and service to the community at large."

The Hoops Classic is an event the TAA teams look forward to each year. They meet other students their age from all over the United States and improve their basketball skills.



## KOREAN STUDENTS AT TAA

On a sparkling, frozen first day of 2018, TAA welcomed 12 very sleepy students from South Korea. All of the boys and girls are in grades 3-6 and attend various Seventh-day Adventist schools in South Korea. Other Korean exchange students are attending Ketchum Adventist Academy and Parkview Adventist Academy.

Mrs. Kim Bokovoy and Mrs. Allie Faber and their students have made new friends with their exchange students and the students are experiencing life in the United States for the first time. TAA appreciates the host families for taking care of the students, and Mrs. Bokovoy and Mrs. Faber for instructing them each day. The students were treated to a week at Disney World in Orlando, FL in late January. Several students continued home to Korea from FL, but the remaining students will remain at TAA until February 21. We will miss them very much!



## TAA WANTS TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOU!

*Deborah Zigo,  
Director of  
Communication*

### 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.

### REMIND

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

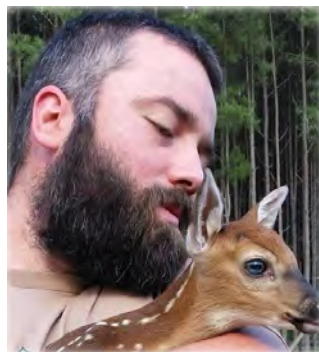
REQUIRED: OneCall is used for global school events and emergencies and is sent to your cell phone. You are automatically signed up when you give TAA your telephone number at registration.

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.*

## "FIRE GUY"

Mr. Ronald Arroyo-Watson joined TAA this year as the science instructor and 11-12th grade home room teacher. He graduated from Southern Adventist University (SAU) in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in chemistry, and then earned his master's degree in Instructional Leadership from SAU in 2017. He has also taught in South Korea, Georgia, and Michigan.

Mr. A's wife, Rachel, is TAA's aftercare director and his young daughters, Eden and Haven, both attend TAA. Mr. A says, "This is my 6<sup>th</sup> year teaching. I spent time as a chemist before switching to the education field. I believe God led me to become a teacher. My wife and I are high school sweethearts. We have two fat cats! I love relaxing at home, watching movies, computers, and all things science." Mr. A is also the fixer-upper, bell scheduler and all-around TAA helper...and he sometimes sets things on fire!



## TAA OFFERS DUAL ENROLLMENT

TAA is partnering with Tulsa Community College, offering dual enrollment. The collaboration is for Freshman Composition I, College Algebra, and Introduction to Psychology. If your junior or senior wants to take one of these classes in the next school year, they must meet the following requirements:

- 3.0 high school GPA;
- an ACT composite score of 19 or SAT ERW and Math of 1140;
- acceptable citizenship and attendance record; and
- home school students need to provide a transcript.

Contact Mr. Lazarus to learn more about dual enrollment options.



# "GOOD NEWS AT CHRISTMAS"



TAA students sang and acted their hearts out on December 14, 2017 to a full gymnasium of family and friends. Under the direction of Music Director Ann Sauder, all students were able to have a part in the program "Good News at Christmas," even behind the scenes. Michaela Lazarus and Tayler Jones emceed from radio station "RTAA" while various grades sang and acted.

The littlest stars were in Pre-K and Kindergarten, and they sang their sweetest with *Twinkle, Twinkle Mighty Star*, followed by a very enthusiastic rendition of *Give a Little Sunshine*.

The first and second grade skit starred "Wally" played by Simeon Adewunmi while grades 3-4 entertained a "Christmas Guest" starring Ashur Schellenberg. Grades 1-4 then belted out *Everywhere Christmas Tonight*, followed by grades 5-8 asking, *Whatcha Gonna Call That Baby?*

Grades 7-8 highlighted their community service effort of filling clean-up buckets for Hurricane Harvey victims by role-playing the effects of the hurricane.

After an intermission, the high school students sang *Carol of the Bells* and *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* a capella. The finale to this fabulous evening was having the entire student body sing *Christmastime* together by Michael W. Smith.

Ms. Sauder wrote the play and directed all of the music while grades 9-10 served a reservation-only dinner of lasagna, salad, rolls and homemade dressing and butters made by grades 11-12. The proceeds of the dinner benefitted the high school mission trip to hurricane-ravaged Puerto Rico during TAA's spring break in March.



## February- March Calendar!

FEBRUARY 11: SWAU  
25TH ANNUAL MUSIC  
FESTIVAL

FEBRUARY 12: NO  
SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 19: NO  
SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 23:  
VISITATION DAY FOR  
ALL GRADES

MARCH 1: PRE-  
REGISTRATION DAY &  
SCIENCE FAIR

MARCH 5: NO SCHOOL  
~ PARENT/TEACHER  
CONFERENCES

MARCH 10: TALENT  
SHOW

MARCH 16-APRIL 1:  
SPRING BREAK

## HOME & SCHOOL



Returning Home and School leaders Vicki Fjeldsted and Joy Carlile are encouraging students to get citrus orders IN and the word about the sale OUT! This year's citrus sale features 20# boxes of navel oranges, juice oranges, red grapefruit, and tangelos, for \$30.00/box. Only full boxes are available, and **orders must be**

**submitted to the TAA office by Tuesday, February 13, 2018.** Ask your student about incentives for selling citrus! Order forms have been sent home! **The TAA annual bake sale and talent show is slated for March 10.** Students are signing up for auditions, so come support your children and friends at a really fun evening that helps TAA students REACH!

## NEW STAFF!

Ms. Macy Fisher (Middle), Mrs. Roberta Glovatsky (L) and Mrs. Damaris Prieto (R) have joined the TAA team as of January 1, 2018. Ms. Fisher is teaching Health for the freshmen and Personal Finance and Economics for juniors and seniors. She graduated from Southern Adventist University in 2015 with a BS in Business Administration and an AS in Allied Health and was a Network Growth Coordinator at Kettering Health Network before returning to "Oklahoma" with her husband, Beecher Whiting.

Mrs. Glovatsky is our new school treasurer. She was baptized and married in the First Tulsa church, then lived in North Dakota for 35 years. You can reach Mrs. Glovatsky at TAA on Monday- Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. Prieto is the aide to Ms. Vickie in the PreK-K class. Mrs. Prieto holds a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood.



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