

Need-to-Know News 2023-2024



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Welcome to a new year in AWANA!

Room

Assignments:

Puggles:

- 6:45 to 7:30pm Room 11
- 7:30 pm to 7:45pm Gym
- 7:45 to 8:15pm Room 11

Cubbies:

- 6:45 to 7:15pm Rooms 20 & 21
- 7:15 pm to 7:30pm Gym
- 7:30 to 8:15pm Rooms 20 & 21

Sparks:

- 6:45 to 7:15pm Various Rooms
- 7:15 pm to 7:45pm Auditorium
- 7:45 to 8:15pm Gym

TNT:

- 6:45 to 7:15pm Gym
- 7:15 pm to 7:50pm
- 3rd Grade Girls: Room 17
- 3rd Grade Boys: Room 13
- 4th Grade Girls: Room 16
- 4th Grade Boys: Room 18
- 5th Grade Girls: Room 15
- 5th Grade Boys: Room 12
- 7:50 to 8:10 pm Auditorium

Welcome to Awana at Jamestown Baptist Church. We are so excited to start the 2023-2024 year. It is such a blessing to help children memorize scripture and work through their Awana books. You will want to keep this newsletter handy as it gives important information and includes the Awana Calendar which lists events and special dress-up nights. Also, be sure to check out

the Awana bulletin board in the West hallway for information, upcoming events, room assignments and more!

You may want to consider joining our Facebook page as reminders and announcements are posted there. The Jamestown Awana Page is a closed group.

We plan to do Operation Shoe Box again this year. They are due by November 15. More details coming soon.



Books and Shirts:

We ask that you pay **\$5.00** a piece for the books and shirts/vests for each child, which is about 1/3 of the original cost. Our program will pay for the remaining amount.



What to bring to Awana:

Each week, we would like the children to bring their **Awana books, Bibles, and to wear their Awana shirt/vest.** Children in Sparks and T&T also earn shares for the Awana store by bringing these items.

Dues suggested each week is \$0.50 or there is an option to pay for the full year which is \$14.00.

Cancellation Policy:

In the case of inclement weather, we **no longer** automatically cancel Awana if Hudsonville schools are closed. If our program is cancelled, a decision will be made at least an hour prior to the original start time. It will be posted on WZZM 13, WOOD TV 8, WOTV 4, and WXSP-TV and on these radio stations: 91.3 WCSG and 99.3 WJQ. Information will also be posted on our website, facebook page and an email will be sent out.

Puggles (2-3 Year Olds)

To participate in Puggles your child must be 2 or 3 years old. With the delicacy of this age group, **we do require one parent to stay on the premises at all times.** We realize that children this age may have accidents or meltdowns, and it is very important that we are able to reach a parent at anytime throughout the night.

The Puggles program will be learning 3 main concepts: God

Made the World, God is Love and Give Thanks to God. The concepts are broken down into simple lessons that even 2 and 3 years will love.

6:45-7pm: Check-in/Welcome

7-7:15pm: Bible Lesson

7:15-7:30pm: Music/Coloring

7:30-7:45: Gym Time

7:45-8pm: Craft Time

8-8:15pm: Snack Time



Cubbies (4-5 Year Olds)

Cubbies should be at least 3 years old—approximately 2 years from kindergarten by the start of AWANA. **Must be potty trained.**

All Cubbies (1st, 2nd, or 3rd year) will use the same book, ***Appleseed***. We will be learning one verse per week. A schedule of verses will be taped in the front of your child's book. **If for any reason your child misses a week, please go on and**

learn the verse for the current week. When your child returns, we will do all the verses to catch them up. We want to keep every child on the same verse each week.



AWANA starts at 6:45pm. Please bring your Cubbies to the room for check-in beginning at **6:40pm.**

Cubbies need to be picked up by parents/guardian.

Our night will run as follows:

6:40-7:00 Check-in

7:00-7:15 Story time

7:15-7:30 Gym time

7:30-7:45 Verse Time

7:45-8:15 Song Time, Snacks &

Closing Activity

Sparks (Kindergarten-2nd Grade)

Please remember to sign in at the secretary's table every night.

All kindergarteners and 1st time Sparks will start with **Flight 3:16**, which is the starter booklet. Once that is completed your child may purchase a vest and **Hang Glider** book. Once your child has earned his/her book, he/she may start earning red and green jewels to put in the pilot wings.

We ask that parents or guardians read and work through the books with their child. .

We also ask that sections that

are ready to be recited to a leader would be initialed by the parent or guardian so our leaders know what the children have worked on. The sections must still be recited to a leader to be passed.

Spark clubbers also have the opportunity to participate in the Grand Prix and Awana Games; so be sure to watch for information on these events!

Pick-Up will be in Gym at **8:15pm**. Each child must be picked up by their designated adult. Please be prompt when picking up your child.



Our night will run as follows:

- 6:35-6:45 Check-in
- 6:45-7:15 Handbook Time
- 7:15-7:45 Story Time
- 7:45-8:15 Games
- 8:15 Pick Up in the Gym

Truth and Training (3rd-5th Grade)

T&T Clubbers will need to check in at the CHECK IN table upon entry.

Each grade starts with a Start Zone. 3rd graders will then go to the book "**Grace in Action**"; 4th graders to the book "**Evidence of Grace**"; 5th graders to the book "**Agents of Grace**". An award emblem is given to place on their shirts for each division passed.

T&T clubbers also have the opportunity to participate in the Grand Prix and Awana Games;

so be sure to watch for information on these events!

When a clubber misses a week, please stay with the schedule that their leader has given them. They can make up the verses missed after that.

Our night will run as follows:

- 6:35-6:45 Check-in
- 6:45-7:15 Games
- 7:15-7:50 Handbook Time
- 7:50-8:10 Large Group Time
- 8:15pm Pick Up in the Gym



In order to receive a book award ALL regular sections must be completed. Also, clubbers that complete the Gold sections we will be having a special event.

AWANA Calendar Revised 2023- 2024

September

- 13: Club Night
- 20: Club Night
- 27: WHACKY HAIR NIGHT

October

- 4: Club Night
- 11: Club night
- 18: FAVORITE TEAM NIGHT
- 25: Club Night

November

- 1: Club Night
- 8: SUPER-SIZE ME NIGHT
- 15: Club Night (Shoe boxes are DUE!)
- 22: **NO AWANA-THANKSGIVING**
- 29: Club Night

December

- 6: Club Night
- 13: CHRISTMAS SHIRT/SWEATER NIGHT
- 20: AWANA STORE/GLOW GAME NIGHT
- 27: **NO AWANA-CHRISTMAS BREAK**

January

- 3: **NO AWANA-CHRISTMAS BREAK**
- 10: Club Night
- 17: BRING ITEM FOR FOOD PANTRY
- 24: Club Night
- 31: Club Night

February

- 7: AWANA GRAND PRIX
- 14: Club Night
- 21: MIS-MATCH NIGHT
- 28: Club Night

March

- 6: Club Night
- 13: PAJAMA/STUFFED ANIMAL NIGHT
- 20: Club Night
- 27: Club Night

April

- 3: **NO AWANA-SPRING BREAK**
- 10: Club Night
- 17: Club Night
- 24: AWARDS NIGHT / AWANA STORE