

WHAT'S GOING ON AT GREATER JUNE 2008

Dates to Remember

Track and Field Day at Astoria Park: June 2
S.A. Dorney Park Trip: June 5
Final Exams: June 9-11
Testing of In-coming Freshmen: June 12
NYS Regents: June 17-26
Baccalaureate: June 21 at 11:00 a.m.
Commencement: June 22 at 10:00 a.m.

Final Examinations

Second semester finals will be from June 9-11. **All tuition balances must be cleared before these examinations are completed. As of Friday, May 30, no checks will be accepted for payment on account balances for the 2007-2008 school year.** All payments must be made by cash or money order.

Registration

We are presently in the process of pre-registration for 2008-2009 school year to once again offer you the opportunity for arranging for the next school year.

You have already received your re-application form. This form should be completed and returned to the registrar's office by **Thursday, June 19 with the registration fee of \$400.00.** At that time the re-application fee will be waived. Please note that anyone registering between June 19 and June 30, 2008 must pay the re-application fee of \$25.00. After June 30, a late charge of \$50.00 will be applied. Pre-registration will be at 1:00 p.m. on the days listed below:

Seniors	Tuesday, June 17
Juniors	Wednesday, June 18
Sophomores	Thursday, June 19

For those students who do not pre-register by June 19, the re-application fee will be \$25.00. The incentive of \$100.00 for each student who enrolls at Greater New

York Academy as a result of your encouragement remains in effect. Please note that this cannot be used to cover your registration or re-application fee.

National Honor Society Blood Drive

By Deltonya Rawlins

On May 1, Greater New York Academy hosted its first official blood drive. Although it was a completely new experience, many students were ready and willing to rise to the challenge and make a donation. The blood drive was organized by members of the National Honor Society, and supported by the AYBL and Gamma Nu Alpha organizations.

It wasn't easy for some of the students to volunteer not having donated blood before and fear overwhelmed them. But Proverbs 3:5-6, which says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths," served as a reassurance to them.

Forty-four students volunteered to give blood, and the New York Blood Center was able to receive 29 pints which will go to save 89 lives. This was such a great experience; the school has decided to make it a semi-annual event.

**Testing of
In-Coming Freshmen
June 12
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

All students planning to enter 9th Grade
are invited to take this test

Spring Week of Prayer

By Belliny Phaeton

Recently, Greater New York Academy was blessed with a Week of Prayer. From April 7 to April 11, the students and faculty were nurtured spiritually by God through his servant, Dr. Alonzo Smith.



Each day, the school took a break from classes to gather in the chapel. The students conducted the services, starting with the praise team and ending with closing prayer.

Special music was presented by the choirs of the different classes, starting with the seniors on Monday.

Dr. Smith spoke to the students on various topics, including grieving the Holy Spirit, sexuality, and self-esteem and self-worth. As the students learned of practical ways to improve their lives, the angels rejoiced in heaven.

On Friday, the last day of the week of prayer, 14 students were baptized and many more recommitted their lives to Christ. The students who were baptized are Marcia Brown, Jean Colin, Carmen Colon, Kadeem Dorvilier, Turquesa Elias, Yashmer Guillaume, Lawsanne Johnson, Shastri Lloyd, Cadesha McNish, Anthony Rigby, Malcolm Scott, Eunice Soljour, Arielle Sterling, and Julena Sylvan. Friends and family members came to support them as they made the best and most important decision of their lives. As I sat and watched my classmates publicly commit their lives to God, I couldn't help but notice the emotion. One girl stood crying in the pool as Dr. Smith prepared to baptize her. Another young lady's voice choked as she sang her heart out to prelude her baptism. I'm so glad Greater New York Academy offered this opportunity because students were yearning for this chance. The heavenly atmosphere in the chapel as each baptismal candidate sank into the watery grave was a moment to be cherished forever.

School Evaluation

On March 16-19, the Greater New York Academy was evaluated by a team of educators from the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. The school was recommended to receive the maximum accreditation time of six years. We give God the glory for what he has done.

Help our school raise money...

It's as easy as searching the web and playing games. Microsoft and Scholastic have teamed up to present Search and Give, an innovative and automatic way for our school to raise money. Parents, students, and teachers can now earn money for our school when they search the web. Microsoft has made a strong commitment to this groundbreaking program, and our school has chosen to participate in this easy way to earn money for the things every school needs.

Here's how the program works:

www.searchandgive.com is a search engine powered by Live Search from Microsoft. Anyone who uses www.searchandgive.com can sign up to become a supporter and start earning tickets that translate into money for our school. You can also earn tickets by playing games on Live Search Club. Near the end of each school year, Microsoft will convert these tickets into cash and send a check to our school.

In 2007-2008, we raised \$900.00 with 35 participants. Can you imagine how much more we would raise if we had 100% participation plus friends and relatives?

Become a supporter of Greater New York Academy today! To sign up, follow these easy steps.

Visit www.searchandgive.com and sign in using your Windows Live ID. If you don't have a Windows Live ID, you can use any email address to get one.

On the My Charity Settings page, select Greater New York Academy. You can choose to donate all of your tickets to the school, or keep some for yourself to earn prizes.

Search the internet using www.searchandgive.com. You can earn a maximum of ten tickets per day this way, and each of those tickets will result in a one penny donation to the school by Microsoft.

Click on Live Search Club to play games. You can earn unlimited tickets this way. And the games are actually fun.

Please feel free to pass on this information to your family and friends. The more supporters we have, the more money we can earn for Greater New York Academy.

For complete Terms & Conditions for Search and Give, visit the program's Web site at www.searchandgive.com.

Students can use this as an opportunity to offset some tuition costs. Please speak to the principal or assistant principal to find out how this can be done.

