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SPIRIT WEEK

By: Bethel Enriquez, Esther Jou



Day One: Color Day

For color day, each class dressed up in as much of a certain color as they could with 1st grade as yellow, 2nd - green, 3rd - orange, 4th - tan, 5th - light blue, 6th - purple, 7th - white, 8th - brown, 9th - gray, 10th - red, 11th - blue, and 12th grade as black.



Day Two: Letter Day

On letter day, each class dressed up as anything beginning with a certain letter, such as characters, foods, animals, and more. We loved seeing everyone's creative costumes and ideas!



Day Three: Sports Rivalry Day

On sports rivalry day, consecutive classes dressed up as opposing sports rivalry teams. 11th & 12th grade were the Lakers vs Celtics, 10th & 9th - USC vs UCLA, 8th & 7th - USA Volleyball vs Turkey, 6 & 5 - Angels vs Dodgers, 4th & 3rd - 49ers vs Eagles, and 2nd & 1st - Cincinnati Bengals vs Jacksonville Jaguars.



Day Four: Cultural Day

In the ultimate finish to this eventful week, consecutive classes dressed up as food items, historical figures, or in traditional clothing from their countries which were Italy (11th & 12th), Mexico (4th, 5th, & 6th), Britain (9th & 10th), France (1st, 2nd, & 3rd), and Japan (7th & 8th). The MPR was overflowing with unique snacks from a variety of cultures and tasty treats to try, while cultural posters showcased the rich assortment of cultures from around the world. The Music Club even performed a setlist with many traditional and contemporary cultural songs!



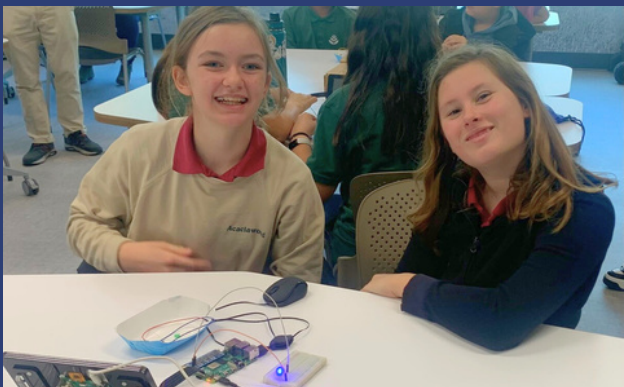
We hope you had as much of a blast as we did in this year's memorable Spirit Week! See you again next year!

JUNIOR HIGH FIELD TRIP

By: Silvia Aramburo, Jeremy Bautista



On February 14, the 5th, 6th, and 7th graders visited the Tiger Woods learning center. They were involved in three different workshops - Gaming, Computer Science, and AI. At the Gaming workshop, the students tested out an unreleased inclusive video game created by a the Tiger Woods staff, and gave feedback for the game. At the Computer Science workshop, they learned how to turn on a lightbulb using computers and tablets, and experimented with an assortment of activities relating to computer science. Lastly, at the AI workshop, the junior highers were given the opportunity to work with the latest AI and learn its many functions. This field trip was a great way to enhance the students' learning and broaden their view on the latest technology. The students really enjoyed the field trip and hope to go back again soon.



SECURING THE FUTURE

By: William Chiang, Crystal Lai



This February, the Junior High boys kick-started their very first basketball season! In their first game, they won by over 50 points, led by a 16-point performance from Isai Quintana. The team consists of the centers, Enoch Lai and Musa Azeem, sharpshooter Ben Marks, playmaker Isai Quintana, defensive specialist Levi



Boswell, scrappy rebounder Caleb Blatz, explosive slasher Daniel Lim, team strategist Ethan Loewen, and quick-witted Ezra Acevado.

They have been diligently honing their skills and putting in the work week after week, tirelessly preparing for their upcoming games. Under the guidance of Coach Aaron Marks, they approach each practice with a clear game plan in mind, focusing on the basic fundamentals of basketball, solidifying their foundation, and directing the team towards future success. However, after their authoritative start to the season, the team faced a series of tough games where they battled fiercely, demonstrating their perseverance through adversity. Despite facing losses in these games, the team recognizes the invaluable lessons embedded in these experiences. Each loss can be reflected upon and provide rare insights that can't be learned through winning. Enduring these challenges together will foster a sense of camaraderie among the players that will never be forgotten. Over time, their chemistry will improve, paving the way to play as one body.

RIISING TO THE CHALLENGE

By: Zoe Lee



The opening of this year's High School Boys Volleyball season has brought a whirlwind of excitement! While their first match against Bethel Baptist on February 21 encountered some initial turbulence, the team swiftly redeemed themselves in their subsequent match on February 23 against Vista Meridian, earning a thrilling victory with a score of 3-2.



The team consists of a roster of talented individuals, including senior Benjamin Bautista and juniors Jeremy Bautista, Timothy Lee, and Emmanuel Quinones. Accompanying them are the rising stars, sophomores Elijah Medina, Paul Lee, and Zachary Lee, as well as freshman, River Wang.

Despite lacking prior experience playing together, these nine individuals have seamlessly synchronized their efforts on the court. Their ability to adapt and collaborate effectively demonstrates their collective determination and skill. As the season progresses, we look forward to the team's improving performance, fueled by their relentless dedication and mutual camaraderie. We cannot wait to see how the season will unfold!



TEACHER TESTIMONY: MS. CHAO

By: Sherlock Li, Emmanuel Quinones



Q: What is your favorite thing about teaching?

My favorite thing about teaching is being able to see my students learn and grow throughout the year. When students first come into first grade, many have just started to learn how to read and write sentences. Being able to accompany, support and watch them go from writing and reading one sentence to writing and reading paragraphs truly brings me joy!

Q: What are some struggles you have come across as a teacher?

One struggle is never knowing how a lesson will turn out until you start teaching it. Every year there is a new group of students, each with different personality, strengths and weaknesses. My lessons with the students last year may not work with the students this year. So even if you think you planned a wonderful lesson, it might turn into a disaster because it doesn't fit with that group of students.

Q: What advice would you give to someone who would like to become a teacher in the future?

My one advice is that they need to love what they do. They need to love to teach and love their students. Teaching is definitely not easy and it would not get easier even if you get more experience. Many jobs when you get more experience, it becomes easier, but not teaching. As teachers, we are also learners. We need to constantly be learning new ways to teach as each generation is different and the way they learn is also different. So you really need to love what you do or else it will be hard to survive as a teacher.



Q: What do you like the most about your first grade class?

What I like the most about my first grade class is that there is never one boring day. Something interesting is always happening every day. They definitely keep me on my toes!

ALUMNI ARTICLES: AGAPE WANG

By: Karissa Lim



Q: When did you attend AcaciaWood?

I attended AcaciaWood from 2008 to 2010.

Q: What did you like most about AcaciaWood?

The volleyball team. It was my first time playing a team sport and I daresay, there were friendships forged through fire and asphalt.



Q: What advice would you give to students who are here now?

A: Don't settle for the easy way even if you can ace it. Challenge yourself to grow. That is how you excel in life. In all your classes and throughout your lifelong learning journey, find your ikigai. If you're not sure what ikigai is, Google it. If you're not sure what growth feels like, see sticky note below. Spoiler alert: it does not feel comfortable.

A yellow sticky note with handwritten text in black ink. The text reads: "You're gonna have imposter syndrome, You're gonna need support & guidance, You're gonna be scared & diffident, You're gonna feel unprepared & lost, You're gonna fail & make mistakes, ... But you CAN do it, You will do it, And you will grow." The word "grow" is underlined.

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Q: How did AcaciaWood prepare you for college, working life, etc?

AcaciaWood provided a safe, stable, routine environment to build Atomic Habits. If you have not read the book, I recommend it. Healthy habits compound over time, creating a system that in turn, takes us to our goals. That same system continued to serve me when I graduated from school, college and even up to now.

Q: What skills did you obtain by going to AcaciaWood?

I learned to prioritize. That in itself is a huge skill. Turns out there's a whole career you can build based on just that (called a Product Manager, which I am.)



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: ARWEN DY BUCO

By: Sam Berhe, Timothy Lee

Q: What are some goals you have for this year?

Survive calculus, and physics, and gain the Lord more. I also want to get closer with more people, and just continue having a good heart for people as much as I can, since I'm leaving. I don't want to leave with any grudges or being mean to anybody.



Q: How do you feel about your overall time in Acaciawood?

Really, really good. I always say this, but I feel bad for people who met me before I was saved, because before I came into Acaciawood, I was definitely in the world. Acaciawood transformed me to be a kinder person, and to see things from different perspectives, because before, I wasn't Christian and had never been in a private school.

Q: What is your favorite memory in Acaciawood?

Getting baptized during SSOT. A lot of people from Acaciawood were there, and I remember before not really wanting anybody to know, because SSOT was composed of a lot of YP from different localities. I wanted only Acaciawood YP to be there. So then Mr. Miller ended up blocking the pool gates once the Acaciawood YP were in the pool.

Q: What advice would you give to future students who will become seniors like you one day?

Praying about everything - praying about anything and everything. Even if you think it's small, the Lord wants to listen to everything you have to give to Him, and He'll honor whatever you tell Him.

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Thank you for reading the fifth edition of the Eagle Flyer 2024! We hope to keep you updated with school events and help you get to know our community a little better.