

PARKVIEW NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 12, 2025

Announcements

Christmas Worship Service

Our Christmas worship service is this **Saturday, December 13!** We look forward to our Parkview and church families coming together.

Students need to arrive at the church by 10:30am and meet their teachers in the fellowship hall downstairs. Students are asked to wear church attire with traditional Christmas colors if possible.

The address for Split Rock SDA Church is, 4220 Fay Rd, Syracuse, NY 13219.

If your child cannot attend please notify the teacher asap.



Wear **Red, Green or Ugly** Christmas Sweater Day!

Friday Dec. 19 students can dress down in red, green or an ugly Christmas sweater! If you do not wear red or green you must be in your regular school uniform.



This is a FREE dress down day but please donate as you are able.

Lunch Menu

Mon--Macaroni & cheese

Tues--Christmas salad

Wed--Tacos

Thurs--Veggie meat & cheese sandwiches w/chips

Upcoming Events

- Dec 13: Split Rock SDA Church Christmas Service
- Dec 19: Wear Red, Green or Ugly Christmas Sweater Day!
- Dec. 22-Jan. 2: Christmas Recess
- Jan. 31: International Food Festival

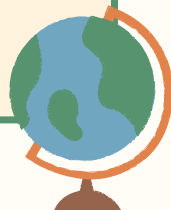
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A Note From the Principal

Greetings!!

This week has been a blessing and a reminder of God's goodness to us. Students and teachers are working with students to prepare the Christmas program on December 13, 2025, at Split Rock SDA Church, and we are looking forward to seeing you there.

On behalf of PJA, I sincerely thanked Mrs. Sharon King, the school board chair, for organizing an excellent Christmas lunch for the faculty and staff. Your thoughtfulness and effort truly mean a lot to all of us.

Winter weather can affect our daily routines. We regularly review our safety protocols to ensure students arrive and leave school safely during inclement weather. Please remember to check for updates on school closures or delays during the winter months.

Thank you for your support of Parkview Junior Academy. May God continually bless you.

Job 37:6 " To the snow he says, Fall on the earth; and to the rain and the storm of his strength.

Warm Regards
Mr. Sathiyaseelan Raman



Thank You Home & School Association!

Thank you Home & School Association for purchasing a new food processor & baking trays for our kitchen!



Maureen (Mimi) works hard to keep our students eating healthy food that they enjoy!

Snow Closings & Delays



Please be advised that school delays and closings will be posted at the following websites and tv stations: www.localsyr.com/weather/closings/ or channel 9 on TV; <http://closings.wstm.com> or channel 3; or closings.spectrumlocalnews.com.

We will try to ensure that postings are made by 6:15am, earlier if possible.

Staff will not be available to receive phone calls or texts before 7:30, so be sure to check with these sources if it is snowing and a delay or closing is possible.

An email will also be sent out via AE Connect to inform you of closings or delays. **You will only receive a text msg if you have opted into the texting feature in AE Connect. We strongly recommend parents opt into this feature so we can communicate quickly through text message. Below are the instructions on how to opt into text on AE Connect through the Parent Portal.**

<https://ae-connect.helpscoutdocs.com/article/268-texting-in-ae-connect-parent-portal-guide-for-parents>



Home and School News



Make Christmas More Meaningful

For the last few years, I've been on a mission to **redeem Christmas**- not from over-commercialization or de-Christianization, but from bad memories.

For me, the Christmas season carries a heavy load of memories about arguments over tree toppers, disappointments because I didn't get someone "the perfect gift," and general ill-feelings that I'll never measure up. After I shared my hesitance about Christmas, a gentle friend spoke these healing words to my heart: "You may have bad Christmas memories in your past, but you can change all that. Starting right now, with your own little family, create Christmas traditions that will redeem this season. You can give your children the gift of fond memories and, in the process, your heart will grow to love the season once more." We will feature a few ideas for how to do this:

1. Act out the nativity story with your family members (pets welcome).

2. Write a Christmas verse on an index card and stick it on your fridge or mirror to memorize throughout the week.

(more ideas next week)

Adapted from:

<https://onethingalone.com/25-simple-ways-make-christmas-more-meaningful/>

Ten Days of Prayer

January 7-17 the Split Rock Church will host Ten Days of Prayer. This year's plan is designed for family participation and it has the potential to draw participants closer together socially, emotionally, and spiritually. It even has an at-home component. It was written by Don McLafferty who is deeply spiritual, creative and practical. He gets real life. Whether or not you are able to be at the church each evening (7:00 for 45 minutes to an hour) consider doing the family component at home each day. It could be the start of a family-changing, life-enriching habit. You can find the materials at

<https://www.tendaysofprayer.org/> .

Managing Technology

Watching TV and [playing video games](#) shouldn't be the only activities your kids find fun and engaging. There are numerous non-screen activities your kid can enjoy. For example, why not encourage them to take walks, ride bikes, play sports with other children, or develop a hobby or craft skill? Spend time with your kids doing something fun.

Here are a few ideas to consider :

- Work on simple science experiments
- Enroll in a sports club (or play sports with you on a playfield or in your backyard)
- Learn a new language
- Go geocaching
- Identify something interesting in nature and journal about it and research it (dragonflies, clouds, rocks- the list goes on and on!)
- Go swimming in a pool
- Ride a bike or learn cross country skiing or snowshoeing
- Create some DIY crafts
- [Build their own robots and electronic devices](#)
- Drawing, coloring, painting
- Hide-and-seek
- Table games

There are so many [screen-free activities](#), but we have to end the list somewhere. It's that simple. Kids are generally curious and finding them a new hobby is often easy. Think about what motivates them, what are they looking to get out of their daily interactions, and what kind of activities pique their interests. In the end, it all depends on your child's age and interests. As your child grows, interests easily change. But you can massively influence their growth and guide them in the right direction. You'll be glad you did!

Adapted from:

https://circuitmess.com/blogs/news/reduce-kids-screen-time-strategies?tw_source=google&tw_adid=&tw_campaign=22554058732&tw_kwdid=&qad_source=1&qad_campaignid=22544489937

Parkview exists to empower students to THINK deeply, SERVE humbly, and TRUST God whole-heartedly.