

## **Ramah SDA Junior Academy**

Ramah SDA Junior Academy (RJA), located in the Cann Park Community of Savannah, is one of twenty Seventh-day Adventist (SDA) learning institutions in Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina that form a consortium of schools under the auspices of the Education Department of the South Atlantic Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. RJA is a coeducational, Christian school supported and operated by the West Broad Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2501 Martin Luther King Boulevard in Savannah. The West Broad SDA Church has been a beacon in the greater Savannah area for decades. Its rich history, presence, and teachings have drawn many to become a part of the church and school family.

Ramah, a name chosen for one of the schools of the prophets established in Biblical times by the prophet Samuel, first opened its doors as a seat of learning in 1914. The school, then a large, one-room structure, was erected on Victory Drive and had an enrollment of seven students of all faiths.

After 36 years, in 1952, the school was built on Burroughs and 41<sup>st</sup> Streets and renamed Ramah Parochial School. The school size grew from one room to four rooms and an auditorium, with an increased enrollment as well. Both school buildings served students in grades one through eight. A short time later, Ramah was extended to grade ten with a kindergarten program added as well.

In 1978, tragedy struck; the school was destroyed by fire. With strong determination and diligence, the will to rebuild Ramah was set by its constituents. The philosophy, the curriculum, and the learning were kept alive in a rented school building for one year.

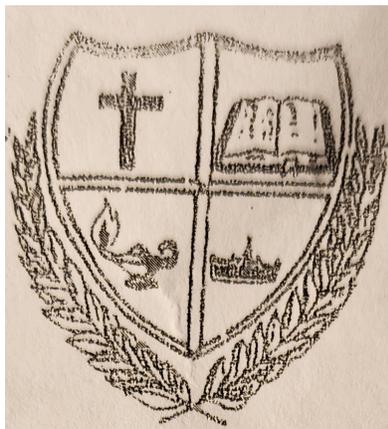
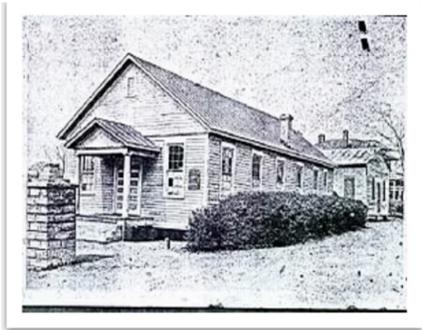
On April 12-13 in 1980, the newly constructed building was opened at 3400 Florance Street, Savannah, GA, dedicated and renamed, Ramah Junior Academy (RJA). In addition to ten classrooms, this facility included a Science Lab, Music Room, Home Economics Room, and a Library. Ramah SDA Junior Academy remains at this site today.

The curriculum of RJA conforms to national, state, and Seventh-day Adventist Denominational Standards. RJA is accredited through the year 2023 by the Office of Education of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Georgia Private Schools Accreditation Council, and the National Council for Private Schools. These accreditations provide an efficient transfer of credits to other Seventh-day Adventist schools, other private schools, and public schools.

Seventh-day Adventist schools (the second largest private school system worldwide) are recognized throughout the world for high-quality, balanced instruction. Our philosophy, “The Adventist Edge: Educators Delivering GREAT Education” endeavors to produce eighth grade graduates who are eligible to enter high school at the honors level. In addition to requiring all students to excel in the area of computer technology, mathematics, and science, RJA has a strong Bible curriculum. The RJA academic strength comes from the expertise of our highly educated and dedicated faculty and administration. Ramah has served Savannah, its suburbs, and the South Carolina Low Country with caring, credentialed teachers throughout its history

and continues to maintain a position of distinction in the community for the longevity of Christian service and accomplishment.

Ramah SDA Junior Academy is founded on the belief that all true wisdom and knowledge come from God, and that education involves the harmonious development of the mental, physical, social, and spiritual aspects of each student. For **over 100** years, students of the Savannah metropolitan area have studied at Ramah where 80% of our graduates are admitted to the college of their choice once they reach college age. While our school has an impeccable reputation for educating generations of children from the same family, Ramah SDA Junior Academy is appreciated for its strict policies regarding respectfulness and nonviolence.



SEND YOUR CHILDREN TO  
A PRIVATE SCHOOL



**Ramah Parochial School**  
(Seventh-day Adventist)  
41st and BURROUGHS STREETS      PHONE ADams 2-9965

Kindergarten  
Grades  
1 Through 10



Lunchroom  
Approved  
Teachers

REGISTRATION: AUG. 28-29-31; SEPT. 1  
SCHOOL OPENS SEPT. 2  
*"Developing The Whole Child"*