



KNIGHT TIME

Awards Night

May 20th 6:00 p.m.

Commencement

May 22nd 10:00 a.m.

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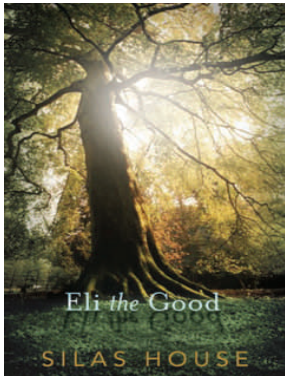
Mars Gym

Congratulations to our seniors who have achieved top academic recognitions!

Clarissa Medley is the valedictorian for the Class of 2010 and Leslie Lowry and Madeline Walker are tied for salutatorian. We are proud of these students and of their achievements. All three girls will be speaking at the commencement exercises.

Our **One Book/One School** Event kicks off this week.

Students at JFWA will be reading *Eli the Good* by LMU writer in residence Silas House. The book will be a part of the curriculum in the English classes. On April 13, Mr. House will speak to the Academy community at 10:00 in Mars Gym. Parents are welcome to attend.



Looking Back...Looking Ahead

As we were preparing for spring break, we were looking at the calendar to determine adjustments we would have to make because of the make-up schedule for snow days. This has been an unusual year for us as we missed a record number of days for weather. Having talked with some of my colleagues in area school systems, however, we came out of it pretty good. Most areas systems not only lost their spring break, but they are going well into June with extended days on top of that. We will only have to add those last two days to our calendar and in a month we will have made up our time by extending class periods, shortening the lunch period a bit, and starting fifteen minutes earlier. So far, so good on the schedule! The students did great on the first shortened lunch period.

We had two groups traveling during the break and I am thankful that not only they had good experiences, but that they are all back safely. The chaperones gave good reports about how well behaved our students were. Next year Mrs. Rhodes plans to lead a trip to Peru. What a great opportunity for our students! I hope several of you will consider that experience for your child.

We are now in the last nine weeks. Often as the weather starts to get nice and the end of the year is in sight, our students will get distracted and slack off a bit. We're going to make every effort to keep them focused. You can help by reminding them that they can easily negatively affect their g.p.a. with a bad nine weeks' grade and they need to be diligent. Spring sports will keep them busy as well. We will keep everyone posted as other plans are finalized for end-of-the year activities, specifically the schoolwide field trip, yearbook event and so on.

JFWA Student to Study Abroad

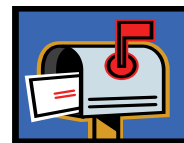
While most of us are relaxing during summer break, JFWA Sophomore Alisa Batchelor will be hitting the books in Tokyo, Japan, beginning the first week of April. Alisa will travel to Japan to attend school as an exchange student at Kanto International School until December of 2010. While in Japan, she will study Japanese Literature, Social Sciences, English Grammar, English Oral Communication, Mathematics, Science, Information Technology, Home Economics and PE. Alisa will return to the Academy for the second semester of her junior year. While in Japan, she will be staying with her aunt, who lives very near Kanto School.

We are very proud of Alisa and we are happy to know the Academy will have such an outstanding ambassador at Kanto School. When she returns, we will have her present a program with highlights of her experience.

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