

Acaciawood News

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Following the Lamb

Revelation 14:4b states, "...These are they who follow the Lamb wherever He may go".



Throughout history God's people were noted for their sojourning life on the earth for the fulfillment of His purpose.

The teachers and staff at Acaciawood

School have been no different for each of them are persons who "follow the Lamb". Over the years, we have seen our staff come and go, beginning with the first AWS principal who came from Spokane and went to England. One former teacher came from Chicago via Russia and is now in Israel. Several have gone to the FTTA and continue to serve the Lord elsewhere. This summer, both Mrs. Beth Lawson and Ms. Pauline Yang have answered the Lord's call to move (again).

Mrs. Lawson has relocated to Newington, Connecticut, where she and her husband have lived and served the Lord for many years before serving in Russia, Taiwan, and Southern California. Mrs. Lawson has been here since 1998, both serving at AWS as well as the FTTA. Her husband has been serving at LSM and FTTA, while also traveling throughout the years to serve churches in other parts of the US and the world (Russia, Armenia, etc.).

Ms. Yang moved here from South Korea to attend the middle-age training. Since graduation, she has served here for almost three years. A recent visa extension denial was confirmation that she should return to Korea and then move on to Europe for the Lord's work there.

These changes at AWS should not be grounds for any anxiety. God is doing only one work, and AWS shares a part of that unique work. We believe the Lord, as the universal Administrator, will take care of the needs of the school as He has done for the last 12 years. Let us all cooperate with Him and pray for the Lawsons, Ms. Yang, the school, and His work. We close with a word from the Apostle Paul, "In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses every man's understanding, will guard your hearts and thoughts in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4: 6-7)

The Lord is already answering our prayers to supply the school in many ways. So we anticipate another year of blessing! We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday, August 23.

English Summer Camp

...this year's camp was the best and most successful.

Acaciawood School conducted the largest English camp this summer with 41 students from Taiwan, Korea, Japan and China. Upon arrival, the students stayed in pairs with a host family for one month. For most students, this was their first time out of their home country and in the United States. The host family provided a comfortable atmosphere to help the students adjust.

The main goal of the summer camp was to give the students a good opportunity to practice their English and provide them with an immersed atmosphere of language and culture. The summer camp lasted four weeks; these were packed not only with English lessons but also with fun activities such as excursions to Southern California attractions and American arts and crafts.

This year due to the large number of students, three classes were offered at Acaciawood. Each day, during the morning



the students had three sessions of English class with a short recess and a lunch break. Then in the afternoon, the students had

singing and crafts time or an afternoon excursion. The excursions included the trip to the circus, OC fair, Nixon library, Queen Mary and a visit to the fire department. There were all-day events, such as going to Disneyland, Universal Studios and Knott's Berry Farm. The students even had the opportunity to go on a weekend trip to Engedi Camp in Big Bear. Also, they participated in a variety of activities, from baking apple pies to riding their first roller coaster. They learned about American culture, not only in their classes but also from living with their host families.

Due to all of the hard work, this year's camp was the best and most successful. Thank you to all the staff, assistants, and host families for all your support and efforts.

Girls' Volleyball

Hard Work Pays Off

2008 Season begins

The Acaciawood Volleyball team has been hard at work this summer preparing for their 2008 season. The team has become more focused and dedicated under the guidance of Coach Joyce Lin, Coach Sharon Warden, and Coach Rebecca Buntain.

In the past two months, there has been a lot of running, drills and discipline. However, last week, all their hard work paid off; the team's first ever scrimmage of the 2008 season took place on Tuesday, July 29th against Eastside. Acaciawood competed well at the scrimmage, and won all three matches played against Eastside. Some highlights of the game included a serving run of six serves by Ann Huang, five kills by Daniela Romero, and great passing exhibited by Michelle Kao. Ruby Chen and Katherine Ampaw led the team in their setting, and Dana Martin also played well at the middle blocker position. Every player was given the chance to play during the scrimmage, and their performance was not disappointing. As a team, they had only five missed serves the entire game, and returning players as well as new freshmen looked ready for the upcoming season. While there is still more improvement that can be made, the Acaciawood girls' volleyball team is on the right track towards having a very successful season. We encourage the fans to come out and watch them play and represent Acaciawood! Go Lady Eagles!



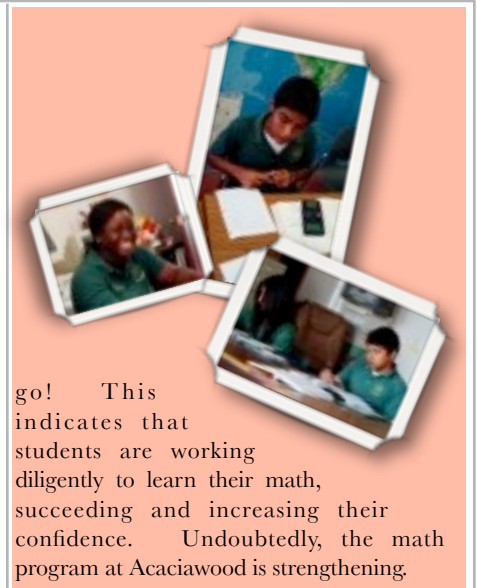
The Boys of Summer

It was a long hot summer at Acaciawood; nevertheless, the boys' basketball team did not spend much time in the shade. When school opens in September and students return to the rigors of studying and testing, you will notice that the good old Acaciawood has undergone somewhat of a facelift. The added additions, a new front lawn, wood chipped planters, expanded brick walk ways under the big tree, along with a new basketball court (with glass back boards) and volleyball court out back, can be observed as you tour the campus. Did we mention the pine tree stumps for your seating pleasure outside Mrs. Joseph's room and the new roof on the building across from the new kitchen?

You may ask how all these projects went from the planning stages to the completion stages. Well, we will tell you. Early on in the summer, EACH member of the basketball team had agreed to complete 40 hours of community service to help with any and every need that was deemed to be done. If you are not aware of it, the boys basketball team has been practicing from 6:00 to 8:30, (that is morning time), most weekdays. Once practice was over, the basketball team spent the next three to four hours per day to do whatever needed to be done. At first, things went slowly but as each boy gained experience, they moved at fast-break pace. Mr. Duddy and Mr. Condon oversaw most of the work, but in reality it is the boys who must receive the credit. Even the two ball boys rolled up their uniforms and helped out! There is still much to be done but it looks like THE BOYS OF SUMMER will be ready in season and out of season to meet whatever project may come their way, maybe even in Europe someday! THANK YOU AGAIN EAGLES!!

Math Program

This summer kicked off the first Math Summer School at Acaciawood. During the six-week program, students are studying an equivalent of a one-year math class. Algebra 1 and 2 are being offered, with the goal of helping students strengthen their basic math skills, prepare for college, and reach their potential. Three teachers, Ms. Chen, Mrs. Rosales, and Mr. Hageman, with two student volunteers, Sam Oh and Tiffany Sun, are providing students special one-on-one guidance. Despite the rigor of four lessons per day, every student has improved his or her math grade from last year. Three-quarters of the students are at or above a 90%, with less than two weeks to



go! This indicates that students are working diligently to learn their math, succeeding and increasing their confidence. Undoubtedly, the math program at Acaciawood is strengthening.

SAT Test Program

For the past four weeks, the Christian Academic Support Program (CASP) has been successfully helping Acaciawood students improve their scores on the SAT.

The SAT consists of three subjects – reading comprehension, math, and writing; it is taken primarily by

high school juniors as the first major step in the college application process. Fourteen students, almost all of them from Acaciawood, spend their mornings learning and reviewing material for the exam everyday. The test is scored out of a total of 2400 points. Practice test results show that attending students have increased their scores by an average of 150 points in just three weeks. The program began with Paul Jahng, a brother who meets with the church in Huntington Beach, and began CASP six years ago. Mr. Jahng calls the 150-point average improvement "unprecedented" and hopes to continue providing low-cost college admission prep to Acaciawood students next summer. Classes, which began July 14, are held Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00. The program ends on August 22. Students are separated into two classes by grade level: 8th/9th, taught by Aletheia Miyake (UC Berkeley '10), and 10th/11th, taught by Titus Jahng (Harvard '12).

Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, August 23 -
*Parent & Student
Orientation*

- ★ Breakfast 8:30 a.m.
- ★ Assembly 9:15 a.m.
- ★ Campus Cleaning
10:30-1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 2 -
School Begins 8:30 a.m.
★ Zero Period 7:30
a.m. (optional)

Friday, September 5 -
Tuition Due