



Gap Rap Newsletter

Growing in academic, social, physical and spiritual maturity.

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Friday, December 9th at 7 pm in the school's gym. Students should go to their classrooms at 6:45 pm (no earlier, please) dressed in black and white.

Because of the small parking lot at the school, we need as many as possible to park in the church parking lot. Please drop the family off at the school and then drive over to the church. We would like to leave the school parking lot for those who cannot walk safely from the church to the school. After the program, please plan to stay for some refreshments (see below).

COOKIES

After the Christmas Program (see above), we'd love to invite families to fellowship together and enjoy some refreshments. The school will provide hot beverages. We ask that each family brings a plate of cookies to share. Kid decorated, homemade, or store bought... all kinds of cookies are welcome! **Please bring your cookies to the school on Friday morning** in order to allow organization and set up!

SPIRIT WEEK

Next week, December 12-16 will be spirit week at school!

Monday - Character Day

Students can come dressed up as a character from a book, movie or Christmas.

Tuesday - Twin Day

Students can arrange to be "twins" with another student by wearing the same outfit or similar enough that they look like "twins."

Wednesday - Hat Day

Students should wear their uniform this day, but may wear a hat.

Thursday - Sports Day

Students can come to school wearing any kind of sports related attire. This will also be a Panthers Basketball Away Game day, so purple shirts are also encouraged!

Friday - Christmas Attire

Students can wear Christmas clothes - this will also be a half day and Christmas class party day.

Students who do not wish to participate in the above Spirit Days must come to school in their uniforms.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

On Friday, December 16, we will have an early dismissal at noon to kick off our 2 week Christmas break! There will be no aftercare on this day. School will resume Monday, January 2, 2023!

BASKETBALL

Prepare your future Standifer Gap Panther player with a basketball course offered through i9Sports. Boys and girls aged 6 - 15 are invited to register to play. Classes are being hosted at Ooltewah SDA School. For more info, go to i9sports.com & search for programs in the area. You can also contact Shannon Phillips at 423-417-1997.

SOCCER SHOTS

Second semester soccer, for ages 5-8 years old, is open for registration. Classes are held after school on Mondays and begin January 23rd. For more details and to sign up, you can find a direct link on our website by clicking on Students / Soccer Shots.

REMEMBER THIS

* Volunteers

Remember to log your hours in the parent volunteer book which is located in the school office.

* Jeans & T-shirt Friday

On Fridays, students may wear jeans (without holes/rips) and their school t-shirt/hoodie or a uniform shirt.

* Online Payments

You can pay tuition, hot lunch and more online through the link on our website. There is a \$25 minimum for credit/debit cards.

* Ukulele/Guitar

Wednesdays & Fridays at 7:30 am in the music room.

* Check Grades

Parents can check grades with their FACTS Family Portal login.

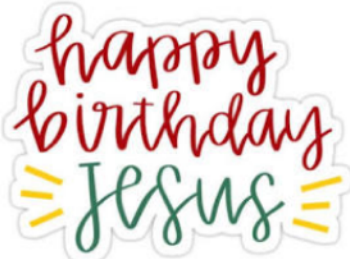
* Support & Shop



DECEMBER

Birthdays

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CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Dec 7 - Pathfinders Christmas Party 6:30 pm
- Dec 8 - Basketball HOME Game vs Berry 5 pm
- Dec 9 - Christmas Music Program 7 pm
- Dec 15 - Basketball AWAY Game at OAKS 4:30pm
- Dec 16 - Noon Dismissal
- Dec 19 - 30 - Christmas Break - NO SCHOOL
- Jan 2 - School Resumes

MORE LIKE JESUS

By Stephanie Land

In part 1 of our Christmas Advent article, we explored how Jesus is God and that through Him everything was created. Peering through the portals of time, we looked back at the Fall of Lucifer, the Creation of Earth, the Fall of Humanity and the Promised Messiah who would come to fix what had been broken with sin. With this big picture understanding of the war in Heaven, the problem with sin and the plan to save humanity, we can then take stories in the Bible, like the Flood, the Tower of Babel and the destruction of Sodom & Gomorrah and view them through the lens of God taking extraordinary emergency intervention measures in order to keep open the avenue for Jesus Christ to come. I love how this concept is translated in The Remedy Bible in Genesis 6:5-6 talking about God’s decision to bring the Flood:

“The Lord saw how human beings, by choosing to indulge selfishness, had completely corrupted themselves, destroying in themselves his design of love, and how their every desire was totally selfish and their hearts sought evil all the time. The Lord grieved at their suffering, and his heart ached over humanity’s terminal condition. He also grieved at the action his love must take in order to slow the spread of sin and to keep open the avenue for the Messiah to come and save the human species.”

This is the story of the entire Old Testament. Waiting for the Messiah to come and save us because our condition is terminal. We are dying in our sin-sickness which is out of harmony with how God designed life to function. But we have hope in healing. We have hope in reconciliation. We have hope in the Messiah who will come and rule as a righteous King, who will bring peace and salvation, who will do the right thing and who will write His perfect law of love (the law of life) in our hearts.

December	Title	Scripture Reference	Song
9th	A Righteous King	Isaiah 11:1-5	“He Shall Reign Forevermore”
10th	Good News of Peace and Salvation	Isaiah 52:7-10	“Prince of Heaven”
11th	A New Covenant	Jeremiah 31:31-34	“Your Peace Will Make Us One”
12th	What is Just and Right	Jeremiah 33:14-16	“Born on That Day”
13th	Out of Bethlehem	Micah 5:2-5	“O Holy Night”
14th	The Good Shepherd	Ezekiel 34:11-31	“Shepherd”
15th	The Law of the Lord is Perfect	Psalm 19	“Psalm 19”
16th	Jesus’ Cousin, John	Luke 1:5-25	“O Come Emmanuel”
17th	John the Baptist	John 1:6-9	“Love Came Down”