

DOMINION ACADEMY OF DAYTON'S
SPRING QUARTERLY

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A GREAT SEASON FOR THE LADY SABERS!



Dominion Academy is very proud of our ladies' basketball team! Coached by Max Benton, Mark Oxley, and lady Sabers alumni Elyse Burns and Laura Benton, the Lady Sabers ended their 2012-2013 Season with 23 wins and 3 losses! They also won two tournament championships!

Meredith Oxley and Katie Hart were the two seniors on the team. Meredith Oxley was the offensive player of the year and Anna Crockett was the defensive player of the year. Cecelia Freeman has been with the team for six

years and she was the second highest scorer. There were two girls new to the team this year— Gretchen Heine was an important addition as a strong post player; Mary Kuepper had never played basketball before and did a wonderful job at the wing position. Stephanie Burns, Nastia Luke, and Emma Crockett all started as Lady Sabers when they were in sixth grade and are going strong! Cecelia Araya broke both wrists during practice but she continued to come to

games and cheer her team on! These ladies not only play basketball, they also can sing. The team performed the National Anthem before several games, including a tournament!

Coach Max Benton said, "For me, it is a privilege to be a part of a team that can make an impact in those around them, both on and off the court. Their influence rippled through opponents, fans, officials and others they came in contact— a quality group of ladies."



THOUGHTS FROM
FR. WAYNE

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! I trust all enjoyed the blessings of Holy Week and especially a great Pascha (Easter) celebration.

For Morning Assembly, before Holy Week, we visited Jesus seated on a mountainside teaching His disciples in the Sermon on the Mount. Here Jesus, the Lawgiver, gives us the most famous of all His teachings, the Beatitudes. We learned a musical setting of the Beatitudes. We used Psalm 51 as our prayer of confession during Lent and another prayer as well to stimulate thoughts about how to discuss our sins with the Lord.

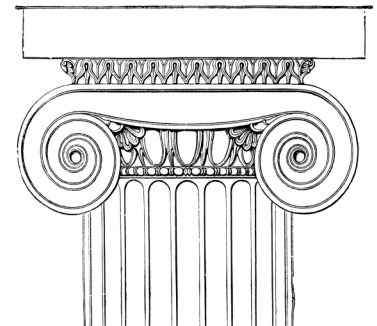
On a different note (pun intended,) Mrs. Kuepper is doing a super job as she develops our students' voices—the one instrument all students can play every time and anywhere we meet for worship!

A NIGHT OF CLASS ON APRIL 26TH

At Dominion Academy, we know that what makes us special is our people. It takes a unique community of dedicated and thoughtful people to sustain our unconventional little school. To honor this dedication, on April 26th at 7:00PM, we invite you to our school for an event which

will attempt to showcase our students and the total Dominion experience. In "A Night of Class," students will present or teach highlights from what they have learned this year in a special program. The program will be followed by a dessert auction and a silent

auction, in which those who desire may support the vision of Dominion Academy. Please invite family, friends, or anyone who might be interested in learning more about Dominion Academy. We request business casual to semi-formal attire.



STUDENTS HOST COFFEE HOUSE FUNDRAISER



On March 1st, Dominion Academy National Honor Society students held their fourth annual Coffee House Fundraiser. Their goal was to help fund the back lot playground and green space for neighborhood refugee children.

Students completely transformed the building of Dominion Academy into a cozy, dim coffee house. Before the big day, students auditioned before their peers to perform

for the coffee house. They then performed in sets while the audience drank coffee beverages provided by Land of a Thousand Hills coffee. Started to help Rwandan coffee farmers in the wake of the Rwandan genocide, Land of a Thousand Hills is dedicated “to provide justice, reconciliation, and hope in coffee farming communities ..”

After the event, NHS President David Baugham wrote “Thank you to everyone who

came out to the Coffee House ! It was a great success! Together, we raised over \$500 and are on our way to providing a fun, safe, and educational outdoor environment for our community. Now, let's look forward to the next phase of community building and reconstruction .” For more information on how you can support this effort, please contact Amanda McGill (amanda.mcgill@dominionacademy.org)

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THE NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTHY HABITS INITIATIVE

On March 1st, we submitted a grant requesting funds for the “Neighborhood Healthy Habits Initiative.”

After considerable research, we came to the conclusion that the wisest way we can use our back lot is to create a multi-game court and a green space.

This space will be a designated site for the Children’s

Hunger Alliance “Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities,” program beginning on October 1st, if all goes according to plan. This 10-11 week program meets three days a week and is run by an Americorps member who would also work with NHS and Cedarville University students. Two days a week, children participate in moderate to vigorous activity though

the research-based CATCH (Children Adolescent Trial for Cardiovascular Health) program. Then, on the other day, they learn proper nutrition through lessons with healthy snack taste-testing. CATCH is twenty-five years old and has been proven to promote health in inner-city, rural, privileged, and under-privileged children (Coleman et al, 2005).

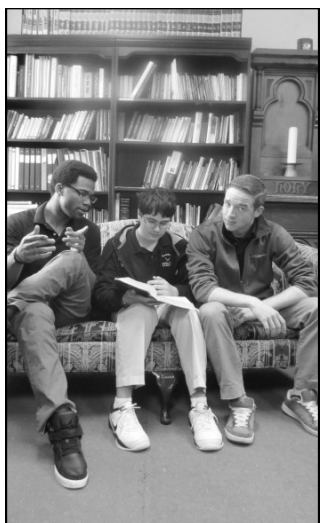
GIRLS’ AND GUYS’ GROUP

Once a month, Dominion Academy students meet outside of school for Girls’ Group and Guys’ Group. These groups encourage Bible study, spiritual accountability, and community. Guys Group Leader Jacob Vaflor says “We usually talk about relationship issues, how to be men of God, what

temptations we face (daily or not), etc.”

Girls’ Group Leader Meredith Oxley says, “For me and many of the girls, this group has created a whole different level of friendship and fellowship in the school. It's allowed all 4 grades to interact in ways they might not have before. It also gives me personally a better chance at dig-

ging in the scripture and growing in my walk. It holds me accountable, especially at school, to reflect Christ in my actions and words. I would encourage any high school girl at DA to join us and see what it's like, because we really do have fun and laugh a lot while at the same time talk about ways we can apply the word of God in our lives.”



ITALY TOUR UPDATE FROM SANDY MCNAMARA

“Italy Trip – the only word that fits is ‘INCREDIBLE!’ I am excited to report to our Dominion Academy families about the awesome experience all of us had over spring break on the EF tour to Italy. On top of the nice, sunshiny weather, fun group from San Antonio, Texas, we traveled with, and our incredible tour director, Riccardo, it was so exciting being in Italy during the election and announcement of the new pope. The atmosphere was ELECTRIC. I’ve now been on 4 trips with EF

and I cannot think of one thing negative to say. What’s so great about them is the tour directors they assign -- local younger adults who really know their stuff. I kept thinking about all the logistics Riccardo was having to manage behind the scenes -- especially in Rome where we encountered wall-to-wall people. I would NEVER GO TO EUROPE AGAIN WITHOUT A TOUR GROUP & GUIDE. And, EF is the greatest value for the money. Tour fees include air fare, 2 meals/day, hotel accommodations AND, most im-

portantly, the tour director and other local guides -- it truly is an educational experience. Maybe one of my most memorable experiences is my husband and I being there with all 3 of our now adult kids. Sharing the excitement of foreign travel creates a memory that lasts a lifetime.”

DA will take our next EF trip in 2015. You can find an announcement with potential trip options on the school website. Contact Sandy McNamara (sandy.mcnamara@dominionacademy.org) for more details.



SCIENCE NEWS

Science Fair

Fifty students participated in our Science Fair on February 7. We were very appreciative to have representatives from corporate sponsors; Doug and Lisa Crosley from Envirocontrol, Jason Sikora from Techmetals, and Matthew Evanhow from Evanhoe & Associates (also a DA alumnus!) presented awards to select students. Eight of our students

proceeded to go to County Science Fair, three went moved on to District, and finally, Eliza Grothjan and Jonah Tatum advanced all the way to the State science fair!

Engineering Class

Thanks to Mr. Mark Burns, the Engineering Class was able to take a field trip to the Wheels and Brakes business unit of UTC Aerospace in Troy, Ohio. They toured the

complex and learned about designing, manufacturing, testing, and providing products for aircraft wheel and braking systems.

BOTS Class

Our BOTS competed in their second Xtreme Bots competition this year on March 23rd! They represented DA well and demonstrated their skills through repairs to their Bot between matches!

“I WAS IMPRESSED WITH HOW OUR BOTS STUDENTS REPAIRED THE BOT BETWEEN MATCHES.”
KATRINA MOORE

OTHER NEWS

College Strategy Sessions

On January 17th, Dominion Academy hosted the first College Strategy Sessions. Sixty-five people attended the sessions that were taught by Sandy McNamara from Dominion Academy, Sharma Fox from Sinclair Community College, Mary Reshad from Wright State University, and

Anna Shearer from Wright-Patt Credit Union. The evening was a success!

Martial Arts

At the end of February, several of Dominion’s martial arts students tested for promotion. Joel Akers, Matthew Evanhoe, and Nathan Oxley were promoted to Brown Belt and Jaclyn Schmitz was

promoted to Brown Belt Third Tip!

Intramural Soccer

Our intramural soccer league is now in season. The students are being coached by Clayton Kelleher and are excited for this season of fun and healthy competition! Tournaments are Saturday, May 18th at 1pm and Friday,

May 24th at 5:00pm. The May 24th tournament will be followed by an end of the year picnic, attended by the whole school. All of our supporters are also welcome to join us. Our intramural soccer league is becoming the foundation for the Varsity Interscholastic Soccer team that will begin this fall.

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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

Dominion Academy of Dayton is a college preparatory school providing a classical education based on the Bible, reason, and tradition. It was founded in 1997 by Fr. Wayne and Sandy McNamara as a ministry of Christ the King Anglican Church.

They chose to name the school "Dominion Academy" out of the conviction that God has given Christians—as the new creation of God in Christ—the very humbling role of "kings and priests" of all of Creation. Christians are to exercise a loving, faithful, and wise stewardship over all things for the glory of our Lord. In order to exercise this sobering trust with fidelity, Christians must learn about the true shape of the world—a world existing in Christ, according to the order of the Trinitarian community. Christians must learn well in order to love well. Dominion Academy exists in order to educate young Christians about the shape of the world in Christ and to encourage these students to properly love creation, understanding that all ultimate meaning is found in Christ alone.

A WORD FROM DSS. CALDWELL

East versus west, global versus local, religious versus secular, liberal arts versus technical—it is not unusual for these to be presented as dichotomies. Are concepts such as these truly opposites? We all know that if we go west long enough we arrive in the east and if we travel east far enough, we reach the west. Everything global begins at the local level, everything local has the potential to become global. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof and all that dwell therein." If everything belongs to our Lord, what is not under His purview?

Finally, this brings us to the idea of liberal arts or humanities versus the technical or scientific emphases in education. I would like to posit that we do not have to choose between providing our students an expansive foundation in the arts and humanities or teaching scientific and mathematical skills needed to be successful in a technologically adroit world. We can do both. Assuredly, I am not claiming Dominion Academy is offering the equivalent of both a liberal arts and scientific baccalaureate degree. However, I am asserting we can lay the foundations necessary for understanding,

appreciating, and further developing these diverse and crucial realms of knowledge as our graduates head into the vast unknown. The critical thinking skills, the breadth of exposure, the biblical Christian underpinnings form the core of who we are as a school and empower our students to march forward bearing the cross of Christ.

Sincerely,
Dss. Caldwell

COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR

- A Night of Class, April 26 (All are invited)
- Senior Ball, May 17
- Intramural Soccer Tournaments, May 18
- Final Tournament & Picnic, May 24 (All are invited)
- Graduation, June 2 (All are invited)