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MUSIC TOUR

ELLERAB DORVAL

After the hustle and bustle of Career Day on March 22, all who were part of the music groups were rushed to the back of the school and we quickly loaded the bus and headed towards Staunton, where our concert was to be held in the Waynesboro Presbyterian Church. This was not our first time to this church; it is where Mr. Goines plays the organ for their Sunday services. The last time we were at this church was around Candlelight, when we played and sang Magnificat.

The ride from SVA to Staunton is about an hour, and I sat in the back with Gabby Whonder, Marcie Ndahayo, and Maddy Ndahayo. On the way there, most of us slept. Once we arrived, we set up and began to rehearse. Everything about the church was breathtaking. The walls and ceiling are white and carved with such abstract detail; the

floor is a lovely rose red; the golden evening sun shined through the windows providing natural lighting.

The participants in the performance were people who were preparing to travel on the music tour to Germany. Twenty minutes through rehearsal, people attending the concert started to trickle in. The audience consisted of mostly elderly people, but there were some teens and children there, too. These people were either members of the church or people from the city of Staunton. At 4:00, the concert began. First, we played the hymn, "Crown Him with Many Crowns" while the audience sang. After that, the bells played a few songs. One of these songs was "Agnus Dei," with a violin solo by first violinist Sarah Lim. Next, the choir sang four songs. The

two songs that I personally thought were perfectly performed were the songs "Jericho" and "How Great Thou Art." "Jericho" was sung a cappella, while "How Great Thou Art" was accompanied by the piano. And last but not least, the orchestra played a few songs. In between songs, both Ms. Weidemann and Mr. Goines talked about either the origin or background of the song. One of the songs we played was the arranged piece from "The New World" by Dvorak. Whenever we perform this piece, Ms. Wiedemann says a few words about the influence of the piece. The composer, Antonin Dvorak, came to the United States and became interested in all the Native American music and the African-American spirituals. He based "New World Symphony" off his journey

to the United States. People may recognize the tune of the hymn "Going Home" in this piece. The orchestra finalized the concert with the piece "Overture to Nabucco." And with that, we earned a standing ovation from the audience.

After a closing prayer, we were all led to the fellowship hall where the leaders of the church had prepared dinner for all of us. They had bought Dominos pizza, had iced tea for drinks, and cookies for dessert. While we ate, people who attended the concert approached each of us and praised us for our performance. I remember a nice elderly came up to me and told me how beautifully we played and how much we had blessed her with our performance. After eating our meal, we all broke out in the song "We Thank You So

Much," a song we sing when a church or venue provides us food. We then all headed back to the sanctuary and packed up all of our equipment and instruments. The sun was still out but slowly setting in a sky that was a mixture of orange, yellow, and pink as we left. On the way back to SVA, each of us reflected on the concert. I thought the concert went really well. Our performance of the "New World" was the best we had played the piece so far. The whole purpose of this concert was to prepare us for our music tour to Germany and Austria. Overall, I think the performance was a huge success. At the concert, we raised around one thousand dollars, which went towards funding our music tour. This concert not only benefited us, but it gave us a perspective of what we would sound like in Germany and Austria.

Germany and Austria Music tour really broadened our horizens by showing us other cultures' ways of lifestyle. Being in Germany and Austria truly showed us how hospitable these two different countries are, and how their people are.

Peyton Ware

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SPRING BREAK MUSIC TOUR 2015: GERMANY-AUSTRIA

SARAH LIM

On Tuesday March 24, one day before the much anticipated Spring Break began, a bus bound for Dulles International Airport was loaded with the instruments and luggage of 44 musicians and chaperones. (The nine chaperones who came along were Ms. Wiedemann, her father Mr. Wiedemann as translator, Mr. Goines and his father Ivy Goines, Nathan Kerr, Pastor Buz Menhardt, Mrs. Griffin, Dean Cassie, and Mrs. Sloan.) As soon as the students arrived at Dulles, they hurriedly unloaded and proceeded to stuff their sleeping bags into hockey bags and also the bells' table pads bags. As soon as everyone found their luggage from the bus, the usual airport routine commenced with checking in, the security check, and finding the right gate. A small group of guys with Pastor Buz left earlier than the bigger group with a direct flight to Munich, while the rest of the group had a layover in London.

Upon arrival at Munich airport, Pastor Buz's group and the larger group met up to go exchange money and grab a snack before leaving the airport. Soon after, they loaded the bus and left for Bogenhofen Seminary, a small Adventist high school and seminary college in Austria, about an hour-and-a-half away. As soon as they arrived, students came out to greet the foreign students from America. Girls were assigned to two rooms in the same building as the cafeteria while the guys slept in the gym.

The next day, Thursday, students had a chance to interact with the Bogenhofen students and stop by some of the classes to see what they were like. In the evening, SVA performed their Austria-Germany Tour repertoire.

Friday, the 27th, SVA left Bogenhofen and arrived at the SDA church in Munich, Germany. The biggest issue that day was unloading the bus in front of the church. On the street, every ten minutes, a street trolley passed by, so most traffic was stopped and larger modes of transportation needed to move out of the way completely. The question was: Will SVA be able to unload all instruments, people, luggage, and all other equipment that had been so carefully packed into the bus in less than ten minutes? With much determination, students exploded off the bus as soon as they arrived in front of the church and all sorts of items began flying out of the bus. All nooks and crannies were checked to make sure nothing was left behind and, under seven minutes, all 44 students, chaperones, massive bells and percussion equipment, along with luggage and all other instruments, were tossed off the bus onto safety on the sidewalk. After a successful meal provided by the generous church and a small performance that night, SVA retired to bed at a Gymnasium, called Willy-Graf.

Sabbath morning proved to be another challenge staged in front of SVA's path. The bus to pick us up from the meeting place to go

to the church never showed up on time. After waiting out in the sunny (but freezing wind) for a few hours, our helper from the church showed up. She helped us buy metro tickets and SVA took the metro to church. This was yet another challenge because the metros do not wait for you, so everyone was literally looking ridiculous, all dressed up in performance attire, running up and down escalators like madmen through the metro stations to barely make it on time for a connection or two. Thankfully, no one got lost in the process.

As soon as SVA arrived at church, a breakfast of mainly bread was swallowed down and immediately a church service performance commenced. After potluck, yet another performance was provided. Then it was soon dinner, and a final concert performance.

After being well rested on gymnastic mats at the Willy-Graf, Munich SDA church provided us with our final meal on Sunday morning and SVA soon left for Dachau Concentration Camp, a site from WWII where many experiments were conducted. This place was visited first before the Neuschwanstein Castle because of its depressing background. After visiting Dachau, it was common for one to be sad or depressed the rest of the day. Neuschwanstein, or, better known as the Disney Castle - the Castle which Disney copied for its famous landmark, is nestled in the German Alps, a beautiful view. However, this view came with a cost. A straight

45-minute constant uphill hike was to be completed in order to be able to reach it. After getting our spirits back up from a beautiful castle, SVA headed back to the gymnasium to sleep for the night.

Monday, the 30th, was a gloomy, rainy day that tried to ruin SVA's experience of Salzburg, the city where The Sound of Music was filmed. However, as hard as the weather tried, nothing would have been able to ruin such a great day of being able to visit cute shops and cafes and a cathedral in Salzburg. At the end of the day, for dinner, SVA returned to Bogenhofen, ordered a German style pizza dinner, and watched The Sound of Music on the cafeteria TV screen.

The following day, as soon as breakfast was eaten, we departed for the capital of Classical music—Vienna! As a group, SVA visited Haus der Music Museum, a music museum with a twist—everything was hands on and helped learning the science behind music easier. The short amount of time before dinner at Vapiano was spent unpacking at the Mercure Hotels. After dinner, we went out for some shopping and whatnot, but realized that most stores in Europe closed around 7 or 7:30 pm at the latest. So we strolled around in the rain, passing a few open gelato stores before retiring back to the hotel.

Wednesday, April Fool's Day, was quite a busy day. As soon as breakfast was eaten and all luggage was packed, the bus departed to Nuremberg, the German

city famous for its Nazi trials. We drove directly to the SDA church located there, where a dinner of homemade risotto with a lot of peas and carrots was served before our sound check with the camera and sound crew. This was the first time for us, but it proved to be an interesting experience. Apparently, this church was where they often held the German Amazing Facts series, so cameras were readily available. We were filmed during the performance, where we were asked for four encores.

Thursday morning, the original itinerary planned for us to go to Rottenberg, another city Germany. However, we decided to just have a chill day, and spent the midmorning shopping at the shopping centers in downtown Nuremberg. The afternoon was spent driving to the Youth in Missions Congress in Mannheim, Germany. YiMC (which takes place at a large public school) is sort of like the GYC, but in Europe. There was a lot of frustration and struggles trying to get us registered as soon as we got there, but everything worked out in the end and SVA proceeded to sleep in the school classrooms at night.

Friday was a day of workshops for the attendees of the YiMC. Unlike the other people, SVA was placed in a workshop to actually perform. Teachers Ms. Wiedemann and Mr. Goines used the two workshops given to us to talk about how SVA bridges the different styles of music with the different music groups at school. As soon as we

finished our second workshop, we had to run over to the main service gym, which was about 15 minutes away by walking. Hope Channel had come to film every day's service live, and for the Friday service, SVA performed "Kyrie."

Sabbath morning was just the usual church service. After lunch, however, everyone had to leave to go to some public ministry group. SVA was placed in one huge group to go do singing flashmobs in the town shopping centers. It sort of got old after singing the same few songs over and over, but finally we got back to the YiMC building at around 6:30. Immediately SVA started to pack up all luggage and bags. However, after loading the bus around 11:00 pm, we ran into a problem. The bus's battery had died. With everyone loaded on the bus, we waited for about 3-4 hours before finally the third tow truck was able to solve the problem and soon we were off to the airport in no time.

The feeling of coming back on American soil was like no other. It was more than words can describe. However, the fact that we had just completed our international music tour in Germany and Austria made it even better. We're all grateful to the Ms. Weidemann for planning the trip, and for the additional chaperones who made it possible for us to go.



FACULTY FAMILY VESPERS

AUSTIN PLANK

Faculty family vespers is a night that most students look forward to. Students are able to get a break from regular vespers and get the opportunity to hang out with their faculty family. The evening of March 13 started off in the cafeteria, where each faculty family had its own assigned seating area. The tables were decorated nicely to make it classier. Bob had prepared a delicious meatball supper with mashed potatoes, salad, and grilled carrots. After supper people cleaned up their tables, and then departed to different faculty homes to hang out.

Pastor Harley's group went to his house. Mrs. Harley had prepared cookies and brownies, and bought ice cream for the group. Our family just sat

around the table and talked for a while about life and different plans for the future. It was nice to get to learn more about the people in our family. Once we finished with dessert, we went to the living room and watched a movie.

For Ms. Weidemann's group, the evening continued with assorted desserts. Students visited while eating and Mrs. Carla made plastic cup art by burning the plastic cups and forks. After desserts, they talked about world problems and future life plans. This conversation lasted awhile; these were the last girls back to the dorm, arriving at 11:00 PM.

Once students arrived at the Patricks' house, Olivia and Gabby Patrick took the

students out to feed their neighbor's horses. It was so funny watching the guys who were terrified that the horses would bite off their fingers. After that, they had a short worship where each one said what our favorite parable from the Bible was and why. Next, several students made rice crispy treats and ate a pudding dessert that Mrs. Patrick had made, which was delicious! To end the night, they played Apples to Apples, which turned out to be a lot of fun.

The majority of the remaining faculty families did something similar. All in all, everyone seemed to enjoy a great evening at faculty family vespers. A big thanks to the staff for making it possible!

MISSION TRIP: NEW MEXICO 2015

BY PAOLA NAGO

At 3:00 a.m. on March 26, the bus was ready to go, packed full with luggage and excited students ready to confront the hard work and long hours waiting for them in New Mexico. Upon arrival, we were met by our leaders for the next couple of days. Piling into the bus that SVA had purchased for their school, we drove for almost four hours through their beautiful state to the reservation. While driving through more uninhabited land, we could see giant rock formations, and many hills that were all carved into the land would often appear colorful. Finally we arrived at our housing arrangements; we were staying in an abandoned convent that was now used by a family. After unloading our luggage into our rooms, we headed out to eat and fellowship with the some of the kids from the school and some of the adults that lived there. We got to get a feel of what we would do in the next week and what the people would be like.

The next day we started working. Some helped put in flooring in the school, others helped clear out a deck that was piled with trash and unwanted furniture. Later we would start tearing down the whole deck and build a new one. Another group of kids went to help out the school by grading papers for the teachers. Another job people were trying to complete was redoing the front of the church. During free time, some people climbed up a hill right behind the school or sat out in the sand, enjoying the comfortable weather New Mexico had. After a long day we made our way back to our humble abode to eat dinner and welcome in the Sabbath. We had worship in a cozy library, where we sang songs and read a devotional.

The next morning we all went to worship with the natives who crowded into their little church, which was also used as part of the

school. Many of our students were asked to help out with the service, which was great because we really felt that they wanted us there. Afterwards they invited us to stay and have lunch with them, where they had made us many native dishes such as fry bread, which became an instant hit with us. Later that day we went to go visit some historic sites of the Native Americans. It was very interesting to see the houses carved into the sides of the stone mountains.

All Sunday we continued to work, with even more jobs to complete. We cleared out an area to build a greenhouse, and also started the task of painting both the school and church, and also the trim that would soon be put up.

The next day, we had an opportunity to travel since the kids don't have school on Mondays. We went to Four Corners, which was very cool. We also visited a health clinic run by Adventists and got to meet the people that ran the institution and hear about what they do. After our stop we went to Monument Valley, where we got to ride horses through the breathtaking terrain. It started getting late, so we went back to the clinic to have supper. Our hosts had put together a picnic for us and had a wagon for all of us to ride on. Traveling through the back roads, we passed through giant rock cliffs and sand mounds. Once we arrived, we helped carry all the food and tables up hills into a part of the cliffs called Tear-drop Ridge. There we shared a meal and got to explore and take picture over the gorgeous cliffs. Sunset came and we started packing up and loading everything and everyone back onto the wagon. After taking count we noticed two members of the group were missing, Luke Fogg and Ricky Paulino. We waited patiently for them to make their way back. When quite a while passed we started getting worried; getting in contact with

them was almost impossible since there was barely any cellular service.

The sun had set by now and the wind started to increase and so did our fears. An hour passed and Pastor Harley decided to send out search groups to see if we could find them. The minutes slowly ticked by, and finally we had to call the police. The next hours were filled with prayer, tears, and songs from all the worried students. Then a miracle happened; Luke's call came through. Krisi Koliadko talked to them and made sure that they were alright and gave them advice. Finally the cops found them and took them to the clinic we had visited. Rushing over with tears in our eyes, everyone went to embrace them. They were lost but now were found. "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? Luke 15:4" This verse comes to mind and serves as a great parallel; just as they were lost, we are lost without Jesus. Through Him we will always find our way back. We might have a couple of scratches and bruises but He will always protect us and take us home. We left the clinic around 12:30 a.m., exhausted.

The remaining days we worked hard trying to complete the jobs that we had started, and we also got to go into the community and interact with the natives. This really gave us a deeper sense of the culture and the humble spirit of the people who lived there. Overall, I think I can speak for everyone when I say that we all fell in love with the people there. We also bonded as a group and interacted with people that we wouldn't have if we were at school. Not only that, but we also gained a new point of view of thankfulness of what we have and where we live. This mission trip was a blessing, and it was an honor to represent SVA in New Mexico.



PRAYER, TESTIMONY, AND FAST

MIRANDA BENTON

Upon arriving back from home leave, SVA experienced a full exciting start with a Week of Prayer led by Stewart and Tammy, followed by a 30-Hour famine that over seventy-five students participated in. Both of these events brought students closer to God and allowed them to help others around the world.

Instead of having the normal meetings every night, Tammy and Stewart came to the dorms to have a more personal experience with students and talk about real world problems. They brought students from Hartland College to share testimonies. These testimonies revealed some common hardships in the world and how they can be overcome with faith.

At the end Week of Prayer, the students began their fast. They skipped three meals total. To start out the fasting activities, plastic bags were distributed throughout community with instructions to fill them with non-perishable foods. Games, such as manhunt, were played to symbolize circumstances in some third-world countries. The seventy-five students then spent the night in the Student Center and in Hewitt Hall. For Sabbath School the following morning, the entire school came together for relays and other games that represented hunger struggles. That afternoon, just before the fast ended, the students returned to the neighborhoods to collect the previously delivered

bags and gather the food to be distributed to the less fortunate in New Market.

To break the fast, the Fellowship Hall in the church held a delicious feast with burritos, avocado, and fresh mango. Through this whole experience students realized that they don't need everything they have. We take for granted three meals a day while the average amount of time people go between meals is thirty hours. We are truly privileged and should strive to make a difference in the world. Though filled with fun and games, the 30-Hour famine allowed students to collect and share money with the world, thus improving a number of poverty stricken lives.

JUNIOR SENIOR BANQUET

BY KIMBERLY OWEN

At 3:15 on Sunday, April 19, all those going to the Junior-Senior Banquet loaded on the bus to go back to the 50's. The junior class this year decided on a 1950's theme for the banquet this time. Dinner was being served at Clementine's, a cool restaurant that was reminiscent of the 50's era, but with a modern twist. The tables were set with bottles of sparkling grape juice and vases full of chocolate and candy. They served us pasta, salad, broccoli, cobbler, and chocolate mousse. It was very good food.

After the meal, we walked several blocks to the nearby Court Square Theater. It was raining, so people got a little wet. The theater had a 50's

theme as well and was quite cool. The Court Square Trio, Charlie, Kathie Lee, and the drummer (Miss Weidemann, Dean Cassie, and the drummer), put on a little show at the theater before the movie. They played popular songs from the era with some mash-ups from our age. Mrs. Griffin also recited poetry, mainly from the 50's, but included some modern art as well. She was accompanied by Charlie on the bongos and Kathie Lee with the tambourine. One of the poems which she recited was "Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night" by Dylan Thomas, which received a lot of applause. The Court Square Trio then played a short interlude before the beginning of

the movie, Sabrina from 1954 and starring Audrey Hepburn and Humphrey Bogart. (Spoilers!) The movie is about a young girl named Sabrina who has an obsession for a rich son of the people her father works for. Her father is concerned about her and sends her to France to become a chef. When she comes back, she is a beautiful woman and her father's employer's son falls in love with her, but he is supposed to marry someone else. His brother, in an attempt to keep the marriage as arranged, begins to spend as much time as he can with Sabrina to win her affections. He plans to send her back to France to get rid of her, but when the time comes

he cannot do it. He falls in love with her and they both go to France. All enjoyed the film and paid rapt attention (which isn't always the case!).

After the movie was over, all the attendees filed out of the seating area into the lobby and took pictures. There was a shoe shining stand which was a great photo background. It had stopped raining, but the bus still picked us up outside of the theater. After the ride back to school we were dropped off by the cafe and the gentlemen walked their ladies to the dorm and said goodnight. A good time was had by all, and a big thank you goes to the Junior officers and sponsors.

RICHMOND YOUTH FEST

MADDY NDAHAYO

On Friday, March 20, a group of about fifty kids took a bus down to Richmond for Youth Fest. The theme for this Youth Fest, which was the same as the one that happened earlier in the year at Takoma Academy, was share love. For the Friday evening meeting a group of teens led everyone out in song service. They sang about four songs, then closed up with the theme song. The theme song was "Multiplied" by Needtobreathe. The meeting was also filled with performances by the Richmond Academy choir and the SVA drama team. Both groups did a brilliant job.

The speaker for the weekend was a man named Zach McDonald, whose message was about

how God is love. He did a demonstration where he got three volunteers and each had to make a strawberry banana smoothie. He gave each person strawberries, a banana, and orange juice. Then he gave one person a tennis racquet, another person a toy dinosaur and a cheese grater, and the last person a blender. He told each person that they had to use their tool as a blender. Before we knew it, it had turned into a very messy scene. The point of this exercise was that only a blender can be a blender and only God could be love.

The next day we met in the morning for the church service where there were presentations by WAU and Richmond Academy. After

we ate lunch, we split up into different groups for outreach.

There were many places to choose. Some people went to feed the homeless and others went to go pass out lemonade and free hugs. I went with the group that went to sing near a shopping mall. While there, we passed out cards that help spread God's love. We sang a lot of songs and many people were blessed by them. After we came back from outreach, we had a closing worship and shared our days with the people from the other groups. Overall, Youth Fest was a great experience.

ACADEMY DAYS 2015

MARCELINE NDAHAYO

On April 12 and 13, 2015, Shenandoah Valley Academy experienced an Academy Days like never before. For two days campus was buzzing as both staff and students worked together to make this event unforgettable. So much work and effort was put into those two days, so when the moment for the future SVA stars to walk onto our campus finally came it was very hard for many to hide their excitement.

The fun began at eleven o'clock on Sunday, at which time registration began. During registration each student was assigned to a tribe. This year the tribes were named after the tribes of Israel. After students registered, they had the opportunity to try out for various music and sports scholarships. This year SVA changed things up a little bit and did not only stick with

the usual sports scholarships of basketball, volleyball, baseball, and soccer. The athletic department added two more scholarship categories, which were flag football and gymnastics. With more sports categories there are more chances for SVA to reach the broad interests of incoming students.

This year's Academy Day schedule was quite different than it has been in the recent past. One thing in particular that was different was the fact that the students had the opportunity to spend a night in the dorm. Most Shenandoah Valley Academy students feel as if being away from home is not a huge deal, but for students who are not yet accustomed to living away from home, it can be a difficult adjustment. Staying over for the night allows them to get a glimpse of

how great dorm life really can be. After registration students that chose to stay overnight had the chance to check into the dorms. Each student staying over was placed into a room of a current student. Doing this allows the visitors to not only become aware of what it is like to live in a dorm and have a roommate, but it also allows them to form friendships and feel more at home.

Another addition to this year's Academy Days was that students had the opportunity to take a spin in two very fancy cars. One was a Porsche and the other was a Corvette. Both incoming students and current SVA students enjoyed this addition. As students exited the vehicles, the smiles on their faces were so contagious. It looked like they really did have a lot of fun.

After the welcome and orientation chapel, each tribe with their two ambassadors set off to different locations on campus to answer questions and earn points for their teams, because at the closing ceremony of Academy Days the winning team would receive a prize. The teams traveled all throughout campus, and the locations spanned from all the way to the church to the ball field pavilion. Although each tribe spent about only ten minutes at each station, by five o'clock they were done and had touched every spot on campus.

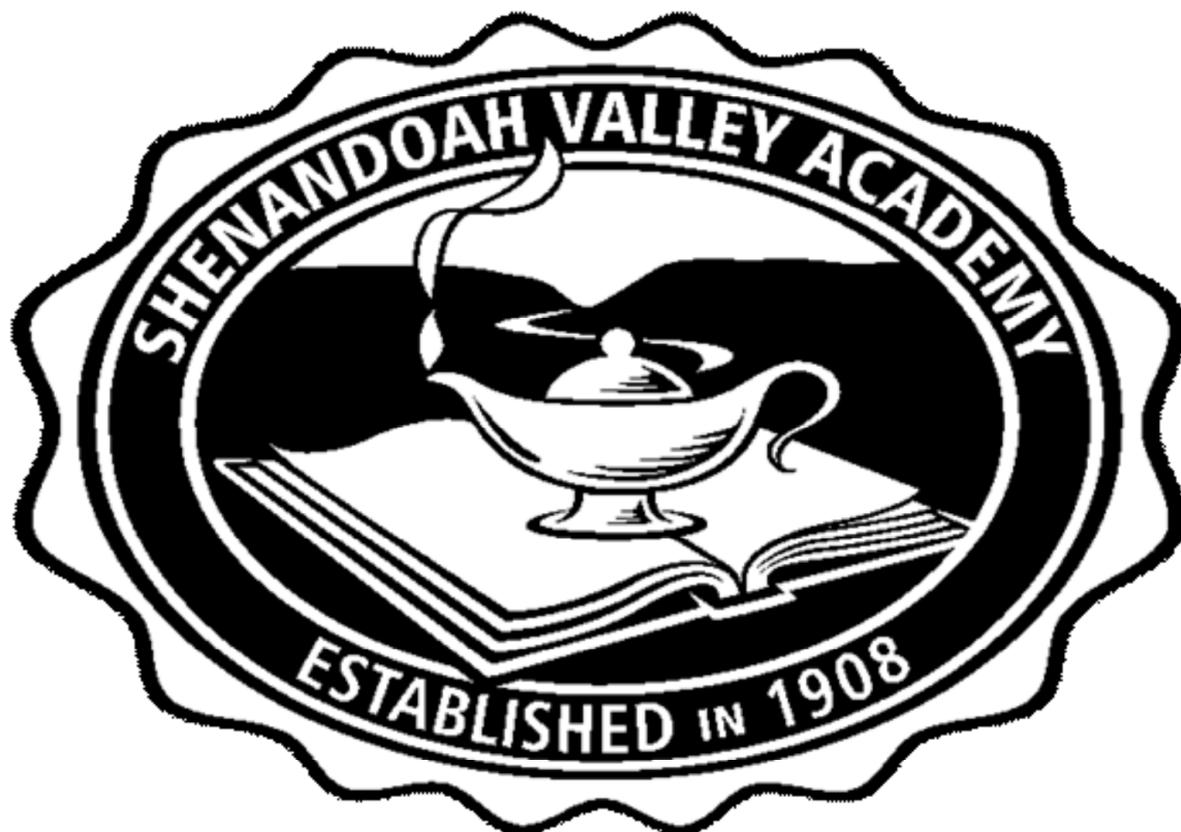
After dinnertime both current and incoming students had a joint worship in the church. Worship consisted of two praise team songs and a message from Pastor Harley. Along with that, SVA's drama team and musical organizations presented amazing

pieces for the visitors. As worship concluded, the tribal teams reported to the gym to compete in nine activities. The current students were invited to help out as well. The visitors looked like they were having a blast as they worked together to gain as many points as they could. As the games ended all students headed back to the dorms to rest for another day of fun that awaited them.

The next day moved pretty fast. After breakfast the students had worship in the chapel and headed to scholarship testing right after. Following that they went by tribe to each classroom to view a class presentation. During that time, the teacher asked the tribes questions and kept scores in order for the teams to earn points. After the students went to the various classrooms

it was lunchtime, and soon the finale followed. During the finale there was a worship focus and also a music focus. To close, an Academy Day overview video was presented, as well as scholarships and the announcement of the winning tribe, Ephraim.

Academy Days could not be possible without the hard work of staff members like Mrs. Dean, Mr. Jensen, and Mr. Simons, as well as all of their workers and the volunteers that donated their time for the event. I believe that in all my four years at Shenandoah Valley Academy, although it was stressful for those involved, this year was the most organized Academy Days I have ever experienced. Students will come, and I firmly believe that with God's help our school will prosper and be flooded with students from all over the world.



GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM

KAREN VALLADO

After weeks of conditioning in the early mornings and a few days of tryouts, the Girls' Varsity Soccer Team was decided.

Captains: Karina Ruiz, Julia Jedamski, Lei Edwards
 Seniors: Andrea Herrera, Karen Leb-Hernandez
 Juniors: Andy Carcamo, Gaby Carcamo, Meredith Schuen, Chloe Pettit, Paola Nago,
 Madai Villa, Carla Navarro, Kathryn Savegnago, Victoria Rios-Rivas, Karen Vallado
 (Go juniors!)

Sophomores: Kearsten Jedamski, Brenda Ngetich, Becky Renderos

Red Shirts: Jasmine Carcamo, Iara Nobre, Bethany Edwards, Hannah Sloan, Katherine Berrios

Coaches: Mr. and Mrs. Jedamski
 Managers: JP Santos, Daniel Reyes, Robert Moncada

This year's captains wasted no time in making the team look good. They have decided to purchase new Adidas warmups and uniforms for the season.

The team started off the season with lots of energy in a game against SVA's rival school, Highland View Academy. SVA's coach told us that HVA had a co-ed team this year so we were a little nervous but still excited to finally have our first game. We hadn't had much practice on grass, let alone a real soccer field, because there was still snow on the ground, but there we were after about a two-hour drive to Hagerstown. It was really cold as both teams were warming up. When the game began, SVA had possession of the ball for most of the time. It rarely crossed onto our half of the field, but as time went on, HVA became more of a threat. Both teams grew anxious as the second half grew nearer and nearer yet the score

remained nil. One of the boys on HVA's team was so desperate to defend the goal that he stopped the ball with his hands. Later he explained that he was used to playing basketball. This provided an opportunity for SVA to make the goal they had been waiting for. Gaby Carcamo took the penalty kick. She shot the ball, which bounced off the goalie's hands and straight to Captain Lei Edwards. Needless to say she made the goal, putting SVA up 1-0 and winning the game.

This game was not so successful. The final score was 0-6. This was an away game for the girls and one of the toughest teams we will play. The field was very muddy and everyone's cleats were covered in mud. SVC scored right at the beginning and kept going after that—three in the first half, and three in the second. Next time SVA plays this team they will know what to expect and be better prepared.

The team has really great chemistry, and I really enjoy playing the sport with all the girls on the team. I could not imagine soccer without them.

Andrea Herrera

Soccer is a work in progress that has been getting better slowly, but surely.

Paola Nago

The girls' soccer team has been working hard since January, for not only this Spring season, but for the NACA soccer tournament at the culmination of the season. We conditioned, trained, and fundraised. Despite many bumps along the road (aka weather) we have persevered. Now we are just a couple weeks away from the NACA Girls' Soccer Tournament, and we cannot wait to see our hard work pay off.

Lei Edwards

This season hasn't been a full season, or very easy, but we've grown together and individually. If we work hard we will come from tournament with a trophy.

Chloe Pettit

This soccer season has made me a better player, and I think the team has bonded very well together.

Meredith Schuen

This year is my first year in soccer. I've enjoyed learning more about the sport and getting to know the girls on the team.

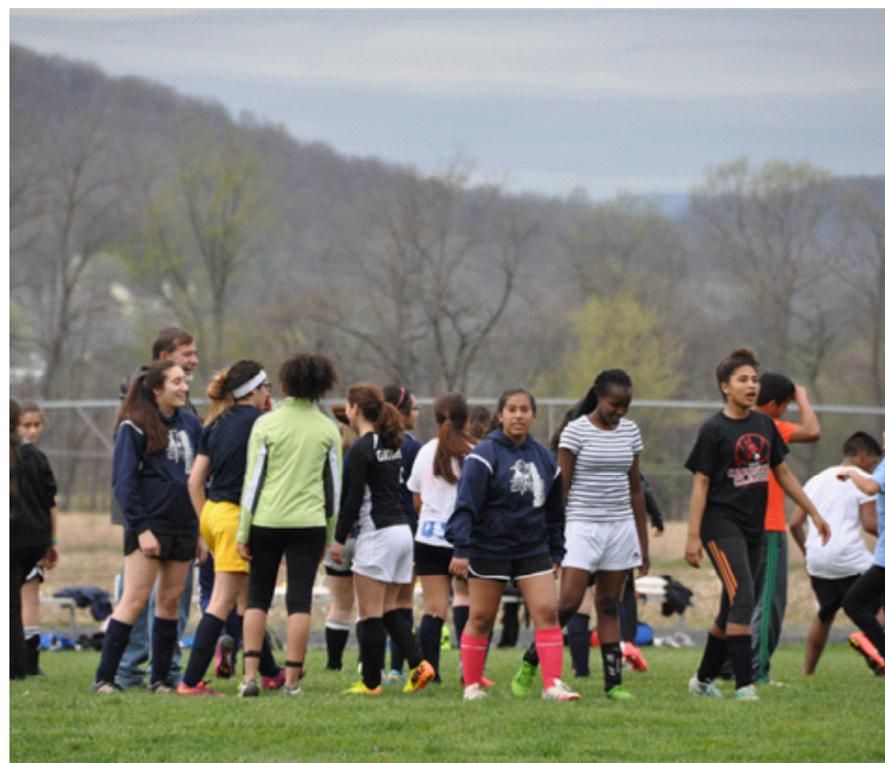
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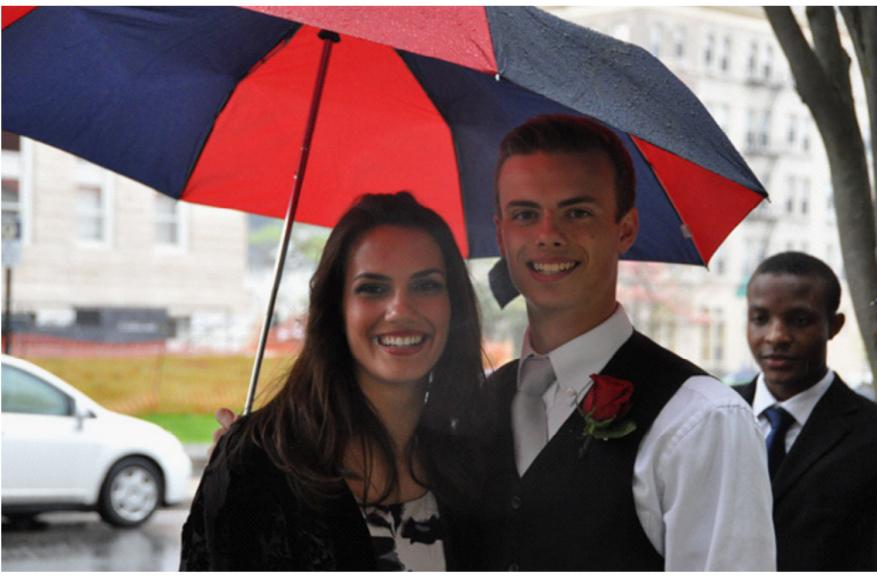
We're a family.

Madai Villa

The girls have come together this year. It is obvious they have all meshed, and are learning to play the game beautifully and smoothly.

Daniel Reyes





Junior Senior Banquet



Senior Tree Planting

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