

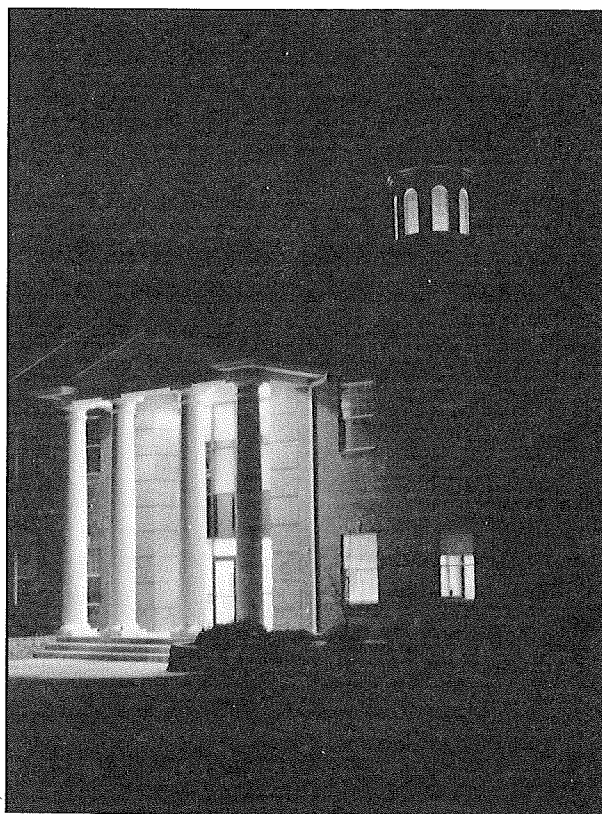
## Students run for ASB

by Lynnea Flerchinger

The week had been very hectic and became more so for the students running for ASB officers. January 28, the pressure was on. Students were in and out of the business office all day long, filling out their ballots. And then came the wait, the wait for the results.

This year the elections were run by Mr. Blankenship. He commented, "First of all I would to thank everyone that ran during the election. That shows school spirit. We had thirty people running for positions to begin with. Then it was narrowed down to fifteen, and we ended up with eight."

Out of the thirty, of course, only eight could emerge triumphant. The new officers were announced in the gymnasium on February 3 where the new and old officers used a boxing theme to publicize the results.



*The newly-lighted cupola seems to hover over the administration building on a cold, clear February evening.*

### Second Semester ASB OFFICERS

President-Carl Canwell  
Vice President-Tiffany Penhallurick  
Secretary-Rachel Randall  
Treasurer-Dani Pavlic  
Chaplain-Michael Moore  
Sgt. at Arms-Caleb Nelson  
Pianist-Leah Weichal  
Chorister-Sophia Allen

## A light to all the world

On the evening of February 4, light shone out for the first time from the windows in the cupola on the ad. building roof.

While mystery surrounds many details of its installation, someone cut an access hole in the roof underneath the cupola and installed a single photo-sensor activated 500-watt quartz bulb.

For many years, this idea has appeared on the list of possible senior class gifts, but no class ever chose it. Now it's done and the light glows from dusk to dawn. Surely there's symbolic significance there somewhere . . .

Student Week of Prayer speakers pose in front of the ad building. Left to right: Melissa Ekval, Maranatha Hay, Phillip Sherwood, Luke Chilson, Aaron Vizcarra, Cheryl Williams, Philip Byrd, Danny Lamberton, Amanda Jehle, Carl Canwell, Brent Davis, Danelle Smith



photo by Mindie Getty

## Student Week of Prayer ignites hearts

by Mindie Getty

Student Week of Prayer can ignite quite a few feelings in the hearts of Upper Columbia Academy students. Some feel hope that Someone out there cares for them, some may still feel a Savior is too far out of reach for them, and yet others make a life-changing decision to follow God.

This year's speakers, selected by the students, were Brent Davis, Philip Byrd, Maranatha Hay, Amanda Jehle, Cheryl Williams, Danelle Smith, Carl Canwell, Aaron Vizcarra, Danny Lamberton, Luke Chilson, Melissa Ekval, and Phillip Sherwood.

To speak in front of all your classmates, teachers, and friends can be a very challenging thing. But to speak on a subject you know many are still debating takes a real call from God.

In light of that, I got people's opinions on what they thought of Student Week of Prayer.

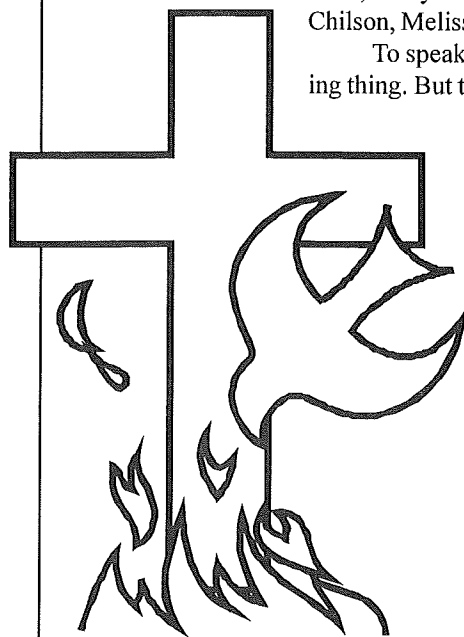
"I thought it was incredible. I totally felt God's presence around our campus and I felt God speaking to me through the speakers."~Chelle Jahn

"I thought it was good because when students speak to students, they can relate a lot better than they sometimes could with the older generation."~Mindy Tachenko

"Student Week of Prayer was a special blessing because we got to hear what our friends had to say, and it was good to hear messages from God through our peers."~Amber Vaudreuil

"I really enjoyed it. I think it was one of the best Student Week of Prayers I've been to. It was very real and I felt that they all spoke straight from the heart."~Lindsay Holmes

"I thought it was really good. It helped me through some stuff I've been thinking about. The music and the speakers were really awesome this year."~Becki Bigelow



## Warm fuzzies?

by Natasha Ham

Students here at UCA know that when Week of Prayer is here, so is our traditional Warm Fuzzy Board. What is a warm fuzzy? It is simply this: a note from one student to another, taped up on the alphabetically sectioned boards that line the upstairs hallway of the Ad. Building. What is the point you? Hmm, that question may be harder to answer than you think.

Some write uplifting and encouraging words to one another, while others exchange so-called "love letters." Still others use this as an opportunity to write notes to themselves just to see if anyone will notice the unusually large number of folded papers with their name written on them. Teachers see this as an opportunity to find new hiding spots for their tape dispensers and find creative ways to lock the doors from the outside *and inside* of classrooms to prevent the comings and goings of overly eager students tied to the happenings of this famous board.

Students often develop the habit of trying to continue the note giving into the next week which causes Monday to take on a delightful quality it so often lacks. One thing is for certain, no Week of Prayer would be complete or whole without our warm fuzzy traditions.

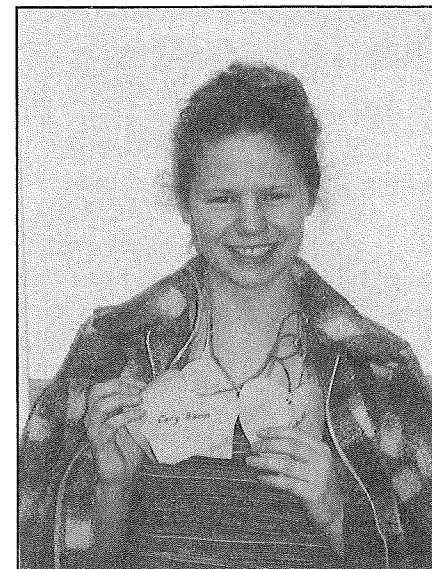


## Students lose heart

During the undeniably romantic month of February, the ASB decided to promote heart theft.

On one day the girls were each given a red paper heart. On another day the guys got them. To keep their hearts students could not speak to a member of the opposite sex. If they spoke, students had to relinquish their hearts to the particularly cunning people who tricked them.

There were rumors of people buying and selling hearts. Some gave their hearts away while others steadfastly refused to admit they had spoken--even in the face of a multitude of witnesses. Some kept their hearts for thirty seconds; others held on until *almost* the end



Part way through the day, Jennifer Age takes stock of how many hearts she has won

of the day.

With ten hearts each, Mark Flaiz and Chris Parker tied as champions for the guys while Amy Hall, with eleven hearts, was the top female heart stealer.

## The gig

by Brian Kay

Uncertain on how they weren't sure how they were going to perform, nervousness could be seen on all their faces. Four of them were performing solos and they weren't sure how they were going to perform. Everyone had practiced so many hours and none of them had ever sung with an orchestra before. That night was definitely their night to shine.

The UCA Choraliers and the Lewis and Clark Elite Choir, sang with the Westminster Orchestra on January 25th and had a smashing concert. The main songs that were featured that night were *Mass in G* by Schubert and *Regina Coeli* by Mozart. The featured soloists from our school during *Regina Coeli* were soprano Mindy Tachenko, alto Kaitlynn James, tenor Philip Byrd, and bass Bob Lenz. All of the soloists and the Choraliers did a supreme job at the concert.

It was very special to sing with another school and because they had sung with an orchestra. It's rare that any high school singing group sings with an orchestra, so they had a reason to feel proud of themselves.

Afterwards the UCA Choraliers and the Lewis and Clark Elite Choir, went to the Old Spaghetti Factory to have a great time and enjoy each other's company. When they got to the reserved room where they were eating, it instantly got loud with laughing and chattering of voices. Strangers became great friends. When it was time to go, they all hoped that they could sing together again.

## No fan zone

by Erik Johnson

This year the UCA Men's and Women's Varsity Basketball teams have played many teams: St. Joe, House of the Lord, Brewster, and South Hill to name a few. Overall, both teams have done very well thanks to the excellent coaching of Mr. Blankenship for the ladies and Mr. Soule for the guys.

You would think with such extraordinarily-coached teams, that there would be a lot of fans, but it is not always so. For quite a few games this year, the varsity players outnumbered the fans. As Adam Hays said, "There should be more people out supporting our team."

There are, however, a couple of dedicated fans this year. Joe Jorgensen and Jerret Swanson are two of the fans that showed up to most of the games. A big thanks to them and all of the rest of the fans that attended this year. If you are a returning student next year, take a little time to support your UCA Lions.

## Who will it be?

by Dan Hudson

UCA social calendars are centered around banqueting. "What is 'banqueting'?" you ask? It is the act of asking someone or being asked by someone to one of the two banquets held each year at UCA. Sadly, many students feel they are worth nothing if they don't go with Joe Cool or Popular Sue, and if they acquire a "yes," they fly up on cloud nine. Let me classify them quickly into the askers and the askees.

On one hand you have the aggressive let-me-at-em's. They have had a crush on some sweet young thing since two minutes ago, and they know that they must go to the banquet with them. So, as cunning as a fox who graduated from Oxford with a degree in cunning, they devise a cunning plan. Some plans unfold in the shape of delicious sweets. Others are elaborate works of art that ultimately translate into "please choose ME." Other types of askers shy away from the public showiness. They might slip a note if they haven't much guts or just pop the question out of the blue. But whichever route tickles their fancy, they inquire and aspire for that blessed "yes."

Askees are given the task that might seem more difficult. They must carefully weigh their options. Will they go with the first person who asks them? Do they really want to go with this person? Changing their mind will definitely cause frustration, so will they say yes now or wait?

Some won't even go through these processes because they were asked by their special someone. Yes, their significant other. These banquets are basically the only chance that they may get to go on a date thanks to the ever-watching eyes of the faculty.

Whether it be with a friend, or with their hunk of burning love, the students of UCA love to frequent the banquets appointed by the powers that be. Who do you want to go with on March 30?

## Did someone say fun?

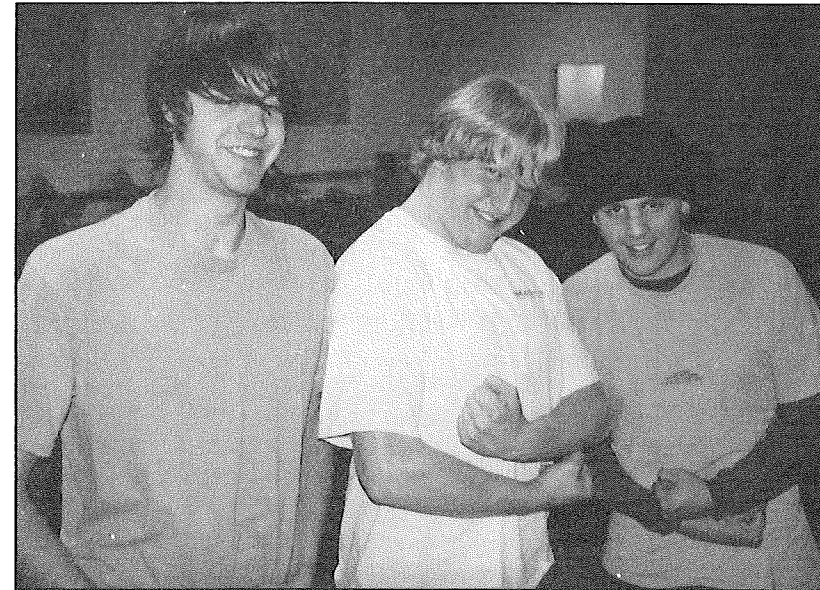
by Katreena Sumagpang

Winter Campus Day is one of several annual events UCA students look forward to. That time finally arrived on Thursday, January 23. But what could you possibly do in Spangle?" Students were given the chance to escape the bonds of Spange with options of skiing, ice-skating, going to the mall, going to the IMAX, or going to the YMCA. Staying home or hiding in the dorm and sleeping in, however, were not alternatives. Though this day was designed to be a day off from the normal routine of classes, it was still counted as a school day. Besides, who would want to miss out on all the loads of fun?

Ashley Hart, who went ice-skating and saw *The Lion King*, stated that "Scar was scary because he was so BIG!" while Ashley Werth, a junior, said, "I love the IMAX. Disney movies are the best!"

Some students really enjoyed themselves. "It was really cool that they took us out. It was the highlight of the year," declared Glenda Ramirez. Nevertheless, FUN, like many other things has its set of consequences. Melissa Ekvall, who went rock-climbing, said, "Rock-climbing was really fun, but it mad me really sore."

Whether it was ice-skating, going to the mall, getting sore, or watching *The Lion King*, everyone was thankful for the much-needed day.



Phillip Cordis, Jason Crew and Casey Clausen strike championship poses as winners of Lumberjack Week.

## UCA men mimic lumberjacks

by Nels Wenberg

Who can drink pop and eat pancakes the fastest? Who can throw an axe the best? That is what Lumberjack Week in the men's dorm was all about.

The pop-guzzling contest took place first. The goal was to guzzle a two liter bottle of pop faster than anyone else. Many participated but in the end only one came out on top. That man was Jason Crew. Some of the contestants threw up after this event.

The pancake-eating contest came on the second day. The point of this event was to eat ten pancakes stuck together with peanut butter as fast as possible. Now some might say, "How hard it can be?" Well, try it with no hands! That's right; contestants had to do this using only their mouths. Again, many tried but only one succeeded in doing it faster than all the rest. Casey Clausen, who took second place last year, was victorious.

The axe throw took place on third day. In terms of participation this event was the largest. It involved almost the entire men's dorm, and even a few ladies joined the action. The object was to throw an axe about twenty feet and hit the target as close to the center as possible. The man to show us all how it is done was Phillip Cordis. Just a reminder to all those who didn't win this time . . . it happens again next year.

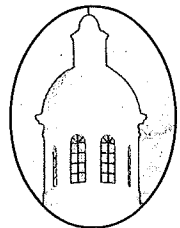
## God's helpers of HOPE

by Natasha Ham

On Monday, January 27, the students of UCA donated a total of approximately 1,215 hours of community service to the people of Spokane and the surrounding areas. Thanks to Mrs. Corder and her tireless coordinating with different groups and associations, there were over 20 different options of service opportunities! 2003 is HOPE Task Force's tenth year of service to the Greater Spokane area.

The usual stations such as dorm relief, cookie crew, clowns, and the Humane Society had plenty of helpers, as did the several new additions. With spring break mission trips fast approaching, many students volunteered their time and energy to the preparation of craft supplies and Bible character costumes for the VBS teams headed to Belize, Central America. The Classy Rack volunteers were there firsthand to sort and price merchandise for the new thrift store run by the Union Gospel Mission and Ogden Hall, benefiting homeless families of Spokane. Valentine card makers spent the afternoon creating beautiful cards, complete with passages showing God's love, for the women staying at Ogden Hall and St. Margaret's Shelter. The SAFE Center (Salvation Army Family Emergency Center) had an amazing surprise awaiting them after sixteen students and two sponsors collected paper products that customers at local grocery stores purchased and then donated. The Center was astounded at the number of grocery bags brought in by HOPE Task Force!

Mrs. Corder is excited to see that Spokane is getting a fresh perspective on Christianity and what it means to be a Seventh-day Adventist. Because of the students' willingness to serve, people in many different situations and circumstances see a glimpse of God--a picture of His love and His HOPE.



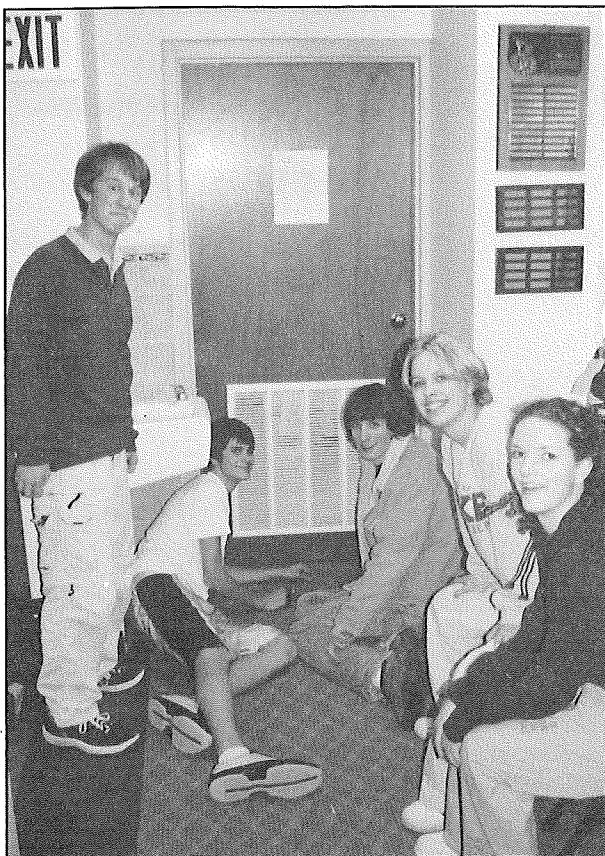
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Seniors Sean Hayes, Peter Vercio, Aaron Grable, Sophia Allen and Lauren Bull try to get inside information about Senior Talent Show auditions going on inside the choir room on February 11

## Music comes alive through band

by Dawn Lawson

Deafening applause nearly shattered the glass on the gym doors as the UCA band finished its piece. The band members stood like a rising tide to bow to the applause.

On January 18, 2003, the UCA band performed their Winter Band Concert. Once again hours of practice and hard work found their mark. The band members performed many pieces. Despite disruptions from the back of the gym, the band played for all they were worth, giving the annual event their best shot and turning it into another musical success. After the performance, the band members congratulated each other and happily received from parents and others in the audience.

Many who are looking forward to the next time they can hear the UCA band perform during Music-A-Rama at the end of March. For now, Winter Band Concert will be remembered as an evening when music--as usual--spoke louder than words.

## Band musicians play, learn at college

by Chelsea Moore

Beginning February 5, the campus had a large dent in its population. Why was this? Band members were headed for Walla Walla! The college hosts a Band Clinic every other year, now under the direction of Mr. Brandon Beck.

Upon arrival, the band unloaded their things and settled into the rooms of various student hosts throughout the dorms. Then, that same evening, the travel-weary students had a three-and-a-half-hour rehearsal. At 9:30, they were dismissed for the night. Each succeeding day was filled with many practices . . . and breaks. The college even had an open-pool night for the band.

"I was impressed by the music Mr. Beck chose because it was very spiritual and on a level that people could understand," said Ashley Garcia. I really appreciated his style, and I also enjoyed the saxophone solo."

Brittany Blankenship commented, "It was a good experience. Having the opportunity to work with a more college-level band helped me develop new skills, and taught me how to work in unfamiliar environments."

On Sabbath, a few numbers were performed during the church service which led up to the evening concert. The concert was a smashing success followed by satisfied sighs of relief.

It was hard work, but in the end it was really worth it.

## The SAT

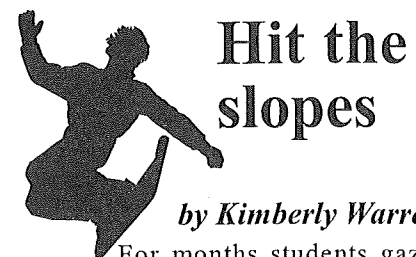
by Dani Pavlic

On the 26th of January, several UCA students took the SAT's. They began a little after 8:00, Sunday morning, and seventeen students took part in the activity.

What are the SAT's? The SAT is a reasoning test that shows in what areas someone has developed, compared to other students around the country. The main purpose of this test is so colleges can determine where applicants are academically.

The test is made up of seven sections including reading comprehension and math computation. The total testing time is three hours. "The test was long and boring," said Katreena Sumagpang. Kristy Davies described the test as being long and confusing, while Tiffany Perez said it was long, and that she was hungry. So . . . it was definitely long.

If you are planning to take the SAT test, be prepared because a good score will be helpful when applying to colleges.



by Kimberly Warren

For months students gazed longingly into the skies waiting for the first snowflake, and for months the skies remained cold and arid above Spangle. On Sunday, January 12, students discovered that the mountains had not been so unfortunate. Rec Ski began and students rushed in hordes to experience the thrills of flying down perfectly manicured slopes.

From January 12 to March 2, students will spend many of their Sundays at exciting ski locations. They will travel to Schweitzer Mountain and Silver Mountain in search of powdery slopes, clear skies, and big air. And adventure isn't all these students will receive; each participant will get one credit towards their physical education requirements.

Still, some students choose not to take part in this much-loved activity. Finances, a need to rest, and athletic ability are a few of the many reasons not to join. But according to the bus load who attends, it is well worth it. And, after all, you have all week to rest. Sunday is for the slopes.



Jesus

He Lived for you

He lived for you.

He suffered for you.

He died for you.

He is our Lord.

Loving, kind  
always there,  
Lord and Saviour,  
thorny crown in his hair.

He suffered for our decrepit world  
Put in a cave, beaten and cold.

He was tormented

He was teased.

He was rejected

And he was forgotten

Loving, kind  
always there,  
Lord and Saviour,  
Golden crown in his hair.

He wants our love.

He wants our trust

He wants us to live with him forever.

He was willing to die for us.

Miles Ellis

Let us love him.

Let us trust him.

Let us live with him forever.

Let us praise him, for he is our Lord!

Tiffany Weakly



## Cutting \* remarks by Tommy Cutting

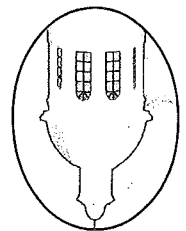
For those of us who live in a boarding school, the distinguishing factor is obviously dorm life. The dorm I live in is a quiet and tranquil place, a sort of utopian community where no one interrupts my sleep. But that's only in a dream I have every Tuesday night. During the rest of the time dorm life can be a rather daring venture. One of the biggest dorm issues involves who your neighbors are. Those neighbors are definitely what make life interesting. My new upstairs neighbor, one Dan Hudson, has taken it upon himself to test the resilience of my ceiling by sporadically leaping about his room as one who has been moved by the spirit.

My next door neighbors are also sources of late night entertainment. Evidently they have decided that loud yelling matches are more fulfilling when held at one in the morning. I sleep next to the wall separating our rooms and often times I bang against it to signal that it's my bedtime. But this only seems to encourage them. They bang back and shout out with glee, thinking that we're playing some sort of game.

Then there's my other neighbor. I think he's starting a heavy metal rock band. Enough said about that. What can I say? These are the things that make the dorm what it is. At least it's entertaining.

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**T**hou therefore, my son, be strong  
in the grace that is in Christ  
Jesus. Study to shew theyself ap-  
proved unto God, a workman that needeth  
not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word  
of truth. But shun profane and vain  
babblings: for they will increase unto more  
ungodliness. Flee also youthful lusts: but  
follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with  
them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.  
2 Timothy 2:1,5,6,22

## IMPORTANT DATES

### MARCH

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|-------|-------------------------------|
| 12-23 | Spring Break<br>Mission Trips |
| 30    | Banquet                       |
| 28&29 | Grandparent<br>Weekend        |
| 31-5  | Week of Prayer                |

### APRIL

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|-------|--------------------------------|
| 6-8   | WWC Days for<br>seniors        |
| 20-23 | Advanced Biology<br>field trip |
| 23-27 | Homeleave                      |