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A Message from the Head of School

Dear Alumni, Families, and Friends of Wakefield Country Day School,

Our motto, *Virtus et Sapentia*, virtue and wisdom, combines with our mission, to develop each student's character and intellect, and guides our work each day with our students. In a school, the intellect part and the wisdom part seem self-evident. When students spend much of their days reading and writing, computing and problem-solving, debating and critiquing, then they are likely to be developing their intellects. However, in today's world, virtue and character seem less evident in education. And yet, today's world needs virtue and character and wisdom more than ever before. How do we at Wakefield Country Day School seek to promote the development of virtue and character in each of our students? Well, first we bring families together in one place who want these attributes addressed with their children. This consensus of values empowers us at our school to maintain a steady press to promote morality and ethics. From the first day of school until the last day of school, the adults in our building are counseling our children to be honest, honorable, kind, courteous, respectful, charitable, and humble. We do this not only through our daily interactions but also through institutionalized programs such as our Honor Code, our Wakefield Courtesies, our athletics ("humble in victory, gracious in defeat"), and our monthly focus on various virtues. As you may know, each month the lower school teachers and the advisors of the upper school students discuss an identified virtue with students. What does "honor" mean? How does "responsibility" look? Whom do you admire for his "charity"? Why is "humility" difficult? When is "courage" not physical? How does a student at our school demonstrate "citizenship"? How can you respond when someone does not show you "respect"? This year we have additionally invited various community members to speak at assembly about a virtue, specifically about how that virtue is manifested in the adult world (see article on page 2). The media today, whether sites on the internet, song lyrics on the radio, music videos on cable, or situation comedies on television, send a barrage of messages to our children and teenagers about acceptable behavior and interpersonal interactions. The important adults in



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Wakefield Students Compete and Win in Music Contest

A number of Wakefield Country Day School students competed in February in the James A. Bland Music Competition, sponsored each year by the Rappahannock Lions Club. This contest, at the Theater of Little Washington, brings together students attending school in Rappahannock County, to identify the best instrumentalist and the best vocalist. The winners go on to a regional and state competition where students are awarded significant scholarship funds.

There were six Wakefield students in the competition: Anthony Elar III, a 5th grader, played Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" on the alto saxophone. 7th grader Tad Wojcik played Aaron's "Sleepy Hollow Legend" on the piano (and came in second for grades 1-7).

High School sophomore Katie Brown played Mozart's "Sonata—Allegro Moderato" on the piano. Grace Albert, a sophomore, sang Evanescence's "My Immortal" (and came in first in vocal for grades 8-12). Sophomore Alexandra Cancio-Bello played Chopin's "Waltz in A Minor" (and took third in instrumental for grades 8-12). Finally, Will Mullany, a junior, played his own composition, "Untitled Instrumental #3, and received first place in instrumental. Albert and Mullany qualified to go on to the regional competition.

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Annual Spring Auction- April 30

Wakefield's annual Spring Auction will be held at the School on Saturday, April 30th. As in years past, the evening will include a silent auction and reception, dinner and a brief live auction. The theme for this year's Auction is a Midsummer Night's Dream. Consequently, the evening has been dubbed, Auction-on-Avon.

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our children's lives, their teachers and parents, have a responsibility to provide another message—an alternative voice that sounds in their heads when they are in the midst of decision-making. If we don't do this, if we are not explicit and clear about integrity and ethics, then our children will grow up increasingly convinced that they should accept and display self-gratifying and self-serving behaviors. I am proud to serve in a school that accepts this responsibility and enrolls families who collaborate with us to promote character and virtue in each of our students. We all work on these goals with our students, and we are succeeding. The "honesty jar" that sits on the conference table in my office, full of found and turned-in money, is one small example that reminds me of this reality every day.

Kathleen Grove

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They competed in the next round of the James Bland Competition in March. While neither progressed to the next level, they performed well. Wakefield's audience members outnumbered those of every other school by a ratio of ten-to-one. Upper school students traveled to the venue in Gainesville to encourage their classmates. "Their presence reaffirmed the sense of family for which our school is known," said Mrs. Kathleen Grove.

Wakefield 2010 Yearbook Wins Award

Wakefield Country Day School's 2010 Yearbook, *Virtus et Sapientia*, received a First Place Award in the annual competition for such publications conducted by the American Scholastic Press Association in College Point, New York. The award was announced this month and a certificate for the award was presented to the Head of School, Kathleen Grove, on January 5th at the School's weekly Assembly. At that time, Grove recognized Yearbook Advisor and faculty member, Marcy Lauben, as well as student editorial assistant, Luke Dumont, a sophomore from Winchester. "Their leadership made this award possible," she said.

The yearbook was evaluated and judged among the best in the competition in the categories of content presentation, page design, photography, publication structure and creativity.

Guest Speakers Extol the Virtue of the Month

Part of Wakefield's educational process is focusing on a virtue each month. This



year, various community members are coming to school to speak briefly at the first Assembly of the month about the

virtue and its significance in the adult world. The first three such speakers were profiled in the fall issue of this publication. The next member of the Speaker Series was Rev. Jon Heddleston, who spoke on humility. Manifesting his former career as a high school teacher, Rev. Heddleston delivered an engaging lesson plan on humility. He first used a hand mixer with two blades to illustrate to the younger children the aspect of respecting others' contributions and not thinking too much of yourself. He shared an anecdote with the upper school students about his freshman typing experience, bringing in a Royal typewriter—something many students probably had never seen. He concluded by referencing Benjamin Franklin's self-improvement plan which did not at first include humility. And he read from his own journal about his prayer for guidance in serving others and practicing humility. Heddleston, pastor of Reynolds Memorial



Baptist Church in Sperryville, is the husband of our grade two teacher, April Heddleston, and the father of Bret Heddleston,

our student government president, and of alumna Joy Heddleston.

In January, the speaker was Rev. Phil Bailey, who discussed courage. Rev. Bailey spoke eloquently, quoting C.S. Lewis who said it is the prerequisite for the practice of all the other virtues. He reminded students that courage comes from the Latin for heart and does not mean you're not afraid—it means doing what is right even when you are afraid. He referenced varying examples of courage, from our soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan to the lion in *The Wizard of Oz* to *The Brave Little Toaster* to Jackie Robinson.

Rev. Bailey attended Lynchburg College where he earned his degree in Health and Physical Education and then earned his Divinity Degree from Wake Forest University.

He has served Washington Baptist Church as its minister for 15 years.

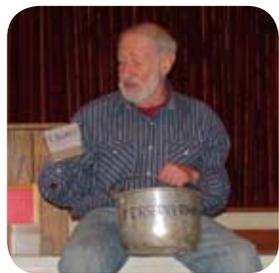
The next speaker was John McCarthy, Rappahannock County Administrator, who



spoke on the virtue of citizenship. McCarthy used Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address as his theme, sharing the well-

known 272 words, and identified key points. He urged Wakefield's students to each give of themselves for the common good. "Even if we are not called upon to sacrifice our lives," he said, "we can vote, participate in local, state, and national affairs; obey the law; and care for our neighbors." McCarthy particularly urged the students to be heard, to speak their minds even as they respect the opinions of others, and to engage those people, with whom they disagree, with civility. He reminded the students that our civic duty is never done.

In her introduction of McCarthy, Head of School Kathleen Grove said, "his service on many boards, from the Fauquier Hospital to the Child Care and Learning Center, as well as his work as an adjunct professor at the University of Mary Washington, make him an especially appropriate community representative for this important value of citizenship."



In March, Mark Strauss addressed the students regarding perseverance. Strauss used a pot of soup or stew as a metaphor for

perseverance, adding ingredients such as goals, dreams, desires, energy, natural ability, imagination, and a pinch of stubbornness. He stirred up the mixture, adding a suggestion from the audience, "life." Then he described his own life and his efforts first to achieve his doctorate after arriving in the United States at age 16 without an education or any English and then to become an artist. The students paid close attention and responded positively to his inspiring story. Strauss was born in 1930 in Lwow (Lviv) Poland which is now part of Ukraine. He is Jewish. When the Germans occupied Poland in the early 1940's, he was just a young boy. He and his family were forced to live in a Jewish ghetto. Fortunately, he was able to hide away until the end of the German

occupation. Strauss has made it a personal cause to educate American youth about the Holocaust and his experiences as a survivor, so that we will never forget both this atrocity and the kindness of strangers. In January of 1947, he arrived in the U. S. He went on to receive a PhD in Physical Chemistry. He is married with three children and has five grandchildren. He lives in Shenandoah County on a farm.

Wakefield Students Find Volleyball Success

Five Wakefield Country Day School students competed in the 2011 Capital Classic Volleyball Tournament at the Washington Convention Center in DC over Presidents' Day weekend. There were over 550 teams from the east coast and Canada that played over the three days of the tournament. It was the third year of competition for three of the players and the first for the other two.

Although they play together for Coach Suzanne Zylonis at Wakefield during the year, they are all on separate club teams. Junior Amanda Carroll's (BRYC 17's) team finished in 3rd place out of 63 teams; additionally, Senior Christine Pankow's (SYAVB Green 18's) team finished 3rd out of 46 teams. Also competing were freshmen Sarah Nelson and Kimberly Pankow, as well as Willow Lynn, an 8th grader.

"We did somewhat better than expected," Christine Pankow said. "It was a good bonding experience with our team and a chance to learn from other teams." "It was interesting to see how other teams play and communicate on the court," Nelson said. Lynn added that she was "impressed by the dedication of all the players and their coaches."

"What was surprising was the number of teams, with their supporters and parents," Carroll said. "We had fun." Kimberly Pankow said. "But we also took books with us and did our homework." All of the players agreed that they enjoyed seeing competitors from teams that they have

played before who now have become friends.

The Club team season for these players continues through April, with several large tournaments on weekends still to come.

Wakefield's Pankow Wins State Scholarship

Christine Pankow, a senior at Wakefield Country Day School, was selected as a winner of a prestigious John C.



Youngblood Scholarship by the Virginia Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (the state Athletic Directors organization). The VIAAA awards four scholarships each year to qualified seniors in the name of their founder and athletic administration pioneer, John C. Youngblood. He was also a key figure in the national organization, the NIAAA.

Pankow, from Flint Hill, was a candidate in a pool of highly qualified seniors of public and private schools from all over the state of Virginia. The one-year scholarship award is for \$1,500. Pankow was the Conference Co-Player of the Year this fall in volleyball; she was a starter on the basketball team.

"Christine Pankow is a very deserving winner of the John Youngblood Scholarship from the VIAAA," said Wakefield's Athletic Director, Mike Costello. "The pool of applicants is always highly qualified if not over qualified for the criteria. This year's winners were no exception and include a young lady who plans to attend MIT. Christine demonstrated community service and leadership in her athletic career, the qualities the VIAAA looks for when awarding these scholarships. This award is a testament to her hard work and dedication to be the best student athlete she can be. This is a great reflection on Christine, her family and Wakefield Country Day School."

Pankow and her parents will be recognized at the awards banquet at the VIAAA annual conference in Norfolk at the end of March.

Wakefield's First Grade Class Aids Operation Gratitude

The First Grade Class at Wakefield Country Day School was recently thanked for its participation this winter in Operation Gratitude. As part of their commitment

to Service—one of Wakefield's Five Pillars of Education—they brought in items to be shipped to military members who are serving overseas.

"The children brought in candy, snacks, small toys (for the soldiers to share with children they meet overseas) and toiletry items throughout the months of November and December," said Jennifer Thede, Wakefield's 1st Grade teacher. "In class, the students wrote many notes and drew pictures to share with the servicemen and women overseas."

In all, the 14 1st graders donated 13 pounds of candy, letters and assorted items that were part of over 100,000 'chock full' Patriotic and Holiday Care Packages that went overseas. The packages contained snacks, toiletries, entertainment items and letters from caring students and adults. "Receipt of such demonstrations of love and concern from the homeland offers our troops a much-deserved respite from the hardships of service, and is always greeted with enthusiasm and great appreciation," wrote Carolyn Blashek, president of Operation Gratitude, in thanking the students.

New Faculty Member

Since the start of the school year this past fall, Wakefield has added a new Faculty

member. Her name is Kathy Weghorst and she teaches grammar and composition to the 8th grade. She started at the School in mid-November.



"I am enjoying my fellow faculty members," Mrs. Weghorst said. "Everyone has been so welcoming. I like the collegial environment and the close-knit community atmosphere."

After earning a bachelor's degree in psychology and business, Mrs. Weghorst received an MBA degree from the University of Pittsburgh. She then started a career in marketing and human resources. She got her teaching certificate from Old Dominion University and the University of Phoenix. She first taught at Rappahannock Elementary School. Mrs. Weghorst has two daughters who are currently in the 4th and 2nd grades.



Pictured, from left to right, are Wakefield students Willow Lynn (VPVA 14's)-8th grade; Sarah Nelson (WLVBC 16's)-9th grade; Amanda Carroll (BRYC 17's)-junior; Christine Pankow (SYAVBC Green 18's)-senior; and Kimberly Pankow (VPVA 15's)-9th grade.

Academics

Wakefield Students Excel in Writing Contest

Sixteen Wakefield Country Day School students took prizes in the annual Holiday Writing Contest at Samuels Public Library. In this 32nd year for the contest, Wakefield students received almost half of the 33 prizes that were awarded.

All of the student winners received their prizes and were able to read their winning entries aloud at a reception at Samuels Library on December 22.

The Royal Oak Book Shop co-sponsors the contest with the Library, and awards gift certificates to the first place winners. National Media Services assists with the publication of a booklet with all the winning entries and some submitted artwork. The booklets are for sale at the Library for \$3 each.

Wakefield's award-winning students were as follows: First Grade: Farah Shahida, First Place; Second Grade: Austin Farley, Second Place, Jazmyn Nikole Kenney, Third Place; Third Grade: Brighton Craig, First Place, Molly Packwood, Second Place, Shannon Vernick, Third Place; Fourth Grade: Brooke Miller, Second Place; Fifth Grade: Andrew Kivolek, Second Place; Sixth Grade: Alyssa Hamilton, First Place; Seventh Grade: Rebecca Paulisch, First Place, Abe Nolan, Second Place, Megan Kelley, Third Place; Eighth Grade: Lily Lauben, First Place, Karis Tschopp, Second Place, Sam Mullany, Third Place; and Eleventh Grade: Marina Ishizuka, First Place.



Griffin Wins Wakefield's Geography Bee

Douglas Griffin, a 5th grader at Wakefield Country Day School, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee on January 7, and now has a chance to compete for a \$25,000 college scholarship. The school-level Bee, at which students answer oral geography questions, is the first round in the 23rd annual National Geographic Bee, sponsored this year by Google.

The Bee is open to students in grades 4 through 8 and Griffin, from Broad Run, won out over nine other Wakefield competitors in those grades. He will now take a written test for school winners. Up to 100 top scorers on this test of school winners in Virginia will be eligible to compete in the State Bee in April. State champions and a teacher-escort will be brought to Washington, DC by the National Geographic Society for the national championship rounds at the end of May.

The Bee was conducted at Wakefield by teachers Christine Chatelain, Ann Pankow and Lori Perry.



Wakefield Country Day Hosts Science Fair

For the annual Science Fair at Wakefield Country Day School, projects are completed by students in Grades 1 to 6. Those in Grades 1 and 2 do a class project; students in Grade 3 do a group project in school with one or two classmates; and students in grades 4 to 6 complete an independent project at home. Students are expected to follow the steps of the scientific method, including some research on their topic.

All of the projects were displayed in the School's Auditorium in mid-February. Selected students presented the results of their project to the entire school body at weekly Wednesday morning assemblies.



Wakefield's Upper Class Students Learn About the Passions that Drive Them

Junior and senior students at Wakefield Country Day School recently had an informative and perhaps transformative experience at the School. They completed a psychological instrument, an analysis tool, that showed them aspects of their personality that will help them understand how to study better, excel more and move forward with their lives and careers.

The instrument—the Passion Profiler—was developed by Alaina Love and Marc Cugnon, two Wakefield parents. They assisted the students by administering the instrument and then leading them in a discussion of the results to show them how to interpret what the results indicated about their passions.

Love and Cugnon, who reside in Flint Hill, provide services through their company, Purpose Linked Consulting, to Fortune 500 firms, private companies, hospitals and universities. "The instrument was developed for business people," he said. "But we're working on adapting it for high school and college students."

The Profiler identifies and measures ten specific archetypes (or patterns) of passion, and it establishes a hierarchy of the passions that the individual demonstrates. The ten archetypes are Builder, Conceiver, Connector, Creator, Discoverer, Processor, Transformer, Altruist, Healer and Teacher. Each student was given a report showing the results of their completion of the instrument and identifying their top three passion archetypes, what the leaders call the 'Passion Archetype Cluster.' Once their primary passions were identified through this analysis, then the students met with those with similar archetypes to list the strengths and vulnerabilities of each passion.

"I didn't have a lot of faith in it at first," said Isabelle Eastham, a senior from Flint Hill. "But it turned out to be a really interesting process and the results are on a par with what I previously thought were my interests and passions."

The students also received information on how they compared to their classmates and on how their archetypes were activated at school. The students' evaluations reported great interest in this device which helped them learn and think about themselves and their future decisions, whether for senior thesis topics, college courses, or vocations.

"The response of Wakefield's students was encouraging," Love said.

"They had a lot of energy and enthusiasm. This beginning of their process



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2010-2011 2nd & 3rd Quarter Honor Roll



Head of School Honors
Katie Brown (10)
2nd & 3rdQ



Head of School Honors
Marc Cugnon (10)
2nd & 3rdQ



Head of School Honors
Makenzie Magaro (10)
2nd & 3rdQ



Head of School Honors
Marina Ishizuka (11)
3rdQ



Head of School Honors
Zeb Becker (12)
2ndQ



Head of School Honors
Christine Pankow (12)
2nd & 3rdQ



Head of School Honors
Cynthia Rodriguez (12)
3rdQ

GRADE 4 FIRST HONORS

Connor Baker 2nd & 3rdQ
Tatiana Calderon 2nd & 3rdQ
Rachel Cieplak 2nd & 3rdQ
Lucy Clark 2nd & 3rdQ
Shannon Kelley 2nd & 3rdQ
Brooke Miller 2nd & 3rdQ
Eva Parios 2nd & 3rdQ
Lily Shahida 2nd & 3rdQ
Cade Short 2nd & 3rdQ
Brooke Woodward 3rdQ

GRADE 4 SECOND HONORS

Sam Barnes 2nd & 3rdQ
Porter Gilliam 2nd & 3rdQ
Tori Stringfellow 3rdQ
Drake Summers 2nd & 3rdQ
Alec Williams 2ndQ
Brooke Woodward 2ndQ

GRADE 5 FIRST HONORS

Bernie Cieplak 2nd & 3rdQ
Ben Cotter 3rdQ
Catherine Deane 2nd & 3rdQ
Anthony Elar III 3rdQ
Channing Entrican 3rdQ
Connor Glennon 3rdQ
Joseph Gold 2nd & 3rdQ
Douglas Griffin 2nd & 3rdQ
Andrew Kwolek 2nd & 3rdQ
Drake Lynn 2nd & 3rdQ
Alice Maley 3rdQ
Christopher O'Heir 2nd & 3rdQ
Kathryn Phillippe 2nd & 3rdQ
Connor Poe 2nd & 3rdQ
Jackson Romine 2nd & 3rdQ
Grace Seaborn 2nd & 3rdQ
Alexander Smith 3rdQ
Landon Thede 2nd & 3rdQ
Josie Vernick 2nd & 3rdQ

GRADE 5 SECOND HONORS

Ben Cotter 2ndQ
Channing Entrican 2ndQ
Amanda Gilliam 2nd & 3rdQ
Connor Glennon 2ndQ
Alice Maley 2ndQ
Emma McGunigal 2nd & 3rdQ
Emerson Shepard 2nd & 3rdQ
Alexander Smith 2ndQ
Owen Youngquist 2nd & 3rdQ

GRADE 6 FIRST HONORS

Campbell Baker 2nd & 3rdQ
Lucas DuMez 3rdQ
Gage Landis 2nd & 3rdQ
Nicholas Leskovec 2nd & 3rdQ
Haze Packwood 2ndQ
Tanner Perry 2nd & 3rdQ
Tatum Vaught 2nd & 3rdQ
Harrison Wells 2nd & 3rdQ

GRADE 6 SECOND HONORS

Jonathan Carrier 2nd & 3rdQ
Lucas DuMez 2ndQ
Haze Packwood 3rdQ
Brianna Rodriguez 2nd & 3rdQ
Tara Salak 2nd & 3rdQ

GRADE 7 FIRST HONORS

Brier Clough 3rdQ
Aaron Corbett 2nd & 3rdQ
Joseph Dowell 2nd & 3rdQ
Alyssa Hamilton 2nd & 3rdQ
Taylor Jones 3rdQ
Megan Kelley 2nd & 3rdQ
Carolina Leonard 2nd & 3rdQ
Monica Marciano 2nd & 3rdQ
Brendan Martyn 3rdQ
Mollie Miller 2nd & 3rdQ

Abe Nolan 2nd & 3rdQ
Shane O'Heir 3rdQ
Christopher Parios 2nd & 3rdQ
Rebecca Paulisch 2nd & 3rdQ
Rahmet Rahimi 3rdQ
Tad Wojcik 2nd & 3rdQ

GRADE 7 SECOND HONORS

Gabriel Cancio-Bello 2nd & 3rdQ
Kendall Carroll 2nd & 3rdQ
Brier Clough 2ndQ
Taylor Jones 2ndQ
Brendan Martyn 2ndQ
Shane O'Heir 2ndQ
Nikolas Patton 3rdQ
Rahmet Rahimi 2ndQ
Julia Weir 2nd & 3rdQ

GRADE 8 FIRST HONORS

Anna Clark 3rdQ
Maeve Dale 3rdQ
Lily Lauben 2nd & 3rdQ
Willow Lynn 2nd & 3rdQ
Ixel Ochoa 2nd & 3rdQ
Ashlyn Ramey 3rdQ
Ashley Rhein 2ndQ
Madison Romine 2nd & 3rdQ
Karis Tschopp 2nd & 3rdQ
Harper Van Ness 3rdQ

GRADE 8 SECOND HONORS

Anna Clark 2ndQ
Maeve Dale 2ndQ
Josephine Hopkins 2ndQ
Tim Johns 2nd & 3rdQ
Jessica Leskovec 2nd & 3rdQ
Sam Mullany 2nd & 3rdQ
Chris Payne 3rdQ
Ashlyn Ramey 2ndQ
Freya Rodriguez 2ndQ
Ashley Rhein 3rdQ
Harper Van Ness 2ndQ

GRADE 9 FIRST HONORS

Sean Brown 2nd & 3rdQ
Alex Foster 2nd & 3rdQ
Emily Hennessy 2ndQ
Sam Nolan 2nd & 3rdQ
Kimberly Pankow 2ndQ
Rachel Paulisch 2nd & 3rdQ
Ahmed Rhaimi 2nd & 3rdQ
Michael Stone 3rdQ

GRADE 9 SECOND HONORS

Emily Hennessy 3rdQ
Briana Johnson 2nd & 3rdQ
Kimberly Pankow 3rdQ
Sydney Penza 3rdQ
Eva Pepe 2nd & 3rdQ
Michael Stone 2ndQ

GRADE 10 FIRST HONORS

Grace Albert 2nd & 3rdQ
Alexandra Cancio-Bello 2nd & 3rdQ
Rachel DuMez 2nd & 3rdQ
Henry Johnson 2nd & 3rdQ
Brittany Kwolek 2nd & 3rdQ
Konstantin Langenberg 2nd & 3rdQ
Mary Leskovec 2nd & 3rdQ
Carl Liles 2ndQ
Caroline Murray 2nd & 3rdQ
Sarah Nelson 2nd & 3rdQ
Alejandro Rodriguez 2nd & 3rdQ
William Scaring 2nd & 3rdQ
Hannah Tufts 2nd & 3rdQ
Lucy Van Ness 2nd & 3rdQ
Shannon Weir 2nd & 3rdQ

GRADE 10 SECOND HONORS

Daniel Chadduck 2nd & 3rdQ
Luke Dumont 2ndQ

Sam Lilburn 2ndQ
Carl Liles 3rdQ
Conor O'Heir 2nd & 3rdQ
Weihsan Xiao 2nd & 3rdQ
Zeyang Yu 2ndQ

GRADE 11 FIRST HONORS

Austen Cloud 3rdQ
Greg Czekaj 2nd & 3rdQ
Woody Hazel 2nd & 3rdQ
Marina Ishizuka 2ndQ
Will Mullany 2nd & 3rdQ
Michael Pearson 2ndQ
Brian Shafran 2nd & 3rdQ

GRADE 11 SECOND HONORS

Amanda Carroll 2ndQ
Benjamin Hopkins 2nd & 3rdQ
Daniel Larner 3rdQ
Maxime Manzi 2ndQ
Michael O'Heir 2nd & 3rdQ
Michael Pearson 3rdQ

GRADE 12 FIRST HONORS

Laura Bancroft 2nd & 3rdQ
Zeb Becker 3rdQ
Lauren Castle 2nd & 3rdQ
Bret Heddleston 2nd & 3rdQ
Alex Hernandez 2nd & 3rdQ
Jessica Lester 2ndQ
Jonathan Leskovec 2ndQ
Ian McCool 2nd & 3rdQ
Cynthia Rodriguez 2ndQ
Brittany Spence 2nd & 3rdQ
Victoria Turner 2nd & 3rdQ

GRADE 12 SECOND HONORS

Hunter Kapp 3rdQ
Jonathan Leskovec 3rdQ
Dylan Marchi 2nd & 3rdQ

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of self-discovery should benefit them in their conversations with each other, their parents and their teachers.” Cugnon added that people perform at their best when they operate at the intersection of their skills, value systems and passions. “Showing them their passions,” he said, “helps them to understand where they can fit in an organizational structure. Moreover, this deeper understanding of who they are allows them to be themselves and to flourish within organizations.”

Love concluded by saying that a logical next step would be to work with a school’s teachers to show them how the passions of their students influence how they learn.

Love and Cugnon have written a book about this process of identifying and using your passions; it’s called *The Purpose Linked Organization*.

Wakefield’s Kindergarten Class Celebrates 100 Days of School

The 16 students in Wakefield Country Day School’s Kindergarten Class had a 100th Day of School celebration on February 23rd. The children completed individual projects at home and brought them in to share with the class. The children each gave a presentation to their classmates about how they completed their projects, what items they used and how they counted the objects.

The students and projects were: Ava Lubkemann-100 jungle animal stickers on a poster board with a picture of Africa hand drawn on it; Bayleigh Fox-a poster board of 100 of her favorite items – some hand drawn, some photos, some pictures from magazines; Anna Alldredge-100 macaroni noodles strung on a necklace; Sadie Heinzelman-100 of her favorite baby zoo animal stickers on a poster board; Jessica Keller-a snowman made of 65 cotton balls and 35 pompoms; Victoria Calderon-a rainbow and cloud picture using 100 mini marshmallows; Ruthie McMahon-100 hand-colored toothpicks glued on a poster board in various designs and shapes; Alexis Cross-glow in the dark unicorn puzzle – glued together; Colby Poe-100 beans glued on a piece of paper in the shape of 100; Josh Gayle-100 Lego pieces put together in a fort; Tyler Farley-100 puzzle pieces put together (puppies); Ansel Lauben-100 pictures on a slide-show presentation (computer) put to music of his trip to California; Jess Seaborn-fort made out of 100 mini-marshmallows glued together; Stuart Niessen-100 Lego pieces built together in the shape of a tower and helicopter; Jack Gerard-100 puzzles pieces put together (ducklings); and Aaron Hubley-100 jellybeans. The students also each also counted out 100 fruit loops, strung them on yarn with a “100” tag and wore their 100th day of school necklaces all day. While in class, the group made individual 100th day of school books. The pages were:

- 1) I wish I had 100 _____.
- 2) I would never want 100 _____.
- 3) I wish I could eat 100 _____.
- 4) I can do 100 _____.
- 5) This is how I would look if I were 100 years old.
- 6) 100 dots (children drew 10 circles and then drew 10 dots inside each of the ten circles).

The children completed each sentence in their own handwriting with their ideas, then drew a picture to correspond. “The children’s ideas in the books were priceless,” said Kindergarten teacher Jennifer Deal. “We also counted to 100 by ones, tens and fives several times during the day. To end the day, we had a 100th day party where we enjoyed cookies, popcorn and juice.”

Deal added that the school day ended before the students could make a paper chain of 100 links together, and hang it in their room. But that’s now for another day.



WCDS Winter Athletics

by Athletic Director, Mike Costello, CAA

It has been an exciting winter. The school has received a great deal of recognition statewide as our girls’ basketball team was ranked in the VISAA state division III poll five times and the boys’ basketball team received votes in five VISAA state polls. Rachel DuMez again made a big splash at the VISAA state swim meet, earning a medal and single handedly outscored several schools in the state. Christine Pankow won a prestigious John Youngblood Scholarship from the VIAAA, the first one awarded to an independent school student in many years.



Success came in many forms this season. The varsity basketball teams each won 12 games and made it to the semi-finals of their DAC tournament. If you did not “catch the wave” with Coach Brad Boelter and the swim team you missed a great time as they indeed made a splash in DAC swimming. I hope you saw Coach Yani Haworth and the varsity dance team’s entertaining routines at the varsity basketball games. The girls also performed at the DAC basketball championships along with dance and cheer squads from 5 other DAC schools and they held their own.

It was a rebuilding year for our middle school basketball teams. The success had to be measured by the amount of on-court experience that our young teams earned. Everyone on the roster got valuable playing time as both rosters were small.

In all, we had nine student athletes earn their way on to All-DAC teams in swimming, girls basketball, boys basketball and dance. Rachel DuMez was named the female outstanding swimmer at both the VISAA Division II Invitational and the DAC Championships on back-to-back weekends. Brian Shafran reached a significant milestone when he scored his 1000th varsity basketball point. You can measure our success a number of ways; but I hope you sense the excitement of a fine winter season.

WCDS Winter 2011 Athletic Award Winners

The following students received special awards from their coaches at the Winter Awards Ceremony held on Friday, March 11:

Varsity Boys Basketball:

Most Valuable Player: Brian Shafran
Most Improved Player: Maxime Manzi
Coaches’ Award: Greg Czekaj

Varsity Girls Basketball:

Most Valuable Player: Isabelle Eastham
Most Improved Player: Christine Pankow
Coaches’ Award: Sarah Wells



Success does not come without hard work and dedication on the part of student athletes, coaches, staff, administration and parent participation. I want to thank all these groups for a fine winter season. Please indulge me as I thank the coaches for their continuing work with our student athletes: Tom Shafran volunteers his time to help out our varsity boys' basketball team. Hurley Smith, Julie Vaught and Ann Pankow assisted our basketball teams for very little compensation. Coach Smith even supervises many of the open gyms. Our head coaches: Rob Griffin, Alex Popkin, Brad Boelter, Mike Brown, and Yanileth Haworth have worked countless hours this winter. Greg Vaught, Emma Clark and I have stepped in to help out where there were needs.

The staff and faculty are always pitching in with game day operations and concessions. I want to personally thank them for their efforts. Specifically, I acknowledge Jim Hart and Lindsey Zanchettin for operating the game clock for basketball games, and Kathi Magaro for helping with the basketball score books. Their efforts have allowed me to man the door for admissions for most home games this winter. Scott Clough keeps churning the bus wheels and gets our teams to away events with his good work. He also reports scores to me, so I can fulfill our obligation to the VISAA and their score reporting requirements. The energizer bunny Mary Kay McCool, is a concession guru who keeps that operation successful and adding resources to the athletic department. Parent volunteers are a huge asset to our school, concessions and otherwise. Thanks to the many hours of help our parents offer, I deposited \$1,487.25 from concessions this winter and \$518.00 in gate admissions for a total of \$2,005.25 for the winter in these two areas alone! Additional revenue has been deposited from the athletic drink machine, donations, booster t-shirt sales and rental fees.

I need to thank my student assistants for pitching in to help the department: Tim Johns, Alex Foster, Makenzie Magaro and Amanda Carroll.

Varsity Girls Basketball

Coach Mike Brown, assisted by Coach Ann Pankow led the girls to a 12-win season and state rankings in five VISAA State Division 3 polls. Team MVP and First Team All-DAC performer Isabelle Eastham sustained a shoulder injury at Quantico in late January that limited her and eventually sidelined her for the remainder of the season. This was a big blow as Isabelle was averaging a double-double in points and rebounds. In Isabelle's last game, she collided with second-leading scorer, eighth grader Maeve Dale, that resulted

in a leg injury that also finished Maeve's season. Suddenly the team was without the services of its top two scorers; but senior tri-captains Sarah Wells and Christine Pankow stepped up their offensive games to lead the team. Sarah and Christine each had season high 19-point games late in the season to keep the successful State-ranked season going. Sophomore Makenzie Magaro was the other regular starter on the team.



The season came to an end in the DAC Semi-finals at Fredericksburg Academy. Sarah won the team's Coaches' Award for her hard work and dedication. Christine was named the team's Most Improved Player. Isabelle Eastham and Maeve Dale were named to the All-DAC Division II team by the conferences coaches. All the players had to contribute when injuries shook up the line up, and the result was a 12-5 season that included victories over: Fresta Valley, the Front Royal Flames, Emmanuel Christian three times, Saint Michael's, Quantico twice, Massanutten Military Academy, Mountain View and Fredericksburg Academy. The team scored a season-high 71 points in its victory over Massanutten Military Academy. The seniors — Christine Pankow, Isabelle Eastham and Sarah Wells — have made a big impact and will be missed. Congratulations to the coaches and players for a State-ranked, winning season.

Varsity Boys Basketball

Coach Rob Griffin, Coach Tom Shafran and Coach Hurley Smith crafted another winning team despite losing Andrew Smith to graduation. Team MVP Brian Shafran highlighted his All-Conference season by scoring his 1000th career varsity point on January 24th against Riverfront Christian. Newcomer Greg Czekaj was the team's top three-point shooter. Czekaj tied Smith's school record by hitting seven three-point baskets in a victory over Saint Michael's. Czekaj joined Shafran on the All-DAC



Division 2 team and won

the team's Coaches' Award. Shot blocker and newcomer Maxime Manzi was also named All-DAC and the team's Most Improved Player. The three team award winners each were selected as Athletes of the Month at different times during the season. The teams 12 victories came over the following schools: Massanutten Military Academy, Saint John's, Emmanuel Christian twice in DAC play and once in the tournament, Quantico, Saint Michael's twice, Fredericksburg Academy, the Front Royal Flames and Mountain View. The

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Varsity Swimming:

Most Valuable Swimmer: Rachel DuMez
Most Improved Swimmer: Will Scaring
Coaches Award: Michael O'Heir

Middle School Boys Basketball:

Most Valuable Player: Tim Johns
Most Improved Player: Gage Landis
Coaches' Award: Shane O'Heir

Middle School Girls Basketball

Most Valuable Player: Tatum Vaught
Most Improved Player: Anna Clark
Coaches' Award: Madison Romine



Varsity Dance:

Most Valuable Dancer: Freya Rodriguez
Most Improved Dancer: Mary Leskovec
Coaches Award: Cynthia Rodriguez

Athletes of the Month

WCDS Athletes of the Month for November/December 2010



Greg Czekaj - Varsity Boys Basketball
This young man has been a major factor in our team's starting the season 2-1. His 3 point shooting has given the team an additional outside scoring threat. He hit five 3 point baskets during a 17 point performance in our loss to Fresta Valley to open the season and four 3 point baskets in our win on December 7th over the Front Royal Flames. He has tallied eleven 3 point

baskets on the season. He is the second leading scorer on the team averaging 12 points a game. He is a steady contributor in all phases of the game and in our school. Greg's Coach Rob Griffin had this to say about him, "It's every coach's dream to have a player like Greg on their team, both for his ability and his intangibles. In this, his first year with the team, I have already come to rely on Greg for his excellent ball handling, crisp passing and timely shooting. In addition, Greg's steady, never rattled demeanor has a calming influence on his teammates. When the game gets frantic, Greg never does." Greg also has contributed to the Varsity Swim team. Swim coach Brad Boelter said this about Greg: "Greg demonstrates consistent effort in his desire to help the team and improve his technique. Greg is an excellent team swimmer."



Isabelle Eastham - Varsity Girls Basketball
Isabelle is a co-captain of the Varsity basketball team. She averaged a double/double: 18 points and 11 rebounds in two wins to open the season. She scored 14 of our 22 first half points in the come from behind win over the Front Royal Flames. Her defense and rebounding led our team to shut out the Flames in the fourth quarter to complete the comeback victory. Coach

Mike Brown said, "Without good team defense and Isabelle, we would not have come back to beat the Flames. She scored 22 of our 33 points in the victory." Isabelle's contributions have gone beyond the basketball floor, and she continues to contribute to our school. She too has done double duty by swimming with the Varsity Swim team. Coach Brad Boelter praised Isabelle, "She brings a high level of energy to the team and had a great start at the Delaney Athletic Conference meet on December 11th."

WCDS Athletes of the Month for January 2011

Brian Shafran - Varsity Boys Basketball

This young man has been a major factor in his team's 6-1 record in the month of January. He has the pressure of being the primary guard and bringing the basketball up against pressure defenses. He hit a career milestone on the 24th of the month when he scored his 1000th varsity point in a 43-28 victory over Riverfront Christian.

WCDS Varsity Boys Basketball Coach Rob Griffin: "Brian's contributions go beyond scoring. He handles most of the team's ball-handling, and his speed and agility often allow him to break full-court presses single-handedly. He's an excellent rebounder and defensive player notching several steals a game which he often converts into fast-break points. As the point guard, he sets up our offense and distributes the ball to his teammates. Brian's contributions to Wakefield's success are all over the court."

Rachel DuMez - Varsity Swimming

Rachel had a great month in the pool. She has gone undefeated in the dual swim meet schedule individually. She has made the state qualifying cut times in four events: 100 Backstroke, 100 Butterfly, 500 Freestyle and the 200 IM. She has qualified to return to the state swim meet where she medaled last season. She continues to be a successful student athlete in the pool, classroom and school.

team finished the regular season tied for second place in the division; but, due to tie breaker procedures, were the number four seed in the DAC tournament.

The team started a line up with one senior, Ian McCool, three juniors already mentioned and freshman Alex Foster. With four returning starters, the team will look to continue its streak of winning seasons next year. The boys scored a season-high 64 points in their tournament win over Emmanuel Christian and a season-low 29 points at Tandem. We will miss our two seniors in defensive specialist Ian McCool and role player Alex Hernandez. Congratulations to the coaches and players for another winning season and a season where they received votes in five VIAAA State Division III polls.

Varsity Swimming

I state medalist



New Coach Brad Boelter came in with a splash to the swimming team. He invested a great deal of time and energy to establish a more viable program by lobbying the athletic department for financial assistance to have dedicated practice time at the WARF. Mrs. Grove and Mr. Costello agreed to help

and the team had early morning workouts twice a week with WCDS and the swimming families sharing the cost of pool time. Coach Boelter also doubled the roster from the previous season. The team had an impact on DAC swimming by tripling the number of All-DAC performers from the first year as DAC Champion Rachel DuMez (100 Backstroke and 200 IM), Conor O'Heir and Michael O'Heir all finished in the top three to earn spots on the All-DAC team. Two seniors who swam and also played basketball, Ian McCool and Isabelle Eastham, will be missed.

Rachel DuMez swam state qualifying times in four events to earn her way to the VISAA state meet. Naturally, Rachel was named the Most Valuable Swimmer. Will Scaring earned the team's Most Improved Swimmer Award and Michael O'Heir won the Coach's Award. With the "Splash" of Wakefield swimming now created, the energy of the team and Coach Boelter should carry over to another fine season next year. Congratulations to the team and Coach Boelter for a great season.

Varsity Dance

New Coach Yanileth Haworth brought a professional attitude to the dance team. She had the luxury of a veteran dancer in senior Cynthia Rodriguez to help her manage the team; but together Coach Haworth and the team entertained the crowds at halftime of varsity basketball games with their peppy routines. The girls invested a great deal of time perfecting their routines. They adjusted whenever a teammate was absent. They performed well at the DAC Cheer and Dance Performances on championship Saturday during the DAC basketball tournament. Ixel Ochoa and Cynthia Rodriguez were named to the All-DAC Dance team. Cynthia won the



team's Coach's Award and, as the lone senior, will be missed. Freya Rodriguez was named the Most Valuable Dancer for her efforts. Mary Leskovec won the team's Most Improved Dancer Award. Thank you to Coach Haworth and the girls for fine performances.

Middle School Girls Basketball

Coach Rob Griffin headed up the Middle School girls basketball team with assistance from Coach Julie Vaught and Coach Mike Costello. The roster was small with the most- experienced eighth grader starting on the varsity team. Eighth grader Madison Romine secured the defense and earned the team's Coaches' Award. Sixth grader Tatum Vaught was the primary basketball handler and stepped up earning the Most Valuable Player Award. Anna Clark was added to the roster after some attrition and contributed significantly to earn the Most Improved Player Award.

Illness impacted the season as Coach Griffin and Coach Vaught found themselves with a short bench for several games. The team's lone win came right after Christmas break over Bethel Christian, but the effort level and gains in experience can not be measured in wins and losses on the scoreboard. The eighth graders who will move on are Madison Romine, Anna Clark and Josie Hopkins. Coach Griffin's varsity basketball schedule conflicts meant that Coach Vaught stepped in to be the Head Coach on several occasions. She did a good job in this role. Congratulations to the coaches and players for a season of valuable experience and strong effort.



Middle School Boys Basketball

Most of the critical pieces of the winning 2009-2010 team moved onto the varsity basketball team, leaving only one major contributor for this season, Tim Johns. Coach Alex Popkin stepped in to coach the team in a rebuilding process. Young and less experienced players had to play to gain victories of experience. The scoreboard showed only two wins over Bethel Christian and Chelsea Academy, but did not tell the story of the season. Many young players were thrust into pressure situations that will pay dividends in future seasons. Tim Johns led the team in virtually every statistical category to include a 40+ point performance in the victory over Bethel earning him the MVP Award. Shane O'Heir's consistent effort on and off the court earned him the Coach's Award. Gage Landis' ever-improving game earned him the Most Improved Player. Tim Johns' contributions will be missed as he moves up to varsity basketball next year. Congratulations to Coach Popkin and the team for great effort and improvement over the course of the season.



Wakefield's DuMez Shatters Swim Marks

Rachel DuMez, a sophomore at Wakefield Country Day School, was named the Outstanding Female Swimmer at the VISAA Division II Swimming Invitational hosted by Seton School at the Freedom Center on February 5th. In her two individual races, DuMez, a Front Royal resident, finished first in both and shattered Conference records in the 100 Butterfly and 100 Backstroke. Her 100 Butterfly time was 1:01.29, beating the previous record by 4.71 seconds; that's a remarkable feat in a one-minute race. Her 100 Backstroke time was 1:01.89, besting the previous record by 1.4 seconds. DuMez is currently undefeated in all of her races this season. She has attained State qualifying times in the 200 Individual Medley, the 100 butterfly, the 500 freestyle and the 100 backstroke. "Rachel is a gifted swimmer who is ever striving toward excellence," said Wakefield's Athletic Director, Mike Costello. "I am not surprised she has performed this well against such a talented pool of swimmers from all over the state. Coach Brad Boelter and the swimmers have dedicated countless hours toward improving their times, and Rachel is a reflection of this work. Everyone here at Wakefield Country Day School is proud of Rachel for her accomplishments and the team for their success." The meet included Delaney Athletic Conference schools and middle to small sized schools from all over the state.



Wakefield's Shafran Scores his 1000th Point

Wakefield Country Day School junior, Brian Shafran, scored his 1,000th point in the second quarter of the Owls 43-28 victory over Riverfront Christian on January 24th. Shafran finished with 11 points to lead the team in scoring. Shafran has been a member of the varsity basketball team at WCDS since his eighth grade year. He entered the game needing four points to hit the 1,000 point mark and made a shot driving down the right side of the lane to reach this significant career mark.



Boys Basketball Head Coach Rob Griffin said, "what's remarkable about Brian is how much responsibility he has. He is our ball handler and ball distributor and even calls plays on the court. This recognition is for his scoring, but he should be known as much or more for his overall play. He is also an outstanding representative of a Wakefield student."

"It is no small feat to reach the 1,000-point mark in a varsity basketball career," said Mike Costello, Wakefield's Athletic Director. "I am honored to enjoy this accomplishment with Brian, his coaches, his teammates, his classmates and his parents. I know the hard work and dedication that is required to reach such a high goal. Brian has not been the go-to scorer most seasons, yet he has systematically worked to score and to contribute to his team's success. He has had to handle the basketball for the better part of the last two seasons which makes this accomplishment even greater, as the demands of running a team from the point guard position typically distract from a player's scoring opportunities. Brian has been an integral part of our winning teams in our recent history." Shafran joins former Owl players Pat Dale (2003-2007), who scored 2,043 points in his career, and former teammate Andrew Smith (2006-2010), who scored 1,696 points, as the only three players in school history to reach this special milestone.

Winter Events

WCDS Athletes of the Month for February 2011



Maxime Manzi- Varsity Boys Basketball This young man has been a major factor in his team's 12-6 record for the season and his team's trip to the DAC Division II semi-finals.

Maxime's influence on the basketball team was felt not just in the stat line, but also in his always positive attitude. WCDS Varsity Boys Basketball Coach Rob Griffin: "The best compliment I can give a player is that they are an excellent teammate, because being a good teammate doesn't take just athletic ability. It takes a will to compete and humility to sacrifice personal objectives for team objectives. Maxime is an excellent player, but also an excellent teammate."

Christine Pankow- Varsity Girls Basketball After losing both of the team's top two scorers to injury, Christine stepped up and took over the position of point guard on offense, and of post defender on defense. She averaged 14 points a game, eight rebounds and four assists and, perhaps most importantly of all, only four turnovers a game. She and her teammates stepped up their games, and Christine twice scored 19 points in games at the end of the season which is a career high for her. She helped her team to the DAC Division II Semi-finals and a final record of 12-5. WCDS Varsity Girls Basketball Coach Mike Brown: "Christine really stepped up her game and combined with Sarah Wells to lead the team after we lost our two all-conference players to injuries."

All - Conference Athletes

DAC II Basketball:
All-DAC Division II
 Isabelle Eastham - 1st Team
 Maeve Dale - 1st Team
 Greg Czekaj - 1st Team
 Maxime Manzi - 1st Team
 Brian Shafran - 1st Team

DAC II Dance:
All-DAC Division II
 Ixel Ochoa
 Cynthia Rodriguez

DAC Swimming:
All-DAC Division II
 Rachel DuMez - two events
 Conor O'Heir
 Michael O'Heir

Wakefield Presents Christmas Concert and Play

On Friday, December 10, Wakefield Country Day School held its annual Christmas Concert. An appreciative audience greeted the students in grades one through seven who beautifully performed their "Traditional Christmas." The Wakefield Chorus added depth and sophistication, performing several challenging numbers in beautiful harmony. The School's instrumentalists contributed as well, with an impressive number of performers and a guitar accompaniment to the entertaining first grade presentation of a folk song. The grand finale of "The Twelve Days of Christmas," complete with three live French hens, ended the concert with a Wakefield favorite! The children mastered various parts and harmonies, attending closely to their direction and demonstrating their knowledge of vocal performance. They were justifiably proud of what they had learned, and the audience, judging by its reaction, was very happy with the program.

Following the lower school concert, attendees and performers enjoyed delicious cookies provided by various Wakefield Country Day School bakers. Then many families stayed for the seventh grade production of *A Christmas Carol*. The students' mastery of their lines and scene changes impressed all, especially given the

few after school rehearsals. The students adapted the play to a setting in New Orleans with Scrooge as a mortgage banker. Adults found the jitterbug scene at Mr. Fezziwig's Christmas party, with all the twelve- and thirteen-year-olds skillfully executing swing dance moves, both surprising and entertaining.



Wakefield Holds Medieval Banquet

Students and administrators at Wakefield Country Day School held their annual Medieval festivities and Banquet on March 4th in the afternoon and evening. The School's gymnasium was transformed into a medieval village with a castle, tavern, maze, stocks and games of skill.

With all participants in era-appropriate costumes, the highlights of afternoon faire included stations where students could try their hands at stained glass making, medieval brass rubbings, leather stamping, chain mail making, period calligraphy, Viking finger weaving, herb mixing and identification.

Students also had a chance to embroider a reproduction 'Bayeaux Tapestry'-depicting scenes from the famous tapestry chronicling William the Conqueror's conquest of England, try on hand made chain mail shirts, participate in a knife throwing and archery tournament, fight head to head in full (leather) armor using realistic foam swords, fire a trebuchet (medieval catapult), run an

obstacle course which included crawling through a secret passage in a 15-foot tall barbian gatehouse and run in the crowd



favorite, pancake races. Students could purchase a variety of savories including apple fritters made from a 14th century recipe at the Captive Hart Tavern.

The Banquet followed. All diners ate off trenchers (wooden or pewter plates or bowls) with no other utensils. The meal was a feast of spit-grilled beef (cooked on the front lawn), ham, whole roasted chickens, spiced venison pies, a selection of quiches and pickles, herbed popovers, cheesecake, spiced honey cakes, wafer cookies, fruit tarts, meringues and fresh fruits and cheeses.

After the Banquet, students from the 8th grade class provided the evening's entertainment. Earl Timothy of Wakefield

Castle (Tim Johns) and his lovely wife, Lady Lileth (Lily Lauben), foiled an attempt to murder her hatched by her jealous sister (Madison Romine) and carried out by two bumbling assassins (Chris Payne and Sam Mullany). The skit included several poisonings, a rollicking sword fight sequence and trial by hot oil.

Others in the play, as members of the Court or Castle Guards, were Amy Chaddock, Anna Clark, Maeve Dale, Josie Hopkins, Jessica Leskovec, Willow Lynn, Ixel Ochoa, Ashlyn Ramey, Ashley Rhein, Freya Rodriguez, Karis Tschopp, Harper Van Ness and Seong Won.

Alumni News

Wakefield Alumni Take Silver Bucket Game

In a spirited contest with an appreciative crowd, Wakefield Country Day School's Alumni team defeated a team of current boys and girls players 43-21 on Sunday afternoon in the School's gymnasium. In doing so, they were awarded the traditional Silver Bucket as winners of the annual Jon Lee Memorial Silver Bucket Game.

In the winter of 1982, Lee helped to start the Wakefield boys' basketball team by letting them practice that year in his warehouse while the gymnasium was being built. He arranged the first game with alumni and both conceived the award and presented the first bucket to the student winners. The game has been played every year since then. Lee's name was added to the award in 2009, after he passed away.

The Alumni team was led by the defense, rebounding and 3-point shooting of 2010 graduate **Andrew Smith '10**. Freshman Alex Foster and seniors Isabelle Eastham and Ian McCool were standout players for the student team. The game was close for one quarter, but the older team broke it open in the second quarter. Their experience and unselfishness produced marvelous interior passes that led to easy lay-ups and bunny shots.

Playing for the Alumni team were **Todd Landis '84, John Piper '84, Colby Cowherd '95, Charles Cowherd '99, Paul Beatty '04, Jesse Paul '05, Ben Luke '07, Patrick Brown '10, Christian Martinez '10,**

Cooper Weir '10 and Smith.

Kathleen Grove, Head of School, presided over the event and made the trophy presentation. Athletic Director Mike Costello was the Game Official. Mark Dick and Tom Shafran were guest referees.

Scripps Research Scientist Publishes Paper

Scripps Research Institute scientists have identified two proteins with potential to be important targets for research into a wide range of health problems. The study was published in Science Express, the online edition of the journal Science, in September.

Scientists studying a variety of fields -- pain and touch, hearing, sensing blood pressure, and so forth -- have been hunting for these types of proteins for a long time.

"Over the past 10 to 15 years," one said, "researchers have described ion channels, fast-signaling proteins, which are activated by shifts in temperature and are required for thermosensation. However, until now we did not know the identity of these proteins that sense force or pressure."

The authors of this paper included Manuela Schmidt, Taryn J. Earley, **Sanjeev Ranade '99**, and Adrienne E. Dubin of the Scripps Research Institute Department of Cell Biology.





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Wakefield benefits from the volunteer service of a wealth of parents and friends. For their devotion and support we offer thanks to the following:

- Lisa Cieplak thanks Regina Miller, who volunteered for the Winter Open House, as well as the many student volunteers for that important event
- Mike Costello thanks Mary Kay McCool for coordinating concessions, Tom Shafran who volunteers his time to assist the Varsity Boys Basketball team, Jim Hart and Lindsey Zanchettin for keeping the scoreboard for basketball games and announcing at them, and Kathi Magaro for keeping the scorer's book for Varsity Basketball games.
- Scott Clough thanks all those parents who volunteer as lunch servers.
- Julie Vaught thanks Joanne Smith who, as a volunteer, is a "lifesaver."
- Rebecca Ernest would like to thank each 3rd grade parent who assisted with class projects, field trips, and events throughout the school day.
- Lisa Ramey thanks community volunteers who helped seniors with their thesis projects; they are: Greg Rushford, David Hilty, and Steve Carroll.
- Kim Shafran thanks Trish Mullins for her generosity and willingness to always lend a hand.
- Welby Griffin thanks the following for work on the Medieval Fair and Banquet: Paula Salak for face painting, Renee Nolan and Jenn Phillippe for working at booths, Kathy McNitt for help cleaning up, Debbie DuMez for help with just about everything, the Corbett family for its donation of hay bales, and the many other folks who helped out in assorted ways.
- Jennifer Thede would like to thank all of the first grade parents for their participation in planning both the Christmas and Valentine's parties and for all the fine treats that the students enjoyed.

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volunteers, led by Emily Frost and Janelle Murray, is organizing the event. Other members of the Committee are Janet Clark, Suzanne Corbett, Alice Cotter, Stacy Deane, Susan Jordan, Mary Liles, Trish Mullins, Sarah Scaring, Joanne Smith, and Jacqueline Summers.

The Committee has been gathering items for the Auction. As well, they are planning the décor, the meal and the other elements of the evening's activities. Students from the Key Club will help at the Auction as raffle sellers, waiters and item organizers.

Class parents assist with the effort by creating Class baskets that are popular auction items. All of the School's students participate as they produce art works that are sold over the course of the evening. One group Art project sold last year for \$1,000 and was then generously donated back to the School.

Funds raised at the Auction will benefit students through the financial aid program; they will also be used for building and equipment enhancements.

With questions about the Auction, please contact Jim Hart at the School at extension 231.

Congratulations!

Math teacher Dr. Elizabeth Scoville and her family welcomed Emily Marcela Scoville on Sunday, February 20th, at 1:52 a.m. She was a healthy 7 lb 9 oz. baby. "Everything went really well, a natural birth with no complications," reported Elizabeth. WCDS teachers, parents and students offer their congratulations and cannot wait to meet Emily!

