



SAN DIEGO ACADEMY NEWSFLASH 10/29/21

From The Principal's Desk

Good News: Our Water Is Up and Running!

After the unexpected and unwanted water crisis, we are now happy to announce that we have replaced our older water pump with a new two-tiered system. This two-tiered system will ensure that we have water even if one of them breaks down. Our school is about 17 years old and the wear and tear is taking its toll. Unfortunately, it appears to be happening all at once! We are grateful for the appearance of an alumnus/parent this year - Jesus Herrera - who has graciously accepted the lead position of our newly re-established Building Committee. This committee has already begun taking steps to combat the looming repairs needed. God's timing never fails. Thank you, Mr. Herrera, for helping our school take steps in the right direction!

Upcoming Surveys

In the next few weeks, you will be notified of several different types of surveys.

- WASC school survey for parents
- WASC school survey for student (upper grades)
- ValueGenesis IV from the Seventh-day Adventist North American Division, Office of Education. (Gds 6-12)

Remember that the ValueGenesis survey is optional.

If the parent does not sign the consent form, the student will not take the survey.

Prayer: Being the Person God Created

Lord, I pray that You would pour out Your Spirit upon ___ this day and anoint him/her for all that You've called him/her to be and do...Deliver him/her from any evil plan of the devil to rob him/her of life, to steal away his/her uniqueness and giftedness, to compromise the path you've called him/her to walk, or to destroy the person You created him/her to be. May he/she not be a follower of anyone but You, but may he/she be a leader of people into Your kingdom. Help him/her to grow into a complete understanding of his/her authority in Jesus, while retaining a submissive and humble spirit...Give him/her a vision for his/her life when setting goals for the future and a sense of purpose about what You've called him/her to do...May his/her commitment to being who You created him/her to be enable him/her to grow daily in confidence and Holy Spirit boldness. (Amen)

The Power of a Praying Parent by Stormie Omartian

Calendar of Events - Looking Ahead

- Nov. 1 Make up Wednesday Red Ribbon Themes
- Nov. 2 Middle School Volleyball
- Nov. 3-4 Parent-Teacher Conf.; Noon dismissal
- Nov. 7 Daylight Savings Time ends
- Nov. 8 First basketball practice
- Nov. 11 NO SCHOOL for Veterans Day
- Nov. 13 HS Laidback Banquet @ Skate World; 7-10 pm
- Nov. 22-26 NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break

Menu for the Week

- Mon Tostadas, rice, beans and drink
- Tues Mac & Cheese, corn, breadsticks, drink
- Wed Veggie Burger, fries and drink
- Thurs. Rolled tacos, rice, beans and drink

"The fear of the Lord is the instruction for wisdom, and before honor comes humility." Proverbs 15:33



The Lighthouse Reflector

October 29, 2021 "The Publications class contribution"

"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."--Isaiah 43:2

High School Beach Day

"On October 15, the high school had a beach day at De Anza cove in Mission Bay. The students participated in activities and games competing as classes.. For the first activity we had to collect the most jelly beans; they were on the bottom of sticks which were in the ground. Only one person from each class could go at a time. The next game was capture-the-flag but with footballs instead. For the next activity, we had to dump a shirt in the ocean and squeeze the water into a bucket until the time was up. Then we did a relay race. First we had to hold random people's hands and then try to make a circle without letting go of their hands. Next we crawled under a pool noodle on cones except for three people who had to make a human pyramid and crawl to a tree without letting the person on top fall. If they did fall, then they would have to start all over again. Finally, we had to play tug-a-war knee deep in the water."--Iliana, 10th grade Publications student



"Beach day was a new experience for new and returning students of San Diego Academy. Because of Covid, we missed out on last year's beach day, so we had an amazing time this year to make up for it. The games we played started out with collecting jelly beans, a relay race, a game of capture the flag, and more. During these games I felt more connected with my classmates and other students. We helped each other during the games and bonded over our losses and victories. After the excitement of the games were over, we enjoyed a nice lunch by the beach with our friends. We got to have some free time and laughed with each other as well. Once lunch was over, we all headed back to the bus and rode back to school. However, there was another surprise and Kona ice was at our school. A few of my friends bought some shaved ice, and it was a nice way to end our first beach day."--Emily, 10th grade



“On beach day we rented a bus that was really cool and we drove to the bay. When we got there, we immediately started playing some games. The first one we played was capture the flag and it was divided into each class, the sophomores and seniors went against each other first then the freshman and juniors. The seniors won the final round to capture the flag. Next we played a relay race game and it was again class against class and we first had to all hold hands and untie the big knot, and then three people had to make a pyramid and walk to the finish like then the entire class would run to water and the first one there wins. My class, the sophomores, were actually the winning class for that game, it was very fun. We played tug-of-war in the water which was really fun. I really enjoyed how everyone was having fun and connecting with each other. We had some pizza and took some pictures after. I definitely had a lot of fun and laughed a lot, it was a really great experience with some of my friends.” --Audrey, 10th



“Beach day was full of excitement and fun...The activities pumped my adrenaline so much. The highlight of beach day for me was tug-of-war. My friends wouldn’t stop talking about how I single handedly caught the seniors off balance and won that round for our class.”--Heyaw, 10th grade



"Beach day this year was very exciting because of all of the fun activities that S.A. planned. My favorite one was tug-of-war because it is just a classic game that we play every beach day, and it never fails. Although my class lost, we still had a very fun time and just enjoyed ourselves throughout the whole event. Another one of the games that we played was capture the flag and we all had a very good time playing this game. This was probably one of the highlights of the day because of how intense the games were. The most interesting game was the juniors vs the freshmen. This is because the score was so close and the juniors won by just a little bit. In my opinion the freshmen should have won, but in the end the juniors ended up winning. We also did an obstacle course that involved our whole class and we had a really good time doing it. All in all, this beach day was full of excitement and was just a very fun day."--Diego, 12th grade



"This year's beach day was eventful. We drove the whole high school to Mission Bay in one bus for some outdoor game activities to earn spirit points for their class. The first game we played was a game in which you had to find jellybeans hidden beneath flags and tally how many you caught. The second game was a flag football game. We then moved on to our third game, which had kids running and trying to hit the huge beach ball into the opposing classes' side. Then we played a shirt relay to collect water and compress it into buckets. Following that, we participated in a relay event on the bay in which we had to untangle ourselves from a human knot. We then proceeded to the last water activity, tug of war. Since we had Covid limitations last year, the entire experience with this being my first beach day was fantastic. I could sense that the high school had become closer, and we had a good time returning to school to have some Kona Ice".--Sofia, 10th grade





“On Beach day the entire high school plays a list of games. The first one we played was focused on collecting beans on the beach. The second one was a game of capture the flag. Third, we had to push a big ball into the opponent's goal. The ball actually popped from a student who flew into it too hard. The fourth was a game where we had to untangle ourselves, have a little relay race, and have the entire team run to the sand. Lastly, we played a game of tug-a-war in the water. We ended the day with pizza. The juniors ended up winning the day.”--Jason, 11th grade



“This year was my first ever high school beach day. Since my elementary days I always wanted to be in high school so badly because I was jealous of all the events they had, and beach day was one of them. We got to the bay and as soon as we got there, the first class that was all there got points, so of course everyone rushed for those spirit points. Then we started with a game of jellybeans and whoever had the most won. Then later on we had more games like tug-of-war in the water, you had to untangle yourself (and all your classmates participated in this one). The most memorable game from beach day was the big beach ball and they would call out certain groups. In this game you had to run towards the ball and try to roll it the opposite way and your class would win. Overall my first beach day was very memorable and entertaining as well. I'm glad we get to do events like this.”--Glenda, 12th grade



Elementary Activities

Kindergarten Visits the Pumpkin Patch

photos contributed by Jesus Herrera, Kindergarten parent

Last Thursday our TK and Kindergarten students got to go on a fun field trip to Oma's pumpkin patch in Lakeside. Aubrey, a Kindergarten student, shared with me about her experience. "The first thing we did was we jumped in the bouncy. Then we visited the goats and pet them. The other thing we did was play on the playground.. We got to choose our own pumpkin. The last thing we did was slide down on the seed hill. I'm glad I got to go on it!"

