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Italy in December

Between this past Thanksgiving and Christmas, St. Andrew's High School (accompanied by two teachers) traveled Italy for eleven days, on a cultural and academic trip spanning North to South.

The trip began in Rome, where the group met up with Father Avram Brown, a native of Clear Creek, just four miles from St. Andrew's. Father Brown helped them learn some important aspects of an Italian city, such as how to validate bus tickets, and where to find the best gelato. They also visited the Pantheon and toured the Colosseum.

From Rome they traveled to the hill town of Orvieto, where Dr. John Skillen of Gordon College coordinates the Gordon in Orvieto Program. He addressed the students in the Duomo of Orvieto about the history of the cathedral and of the town.

Orvieto was followed by the canal-city of Venice. The group found a delicious restaurant in the Piazza Santa Margarita, and worshiped with Father Bowden of the Anglican Church of St. George's, singing services

of evensong and the Holy Communion.

After Venice came Florence and her museums. The group saw Michelangelo's David in the Accademia, and the Uffizi's works by Giotto, Fra Angelico,

da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael, and Caravaggio. The Duomo of Florence had been studied previously by the students and so was especially a highlight.

Last on the trip was Salerno, south of Naples, and Pompeii. The group was glad for some warmer weather, although the rain stayed with them even there. At Pompeii they had the rare opportunity to

walk down streets and enter houses and baths which were last in use during the first century AD. There were even the casts of people who had died when the city was covered by ash and rubble.

The trip was full and exciting, and teachers and students alike would love to return. Please be on the lookout for the special edition publication from the St. Andrew's Media Club and for their online review of the trip.



St. Andrew's Students at the Vatican. l-r Sarah Waterman, Miss Allison Steinberg, JoAnna Waterman, Rebekah Waterman, Elena Salvatore, Joseph Salvatore, Serena Howe, Andrew Bradley, Shelby Howe, Amanda Kelley.

St. Andrew's Choir Sings With Susanville Symphony

For the second year in a row, the St. Andrew's Academy Choir was invited to sing with the Susanville Symphony at the Symphony's Christmas Concert. As well as singing compositions by John Williams, the highlight for the chorister was singing the pieces arranged just for them and the orchestra by the Symphony's conductor, Benjamin Wade.

The choir joined the orchestra in the second half of the concert and started with the Coventry Carol (which dates to the 1500's), a song written for the Feast of the Holy Innocents, which occurs during the 12 days of Christmas. The holy innocents were those boy children two and under who were killed by King Herod in his mad frenzy to kill the Christ Child.

Next followed another old carol, the Huron Indian Carol, dating back to 1643. When Jesuit missionary, Father Jean de Brébeuf, served the Huron Indians in Canada, living with them and learning their language, he wrote the carol using an old French melody. The original title was "Jesous Ahatonhia" ("Jesus, he is born").

Mr. Wade also arranged "The Little Drummer Boy" for choir and orchestra, and this was the encore for the concert. He modeled this arrangement upon Ravel's Bolero, in which a single instrument

begins the song, followed by another, and another, until the entire orchestra is playing at full volume. In little drummer boy, a single snare-drum was the appropriate first instrument, played pianissimo at first, but at full-blast by the end.

Three sold-out audiences greatly enjoyed these choral pieces, and Mr.

Wade said how much he enjoyed arranging music for the St. Andrew's Academy Choir. The choristers enjoyed themselves also, the little ones practically sitting in the bells of the French Horns. The Choir looks forward to singing again with the orchestra, perhaps in the Winter of 2009.



First Winter Ball at the Academy!

January 25th is the big night. The first ever Winter Ball at St. Andrew's Academy. The high school students were excited about the idea, and they did the planning, with just a little help from faculty and parents.

Though it was a very snowy night, students and guests, including parents and faculty, showed up with their dancing shoes on, ready to tear into the Virginia Reel or the Posties or maybe just float along while dancing a gentle waltz.

Middle School students and up were invited and all the students had been practicing dances for the three weeks prior to the Ball. A good time was had by all; don't be surprised if the Seniors come back next year and crash. Of course the Juniors will no doubt send an invitation!



Bekah Waterman dances with Joe Salvatore while Serena Howe and Elena Salvatore show off their masks

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An Academic Calendar insert for *The Standard*.

Upcoming Events at St. Andrew's Academy for the month of
January / February, 2008

Call the school for more information, 596-3343

First week of Hilary Term

Wednesday, 1/2, through Friday, 1/4

Practices for the Winter Ball

Wednesday 1/9, 1/16, and 1/23 from 3:10 - 4:10

These are opportunities to become familiar with some of the dances prior to our ball.

First Annual St. Andrew's Academy Winter Ball

For High-school and Middle-school students

Friday, 1/25, 8:00 PM

Location to be determined

Study Hall and Grammar Field Trip

Fri., 2/1, 7:35 am - 11:30 am

3rd form and up will have study hall in preparation for Midterms.

1st & 2nd form will be on a field trip. Details to be announced.

Hilary Midterms

Mon., 2/4 - Thurs., 2/7

Grammar school will have modified schedule.

Please pick first form students up between 12:15 - 12:45 pm

St. Andrew's Ski Day

Fri., 2/8, meet at the school at 7:00 am

We will ski all day at the Mt. Shasta Ski Park and then stop in Burney for pizza on the way home.

Bring a sack lunch and money for gas, lift tickets, and pizza.

Hilary Lectures

Saturday, 2/16, 7:00 pm, Location TBD.

Mr. Ken Myers will be presenting this year's Hilary Lectures. He is the author of the book, *All God's Children and Blue Suede Shoes*, which has been a text for our high school philosophy class, and is president of Mars Hill Audio. A more complete biography can be found at

<http://www.marshillaudio.org/about/myersbio.asp/>

Parents and 3rd form students and up are expected to attend.

Winter Choral Concert

Fri., 2/22, 7:00 pm, Chester Methodist Church.

Please have choir members in uniform with robes in hand at 6:15 pm.

First and Second Form Field Trip

North State Symphony

Tue., 2/26, meet at 9:00 am at Laxson Auditorium, Cal State Chico Campus.

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