

ACACIAWOOD SCHOOL NEWS

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GOLDEN EAGLES OFF TO A GREAT START

The Golden Eagles (AWS boys basketball team) have launched their season with 6 wins and 2 losses. Theyvarsity team took second place in the Liberty Christian tournament where they lost by only one point to Oxford Academy which is 10 times larger than AWS. The junior varsity team has also been lining up a number of games this year and so far they are 1 and 1. Show your support by coming out and cheering for the Golden Eagles. The schedule and directions to the games are available on the school website: www.awschool.org.

JUNIOR HIGH PARENT MEETING

AWS will hold a meeting for parents of the junior high school students and their teachers that was postponed earlier this month. The new date has not been finalized, but it will be on a Monday or Wednesday in January at 7:00pm. You will receive a notification after the date is determined. The purpose of the meeting is to assist parents help their junior high students understand and manage the growing "pains" of the teenage years. Drs. Rick and Blanca Scatterday, who have years of experience in teen medicine, will be the guest speakers. Parents with students of any age are also welcome.

RECYCLE: PHONES, CANS, PLASTIC BOTTLES

Keep sending aluminum cans, plastic beverage bottles, and used cell phones to school for recycling. Parents with large amounts of cans or bottles can drive their car around to the back parking lot and drop off their cans/bottles near the kitchen door in the big plastic garbage cans. Please do NOT send plastic milk jugs or glassware to school because they will not be accepted by our recycler.

CONCESSIONS SET-UP HELP NEEDED

This is just a reminder that we will be setting up for concessions on Lord's Day, **December 19th** from 3-6pm. We will start in building 5 (near loading dock) and move onto the Acaciadome when we finish at building 5. We are in need of many saints to come and help us so we can get finished in a timely fashion. Please bring some cleaning supplies including buckets and rags. If you have a pickup truck it would be greatly appreciated. We are in need of trucks to transport two refrigerators and some tables from Acaciawood to the campus. We hope as many families as possible can participate in this set up time.

CONCESSIONS BREAK-DOWN HELP NEEDED

On Saturday, December 25th we will need lots of help to clean-up from all the concession preparations in the Acaciadome starting at 6:00 pm and then after the meeting (9:30pm) in Building 5. Please come and bring as many helpers as you can including your guests and hospitality. We will be cleaning up and moving tables and concession supplies. This burden can easily be taken care of in as little time as an hour if we have plenty of helpers. Trucks are needed if you have one to loan us. Better yet is to have both the truck and owner available on Saturday night.

POLICY REMINDERS

- Call the office by 8:30am each day your child stays home from school. This does not apply to pre-arranged absences.
- Pre-arranged absences: Please notify the office at least one week in advance when your child must miss a day or more of school. A pre-arranged absence form is available in the office and in your orientation night packet to be used to file the notification.
- Pre-arranged and excused absences: Projects are still due when scheduled even in the event of a pre-arranged or excused absence. Please have your student communicate with their teachers regarding how to take care of their responsibility in turning in assignments on time.
- Plagiarism and cheating: may result in suspension and even expulsion. Below is a short anecdote taken from a book of character sayings that cheating is not worth losing our reputation that you took so long to build up.

Two brothers convicted of stealing sheep, were branded on the forehead with the letters ST, for "sheep thief."

One brother, unable to bear the stigma, tried to bury himself in a foreign land. But men asked him about the strange letters. He wandered restlessly, and at length, full of bitterness, died and was buried in a forgotten grave.

The other brother said, "I can't run away from the fact that I stole sheep. I will stay here and win back the respect of my neighbors and myself."

As the years passed he built a reputation of integrity. One day, a stranger saw the old man with the letters

branded on his forehead. He asked a native what they signified. "It happened a great while ago," said the villager. "I've forgotten the particulars; but I think the letters are an abbreviation of Saint."

FUND RAISING WITH EASE!

There are many ways that you can earn money for Acaciawood School at no cost to you. Most of the time all you have to do is present your card or school ID# at the time of purchase. Some merchants will give up to 5% of purchases to AWS! The following is a list of participating organizations.

Albertsons: Card # 4-90001-03553-6

Present your Albertsons card or inform the cashier of our school card number every time you check out at any Albertsons store. Get a card at school office.

eScript: ID# 151055362

The *eScript* program is nationwide. This program allows you to designate Acaciawood School to receive a percentage of purchases you make from registered vendors using your credit cards and grocery club cards. Register at www.escript.com. You may register grocery stores, debit or credit cards, etc. to make contributions to Acaciawood School

Land's End: ID # 9000-6691-1

Every time you order the school uniform or jacket, mention the Acaciawood School ID number.

Office Depot: ID # 70117748

Present your Office Depot card or inform the cashier of our school ID number every time you check out.

Target: ID #111271

Present your Target Visa or Target Guest Card and enjoy 10% off over and over again. Inform them that you would like to sign up for the Take Charge of Education School Fundraising program and that you want Acaciawood to be the school of your choice.

Washington Mutual: WaMoola for Schools

Open any new Washington Mutual checking account and sign up for a Visa Check Card.

Enroll in the WaMoola for Schools program and select Acaciawood School to be your recipient.

Every purchase with your card earns a point for Acaciawood School.

CRANES OF HOPE

1000 origami (folded paper) cranes were folded by the WAMA class and the Community Service Club. These will be sent to Richard Rowlands in New Zealand as a gesture of hope and encouragement. Richard is a 16-year old cousin of John Good, a fourth grader in Mrs. Lawson's class. He was recently diagnosed with leukemia and has started chemotherapy treatment. Let's pray for Richard and his family.

AWS GAME DAY

The Acaciawood ASB will be hosting the school's *Game Day* Saturday, January 8 at Acaciawood School from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Families and students are encouraged to come and participate in an afternoon of fun games and activities. A barbeque lunch will be sold for \$3, and we encourage families and students to pre-pay for their lunch by giving their money to Grace Cheng, the ASB Treasurer.

GLASS MENAGERIE MOVIE

AWS students are creating a video entirely produced, acted, and edited by students based on Tennessee William's classic play *The Glass Menagerie*. The students heading up this production hope to make drama and literature more accessible to students. Tryouts are being held on Friday, December 17 at 1:30, and the students hope to finish this project by the end of the year.

SENIOR CLASS GARAGE SALE

The seniors will be having a garage sale on Saturday, January 29th. You can help them out by bringing any sellable items to AWS, to the Miyake home, or call one of the seniors to pick-up at items at your house. If you have any questions you can contact:

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UPCOMING CALENDAR

- Dec. 17 Min. Day, 1:10pm dismissal
- Dec. 18- Jan.2 Winter Break
- Dec. 20 Registration deadline for SAT given on January 22nd
- Dec. 20-25 Concessions at LSM
- Jan. 7 Min. Day, 1:10pm dismissal
- Jan. 14 Min. Day, 1:10pm dismissal
- Jan. 19-21 Final Examinations
- Jan 19-21 1:10 dismissal
- Jan. 21 Semester End
- Jan. 22 SAT testing
- Jan. 24 Teacher In-Service, No School
- Jan. 28 PE begins, 3:10 dismissal
- Feb. 7 Science Fair/Awards -7:00pm
- Feb. 21 President's Day, No School
- Mar. 19 NHD, County
- Mar. 28-Apr.1 Spring Break