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## END OF VOLLEYBALL AND SOCCER SEASON

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This season has been unique in the relationship between starters and substitutes and the play time for each. If we are playing a tough team, there is almost no change to the lineup, but most for games, the starters come out and play to their full potential for the first set. The second set is usually a melting pot of substitutes and starters and the third set may have one starter and everyone else. When that happens, the starting team cheers and encourages the girls playing on the court. The team has been very positive this year and none of the starters ever made a big deal about being taken out to have someone else go in because we love those girls and want them to have experience playing as well. As a Senior myself, I don't want to leave the team handicapped next year because we didn't train the future team this year. I feel as though we have passed on our volleyball knowledge and I am confident that the girls will do a great job next year.

Our two Freshmen this year, Jillian Herbert and McKenzie Hanon, have improved so

much. At tryouts there was a little apprehension about who should make the team, but by the end of the season, they both proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that they were irreplaceable members. In fact, they have both played as starters this year, Jill during the Front Royal away game and McKenzie during the Highland View away game. Jill served underhand for maybe one day, then started overhand serving, and is now working on her jump serve. There is so much talent packed into one Freshman that I can't wait to see her as a Senior. MacKenzie is one of the setters we desperately needed and one of the most consistent servers. (It was also nice to have her mom around whenever Carla hurt herself.)

The sophomores are almost all new additions to the team; Valery Vergara was the only sophomore who played as a freshman. Despite a wrist injury, she did really well this season. If she sticks to volleyball, she could be like Meredith Schuen her Senior year, the only Senior to be on the SVA volleyball team for all four

years. Allie Mae Magnatong fit so well with the team that she quickly became a starter and one of our setters. Allie learns so quickly and adapts to the various situations and responsibilities a setter faces. She saved us many times with her tips, great sets, and ability to play off the net. Carla said she had high expectations and Allie surpassed them. She was there whenever we needed her and ready to play any position. You're going to be setter, ok. You're going to play back row, ok. You're going to serve, ok. She is very talented and the team will be lucky to have her for the next two years. I have especially loved working with Jasmine Carcamo, because she is taking over for me next year. She will be wearing the new lime green jersey and everyone will be asking her why her jersey is different from everyone else's. I'm sorry, Jasmine, but a lot of people don't know what a libero is so you will have to explain it to them.

The Junior class completes the team. The returning players—Becky Renderos, one of the setters, Elizabeth Schuen, a back row player,

and Kearsten Jedamski, one of the hitters—have had an amazing season. Becky has one of the best serves on the team and has set a record this season of eleven serves in a row. She has been so flexible playing everything from front row setter, to back row setter, to going all the way around. Her serves, her sets, and her attitude were all always great, proving that she is captain material. Elizabeth's serves were strong and gave us many points. She has improved so much and has become a great digger. Kearsten brings height to the team and a powerful swing when she spikes. She, like Valery, is on her way to being the only Senior to be on the SVA volleyball team for four years. We really missed her at tournament and filling her shoes was no easy task. Mabel Mabena, a new member to the Junior class and volleyball team, has been a pleasure to play with. She is always so positive and pushes herself very hard in a way that inspires the other girls rather than just telling them what to do. When she is up to serve, there is no doubt in my mind that the ball is going over. She

always has a smile on her face and faith in the team.

The class nearest and dearest to my heart, the Seniors, have been the scaffolding of this team. We've been holding these girls up while they build themselves up. We have seen their progress, encouraged them, and learned to love them. Now they are ready and it's time to go but we know we are leaving the team in very capable hands. I came to SVA sophomore year with Carla Navarro and joined Meredith Schuen and Cindy Balcarcel on the team. If it hadn't for volleyball, I probably would not have gotten to know Carla, or any of the volleyball girls for that matter, as well as I do. I love watching her jump in the air, higher than I ever could, and spiking the ball down. She has picked up volleyball so quickly, you never would have guessed that she just started playing sophomore year. This year, she overcame her injuries to help her team and lead as a captain should. She was never selfish about who should get the spike and always showcased the other girls. When Meredith and I played back row

together, there was no one I was more comfortable having

next to me than her because I know she would always cover for me and have my back. She never looks for validation or glory for anything she does even though I know she is one of the best players on our team and saved us so many times. She deserves far more credit than she ever received and her consistent serves got us to win a set when we were down 19-24 at tournament. Cindy has so much power and so much control. When she needs to put the ball way in the back, she slams it over there. When she need to just barely get it over, she lightly taps it exactly where it needs to go. Her serves were always fun to watch but never fun to receive. This year she was captain on the court and she did a great job. Victoria Rios-Rivas joined the team this year and was immediately made a starter because of how talented she is and well she understands the sport. I'm so glad she joined this year because she really took the team to the next level right when we needed it. Carla, Meredith, Cindy, and Victoria: I could not have asked for better girls to share my Senior year of volleyball with. And to all the girls: playing volleyball with you has been a wonderful experience I will never forget.

The soccer team had a great season this year, as usual. They placed second for their division at tournament and represented SVA very honorably. During the season, one

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER

- 4 Music Outreach
- 21 DC Homeless Trip / Nursing Home Visitation
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- 22 Sunday School
- 24-30 Thanksgiving Break

### DECEMBER

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- 3-7 Journey to Bethlehem
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### Volleyball Game Schedule

10/01/15	Home	Front Royal Christian	WIN 3-1
10/4/15	Home	Highland View Academy	Loss
10/08/15	Home	Massanutten Military Academy	WIN 3-0
10/13/15	Home	@Legacy Christian Academy	WIN 3-1
10/20/15	Away	@ Front Royal Christian	Loss

### Soccer Game Schedule

10/04/15	Home	Highland View Academy	Cancelled due to weather
10/06/15	Home	Middleburg	Cancelled due to weather
10/08/15	Home	Massanutten Military Academy	WIN 13-2
10/13/15	Away	@Legacy Christian Academy	WIN

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*Karen Vallado*



**ROK VESPERS**  
*SALIMA OMWENGA*

As Friday, October 16, was coming to an end and ROK Vespers was quickly approaching, there was hustling and bustling in New Market Church. ROK Parents and students were anxious to meet each other. Name tags were being lined up as well as pumpkin and apple pies. Cider was heating, and the fireplace going. Slowly, the students and ROK parents trickled into the sanctuary to find their assigned seats.

There was much laughter and smiling, while gift bags of fresh homemade cookies and other baked goods were being distributed as well as candies, fruit, and other creative ROK gifts. Vespers song service was brought to us by the Senior Class and the sermon for the evening was shared by Janice Cosme, an alumni from Shenandoah Valley Academy's class of 2010. She spoke to us about her experiences here and at

Southern Adventist University, providing priceless advice and anecdotes. Once a closing prayer was said, hungry, eager students rushed to get in line to eat the big slices of warm pie. In the fellowship hall, more stories were shared amongst the ROK families, and long-lasting friendships were made. The memories from that night will last a lifetime. Thanks so much to ROK Ministries for supporting SVA!



### BARN PARTY

COBY KIT ODATE

What happened at the Barn Party on Sunday, October 18, was pretty self-explanatory. It was a fun and friendly party, in a barn. For entertainment, there was pumpkin carving, eating donuts off of string, throwing a glow stick rings around a bottle, and the classic bean bag toss. In addition to activities there were funnel cakes, fries, candy, pizza, and beverages. Students could either purchase the food at Barn Party or could have just won a few tickets at the barn games and thus earned the food.

Aside from the food, Barn Party was a chance to see friends get as creative as

possible in coming up with costumes. Some people were really creative and they actually tried to commit to a character. Then there was the majority of the people who didn't go out of their way to dress up as something, but just came as they were.

The annual jail was also part of the evening, with Pastor Harley guarding prisoners who were brought in by their "friends." These poor souls (mainly the freshman boys) were held hostage in a part of the barn filled with hay and had minimal chances of escaping. The hay ride was also popular. Unfortunately,

the weather was cold. Still, people persevered.

Dinner was really good and consisted of veggie hot dogs with toppings, potato chips, and hot cider. After taking a plate of supper, students had the opportunity to go upstairs and watch Shaun the Sheep. The movie was long, and it reminded me of watching it in my youth.

Then there was the costume showcase where people were announced and then displayed their costumes in a semi-circle outside of barn, to prove that their costume was in fact "gone with the wind fabulous." Costumes ranged from the wacky, to elderly,

to Egyptian, to country-inspired ones, and then there was Naruto which was pretty great.

Nearing the end, a cool spiral-sliced apple was served, and there were the final hay rides, after which people had a final opportunity to get funnel cakes (apparently there was a waiting list). There was also pizza left. The night died down and students strolled back to their dorms, or home for the village students, and reminisce about the day. Overall, Barn Party was a fun event; thank you to SA officers and sponsors for making it possible.



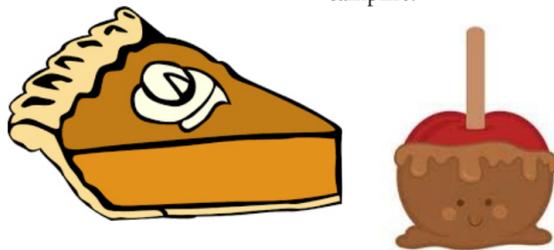
**NOVEMBER'S CHARACTER TRAIT IS HONESTY.  
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HONESTY MEANS THE QUALITY OF BEING HONEST**

*Thanksgiving Survey  
2015*

Honorable Mentions:  
Food - Macaroni and Cheese, Pastelon, Banana Pudding with Wafers  
Pies - Cherry, Sweet Potato, Coconut Cruster Cream, and Cheesecake  
Activities - Football (playing and watching)  
Floats - Thomas the Tank Engine - Kearsten Jedamski

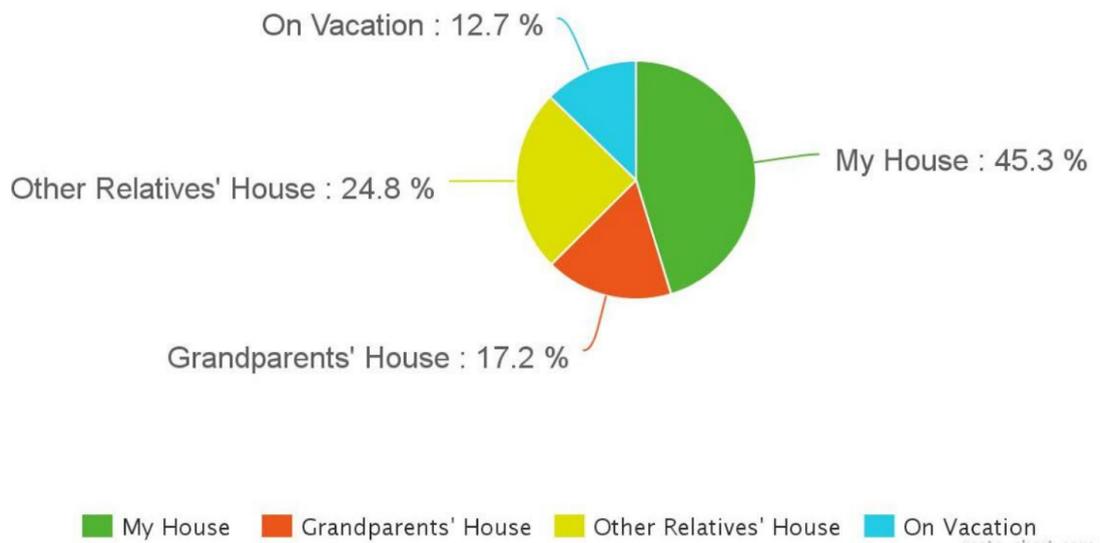
Identified Quotes  
"When a bunch of Romanian families and a Cuban family do Thanksgiving together, good things happen, especially with the food." (Daniel Chirvasuta)  
"Breaking the wishbone" (Elizabeth Schuen)  
"I watch movies and play UNO with my cousins. We have BB gun wars with tiny candy instead of Halloween trick or treating." (Felicia Kisku)  
"Every year my family makes a special dessert called 'Pink Stuff,' and it's the best!" (Lana Staszak)  
"I always go to my grand-ma's, and she and my aunt own restaurants, so there is so much food." (Rue Toney)  
"We watch the Snoopy Thanksgiving special." (Peyton Farmer)  
"We start decorating for Christmas the day after." (Tatyana Vega)  
"We write something funny/unique about ourselves and then guess who wrote it." (Julia Rivera)

Anonymous Quotes  
Watching a Thanksgiving movie  
My family's tradition is watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade  
Thanksgiving Games  
Picking people for Secret Santa  
Having the whole extended family over for that whole week gets too crazy  
We actually don't celebrate Thanksgiving in our family, but Independence Day  
At the end of the day we watch our first Christmas movie of the season "A Christmas Story" (you'll shoot your eye out)  
My family is staying home and my brother has invited some random friend to stay with us for week.  
Well, Korea has totally different traditions, such as making rice cakes  
Everyone thanks God for something and prays  
I'm from Dominican Republic, and no matter what, there has to be French Salad  
Thanksgiving is about family and friends  
Making Key Lime Pie  
We sing random songs during Thanksgiving dinner  
We like to blast music  
I always make cranberry jelly...and it always falls apart!  
I bring a friend home and have Thanksgiving dinner with them.  
My brother and I always break the wishbone together  
We sing songs around the campfire.

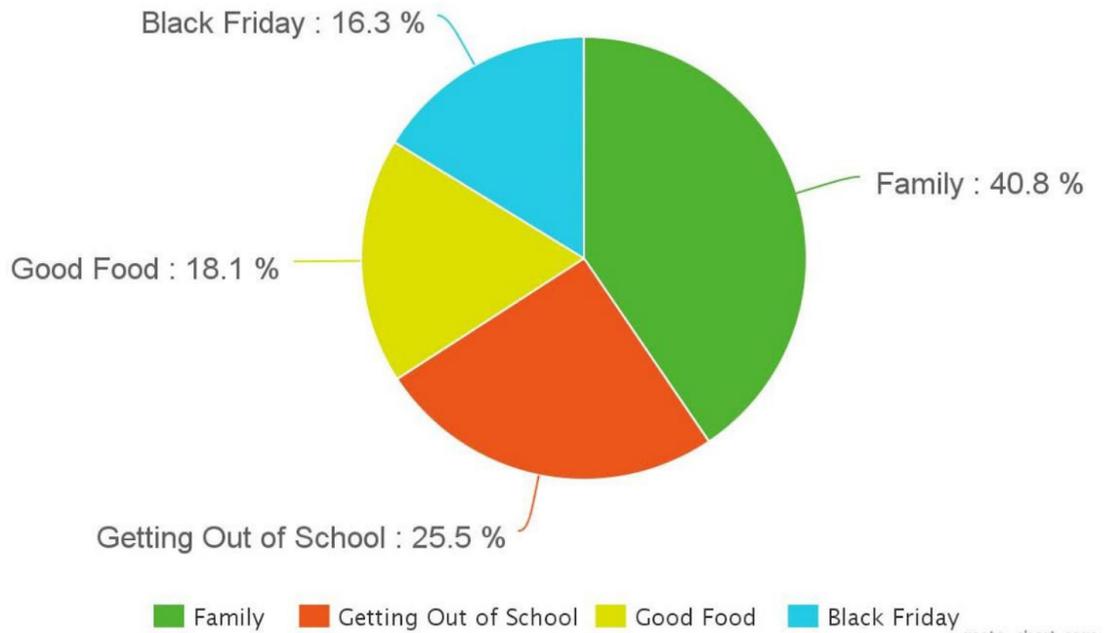


More Pictures from Community Service Day

**Favorite Place to Spend Thanksgiving**



**Favorite Thing About Thanksgiving**



### COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

MATTHEW REINOEHL

What happens when you send 180 students out to serve their community? Practical things happen; produce is harvested, animal shelters are served, firewood is chopped; but most important, God's love is shared in the community, and the experience of serving others is experienced by every SVA student.

Community Service Day 2015 was on Wednesday, October 17. Students signed

up to join different projects, which included apple picking, harvesting potatoes, splitting firewood, and volunteering at the SPCA. The group who went to Showalter's Apple Orchard picked over two tons of apples in one day! One of the more popular projects was volunteering at the SPCA. The animals had no shortage of attention during their visit.

Jesus gave an example when He came "not to be served, but to serve..." and Community Service Day gives students the opportunity to experience serving those in your community and to help spread the love of Jesus. Shenandoah Valley Academy's vision is to "Serve Christ, Value Knowledge, and Accept a Life of Service." Community service day is valuable in





## CAREER DAY

SIERRA ANDERSON

On October 18, Shenandoah Valley Academy enjoyed its annual Career Day in lieu of Sunday School. There were many job presentations for students to choose from. Once presentations were chosen, each student had a full morning ahead.

The morning started out with a graduate of SVA addressing the students about how to act in a job interview. Katie Dillon, class of 1999, discussed dressing properly, punctuality, confidence, and sending thank you notes afterwards.

After this assembly, students dispersed to different classrooms. There were several jobs related to business. Mrs. Tommie Melendez presented marketing and sales; Mr. Paul Griffin presented real estate investment; Mr. Quentin Sahly talked about accounting and being a professor; and Mrs. Alesia Hudson talked

about what it's like to be the Chief Learning Officer of the Department of Interior.

Mrs. Melendez allowed her students to interact with the presentation. Students were able to say what career they would like to go into. She then talked about those careers and told the story of how she got to the job that she is working at now.

Mr. Griffin told about his experiences in real estate investing, several of which were very funny! He presented a slideshow that explained the benefits, difficulties, and requirements of the job.

Mr. Sahly has a very interesting job as a professor at Andrew's University. He teaches accounting, and had a fascinating presentation about his experiences. He also shared a few accountant jokes, along with a few video clips, which were accompanied by mini chocolates for the whole

class. He challenged his students to consider looking into Andrews University and passed out some flyers.

There were also presentations on jobs of service. Mrs. Jaclyn Knight presented nursing, Dr. Laura Hernandez-Dauer taught about being a dentist, and Pastor Buz Menhardt allowed his students to experience preaching a sermon.

Mrs. Knight showed several nursing video clips and passed out a flyer that showed the different areas of nursing and the degrees required to work in these areas. She captivated her audience with stories from her own experiences as well.

Dr. Hernandez-Dauer told her students about the steps to becoming a dentist. "I learned more about the amount of diligence and amount of school needed to become a dentist," says Julia Rivera, class of 2019. Dr. Hernandez-Dauer also

passed out gum along with a few other treats at the end of her presentation.

Pastor Buz explained the advantages and disadvantages of being a pastor. He then allowed the students to ask questions. Each student got a chance to try preaching a sermon that was already written. Their partner worked with slides that went along with their speech.

Lastly, there were several sessions about different specialists. These jobs focused in one certain area of work. Mr. Adam Williams talked about computer programming; Mr. Brock Menhardt (Pastor Buz's son) presented about being a pilot and airplane mechanic; Mr. Hans Fairbank presented about landscape designing; and Mr. Mike Moulder taught about welding.

Mr. Williams discussed how computer programming works, even down to

the small details. "Computer programming, it was my favorite class! It was pretty interesting, actually," Freshman Joseph Lim remarked. Mr. Williams worked to show the students how this complicated career works by giving them funny illustrations that really explained the job well. He also gave them a hands on activity that involved building a car. This activity helped the participating students remember what they had learned through it.

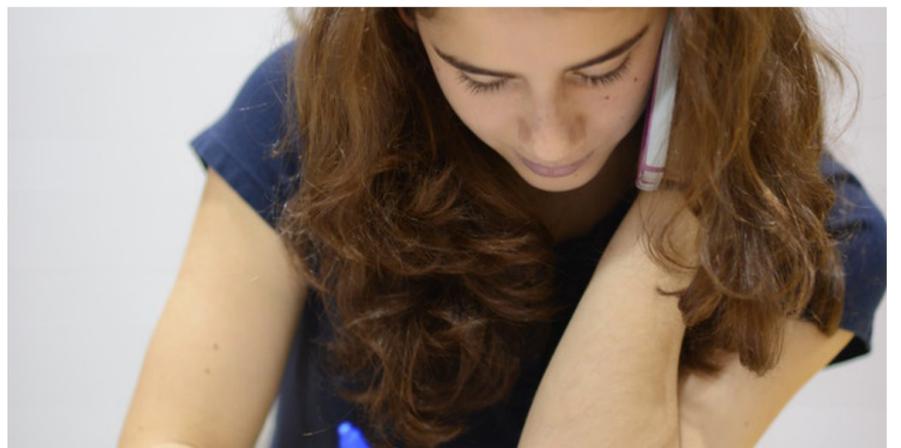
Mr. Menhardt talked about flying and three different types of piloting. He is currently a flight instructor and shared some of his experiences, along with the fact that he is now the flight instructor of Chris Wilson, class of 2015.

Mr. Fairbank showed how landscape designing is a helpful job by improving the quality of the client's life and the lives of those nearby.

Mr. Moulder explained about welding, and the different things that you can do with it. Welding can be not only a job of fixing and building things, but also a job that allows room for lots of creativity.

As you can see, there were many options to choose from. It was an exciting morning! It not only entertained, but it gave the other students and me a new outlook on jobs that we had been considering. "The career presentations that I attended showed me careers that I would be interested in that I would otherwise have not known about," said Kimberly Owen, class of 2016. Career day wasn't just an ordinary day of school; it gave many students an insight into their future.

## College Fair 2015





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of the players from the opposing team asked his teammate why the SVA players were so happy and nice. His teammate replied, "It's because they're Christians." SVA had games where they won with a huge lead and games that they lost by the slightest margin. Either way, they did it as a team and always displayed Christian conduct. I talked to the soccer captains and they are proud of the guys and all they have accomplished this year. They commented on each individual player and their performance this season.

The freshmen and sophomores made up a small but mighty portion of the team. They are the future of SVA men's soccer so it's a good opportunity to be on the team as an underclassman because it allows a player to learn as much as possible from the Juniors and Seniors before they graduate. The Freshmen class had four members on the team. David Palacios really left an impression not only with his two goals but also with his positive attitude. He always made the most of the opportunities he was given. Jeremiah del Rosario's dedication to the team and improvement throughout the season really set him apart. He has a lot of potential and a bright future. Kingsley

Ackah is a hardcore defensive player who always played his hardest. The team will really need him next year because most of the defensive players this year are Seniors. Kevin Lee really came through and helped win the game against HVA. He has so much talent and will be a great asset to the team in the years to come. The two Sophomores, Edrian Sanchez and Aaron Amaya, were always ready to come in and bring energy to the game. Edrian had excellent send ups and amazing ball control.

Whenever Junior Joseph Tembo came in, it was with a calm attitude. Even though he often played during stressful situations, he handled the pressure well and rose to the occasion. He has great chemistry with the starters and was notably unselfish. Jason Khargie really stepped up and hustled. Throughout the season, his kick progressed and progressed to what it is now. His left-footed crosses were especially nice. This was a great season for him considering he was a new member not only to the soccer team but also to the Junior class.

Another new Junior to the soccer team, although not to the Junior class, is Iverson Kester-Calvin. He played a big part in the closed door defense. After his amazing per-

formance at picnic, the coach knew he belonged on the team. SVA would have been scored on much more often had he not joined. Another crucial member of the team who prevented the other teams from scoring many times was the team goalie, CJ Sanchez. He blocked penalties and a goal with his face proving there was nothing he wouldn't do for his team. Before tournament, Captain Sun Ho Park admitted he was not completely comfortable with CJ in the goalie box but by the end of the season, he was eating his words and would not want anyone but CJ playing keeper for the team. Although Luke Fogg was part of the middlefield this year, he always came back to help on defense. His consistent crosses led to goals and helped win games, especially the one against Providence during tournament. Barry Armstrong has arguably one of the best kicks on the team. In addition to countless other occasions, he too helped win the game against Providence with a penalty you had to see to believe.

Senior Sam Renderos always supported the team and knew exactly what to say to help the players push themselves. Even though he was injured, he still came to tournament to sup-

port his team. That's the kind of dedication you can't teach or require; it comes from the heart. Daniel Hernandez was the team hype man. He could make anyone laugh even in the worst situations, which helped keep the team from getting down or being too hard on themselves. Like most sports, there's the physical element, and then there's the mental element. Sometimes the players need to get out of their heads, believe in themselves, and enjoy what they are doing because it won't last forever. At HVA, before the game, Daniel gave Darnell Devadass the confidence he needed to do his best. He boosted the team's self-esteem, performance, and energy when they needed it.

Andrew Moore was always rapping and raising the team moral. For such a nonchalant guy, he was not afraid to fight and take shots. Even when he got knocked down or fouled, he always stayed calm and didn't let it upset him. Andrew came in when needed and did what he needed to do. More people should follow his example of conduct and attitude on the field. Emmanuel Wetzel stepped up when the team needed him most. After losing one of their starting defenders, the team was faced with a dilemma: who

could replace him? At first, the captains weren't really sure if Manny was the choice, but their doubt quickly disappeared and turned into trust. Manny became part of the extremely valuable defense.

All the players worked together and helped each other out. Jose Von Vogler was constantly hustling to get to the ball first and never gave up. His ability to clear the ball, play up, play back, send the ball ahead, or run it in made him very valuable to the defense and the team as a whole. His talent is obvious but so is his positive attitude and genuine love for the sport. Time and time again, Nigel Msipa saved the mid-fielders, the defenders, and even the strikers which is why when I asked about Nigel, some called him the "team savior." He is the kind of guy you can count on and his versatility, speed, and talent makes him irreplaceable. Nigel drives others to do their best because of his dedication. Ashton Nestell had huge presence on the field and brought so much talent to the team. Despite his injuries, he always kept his head up and was inspiration, especially during the HVA. After he got hurt, the team cheered in his honor and finished the game with him in mind. He motivated his teammates and

raised the bar for everyone. He was undeniably a crucial player and his shoes will be hard to fill next season.

This year the SVA Men's Soccer Team was full of leaders, but three stood out: the captains. It can be difficult to be a captain as a Junior, but Darnell Devadass did a great job. He really stepped up when he became a striker and helped keep the team united. He's so dedicated to the team and to the sport. He played every game and always played his hardest. Sun Ho Park came as a sophomore from Korea and has been on the team since. The team definitely would not be where it is now if he had not come. No defender was ever at his level making him a force to be reckoned with and a player the opposing team always feared. This year, as a captain, he carried the team and led by example, proving he deserved the title. Kayo Boeria's love for soccer shows through everything he does, making him a great person to play with. When someone is as passionate about soccer as Kayo is, it takes the game to the next level. After being on the team for four years, he has learned to adapt and play with whoever is on the field at any given point. His flexibility and talent were much appreciated, much needed, and will be missed.

## MUSIC TOUR: WAYNESBORO AND CHARLOTTESVILLE

JULIA RIVERA

By Sabbath morning, October 17, at 7:30 a.m., blessed sleep had ended for the Bell Choir, Shenandoans, and a select group of strings players. On this cold and foggy morning, SVA musicians were running busily around helping pack in an attempt to keep from freezing; they were getting ready to leave for the Charlottesville and Waynesboro churches. Everyone was excited to see how our first tour of the year would "play" out.

"Mr. Nino, can you unlock the music department? I left my instrument in there!"

"Where are the music stands? Did you bring them or do I need to get them?"

"It's cold out here. Is everything packed yet?"

These questions, along with countless others, were all being asked as we departed from SVA. Finally, after a special prayer of blessing for the day, we left and were headed on our way. The trip to the Charlottesville church was mostly quiet as everyone was very tired and trying to catch up on missed sleep, but the noise

level gradually grew louder as we got closer and closer to our first destination.

Two surprises were in store for us as we arrived—the size of the church and the fact that no one was there. Surviving the confines of a "small" church is one thing, but it is rather difficult to enter a church with no key! Luckily for us, as Mr. Nino investigated, someone arrived and we got in the church. After we set up, we began to rehearse with bells for the first time "No More Night," and a few other pieces before church started.

Worship began with the Shenandoans surrounding the sanctuary singing "Alleluia." The next song they sang was "Pacem," featuring a solo by first violinist Ellerab Dorval. The bells then played two songs. One was "Light of Peace" with a short narration for the congregation at the beginning. Next, string group played "Hymnsong Fantasia," which is based on the hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus." Afterwards, Shenandoans quickly got ready to sing two more

songs. "Agnus Dei," the first of the two, featured a gorgeous soprano solo. Sierra Anderson then gave an introduction to "It's The Pizz." Handbells performed another solo piece, "Gaudeamus," which means "Let us rejoice!" before the finale featuring all the music groups. Mr. Nino shared a few final words, and then we performed "No More Night." In practice on Friday, Mr. Nino had told us that there would be at least one person in the audience who would be so touched by the song that his or her eyes would tear up. He also promised us that if nobody did, he would. There was no need for Mr. Nino's tears, because one student said she saw a woman wiping tears off her eyes in the back of the church.

After the service, the church members provided a delicious lunch which included homemade sandwiches, pickles, chips, cookies, and lemonade, to which SVA replied in a customary song, "We Thank You So Much." I actually had never sung the song before, but the words were

self-explanatory and sung to the tune of "Happy Birthday" and so it was easy to catch on. Before loading the bus, we packed up whatever was left, had a quick roll call, and left for the Waynesboro church.

As in the morning, we unpacked our instruments and warmed up before the 4:00 p.m. concert. Pastor and Mrs. Denny Grady (Noe's parents) were very helpful in showing us where to put our instruments and set up our equipment. We played in the same order as in the morning. Since the church was larger, we had to sing and play louder to fill up the space. As the Shenandoans walked up onto the stage singing "Alleluia," the different harmonies blended together. After Shenandoans sang "Pacem," bells continued the program playing their two songs. Personally, I thought "Trumpet Tune" was well performed. Next, Strings played "Hymnsong Fantasia" with the same arrangement as in the morning, but it sounded richer in Waynesboro. Following strings, the Shenandoans sang "Agnus Dei" which

means "Lamb of God." Senior Amber Lawhorn performed a beautiful soprano solo. Right after this, they sang "Nothin' Gonna Stumble My Feet" without music, which they actually had not done before, but since it is a favorite it we knew what to sing. Strings played "It's The Pizz" and bells "Gaudeamus" before the final song. Last but not least, all the music groups, including Mr. Nino at the piano, performed "No More Night" with soloists Salima Omwenga and Ricardo Paulino, ending the long day with a strong finish!

After a closing prayer, everyone went down to the fellowship hall, where the Waynesboro church had prepared pizza, lemonade, and water for the musicians. Then, because it was Noe Grady's birthday the next day, there were two cakes and different fruits for dessert. While we ate, some of musicians started to debrief the concert with parents and friends, and others had people from the audience come up and talk to us. I remember a friendly lady

came up to me right after the concert and told me how well we had performed and how she had felt God's presence while we were playing/singing our music.

When we had finished eating, we again burst out singing "We Thank You So Much." Then, just before we left the room, Pastor Grady told us to take a bag that the church had made especially for us. Inside was a thank-you card, a bag of cookies, and a bottle of water which we could take back to SVA. Before loading the bus, many of the musicians changed into more comfortable clothes to ride back.

On the way back, there was a constant hum of activity and the bus was much livelier than it had been in the morning. Everyone talked with friends and as the sky turned dark, each of us reflected on the day. Sure, it was a really long tour—over 10 hours, but overall I think the trip was a great success and gave us a lot of experience for the rest of the school year.



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