



# STAS GAZETTE

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## SHARON TEMPLE BLUEJAYS



FLY HIGH!

### Reaching Beyond the School Walls

The upper grades of the Sharon Temple Adventist school visited the Friendship House Women's Center in Wilmington, DE, a transitional home for recovering women. The students prepared a delicious meal, had fellowship and prayed with the women. The residents were very appreciate of the Christ-like character of the students. Proverbs 3:6—"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." The students plan to participate in more Outreach activities throughout the school year as a way to show support and love towards those in need and our community.



## THE BENEFIT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TO ME



My name is Deborah Oluwatosin Dada.

**Oluwatosin** means "it is good to worship

God." My parents gave me that name because it took many years after they were married to have me and my twin brother. I attended Sharon Temple Child Care Learning Center for preschool. I learned John 3:16, "The Promise of Love", and the "Lord's Prayer". John 3:16 is a verse, I think everyone should know, because it sets a foundation that your purpose in life is to believe in Jesus Christ so you can have eternal life. The Lord's Prayer teaches us how to pray, which is something I think we all need to know how to do.

As I got older, I progressed to Sharon Temple Adventist

School. I learned to trust God more and more. Now being in the 8th grade, I can say Sharon Temple has set a firm foundation in Christ for me as I go on this journey called life. I play the violin and I am part of Ujima Strings, a musical group consisting of students from Sharon Temple and Jesse R. Wagner Adventist schools, under the leadership of Mrs. Kerri Williams and graduating from playing the Suzuki Violin Level 1 to. In May of 2017, I was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society with a 4.0 GPA. I love to sing and decided to join the Praise Team at Sharon Temple SDA Church. While at church, I was inducted at the age of 5 to the Adventurers club. I went to Spring Escape Camporee 2012 in North Carolina, where the motto was "Seeing Jesus through Nature". Later on, I became a member of the Pathfinder Club( Sharon Temple Monarchs and Seven Seals of Voice of Truth SDA Church)

We did many honors, visiting the nursing homes, sang to senior citizens, and distributed blankets. I am also a Youth Usher and a member of the Allegheny East Drum Corp where I play the bass drum. I have been in Christian school throughout my entire life and I will continue at Pine Forge Academy. The skills that I can bring to Pine Forge is leadership, talents, and academic excellence. All my life people have told me I am a leader, and when I see a need to do something I do it and that I am very much like "**Deborah the Prophetess**" in the Bible. I lead out in worship at school. Through my Christian education, I'm able to engage in all the above activities and still maintain my academic excellence. I grow spiritually every day and put God first in everything I do. Christian Education is beneficial to me because it provides an environment where you can practice your belief in God openly. It teaches you how to trust God more and more as you go on your Christian walk. By God's grace, I'm part of the graduating class of 2018 at Sharon Temple Adventist School.

Deborah Dada—Class of 2018

## Every Child Has Worth....From the Desk of the Principal

A penny seems insignificant when, compared to a dollar, but without that hundredth penny all you have is 99 cents. A dollar bill seems to have no real value when compared to a million, but without it, you can't be called a millionaire. Your influence is great, and without it, a difference is felt. It is noticed. What seems to be insignificant to others is a necessity to God. People

often speak of how they want to do great things for God, but the thing that God has called them to is great. Whatever it is that God has called you to do is making a difference. Without the sanitation department, the city would become a cesspool. Without teachers, the world would become ignorant. Without housewives, or single moms and dads, children would be

unloved. Whatever your situation, you matter. There is no such thing as little or insignificant when it comes to God. And this is exactly how we view every child that comes through the doors of Sharon Temple Adventist School.

So the next time you see a penny lying on the ground, pick it up and remember, "Pennies make nickels.

Nickels makes dimes, Dimes turn into quarters, which eventually become dollars." Don't forget, it's the last seemingly insignificant dollar bill, which qualifies the millionaire. And to think, it all began with a piece of currency that appeared to have no real value. Don't underestimate the penny; for the penny you hold in your hand, is the one God holds in His.

**Ms. Kimberly Watkins**

## My Experience as a Christian Education Teacher

For 20 plus years, I have had the privilege of teaching at Sharon Temple Adventist School (STAS). My Adventist educational experiences began and continued when I graduated Ephesus Jr. Academy Adventist School in Richmond, Virginia and Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama. Growing up in a Christ-centered home and attending two Adventist Christian institutions have

equipped me with the tools needed to be a positive role model an effective educator. STAS has also been a blessing to my family and me. My husband is a proud former teacher of 11 years at STAS. We have two children that are graduates of STAS. My daughter is now a Forensic and Toxicological Chemist and my son is attending high school majoring in Computer

Engineering. They both give credit to STAS for preparing them for spiritual and academic success. Throughout the years I have watched current and former students become positive contributors in society. Sharon Temple has produced engineers, educators, doctors, scientist, musicians, and business owners to name a few. Many students reminisce about their

Jesus-focused, rewarding, loving, family-oriented, academic driven and an enjoyable learning environment. Sharon Temple Adventist School's learning culture strives to prepare all students spiritually for Heaven as well as academically for their future careers.

**Mrs. LaRhonda Perry-Howell  
Teacher (Grades 1-4)**

## Inspirational Fridays

This school year, Lead Teacher/Principal, Ms. Watkins had a vision to create a forum where our male students at Sharon Temple School could spend time during the school week to hear from young entrepreneurial and role model men from within our community and surrounding area. This was the beginning

of "Inspirational Friday's". The students have been blessed to spend time with Elder James Harrison from Sharon Temple, local Poet, Albert Mills, local businessmen —Trippi Congo and Chandler Congo. Informative, interactive and motivational discussions were held.



# spelling bee

On March 14, 2018, Sharon Temple students from the fourth to the eighth grade competed in their local school Spelling Bee. The upper class students who placed in 1st, 2nd or 3rd will travel to Newport News, VA to participate in the Allegheny East Conference Spelling Bee..



### Local Winners

#### Elementary Grades 4-5

- 1st Place—Lillian Tyler
- 2nd Place—Marcus Husband-Rogers
- 3rd Place—Alyandra Yancey

#### Middle Grades 6, 7 & 8

- 1st Place—Michael Dada
- 2nd Place—Sade Sotiello
- 3rd Place—Deborah Dada

### Middle School Winners

- 1st Place—Lillian Tyler
- 2nd Place—Alyondra Yancey
- 3rd Place—Gabriel Brody

### Upper Class Winners:

- 1st Place—Salea Parker
- 2nd Place— Michael Dada
- 3rd Place—Ty'yonna Spencer
- 4th Place—Angel White

Lillian Tyler who placed 1st at the local level, received a medal and gift card for capturing 2nd place at the Annual Allegheny East Conference Stem Fair located at the G. E. Peters school in Hyattsville, MD.

## 3RD ANNUAL READ ME DAY

Dream Big  
READ!



On Sabbath, March 17th, the students

The students gave inspiring testimony what a blessing it was to prepare food and share with the community.

travelled to Millsboro, DE to participate in their annual Education Day. The students lead worship service, and our Principal Ms. Watkins delivered the message. We also participated in the Global Youth Service Day, going out into the community with other members of the Millsboro Church. During the Elder's Week of Prayer,



# Karate Class

Every Friday, Sharon Temple School have been blessed to participate in Karate (martial arts) classes led by Mr. Reginald Cephas. The students look forward to the class on Friday. Even though Karate is a form of combat and self-defense, it is also a

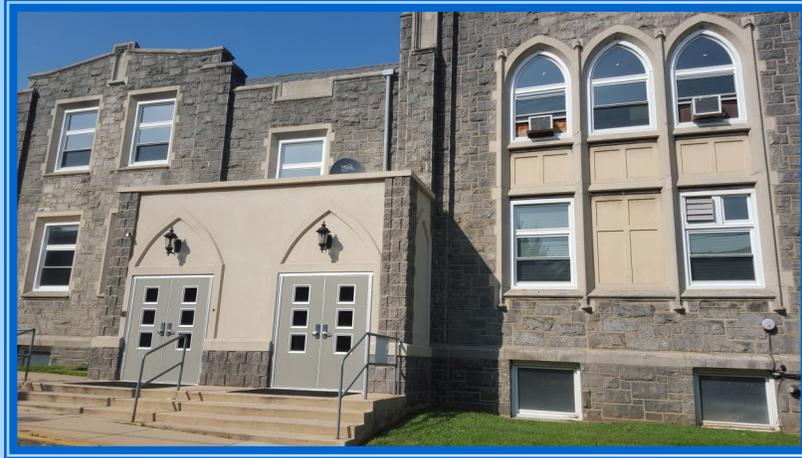
sport. It enables you to focus and be a good listener, demonstrates teamwork and positive social interaction and allows a person to practice self-control and make good positive decisions..



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Lead Teacher/Principal: Ms. Kimberly Watkins (right)

Other staff not pictured

Teachers Assistant: Ms. Angela Bannerman

Administrative Assistants: Mrs. Shirley Pritchett and Mrs. Sheena Quarles

Volunteers: Ms. Joyce Showells and Mrs. Mary Prettyman

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**Sharon Temple Adventist School promotes excellence in academic and Christian growth through the collaborative efforts of church, community, home and school.**

**The school is in need of your support financially and physically. For monetary donations to be used for scholarships or to volunteer your time and talents, please contact the school at (302) 428-0216. Every child is deserving of a Christian education.**

“Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.