


# Gap Rap Newsletter

Growing in academic, social, physical and spiritual maturity.

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## BASKETBALL

Our last HOME game will be tomorrow, Thursday, Jan 5th against Learning Tree. The girls play at 4:30 pm and the boys play at 5:30 pm. There will be concessions available for purchase, so bring cash and come out to support our Panthers! *Students may wear a purple shirt to school this day if they would like to.*



WEAR PURPLE ON GAME DAYS!

## 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 under Students / Sports / Soccer Shots.

## STUDENT SABBATH

The students in grades K-3rd will be participating in the SG church service on January 21. Students will need to be at the church by 9:45 dressed in black & white church clothing. Participation is part of your student's music grade. Please let your child's teacher know if they are unable to be there.

## PICTURE RETAKES

For students who missed picture day, were not here 1st semester or who just want a picture retake done, Annette Heck Photography will be back at the school on Thurs, February 23rd. More info to follow regarding students who wish to sign up for retakes. Those who have not yet had their pictures taken will be signed up automatically. *This will also be the day that group class & graduation cap/gown (K & 8th) pictures are taken.*

## MLK JR DAY

There will be **NO SCHOOL** on Monday, January 16th in honor of Martin Luther King Jr Day!

## GRADUATION DATES

Please mark your calendars for your student's graduation!

Kindergarten graduation will be Monday, May 15 at 7 pm.

8th grade graduation will be Wednesday, May 17 at 7 pm.

## SOFTBALL

Registration is now open for Collegedale Softball through the Collegedale Recreation Association! This program is for boys and girls ages 3 years old through high school! If you register by January 14, a \$5 discount will be applied. Registration ends February 19, so sign up today!! For more info and to register, visit: [www.cdasesoftball.com](http://www.cdasesoftball.com).

## HOT LUNCH

Please settle up all hot lunch/snack accounts with the front office as soon as possible. Stephanie Land can tell you the balance owed on your student's account and then you can pay by cash, check or card in the office, or online through our tuition payment processor, Adventist School Pay. Thank you!

## REMEMBER THIS

### \* Snack Shop

Students can purchase a snack in the front office for \$1. Those without cash will be charged to their hot lunch account.

### \* 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



# JANUARY

## Birthdays

TEVITA	JAN 2
CHRISTOPHER B.	JAN 20
RANDY	JAN 31

## CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Jan 5 - HOME Basketball Game Vs LTES 4:30 pm
- Jan 11 - Pathfinders Meeting 6:00 pm
- Jan 12 - AWAY Basketball Game @ Coble 4:30 pm
- Jan 16 - MLK Jr Day - NO SCHOOL
- Jan 21 - Student Sabbath (K-3rd Grades) 9:45 am
- Jan 23 - Soccer Shots 3:15 pm

## MORE LIKE JESUS

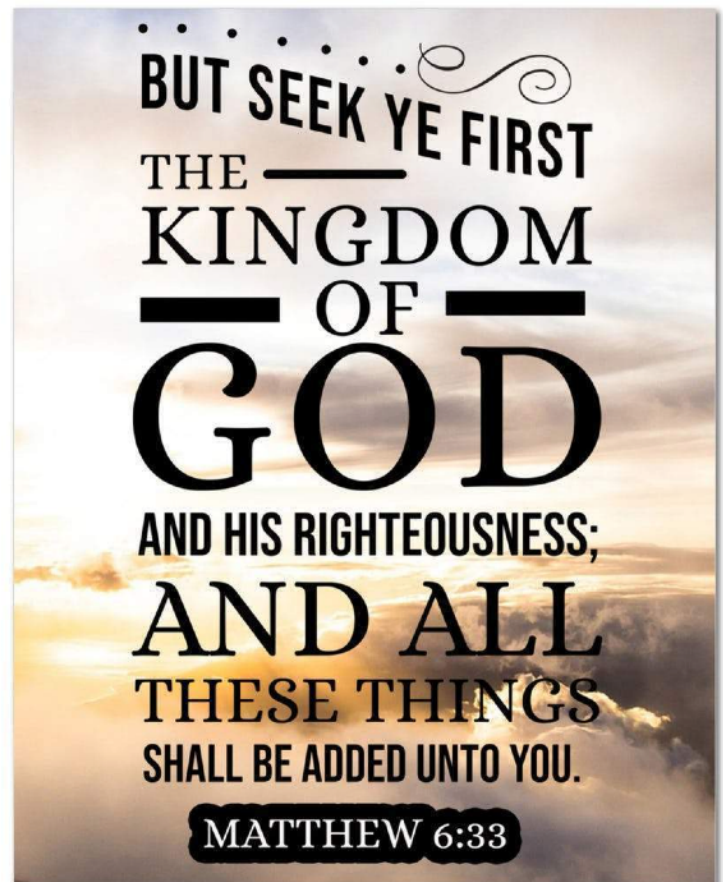
By Kent Kast

I like new years. Like old clothing, we discard the old and get a new one. It feels like a time of renewal and starting over. Every year I think, "This year I am going to \_\_\_\_!" We call these New Year's resolutions. If only I could follow through...

I think many of us can identify. We start the new year with high hopes of making a difference in our lives and the lives of those around us. Maybe it's getting in better physical shape, starting a new hobby, having more meaningful relationships with our family. The list is endless. The gyms see a 6% increase in attendance for the first few weeks and fast food joints see a 4.6% decline. And then it is back to business as usual with most of us going back to what we were doing last year.

What if our only new year's resolution was to spend more time with God? What if we just set our alarms for 15 minutes earlier and spent that time in prayer and reading God's word? I like the promise we are given to "seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you." (Matthew 6:33) Does that mean seek God and He will help us with all those other things we are trying to improve? I believe that is exactly what He is saying. So, is reading the Bible going to make my muscles stronger? My family life healthier? I am sure it will not hurt. We might even find the strength to do these other things we have been working on for years.

Join me in taking the challenge to add more time each day with God. If you aren't doing any time with Him, then let's start. Give it a try. Let's see what kind of changes we see in all areas of our lives. When God is the center of everything we do, others will see the changes in us and wonder what is different. Then we can share.



**Have a Happy New Year with God!**