


Gap Rap Newsletter

Growing in academic, social, physical and spiritual maturity.

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BASKETBALL

Tomorrow, January 12th, our Panthers will be traveling to Calhoun, GA to play against Coble for our last away game. The girls will play at 4:30 pm and the boys will play at 5:30 pm. *All students may wear a purple shirt to school this day if they would like in order to show school spirit.*

Lastly, one of our home games that got canceled last month has been rescheduled for this Sunday, January 15th at 4:00 pm in our school gym. Concessions will be available. This will wrap up the 2022-23 basketball season. Thank you for all of your encouragement, help & support as our kids played their hearts out!

SOFTBALL

Boys and girls, ages 3 years old through high school are invited to register for softball with Collegedale Recreation Association! The price to register increases if you wait until after January 14 and registration ends February 19, so sign up today!! For more info and to register, visit: www.cdalessoftball.com.

MLK JR DAY

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

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.

TALENT SHOW

This year, the Pathfinders will be planning and hosting the Valentine's Banquet & Talent Show. Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 12 at 5:00 pm. Young and old are invited to prepare an act for the talent show! If you would like to participate in the talent show or help in any of the planning or executing of the banquet, please contact Lucia Meeks at 423-605-2002 or Jessica Conine by email at SGWarriorsPathfinderClub@gmail.com.

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.

GRADUATION DATES

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

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

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

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JANUARY

Birthdays

TEVITA	JAN 2
CHRISTOPHER B.	JAN 20
RANDY	JAN 31

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Jan 11 - Pathfinders Meeting 6:00 pm
- Jan 12 - AWAY Basketball Game @ Coble 4:30 pm
- Jan 15 - HOME Basketball Game vs Berry 4:00 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 Stephanie Land

We each have our own journey to go on to get to know God. I was raised Adventist from birth. I always knew about God, but I didn't always truly know Him. Maybe this is how your story starts, too. I've spent my whole life "getting to know" God. I remember impactful lessons and loving adults that directed me to know God better. But most of the time, my relationship with God felt pretty surface level. Often, it's the low times in our life that lead us to seek out help - to reach for God on a deeper level. That was true for me. A season of anger, disappointment, frustration and confusion sent me to seek God for peace and understanding. And it was in my seeking that my heart was truly open to God's amazing powers of truth and love. My life was transformed. I saw my wants and desires actually changing. I felt a peace that surpassed any kind of understanding. I literally craved time with God - time spent reading my Bible, listening to podcasts on God's design for life, singing songs of praise, praying. There was nothing forced about it, I didn't do those things because I thought they were the right thing to do... no, I did them because I couldn't get enough, I NEEDED that time with Him. When the hard season ended, and calm settled over me, I remained connected to God daily. Now, I have gotten into the habit of spending my day focused on the truth of God's character of love, His design for life, and His methods of presenting truth, in love and leaving us free.

I wanted to share some resources that have been, and still are, especially impactful on my journey. Yours may look different. But I encourage you to never stop seeking truth, to never stop seeking God. And in your search, I pray that you come to know God as Jesus revealed and that your own personal journey helps you to become more like Jesus. This is what has helped me:

How I Read Through The Entire Bible*

- ~ The Remedy New Testament Expanded Bible Paraphrase (includes Genesis & Psalms, free app) by Dr. Tim Jennings
- ~ First5 mobile app by Proverbs31 Ministries

*I started with the New Testament. The Remedy helped me to shift my perspective of God's law to the design parameters for life to exist. Once I finished the NT, I had a strong desire to read through the Old Testament. The First5 app helped me do that. It's a free app that guides you through the books of the Bible, chapter by chapter.

Ministries That Make an Impact

- ~ Come & Reason Ministries www.comeandreason.com (free resources, seminars, weekly blogs & live streamed local Bible study class)
- ~ The Bible Project www.bibleproject.com (animated videos about the Bible being a unified story that points to Jesus)
- ~ YouVersion Bible App (includes devotion plans that you can do alone or with friends)
- ~ First 5 app by Proverbs31 Ministries

Books That I Could Read Over and Over Again (and Have)

- ~ Healing the Gospel by Derek Flood
- ~ The God-Shaped Brain by Dr. Timothy Jennings
- ~ The God-Shaped Heart by Dr. Timothy Jennings
- ~ Love Wins by Rob Bell

Dear Jesus, as we journey to know more about You, keep our hearts open as You reveal more truth. Help us to remember that You are infinite and we are finite and there is always more truth waiting for us to comprehend and apply to our lives. Thank you for giving us so much evidence - the Bible, science/nature and our own life experiences - to come to know You better. And as we open our hearts to trust You, we pray that we will become more like You! Amen.