



# The Lighthouse Reflector

Friday, January 11, 2019

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me

--Psalms 51:10 KJV

## Happy New Year!

Dear San Diego Academy families,

Most of us are lucky to have life, health and opportunities for happiness. May we reflect on what is most important to us and allow God to work through our lives so we can reflect Him and share His love. There is an idea I like that we should spread the good news of Jesus' love...and if necessary, use words. In other words, it is my hope that people will know God through me, how I daily choose to live my life and touch others in need. As you make new year's resolutions and goals for the new year, reflect on the past, and look forward to the future, it is my hope that each of us will allow God to abide within us and direct our paths.

This Publications class has been a blessing for me and we, as a class, would like to bless each of you. Our goal is to report on the daily experiences of the students and let you know about upcoming events, but more importantly, we have been discussing during the devotion period of each class how we have an opportunity to reflect God and show His love in daily choices we make that impact others. If there is something you would like to see in the newsletter, or have us report on, articles we could write or ways to get more people involved in our school, let us know! May God continue to bless you and your family and may you know Him continually throughout this new year.

Denise Avitia,  
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# Last Day Before Christmas Break Photos

Friday, December 21, the last day of school before Christmas break was a fun day at San Diego Academy. Students began the day with Family Group Chapel and decorated sugar cookies together with children of all grades participating with one another. Many elementary teachers had their students create holiday crafts and gifts they could take home. I was able to visit a few classrooms to see some of the games and activities they played together, as well as various class parties. For example, Miss Peckham's class created gingerbread houses out of graham crackers, icing and candies and Miss Saravia's class had a whip cream "pie face" game, Christmas photo booth and a secret santa gift exchange. Mrs. Clark's Spanish class created a line and danced and sang "Feliz Navidad" walking through all the classrooms.



# Welcome Korean Exchange Students

This semester San Diego Academy welcomes 21 new exchange students visiting from Korea. They are living in pairs with host families who have students that attend San Diego Academy. I am blessed to have two students myself, Yuntae, in 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and Jiwon, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader. Students arrived last Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. They went on a field trip to Balboa Park on Sabbath, and then attended an orientation at the school on Sunday. Mr. Lindquist shared with them how excited the students at San Diego Academy have been, anticipating their arrival. The visiting students range from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and will be attending San Diego Academy through the end of the month.



They will visit Disneyland, SeaWorld, and San Francisco, among other extracurricular activities during their stay. We have been working on incorporating them into all the fun things we do here on campus; for example, Mr. Clark played his guitar and had the class sing happy birthday to Yuntae yesterday on his birthday. They also enjoyed cupcakes together. The exchange students living with us have shared new foods with my children such as spicy noodle ramen and other unusual treats like ginseng chews. They seem to be acclimating well, immersing themselves in American life both at home and at school.

# Mr. Gifford's "Evolution Sundae" Demonstration



Photo collages created by 12<sup>th</sup> grade Publications student, Osmark Herrera

Mr. Gifford's Freshmen Religion class participated in the much anticipated annual "evolution sundae" demonstration this past Thursday. Mr. Gifford shared with me that the idea for this was given to him by a student who came up to his desk after talking about evolution and creation. He suggested students could "see" what life choices look like if they mixed together a whole bunch of food. The premise was "We should do something gross," and Mr. Gifford said, "I could definitely design that." He went on to explain that from that point on, every time they study Creation into the Fall, they participate in this demonstration to "show" the point that God gives good gifts and we still have these good gifts, but we have the incredible capacity to really screw things up. We use the goodness in poor ways because we live under the curse. Before the demonstration, each student volunteers to

contribute a food item which on its own is good, but then when they are all mixed together this shows what happens when we try to do things on our own. Mr. Gifford further explained other examples such as language being a gift, but it can be used wrongly or abused. Strength or authority are good, but can also hurt people when used inappropriately. Students brought a wide range of ingredients for this "gross sundae" including mayonnaise, pickles, sour gummy worms, spicy Asian sauce, Tajin, onions, kimchi, pineapple, Mexican salsa, and of course a little ice cream to mix in. They received full credit if they brought an item and swallowed a full bite of everything combined.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**REMINDER:** Seniors will take formal posed photos with items that reflect them on Monday, January 14, at 3:30 in the band room. Thank you to Mrs. Suasi's husband Daryl for taking these professional photos! Students who came to school after picture day will also have their yearbook photos taken.

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**SAVE THE DATE: ALUMNI WEEKEND MARCH 1-3**  
**San Diego Academy Golf Tournament on Alumni Weekend**

On Friday, March 1 @ 8 am  
Eastlake Golf Club

\$125/pp  
\$400/team of 4

Deadline, February 25  
Contact John Pressler  
619-972-2943

# ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT GAMES

## BOYS' MIDDLE SCHOOL VARSITY BASKETBALL

Monday 1/14 San Diego Academy versus Ocean View Academy AWAY @ 4:30 p.m.

Friday 1/18 SDA versus Calvary Christian HOME @ 1:30 p.m.

## GIRLS' MIDDLE SCHOOL VARSITY BASKETBALL

Monday 1/14 San Diego Academy versus Oceanview Christian AWAY @ 3:30 p.m.

Friday 1/18 SDA versus Calvary Christian HOME @ 1:30 p.m.

## BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

Monday 1/14 San Diego Academy versus Oceanview Christian HOME @ 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday 1/15 SDA vs The Rock Academy HOME @ 5:30 p.m.

Thursday 1/17 SDA vs Calvary Christian HOME @ 5:30 p.m.

## GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

Monday 1/14 San Diego Academy versus Oceanview Christian HOME @ 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday 1/15 SDA versus The Rock Academy HOME @ 4:00 p.m.

## VARSITY SOCCER

Tuesday 1/15 SDA versus Army Navy AWAY @ 4:00 p.m. 2605 Carlsbad Blvd

Wednesday 1/16 SDA versus Mt. Empire HOME @ 3:15 p.m.

Thursday 1/17 SDA versus Bonsall High HOME @ 3:30 p.m.

# Calendar/Upcoming Events

- Seniors bring items that reflect them for the SENIOR pose in the yearbook; meet in the band room .....Monday, January 14 at 3:30 p.m.
- High School music visits PV.....Sabbath, January 19, 2018
- Talent Show.....Sabbath, January 19 at 6:30 p.m.
- NO SCHOOL MLK Day.....Monday, January 21, 2018
- NO SCHOOL.....Tuesday, January 22, 2018
- 4-6<sup>th</sup> grades go to Jump Around.....Wednesday, January 23, 2018
- Awards Chapel.....Friday, January 25, 2018
- Talent Show.....Sabbath, January 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
- JH Bible Camp at Pine Springs Ranch.....Friday, January 25-Sunday, January 27, 2018
- Junior/Senior Bible Conference at PSR.....Thursday, Jan 31-Sabbath, Feb 2, 2018



**San Diego Academy's Got**

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**Jan.19 from 6:30-8:30 P.M. / \$2 Entry Fee**

**At Paradise Village**

**Liberty Hall**

**Elementary Prizes**

**JH Cash Prize \$25**

**High School Cash Prize \$75**