

# Tulsa Adventist Academy

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## 2017-2018: IT WASN'T EASY, BUT IT WAS WORTH IT!

There are so many memories that made an impact on me this year: the bonding with students on senior class trip, laughing together and gaining trust. In Puerto Rico, the entire high school (minus six students) came together with their parents and faculty to serve in a foreign land, enabling us to work as a team. We accepted each other with our flaws and saw Christ working in each one of us. It was a beautiful experience in a beautiful location. Another highlight for me was Principal's Day! Principals are often forgotten because we don't have constant interaction that teachers and students do, but I still have balloons with students' messages written on them hanging in my office: "May God bless you." "Mr. Lazarus is one cool dude." I still have hand-written notes from elementary students telling me what they think principals do all day: "He stays at his desk and pays the school funds and eats chips and drinks Pepsi." "He eats donuts and cookies all day and he is very nice." "Sometimes he comes to walk around the gym and then takes phone calls after worship." And it's nice to see that I'm the "best principal in the universe" according to some 3rd and 4th graders!

It was also thrilling to see the teachers' expressions of pleasure on Teacher Appreciation Day as they walked on a red carpet from the school foyer to the waiting limousine. They deserve it!

Now the year is gone and I'm saying goodbye to some very special people who are moving on. With a heavy heart we bid them farewell, and pray they will not lose sight of God and let Him be the Guide to new heights.

Goodbye class of 2018, hello class of 2019!



Senior Michaela Lazarus with Principal Lazarus ("Dad").

# TAA MEMORIES 2017-2018

## PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN Victoria “Dedicated” Toews, Teacher

From the beginning to the end:

- We make friends
- We have lots of fun
- We learn about a lot of things
- We laugh
- We play
- We sing
- We pray

Most important we learn more about Jesus and how much he loves and cares for us!



## GRADES 1-2

## Amilia “Kind” Hoffman, Teacher

What a blast we had this year! We came to school each day to give our best effort. We shared in a lot of fun, laughter, and good memories!

Some of our favorite memories this year included our fun science experiments like dancing raisins, cookie erosion, and M&M thermal energy. The science fair was also a fun treat to show off our scientific method knowledge! We enjoyed many field trips and took a bunch of photos. We dressed our Wackiest for Elementary Explosion, and stuffed our faces with ice cream.

Our two favorite subjects this year were art and math, where we got to express both sides of our brains! Ready for a break, but inspired with a love for learning, we are excited to move on to 2nd and 3rd next year. Happy Summer!





## 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.

### REMINDE

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.*

## GRADES 3-4

### Kim "Willing" Bokovoy, Teacher

Students really REACHED this year with so many wonderful activities! We learned many of the names of God and how those names bring us a greater understanding of who He really is and how His character brings us life.

We learned so much with our tower garden in class this year. We enjoyed growing and sharing a variety of greens and herbs. The garden was such a nice addition to our classroom.

Our Korean friends brought a new way of learning this year as well as a special friend from China. We still keep in touch thanks to the internet and WeChat. We are looking forward to a great summer and coming back together in August. Blessings to all!



## GRADES 5-6

### Allie "Happy" Faber, Teacher

We have had so much fun this year! We have gone on several fun trips and made many memories. Outdoor School, Middle School Mayhem, the Korean Exchange Program and Ozark Music Fest were some our highlights.

In April we went to Outdoor School along with the other schools in the Oklahoma Conference. My students learned about animal tracking, Adventist Heritage, nature, and interesting science facts! There were animals and spectacular science experiments! The students and teacher had lots of fun. In May the students surprised me with a going-away party. So touching! I will miss all of them!

This year we also had the opportunity to connect with six Korean exchange students who joined our class after Christmas Break. The students really bonded with these new kids and were able to gain some valuable insight into Korean life, culture, and way of life!



## GRADES 7-8 Ruthie "Positive" Vargas, Teacher

We have had a wonderful year. We have learned a lot and have done many fun things, but most importantly we have grown mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. We have learned, that service to others is a calling from God. We were blessed, when we went to Houston for our mission trip. We saw those yellow disaster relief buckets that we had invested our time putting together earlier this year. We were grateful to spend our time helping those directly effected by Hurricane Harvey. God put us in Houston at just the right time.

Many of the memories that my students and I will remember most will be the times we came together as a class. It will be unlikely that the many hours spent taking notes, writing papers, and testing will be remembered: it will be the times we laughed together, played together, and worshiped together. I thank God for placing each of my students in my classroom this year. We became a family!



## GRADES 9-10 Larry "Passionate" Seery, Teacher

This year has been a great year! I have had the privilege of being the 9/10 homeroom teacher which means that I take students' lunch orders and attendance before they rotate through their classes. Mostly I have enjoyed my religion class using the Encounter Bible program. My students have brought me insight, and their thoughts on the character of God. As the final for first semester each student had to give their testimonies. Most of the students would start with "I don't really have a testimony.." then told an amazing story of how God had blessed their life and family and everyone would end up crying. My class grew closer to each other and my prayer is that they drew closer to God as well.

We also had a mission project close to home at Wewoka Woods. At the start of the year we had team building time with the high school and part of that was to clear a new worship area near the lake. We found a great spot with some awesome rocks, sloping ground and a great view of the sunset. We were able to clear the area in one day and I was able to bring three high school ladies back during spring break and we finished almost half the seating. Then just last week we were able to finish up everything we had materials for. Next time you are out at WWAC, stop by and see the new worship area our students named "Sunset Rock."





## May Calendar!

**MAY 16: SCHOOL PICNIC/  
PHONE-A-THON**

**MAY 17: KINDERGARTEN/  
8TH GRADUATION**

**MAY 18: HALF DAY/LAST  
DAY/SENIOR  
CONSECRATION  
MAY 19: SENIOR  
GRADUATION**

**MAY 21: SUMMER  
OFFICE HOURS BEGIN**

**MAY 31: TEACHERS' LAST  
DAY**

**AUGUST 2:  
REGISTRATION FROM  
4:00-7:00 P.M.**

## GRADES 11-12 Ronald "Listener" Arroyo-Watson, Teacher

This year has been surprising and fun for me. I got to know a great group of students who not only accepted me and my mistakes but also had fun with me and were willing to teach me as well. I have met some students who refused to be bored in class, others who were quiet and reserved with deep thoughts, and others who just had an opinion to be shared regardless of what others might think. All of this made me happy and enjoy teaching each group.

The Biology and Chemistry labs worked on the Tower Gardens and water pH (respectively). We have had a few demonstration labs this year doing things like melting cans, burning metals, flaming colors, and imploding soda cans. We also went to Puerto Rico and had a great missionary experience and helped restore the campus of Antillian Adventist University after the hurricane damage.



## 2018-2019 REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year will be Thursday, August 2, 2018 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. EVERY STUDENT should attend, even if he or she is pre-registered. Complete application, pay registration fee, receive tuition plan, get class schedule, school calendar and Student Handbook, classroom supply list, sign up for gymnastics, basketball, and music lessons, and much more!

**TAA SUMMER OFFICE HOURS BEGIN JUNE 5  
TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS FROM  
10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.**

You may complete registration forms during summer hours.



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