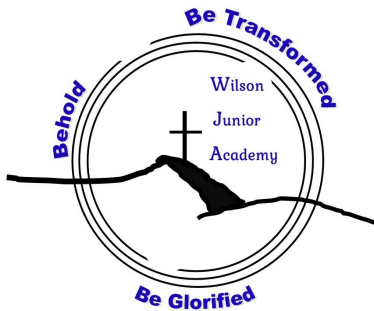


February
2024



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Big Things Happening at Wilson SDA Junior Academy!
- Desensitized?
- Washington's Birthday



Wilson SDA Junior Academy

Exciting things are happening behind the scenes at WJA as we begin a new marketing campaign to help grow our school. We would appreciate our church's help, each individual's, in fact, to make that happen. We have something special here to offer that too few people know about, so help us advertise and draw others to Christ through Christian education by being part of our worker bee team!

First, at potluck, check with Mrs. Hakes to receive freshly published school brochures. Pass them out like the leaves of autumn to your friends, neighbors, and coworkers. See if your doctor will allow you to leave some at their office, even. Next, be watching our local LUFTS and point our new ad out to your friends and neighbors. We will have regular ads for the upcoming months leading to a new and exciting event for our spring registration. Stay tuned for more information about this activity!

Another way to help is to check out our new Facebook page. Like our page, our photos, add pictures of memories past...help us get our name out there! Share! Share! Share! The more interaction, the more our name spreads. Go to Facebook and type in "Wilson Junior Academy!" You should see a photo of our 5th-8th grade class in the woods on the homepage.

Finally, we're getting a facelift! So be watching for a new website rollout for wja-sda.org. We'll let you know when we're fully operational, at which point we could use your help to send people to check us out there.

Other happenings at WJA include that we're wrapping up our standardized MAP Growth Testing and are seeing some exciting data. Your children are learning and are working hard to grow academically! We're so proud of them. Keep up the good work!

Ski Day is coming up. Contact Mrs. Berger for more details. In addition, we are looking forward to having Dylan McWilliams lead us for our Week of Prayer the week of February 19-22. Please keep our students and our campus in your prayers as spiritual battles wage.

--Blessings,

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Desensitized?

The date on the picture is April 3, 1971. In the picture I am a boy of eight years and I am standing beside my mother. Behind us is a pile of snow. No real big deal, we lived in the upper peninsula of Michigan, yes it gets cold, yes it snows there, but this was April 3, and the pile of snow stood taller than my mother and I! Unusual? No. Unheard of? No. The weather can get wacky after all.

Throughout most of the 1970's my family lived near Chattanooga, Tennessee, and twice withing a five year span we experienced what was referred to as the 100-year flood. We lived on high ground so neither flood affected us much, but they caused a lot of commotion. The weather gets wacky sometimes.

I wasn't in New Orleans when Katrina hit, so it didn't affect me much, but I did give a little to relief help. The weather gets wacky sometimes.

I wasn't in Asia December 26, 2004, when the tsunami hit, so it didn't affect me much. I don't remember giving anything so if I did, it wasn't much. The weather can get wacky sometimes.

Hurricanes, floods, tsunamis, (I didn't know what that was until 2004), droughts, blizzards, earthquakes, landslides – they come and go. After all, the weather gets wacky sometimes. I wonder if I could get desensitized setting here on high ground so to speak?

You know, if a guy like me, setting on the high ground were to pay a little attention, he might get the idea there is some hurting going on out there in the world.

Then again, if a fellow like me setting on the high ground were to get the idea there was some hurting going on out there in the world, he could easily shrug it off by saying to himself "the weather can get a little wacky sometimes."

Blessings, Pastor Jim

George Washington's Birthday 2024

February 19th

Today, George Washington's Birthday is celebrated on the third Monday in February. George Washington was born in Virginia on February 11, 1731, according to the then-used Julian calendar. In 1752, however, Britain and all its colonies adopted the Gregorian calendar which moved Washington's birthday a year and 11 days to February 22, 1732.

Americans celebrated Washington's Birthday long before Congress declared it a federal holiday. The centennial of his birth prompted festivities nationally and Congress established a Joint Committee to arrange for the occasion. At the recommendation of the Committee, Congress adjourned on February 22, 1832 out of respect for Washington's memory and in commemoration of his birth.

In 1862, the House and Senate commemorated the 130th Anniversary of Washington's birth by reading aloud his Farewell Address. It was considered a morale-boosting gesture during the darkest days of the Civil War.

No Senate tradition has been more steadfastly maintained than the annual reading of President George Washington's 1796 Farewell Address. In this letter to "Friends and Citizens," Washington warned that the forces of geographical sectionalism, political factionalism, and interference by foreign powers in the nation's domestic affairs threatened the stability of the republic. He urged Americans to subordinate sectional jealousies to common national interests.

Washington's Birthday did not become a legal holiday until January 31, 1879. Contrary to popular belief, neither Congress nor the President has ever stipulated that the name of the holiday observed as Washington's Birthday be changed to "President's Day."

Reference: Excerpts from "George Washington's Birthday" at <https://www.archives.gov/legislative/features/washington> and

"About Traditions & Symbols: Washington's Farewell Address" at <https://www.senate.gov/about/traditions-symbols/washingtons-farewell-address.htm>

Miscellaneous Announcements & Classified Ads



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call 906-639-3632
Ask for Zebulun



In search of clean gently used sofas and chairs for juniors sabbath school room. Please contact Brandee 906-399-9247. Text or call

Presidential Primary Election Dates
February 17th – 25th, 9 am to 5 pm central time: Early Voting at the Stephenson Annex, S904 US Hwy 41, Stephenson
February 27th, 7 am to 8 pm central time: Election Day Voting at the Gourley Township Hall, N13830 County Road 551, Wilson
February 23rd deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail
February 26th deadline to request an absentee ballot in-person
February 27th, all ballots must be received or postmarked by midnight

Gourley Township Historical Society meets the first Thursday of the month, October through April. Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 1st. Come have a good time talking about old times in Gourley! Contact Ivy at (906) 639-2979 or ivynetzel@gmail.com for info.

Don't forget about our ongoing Rada fundraiser. They have a great selection of knives and kitchen utensils that are a great gift or just a great new addition to your own supply!

If you shop online please use the link above, or you may search for **Wilson SDA Jr. Academy** at <https://radafundraising.com/pages/select-your-fundraising-group> .

If you prefer a catalog, please contact Brandee Groleau! She is also willing to help you with your orders.

The funds raised will go directly towards finishing our school gym project so that our school can function at its greatest potential for our students and teachers. Please help us meet this goal!

RADA Cutlery Fundraiser for the WJA School Expansion
<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1820058.87e8e7>
or call Brandee Groleau (906) 399-9247 (call or text)



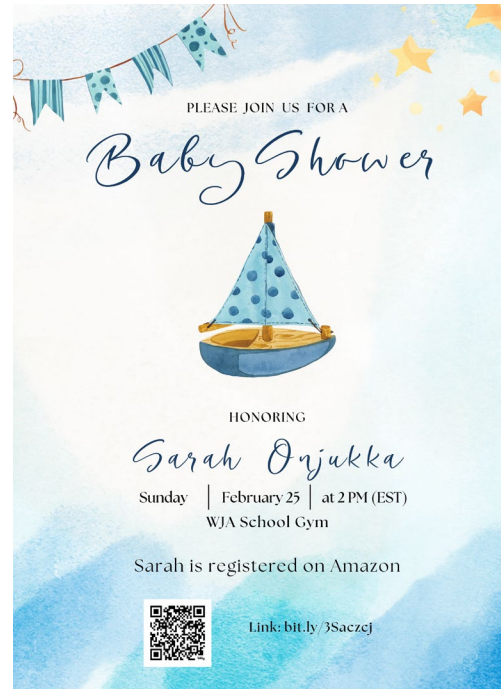
Chicken \$3 doz

Eggs for Sale



Duck \$3 for ½ doz

Call 906-639-3632
Ask for Ezra



There will be a baby shower for Sarah Onjukka on Sunday, February 25th at 2:00 pm in the school gym. All ladies, and their daughters are welcome to attend. Sarah's baby registry is on Amazon: bit.ly/3Saczcj If you have any questions please call Jerri Onjukka (906) 396-8637.