

# AUTUMN QUARTERLY

## DOMINION'S 13TH SHAKESPEARE PERFORMANCE

At Dominion Academy, William Shakespeare not only influences the students' mother tongue, he also influences whether or not they graduate. For the past 13 years, Dominion Academy has required students to act in one of Shakespeare's plays in order to graduate. Mrs. Marilyn Klaben has taught Shakespeare theatre all thirteen years and has directed most of his comedies during her tenure. We are extremely thankful for her work with our students.

Seniors Jon Baugham and

Daniel Lecklider agree that Shakespeare theatre was incredibly important for their education. Daniel says, "When I first had to take the class, I thought it might be pointless. But looking back, I realize it helped me even in developing and understanding my own personality."

This year, our students will perform the rarely seen "Merry Wives of Windsor" at 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 6th and Friday, December 7th. A Donor and Alumni



Reception will precede the Thursday showing of the play at 6pm.

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### COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR

- Shakespeare Performance: Dec. 6 & 7, 7pm
- Donor and Alumni Reception, Dec. 6, 6pm
- College & Career Financial Strategies, January 17,
- Science Fair, February 7

## A LETTER FROM DSS. CALDWELL

Greetings in this Advent season—a time of preparation and anticipation of the coming of the Messiah to our mortal earth. As I look over this newsletter, handy-work of our new Director of Development, Amanda McGill, I am filled with warm recollections of years past. It is nearly unfathomable that Dominion Academy has seen 15 Advent-seasons. I am reminded of the ever expanding circle of colleagues and students that have graced our classical Christian, collegiate model school. I remember the great excitement and anticipation that Fr.

Wayne and Sandy had as they began this school with a handful of students. I recall so many of the faculty, staff, and parents that have contributed to this school's success through the years. I can see the eager faces of students as they begin each new year and anticipate upcoming breaks: Thanksgiving, Christmas, snow-days, etc. I too have waited with anticipation, looking to the time when Dominion's beloved graduates would return to its well-used spaces taking up her mission. First came Erin

Caldwell, then Josh Ferdelman & Jon Hartlaub filling in, and many others contributing to her mission as well. Now, Caleb Hildenbrandt is teaching and Amanda (Roebuck) McGill is heading Development—Dominion's graduates are coming back and giving back. We are proud, thankful, and awed to sing with them, "Let all mortal flesh keep silence, And with fear and trembling stand; Ponder nothing earthly minded, For with blessing in His hand, Christ our God to earth descendeth, Our full homage to demand."



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## STUDENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

- Junior **Christy Carson** has been selected to compete for a \$10,000 scholarship through the Wright-Patt Credit Union Savings Race 5! Throughout this year, she will be competing to save the most money for college. Dominion has many opportunities to support her!
- **Dominion Academy Students** have collected over forty shoeboxes to send to operation Christmas Child!
- Junior **David Baugham** won the Dayton Teen Music Slam! Out of four songs he performed, he chose to play a “All Creatures of our God and King” because, he said “it best explained who I am... When performing a show you’re not just presenting your music, but also your character and personality.”
- **Stephanie Burns** took first place in her age group in a 5k benefitting Oasis House— a local ministry for women!
- **Mandie, Joel, Melissa and Justin Akers** are going on a Mission Trip to Ghana, West Africa December 26 - January 4!
- **Abbie Ferguson** is taking a mission trip to Haiti!

## REPORT FROM THE ENGINEERING CLASS

“WE HAVE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT LASERS, HOW TO MEASURE BEAM DIAMETER, THE MANY USES OF A LASER, AND HOW TO OVERCOME DESIGN OBSTACLES.”

Dominion Academy’s Engineering class organized a laser demonstration. They worked very hard to teach the rest of their fellow students about this specific aspect of laser technology. The following is their report:

*“On the 5th of November, the Engineering class conducted a presentation in the gallery of Dominion Academy. The goal of this project was to transmit audio*

*signals with a laser beam. This meant starting in the nursery, bouncing the laser off the diaphragm of a speaker (that was playing music) and then bouncing it up to room 203. In room 203, we had a laser detector that would look at the changes in voltage and produce a matching sound. The student spectators were able to have a hands-on look at how this worked. They asked many questions, and thought the*

*presentation was very interesting. We have learned a lot about lasers, how to measure beam diameter, the many uses of a laser, and how to overcome design obstacles.”*

What an exciting start to this innovative senior level class overseen by Mr. Jeff Brown which is an essential component of Dominion’s new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Initiative.



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On October 4th, Dominion hosted the second annual Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi’s feast day. Around one hundred animals came to be blessed— including two dogs from the Dayton Police Department K-9 Unit, a basketful of kittens (see photo on left), many dogs and cats, a rabbit, birds, and other pets!

It was a joyful celebration in the spirit of St. Francis. St. Francis believed God’s love covered all creation and gave every creature dignity. He preached to birds and allowed a donkey to evict him from the hovel where he was living. In the service, we prayed, “O Lord, give us humility to thank You for the creation of animals, who can

show affection which sometimes puts us to shame. Enlarge our respect for these your creatures, of whom we are the guardians. And give us a sense of responsibility towards all your creation, for Jesus Christ’s sake, Amen.” Fr. McNamara, Fr. Cozzini, Fr. Mathis, and Fr. Herman, conducted the service in the lot in front of the building.

## A LETTER FROM THE NHS PRESIDENT

Scholarship, leadership, character, and service are the characteristics which our school and its National Honor Society endeavor to show. At the beginning of the year, the National Honor Society was presented with various school needs; consequently, Dominion Academy's National Honor Society decided to jump start its year of service with the annual Fall Work Day. The work day proved to be a great success! A pleasant

Friday afternoon of reorganizing shelves, cleaning the front lot, stripping old finish off doors, repainting B1, and continuing to clear the back lot for construction was just what the school and its NHS members needed: a moment to shine as members of one body working together to complete their goal. Furthermore, not only service, but also scholarship has been a highlight of the past quarter. In order to give back to the

community, the NHS has provided an after school tutoring program--a tremendous academic help -- both to fellow students and to newly arrived neighborhood refugees. Moreover, the National Honor Society is thankful for its opportunities to serve and looks forward to advancing leadership among our student body.

Sincerely,  
David Baugham



NHS recently spent a Friday working at Dominion. We are so thankful for their service!

## BOTS CLASS COMPETES AT XTREME BOTS

Our BOTS class competed in the Xtreme Bots Competition in October. Building on a robot from last year's class our team fielded another BOT to 'battle' other robots. We are proud of their hard work but even more proud of their sportsmanship. Our team advisor from Tech Metals, Jason Sikora said, "I... wanted to praise everyone on ...the level of sportsman-

ship...the team demonstrated at the competition. Not only did the students take their losses in stride, but they started rooting for...and visiting other teams to see if there was anything they could do to help with repairs. I was very impressed...this speaks volumes to the character of all of the boys on the team." Dominion's BOTS class not only learned about robots,

but also demonstrated Christ-like conduct to their competitors. They represented Dominion Academy, and more importantly, our Lord, in a truly praiseworthy manner. Our sincere appreciation for all those volunteers and parents who have helped this program. Special thanks to our advisors, Jeri Carson, Katrina Moore, and sponsor: Tech Metals & Lee Watson.

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## STUDENT LIFE TOGETHER

Our students have been involved in many activities this fall. Here are two of note:

### Stratford Trip

On October 25-27, they drove to Stratford, Ontario for the annual trip to the Shakespeare Festival. This year, they were able to see Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," Thornton Wilder's

"The Matchmaker," and Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance." They had a delightful and educational cultural experience in Stratford. The Stratford trip is an experience which many alumni count as a noteworthy part of their Dominion Education. In addition, it helps Shakespeare students to learn from professional actors and prepare for

their December performance.

### Fall Party

Students also attended a Fall Harvest Party on October 12; they manifested their creativity in many colorful and exciting costumes.



Students at the Fall Party



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"AND HE SHALL HAVE DOMINION FROM  
SEA TO SEA, AND FROM THE RIVER TO THE  
ENDS OF THE EARTH." PSALM 72:8

## PROJECTS IN PROCESS

Dominion Academy is in the midst of Phase 4 of our Building Improvement Process in compliance with the actions required by the fire marshal. The final phase will consist of separating the gallery (the two story room outside of the sanctuary) into two levels. Because of our ministry to the refugee community (there are more than 100 refugee individuals in our immediate neighborhood), we are trying to creatively incorporate their needs as well into our construction plans.

In addition to the building requirements, we are also seeking to develop the lot outside our building into a playground that can serve both our students and our neighborhood.

If you are interested in giving to these needs, please contact Dss. Michelle Caldwell through the school office at 937-224-8555 or Amanda McGill via email [amanda.mcgill@dominionacademy.org](mailto:amanda.mcgill@dominionacademy.org).



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