

April Pioneer Press

F R E S T A V A L L E Y C H R I S T I A N S C H O O L

FORENSICS BANQUET By Evy Papadopoulos

The members of Fresta Valley's National Forensic League celebrated the close of their season with their annual NFL Awards Dinner. Mrs. King, the competitive speech coach, began the evening with a short introduction and a brief description of the four aspects of competitive speech: Interpretive, Speech, Debate, and Student Congress. The evening commenced with Toria Phares's storytelling piece, *The Princess and the Porcupine* (written by Ed Monk). She was followed by Gabby Beals, Isaac Witt, Evan Pierce, and Colin Pierce with their dramatic, humorous and duo presentations. Elliot Powell

and John Phillips' piece *Dial M for Monkey*, was unforgettable. They quickly switched in and out of characters and everyone saw just how much of a monkey John can really be. Gabby Beals and Colin Pierce's piece (*Hamlette*) offered an interesting perspective of the Shakespeare classic, complete with ghosts and light saber fights. Daniel King then presented his original oratory speech *Risky Business*, which (despite the misleading title) was both interesting and safe. Jack Grotenhuis, Paul St. Jean, Brandon Coyle, and Allison Coyle began the debate events with their Public Forum

Debate regarding universal health-care. Tyler Philips, David Ross, Gavin Witt, Tiffany Fusaro, and Emily Warren made up Fresta's Student Congress, debating the issue of America's official language, with Kelsey Graling as Presiding Officer. Mrs. Karen Henderson (the well-known vocalist, broadcaster, song-writer, artist, author, and inspirational speaker) finished the evening with a pleasant closing speech and a song. A wonderful evening was had by all. Thank you to the entire NFL team.

SPRING FORMAL By Evy Papadopoulos

On Friday, April 3rd, the members of the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes attended the annual Spring Formal! This year's theme was "A Carnival Extravaganza." Students met at St. James Episcopal Church in Warrenton for an evening of games, food, and entertainment. The banquet hall of St. James was artfully decorated by the members of the student council. The decorations imitated a traditional carnival, complete with wall hangings depicting a Ferris wheel, a ticket booth, and a carousel (provided by the art class). The event was catered by

the Macaroni Grill (featuring a choice of balsamic chicken, eggplant parmesan, or sausage ravioli) and a magnificent cake provided by Mrs. Tisdale. Carnival games included such classics as popping balloons with darts, knocking over milk bottles, and the duck pool matching game. Finally, some of the FVCS fathers put on a comical skit during dessert, presented by Mr. Worsham, Mr. Clark, Mr. Wallen, Mr. Sumrall, and Mr. Seligman. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers.

Fresta Valley's Drama Club

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Rodgers & Hammerstein's

CINDERELLA

May 21-23, 2009

7:00 pm evenings; 2:00 pm Saturday matinee

\$10 adults/\$7.50 students

\$30 family pass (Saturday matinee only)
Tickets on sale at the school office May 1st.

VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER

By Troy McArtor

Coach Bob Patterson has Fresta's Varsity Girls soccer team off to a great start. In their first game against Emmanuel they won 7-0. They followed that up with an impressive victory in their conference opener against Shenandoah Valley. They then returned to Shenandoah to play in the SVCA Invitational. In the first round game the girls suffered a frustrating defeat in a close 2-3 loss against Redeemer. However, they bounced back the next day blowing out their opponents and winning third place. With a win against Leesburg the girls already have a great record of 4-1. Please check the website for home games and come out to support our team.

VARSITY BOYS BASEBALL

By Daniel Thoburn

The boys are off to a great start after a disappointing finish last season. The perfect 2-0 conference record is a good boost this early in the season. The two lucky schools to be washed out by Fresta most recently have been Leesburg 9-5, and Shenandoah Valley Christian Academy 14-10. Aside from slow starts in 1st innings the boys have looked unshakeable with Jake Fries, Adrian Bobbit and Zack Sweeney on the mound. The season is young and it's a bit too early to start chanting "championship" but you know it must be on the minds of the Fresta faithful coming into the next few conference games. The boys play Mt. Carmel April 4th, and have home rematches vs. SVCA April 6th, and Leesburg April 7th, hope to see you all there.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

By David Athur

Jimmy Bowen has recently undertaken a huge project. He was responsible for the building of the Pioneer Chuck Wagon Patio; a project needed to achieve the highest honor in scouting, the Eagle Scout Award. According to the National Eagle Scout Website, the men who have attained this honor consider it among their most precious accomplishments. "The award is more than a badge. It's a state of being. You are an eagle scout, never were." The men who invested in Jimmy's scouting experience have been his scout masters. Mr. Ted Uhler led him until age fifteen. After this, his father, Mr. Gary Bowen, and current Scout Master, Mr. Bryan Folts, assisted Jimmy in achieving his goal.

This patio will be used for the enjoyment of spectators at soccer and baseball games. It will also be used by classes to enjoy lunch on warm days.

This project was not achieved by Jimmy himself. He is grateful for the aid of Mr. Jeff McMillan who provided the equipment and instruction necessary for Jimmy to take on this



task. Jimmy also had to raise over \$3,000.00 dollars to cover the cost of the project. His many sponsors include Updike Industries, Promontory Financial Corp., ManTech International Corp., and others. To do this project, Jimmy had to oversee this project and had to instruct the

workers on each job. He would like to thank his team members Hunter Wheeler, Adrian Bobbitt, Danny and David King, James and John Minihan, Matt and Chris Wade, Matt & Adam Folts, Mr. Bryan Folts, Mr. Worsham, Mr. James Minihan (who also donated the large evergreen), his father Mr. Gary Bowen, and both his grandparents Ron Kollar and Jim Bowen.

Now we can finally enjoy the benefits of the new patio as well as acknowledge the hard work that Jimmy and his team did. This was a God sized task for one person, but Jimmy had faith throughout the entire project, and God certainly provided.



This year has been extremely successful in the Bible Quiz arena. The Senior High team recently went on a trip to North Carolina for a tournament. Although they did not place as well as they would have liked, they did gain a valuable amount of experi-

BIBLE QUIZ

By Tyler Phillips

ence for their team members who were new to Bible Quiz. The Elementary Bible Quiz teams, on the other hand, have had an incredible season. At the Capitol West semi-finals held at the Abundant Life Assembly of God, the Primary team (1st-3rd grade) took first place, and the Juniors (4th -6th grade) took fourth place. The Primary team is moving on to the district finals at Manassas Assembly of God on April fourth.



The Top 10 Quizzers for the Semi-Finals were as follows: Primaries- 1st Jansen Beals, 2nd Maddie Lam, 6th Joshua Otten; Juniors- 4th Luke Hailey.



2009 SUMMER CAMPS

Camp Name	Date	Cost	Age Group	Open to Home school	Open to Public	Contact Information
Elementary and Middle school Drama	June 22-26	\$50	Completed 2 nd -8 th grade	yes	yes	Diane King dking@frestavalley.org (540) 364-1929 ext 106
Beginner Orchestra	Aug. 10-14	\$85	Anyone who would like to learn	yes	yes	Donna Waller (540) 349-9229 (home)
Junior High Orchestra	Aug. 3-7	\$85	Entering 7 th -8 th grade	yes	yes	Donna Waller (540) 349-9229 (home)
Intermediate Orchestra	Aug. 3-7	\$85	Anyone who has played for a year or more	yes	yes	Donna Waller (540) 349-9229 (home)
Advanced Orchestra	Aug. 10-14	\$85	Entering 9 th -12 th	yes	yes	Donna Waller (540) 349-9229 (home)
Debate/Competitive Speech	Aug. 17-20	\$20	Entering 9 th through 12 th	yes	no	(debate) - Lisa Hailey lhailey@frestavalley.org (speech) - Diane King dking@frestavalley.org
Boy's Soccer	TBD	\$75	Entering 6 th through 12 th	yes	yes	John Lines athletics@frestavalley.org
Boy's Baseball	TBD	TBD	TBD	yes	TBD	John Lines athletics@frestavalley.org
Girl's Volleyball	July 19-23	TBD	Entering 9 th through 12 th	yes	no	John Lines athletics@frestavalley.org

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT – TYLER PHILLIPS

By David Authur

Tyler Phillips has come from many places and has seen many faces in order to be here. Tyler has moved a total of *ten* times; from California, all the way to New York and Georgia. So far, Tyler has been with us in Virginia for two years. However, upon graduation he is planning to go back to California to attend West Coast Baptist College to study secondary education and history. Tyler says, "I am epically stoked beyond recognition. It's finally going to be over! And I love summer." Tyler is also the son of Pastor Phil Phillips of Triumph

Baptist Church. We all know Tyler to be quite the jokester and each day he brightens up our attitudes. God has blessed him with the gift of presence. Tyler had participated in Speech and Debate for two years now, and enjoys it very much (placed 1st in every regional this year!) Tyler also likes movies that reflect history such as the "Gladiator" which stars his favorite actors, Joaquin Phoenix and Russell Crow. Let's hope Tyler will continue being a fun guy to be around, as well as an example of Christ.

**SENIOR SPOTLIGHT— JAMES MINIHAN**

By Katherine Fisher

James Minihan is our next senior spotlight for April. James has been at Fresta since K3 and is now a senior. During his years at Fresta, James has participated in soccer, basketball, and baseball. As a part of the varsity soccer team, he played many positions until his senior year when he played right forward. James has been playing basketball at Fresta since middle school. This is his first year playing baseball. He enjoys hanging out with his friends and goofing around. James is undecided about what he will pursue after graduation.

**SPELLING BEE**

By Daniel Thoburn

Eight of our 1st through 4th graders battled valiantly, almost to the death, against countless students from all around the state. This battle was of course the spelling bee. On March 7th, we took 8 student-warriors, 2 from 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade, to Word of Life in Springfield, Virginia. The adversaries were from WOLCA, Riverfront, Way of Faith, Cavalry Road, and Guardian Christian School. Our Eight student-warriors were Emma Miller, Laura

Thompson, Coleman Glascock, Sophie Hailey, Abby Schefer, Haylie Kovalchuk, Julia Sexton, and Olivia Buckley. The warriors fought hard and spelled their hearts out getting words that even Albert Einstein himself couldn't handle. Haylie and Olivia placed 4th in their respected grades and Julia placed 3rd. Although we didn't place 1st there would be a fair argument that our militia were the true victors. Way to go Fresta student-warriors.

TRIP TO THE CAPITOL

By Troy McArtor

On March 30th, Mrs. Hailey's government class traveled into the nation's capital to take a tour of the capitol building. After a traffic filled trip into D.C. the class made their way to the senate office building. There after a chance for some breakfast they met up with their tour guide. She led them through underground passages to the capitol building. She showed and talked about the many sculptures and frescos throughout the building as the group worked their way to the main attraction, the capitol rotunda. The massive room was covered in all kinds of art depicting our nation's history. After the tour they all had a good lunch and headed back to school.



MY TWO CENTS By Tyler Phillips

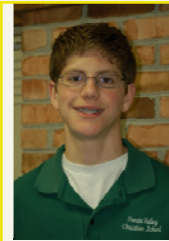
Do you have any exciting plans for spring break?



Mr. Keller-“I am going to have some college buddies of mine come down from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Massachusetts. We are going to be finishing up a log cabin my family has been working on for a long time. When it’s finished, we’re just going to hang out and do manly stuff - ha-ha.”



Brooke Ellis- “Um I don’t think I am doing anything exciting, but I might go to my dad’s and we might go to an amusement park with my Dad.”



Jake Maloney- “I have nothing particularly exciting planned, but I am going to have a friend over for some of the week so that should be a lot of fun.”

ORCHESTRA–VBODA FESTIVAL

By Sam Alger

Every year the Fresta Valley advanced orchestra performs at the VBODA Festival. VBODA stands for the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association. Every year a different school hosts this festival. This year’s festival was hosted by Battlefield High School. Although the schools try to be the best, the festival is not a competition. The schools are given a grade when they are finished performing. These grades are ranked from I to IV; I being the best and IV being the worst. After they receive their grades, they then compare them to other schools to see how they did. Although they compare scores, no

school is given a trophy; these competitions are designed more as a learning experience. Our Fresta Valley team received two II’s from three of the judges and one I. These grades were averaged for an overall total of II. The selections that were chosen for this event were, “The Lover’s Waltz” by Jay Ungar and Molly Mason, arranged by Andrew Debczynski; “Hungarian Dance No. 6” by Brahms and arranged by Merle J. Isaac; and “The Gift” by William Hofeldt. It was a special treat for the group to be greeted after the concert by Mrs. Waller who enjoyed the orchestra from a seat in the audience for the first time ever.

MARCH’S OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

K3

Ethan Perez,
Haylee Bass

K4

Brooke Patten,
Christian Mortvedt

K5

Julia Clark, Will Becker

1st

Dawson McMillan,
Stirling Ellis

2nd

Brooke Tisdale

3rd

Paton Clark,
Kirsten Keyser

4th

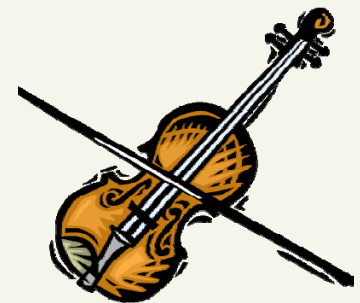
Kevin Towery,
Randy West

5th

Victoria Mortvedt,
Sierra Lam

6th

Sarah Ross,
Matt Rogers



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	Track and Field Day 9	10	11
← 12	13	Easter Break		16	17	18 →
19	20	21	22	FIRST Robotics Championship Elementary SATs		25
26	← 27	Senior Trip		30	→	
	← High School and Elementary SATs	28	→ 29			