

# SVA Weekly UPDATE



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wins first place at  
Youthfest.

## Youthfest 2012

About 80 of our SVA students left on Friday last week to attend Potomac Conference's annual Youthfest held at Takoma Academy in Maryland. The program featured guest speaker Elder James Black, the NAD Youth Director.

This year's theme was "Arise," which focused on helping young people discover the value they place on Jesus in their personal lives.

The event offered baptismal and outreach opportunities to the homeless, elderly, and servicemen.

A new feature was Friday evening's Young Artist Showcase, featuring musical and drama performances from our conference youth.

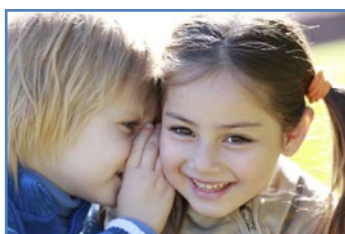
SVA's own male *a capella* group "Inspiration" won first place in the showcase! The group's members (pictured above from left to right) are: Aren Bruce, Ian Durias, Seth Fogg, Diego Swayne, Kendle Valcourt, and Jonathan Rodman. Didn't get a chance to see them? They will be performing at the SA Talent Show next week!

## "Asking Day" for SA Banquet

The SA Banquet is coming! Several of the students choose to go with their friends; some ask a date. A special nerve-wracking day is reserved for just this purpose: "Asking Day."

A hilarious video was shown in chapel last Friday demonstrating a few ineffective ways to go about this process. **Hint #1:** Don't have your mother ask your date! **Hint #2:** Ask in your native language! Poor Boone Menhardt butchered his prepared Portuguese speech for Kelanie, who promptly stomped off after being insulted instead.

Unfortunately, Asking Day is probably just as traumatic in real life for the students. Most of the guys probably wonder if their dream girl will say "yes," while the girls bite their nails, waiting for their guy to ask them. Fortunately, however, it only comes once a year!



## CALENDAR

### February 9-11

- WAU Music Festival for Honor Band Members

### Sabbath, February 13

- FLAG Camp @ 2:30 p.m.
- Movie Night @ 7:30 p.m.

### Sunday, February 12

- ACT Test
- International Food Festival

### February 12-18

- Spirit Week

### Saturday, February 18

- SA Talent Show

### Sunday, February 19

- NHS Induction
- Principal's List Brunch

### February 24—26

- String Ensemble Concert in Stanford, KY

### Sunday, February 26

- SA Banquet



Aren Bruce sings with Inspiration.



Honor Band member Alex Wilson plays for church on her flute.



Loading up on lunch before the trip to Andrews University.

## WAU Band Festival

The following students have been accepted into the Honor Band:

- Ana Copaceanu (*oboe*)
- Bethany Dennis (*flute*)
- Luke Foster (*trombone*)
- Victor Stencel (*trumpet*)
- Joshua Swanson (*bass clarinet*)
- Alexandra Wilson (*flute*)

Some members of this group will be participating in Washington Adventist University's Band Festival 2012 this weekend. They will be performing at Spencerville SDA on Friday at 7:30 p.m. and at Sligo for the 11:15 a.m. service on Sabbath.

## Spirit Week starts Monday

Time to show your pride in SVA! To celebrate School Spirit Week, students have the wonderful privilege of leaving behind their regular uniforms and opting for the following attire:

- **Monday:** Cancer Awareness Days
- **Tuesday:** Hippie Day
- **Wednesday:** Nationality Day
- **Thursday:** Wacky Tacky Twin Day
- **Friday:** Class Pride Day

For Cancer Awareness, there will be a list posted of the various colors you can wear in support of cancer awareness and research. On Friday, students can wear their class color.

## Please Take Note!

- The **International Food Festival** is this Sunday, February 12 from 4:00—5:30 p.m. in the gym. Students, this is your chance to sample delicacies from 10 different countries!
- 22 of our seniors are visiting **Andrews University** this weekend to view the campus and participate in a basketball tournament. Pray for their safe travel!
- **SA Talent Show** is on Saturday, February 18 @ 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium. This is a night you won't want to miss!
- The **Principal's List Brunch** is on Sunday, February 19. This is for students with a GPA of at least 3.5 and their parents.
- The **Mission Trip** to Africa is coming soon! **Parents: REMEMBER TO SIGN & NOTORIZE ALL REQUIRED FORMS!** Your child will not be able to leave the country without them!
- There is ONE MORE **Mission Trip Yard Sale** scheduled for Sunday, March 4. Please come out and support these students so they can reach their \$3,000.00/per person requirement.

The Drama Team performs at Youthfest last weekend.



Mrs. Wendy Dean celebrates Valentine's Day a few days early with special treats for her special girls!