



Principal's Corner

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Building A Bright Future

Spring is here! It is the season that signifies birth, rebirth, and growth. Everywhere we look we see flowers budding, baby birds learning to fly and the grass returning to green while soaking up the rain. This spring is also a time of growth and rebirth here at Oakwood Adventist Academy. We celebrated the birth of our new high school building on Friday March 30th. We are so excited about the future God is preparing for our campus with this new building! It will have 3 science labs: a Biological Sciences Lab, a Physical Sciences Lab, and a STEM Lab. These labs will be outfitted with state of the art technology, including Anatomage tables for virtual human anatomy labs, 3-D printers, and robotics equipment. The building will also feature a collaborative learning space similar to Google's Innovation Lab. This space will give students and teachers the opportunity to collaborate and create in a space that promotes ingenuity and innovation.

We are also witnessing incredible growth in our students' Star Math and Reading Scores, as our students' percentile ranking and grade equivalency scores have grown far more than the country average. I see the incredible things our students are doing on a daily basis. Our middle

school robotics team just placed 1st in Core Values and 3rd in Research at the annual Southern Union ARL First Lego League Competition! Seven OAA students have qualified for the Alabama Science and Engineering State Fair! Our OAA Art Fair on April 5th will display the artistic talents of our students! Two of our students are having their art work displayed in the YAM (Youth Art Movement) Exhibit at the Huntsville Museum of Art until April 29! We have had 5 students give their lives to Christ this spring as well! God has been good to OAA and we are seeing how He continues to grow His vineyard.

Lastly, we want to express that we are committed to growing our relationship with you, our parents and families. One of the ways we are doing this is by trying to assist with the financial burden of our next phase in the new uniform rollout. As you know, next year is the third year of the uniform rollout and is the year all students are required to have a formal uniform. The formal uniform consists of a blazer, Oxford shirt, tie, and pants (boys) or plaid skirt (girls). Students will be required to wear the formal uniform between 2 and 4 days a week, depending on grade, and also during formal events. In order to help with this cost, we have re-established the uniform voucher for next year. Parents will be able to select from one of three packages. The packages are as follows:

PACKAGE A:

Blazer

PACKAGE B:

Polo, Oxford shirt, tie, and skirt

PACKAGE C:

Polo, Oxford shirt, tie, & pants

Our hope is to assist in ensuring all our families will be able to afford these formal uniforms. These uniform voucher packages will be available July 1 and once you have completely registered for next school year. Please remember you can begin that process by logging on RenWeb and selecting the family information tab. You can also email Mrs. Terri Mitchell at tmitchell@myoaa.org for assistance.

Enjoy your spring. Take time to reflect on what God has done for you and what He is doing now. We are living in an exciting time in Oakwood Adventist Academy history. I pray we continue to grow together and in Him.

Blessings,
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