



SAS News and School Report

Sligo Adventist School

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Special Points of Interest:

- SAS follows Montgomery County for weather delays and cancellations
- School Resumes Jan. 4
- Script National Spelling Bee is coming up

“Give of the three things you have: time, talent, and treasure.”

Douglas M. Lawson

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SLIGO'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Christmas concert was one of the best we've ever had. All of the bands played pieces of music conducted by Mrs. Mupfumbu. After the instruments were finished, it was time for the Christmas play to begin. The musical that Sligo performed was entitled, *On Our Way To Bethlehem*. The whole program was directed by Mrs. Follette with the help of many other teachers. There were actors, singers, and narrators. The play was about Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. The choir opened with the title song and the soloists were Briana and Michael Marshall (a brother and sister duet...how cute!) In the play there were also other songs—"Innkeeper," "Mary's Song," "Rise Up Shepherds and Follow" and "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing." The choir ended with a reprise of "On Our Way To Bethlehem." The program ended with a bang.



By Marceline Ndahayo

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Seasons' Greetings and Merry Christmas Sligo School Family,

Sligo students, teachers and parents over the last month have been a part of a community outreach that has touched many lives. Whether you have been aware of it in a tangible or intangible way Sligo has been a part of making a difference in the community around us.



To begin with, Sligo solicited food from the surrounding neighborhoods before Thanksgiving and from that effort we received over 150 grocery bags of food to give to the Adventist Community Services (ACS). Next, Mrs. McFadden spearheaded "Operation Christmas Child", an organization that collects shoeboxes full of necessities for underprivileged children overseas. McFadden arranged for Sligo School to be a drop off center for the surrounding area where we collected 245 shoeboxes. Finally, in the past three weeks we have been collecting hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, socks etc for families in need. We are so blessed! I cannot help but think we all take for granted the privilege of living in this great country.

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THANKSGIVING FEAST!

The Thanksgiving program had everything. Every grade did something special and meaningful. They brought back the history of the pilgrims—just in a much cuter way! Grades Kindergarten—8 did poems, skits and songs and grades 5-8 played in the band. Yes, with real instruments. It was wonderful. There were lots of laughs and giggles; when you looked at the crowd, all you saw were smiles. You could tell they loved it. The program was put together by the K-8 teachers and Mrs. Mupfumbu the band director. And the parents loved it. Next time we have a concert, you should join us. We will definitely lift your spirits and bring a smile to your face! See you there. **By Millena Habetmariam**

The Thanksgiving program was very memorable. I enjoyed playing my instrument in the band. I learned many things about why people celebrate Thanksgiving because I had never heard of or celebrated Thanksgiving before. There were many different foods I enjoyed eating, including the desserts. I was very happy because my family was there too. After the program, I helped clean up and put away the tables. I will never forget this program and all the laughter and smiles on peoples faces. **By Diamond Rod DeGuzman**



SLIGO LIONS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 2010

Date	Day	Team	Place
Jan. 8	Friday	Pep Rally	Home
Jan. 9	Sat. Night	Guests	Home
Jan. 14	Thursday	JNA	Home
Jan. 21	Thursday	Forcey	Home
Jan. 28	Thursday	Beltsville	Home
Feb. 2	Tuesday	JNA	Away
Feb. 3	Wednesday	Barrie	Home

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Feb. 11	Thursday	Forcey	Away
Feb. 18	Thursday	Dupont Park	Home
Feb. 23	Tuesday	Beltsville	Away
Feb. 25	Thursday	Ascension Lutheran	Away
Mar. 6	Saturday night	SVA	Away
Mar. 7	Sunday	SVA	Away
Mar. 9	Tuesday	Alumni	Home

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE CONCLUDED

We also take for granted working in and attending a private Seventh-day Adventist School, where in the morning and throughout the day we can pray, talk about our beliefs openly and not be worried about being ostracized from those around us. It was reported in the news just the other day that in a New Jersey public school a little girl was told to put away the Bible that she was reading during her free time. This got me thinking about what I saw last week with one of our middle school students. During lunch, sitting on the steps that lead to the cafeteria a student was reading her Bible completely engulphed in the pages in front of her without a care in the world. I stood there for a minute to ponder the scene. This is the kind of environment I want for our children. What about you? I know you do, otherwise you would not send your child/ren to Sligo.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Larry Rich
Principal

MY MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT



This week I was especially lucky because I got to meet President Obama. On Monday I played at the White House with my violin group, "Strings for Joy." I was nervous at first but my friends made it easy. First, we met 4pm at Beltsville Church where we have our group practices. Then we loaded our things and made it there around 5pm. We went through a lot of security checks, standing out in the cold for about an hour. Then, we unpacked down stairs and set up in the hall. Lots of people came in and stopped to listen to us.

Finally our leader, Mrs. Baasch, asked if we could see President Obama. We were led to a closed-off area with a lot of security. We were one of the last two groups in line. We finally entered a room and there they were—BARAK AND MICHELLE OBAMA!!! Brandon, Alexandra, and I all said it seemed surreal. Everyone shook his hand except for me, I was too nervous. We lined up and took pictures. Then we ran out and lined up to play while he was exiting. He and Michelle came out and watched us play the Hallelujah Chorus. They really enjoyed it although we could tell they were tired. He gave Brandon a fist bump and went on his way. We were all on a high from then on. There was nothing that could top that. NOTHING.



By Stephanie Birmingham, 8th Grade

YEARBOOK CONTEST!

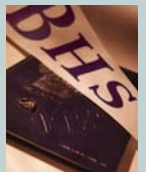
This year, the Yearbook Committee is holding a school-wide design contest for the cover of the SAS 2009-2010 Yearbook. We are looking for unique, creative, original artwork that focuses on the idea of Family, the theme for this year's yearbook. Here are the rules:

- All entries must be submitted on 11x17 inch paper. If you need some, see Mrs. Wanga.
- All artwork must be original! Clip art is not allowed, however, your own digital pictures may be used.
- All submissions are due by **January 29th**, so get going!

For more details, see the News section on Mrs. Wanga's on Computer page online at www.edline.net for more details.

8TH GRADE AD PAGES

It's yearbook time again and this year, we are including an even more memorable section to our yearbook—8th Grade Ads where you can personalize a full color page for your child.



Dear Amy,
May God continue to bless you
in all that you do.
Love Mom & Dad

If you are interested in reserving Ad space for your child, please refer to the Ad packet each 8th grader received or visit the News section on Mrs. Wanga's 8th Grade Computer page online at www.edline.net for more details.

All Ads must be submitted by February 8, 2010!



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Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Luke 6:38

8th Grade Class Officers

PRESIDENT
 Jae Bradley

VICE PRESIDENT
 Adam Johnson

SECRETARY
 Sophia DeDeaux

TREASURER
 Alesha Robinson

PASTOR
 Olivia Anthony

SARGEANT-AT-ARMS
 Jonathan Milord

*This is the first time that every member of the 8th grade class received a nomination for an office.

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MIDNIGHT MADNESS

Sligo Teams vs. Guest Teams Charity Event

January 9, 2010

7:00pm—10:30pm

Girls 7:15 - 8:30pm Boys 9:15 - 10:30pm

Basketball Shooting Contest
 between the Girls' and Boys' games
 for all ages!



Pizza, fries, veggie hot dogs,
 super lemonade and other snacks for sale.
 Also, vintage tournament T-shirts!

Admission

- Adults: 3 non-perishable food items **OR** \$3.
 (Peanut butter and jelly are high on the list of needed items.)
- High School/College Students: 2 non-perishable food items **OR** \$2.
- Children: 1 non-perishable food item **OR** \$1.

Food admissions will be given to the Adventist Community Services Center of Silver Spring.

THINGS TO REMEMBER...

- Dec. 18-Jan. 3 Christmas Break
- Jan. 4: School Resumes
- Jan. 10: Midnight Madness
- Jan. 15: End of 2nd Qtr.
- Jan. 18: MLK Day; No School
- Jan. 29: Yearbook Covers Due
- Feb. 8: 8th Grade Ads Due

Please do not allow your child to come to school if he or she is feeling sick or has a temperature.

For Inclement Weather, please follow Montgomery County procedures.

All parents can view student grades by visiting Edline.net. For help setting up your account, contact Mrs. Wanga at kmclea2@hotmail.com.

Please remember that **Thursdays** all students should come in their **Dress Uniform** for Chapels, with the option to wear sneakers. For more information on Dress Uniform, please see page 17 in the Family Handbook.