

VEGAS VALLEY ADVENTIST ACADEMY

Friday, April 26, 2024

CALENDAR

April 23-25
Week of Prayer
April 27
7-10 Choir
Performance at
Mountain View SDA
Closing Week of
Prayer
SA Gym Night
(Volleyball, ages 13+)
April 29 - May 3
MAP TESTING
May 5
Family Fun Day
(required attendance)
May 28
8th Grade
Graduation

VVAA VOLLEYBALL GYM NIGHT

-YESEL GONZALEZ

VVAA Family! Get ready for a thrilling Volleyball gym night hosted by SA. We're bringing you friendly matches and sign-up forms for those who want to join in the action. The gym night, set for April 27, 7:00 - 10:00 PM, is open to ages thirteen and up. And to keep the excitement going, SA will be selling snacks. We're looking forward to a night filled with fun and volleyball. See you there!

ADVENTIST AUTISM AWARENESS

-MARIÉ ENTERINA

On World Autism Awareness Day, Adventists in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, celebrated the cause by launching a multisensory room for autistic individuals at the Seventh-day Adventist Church (IASD) in Colégio. Autism is a lifelong developmental disability that affects how people interact with others, learn, communicate, and behave. It's caused by differences in the brain and is something people are born with. The space includes special lighting, activity panels, and acoustic lining, aimed to provide greater comfort for children and their families. The initiative was supported by donations from friends and the church, and is expected to inspire other churches to adopt similar initiatives. The multisensory room meets the APM principle of making the church more accessible to everyone. The improvement in the worship experience was felt by Bruna da Fonseca, the mother of an autistic son, who appreciated the space. The space in the church also benefits frequent families and visitors. The Adventist Church wants to welcome all members whether they have a disability or not. They think that everyone should be able to learn and know more about God.



ALL ABOUT FISH

-MCRYLEIGH PIERRE-LOUIS

We all like fish but do you know if the fish is okay to eat or not. The talk between Emily Kwong and Clare Marie Schneider, joined by Stacey Vanek Smith, revolves around Earth Day and the importance of sustainable seafood consumption. Fish is loved throughout the entire world. In 2020 alone over 196 million fish were harvested. Killing this many fish can have consequences. The main consequence of fish killing is extinction. Now the Maui Dolphin is near extinction because of bycatch and commercial fishing. What can you do to prevent the extinction of countless fish? To solve the extinction of fish we all need to work together. Starting off with buying eco-friendly fish that is healthy and does not harm a single part of the ocean. When you are shopping for fish you can tell if they are sustainable or not by looking for the MSC blue fish tick. This tick shows that the fish are from a healthy environment, healthy fish populations, and are sustainably caught. In my experience, eco-friendly fish taste better than harmful non eco-friendly fish. God gave us this Earth to live in, we might as well take care of it!

WITNESSING THROUGH ART

-CALLIE SAMANIEGO

Dámaris Paredes is an Adventist teenager from Ecuador. She loves to make creative cards to invite her friends to church. Her friends were so impressed by her hard work that they were excited to attend church. She gives a lot of credit to her parents and how they raised her. They taught her to put God first in her life and that her salvation is important. It is very important to her that she wants to share it with her friends. Paredes knows there is a need to bring young people into church to know Jesus. She is also the leader of her teen youth group in church. Just how God wants us to be leaders too.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Failure is the seed to success."
-Kaoru Ishikawa

SILLY GILLEY

Why are cats good at video games?

Because they have nine lives.

NUC SCIENCE FAIR

-JOSHUA M. SILVER

Earlier this week on Sunday, VVAA hosted the NUC STEAM Science Fair. This event was meant to display all the interesting science experiments the students here did.

The Science Fair is an annual competition for students of all ages. Each student chooses a science experiment to do, and they do their best so that they can win first place. There were a plethora of science experiments with various topics presented. Some experiments were about tooth decay with soda, what brand of sunscreen works best, and how temperature affects battery life. Some other experiments include elephant toothpaste, the 5-second rule, water filtration, how worms affect soil, and if an electromagnetic train can run on limited energy. Each project had a spiritual application included, which added each student with their own take on spirituality, God, and science. All these displays showed the hard work of all the students and the effort needed to bring this event together.


THE NBA PLAYOFFS

-ROBERT CASTRO

The NBA playoffs have finally started, with sixteen of the best NBA teams facing off for a championship. In round one, all of the high-seeded teams are up in their series. In game two between the Philadelphia 76ers and the New York Knicks, there was a very controversial missed call at the end of the game. With 24 seconds to go in the 4th quarter, the 76ers were leading 101-99. Tyrese Maxey of the 76ers was scrambling in need of possession of the ball. And Maxey did end up having a bit of possession on the ball, so their coach, Nick Nurse, called a timeout to keep possession. But the referee by his side did not allow the timeout; this then resulted in New York Knicks player Donte DiVincenzo making a three and giving the Knicks the lead 102-101. The Knicks went on to win 104-101 and take the 2-0 series lead.

In the West, the Denver Nuggets faced the Los Angeles Lakers in an action-packed game, as the defending champion Denver Nuggets were losing by 20 points at a certain time in the game. But at the end of the game, when it was tied 99-99 Jamal Murray of the Nuggets hit a mid-range fadeaway on Anthony Davis to win the game. With this win, the Nuggets currently have a 2-0 series lead over the Lakers.

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