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Winter Ball at St. Andrew's Academy

The St. Andrew's community held its third annual Winter Ball this January, welcoming not only St. Andrew's students and many of their friends, but also parents, the many alumni who were back for the holidays, and, this year for the first time, the students of Lake Almanor Christian School.

The dances were varied, from individual waltzes, in the ballroom style, and group reels (such as the Virginia Reel), to the foxtrot and swing, line dancing, and even some salsa pieces. A longtime favorite of the students has been the Posties' Jig, a lively dance for groups of eight; and also Casino Rouetta, a group salsa dance.

This year St. Andrew's was glad to invite Lake Almanor Christian School to the ball. Four young men from LACS prepared an entertaining break dance routine, which was quite a hit! Their matching white tuxedos with tails added great pizzazz.

It is always encouraging to see alumni during the holidays, and their presence is especially appreciated at the Winter Ball. Of the eight alumni to attend, Mr. Marc Duval, who interned for St. Andrew's this last summer, was the oldest. He sported his dress uniform, having just finished basic training in the Army in November.



Hilary Lectures 2010

Many ideas which we hold are so ingrained, so unnoticed, so natural to ourselves, that we don't even realize we hold them. Fr. John Boonzaaijer, Rector of Chapel of the Cross, Dallas, Texas, visited St. Andrew's Academy this January for the annual Hilary Lectures, and chose one or two of those common and dearly held notions to discuss and critique.

The first one he brought up was the idea most of us hold that

"I will shape myself." Isn't this just a natural way of thinking, and one that most people have held through all time? And surely it's in keeping with reality, isn't it?

But in fact, said our speaker, no, it is not. Many things are shaping us from the outside constantly: friends, books, enter-

tainment, spaces. The question is just "How do they shape us?" And maybe the thing that shapes us most is the ordering of our time. How are our hours—days—weeks—years structured? What bearing does this have upon our lives, and specifically upon the growth of a Christian in holiness? This last question in particular was the focus of Fr. Boonzaaijer's address in January.

The Christian year is marked at frequent and regular intervals with scheduled worship, scheduled fasting, and scheduled celebration. A parishioner who follows the church calendar with faithfulness has the opportunity to walk in Christ's steps through the year, so to speak. The church calendar begins with Advent; then Christmas; then Epiphany, Lent, Easter; finally the long "Trinity" season of settled growth. This is ordered time, and can have great positive effect upon



the Christian. In addition, this structuring of the year "provides believers the opportunity to fulfill their religious duties regularly."

But this can strike the modern mind as "inauthentic." Not so, said Fr. Boonzaaijer. This is just how God has chosen to grow his

people, and can be embraced with a good conscience through all our various ups and downs of feeling, inclination, and emotion.

The St. Andrew's community enjoyed Fr. Boonzaaijer's visit—even if they can never spell his name—and would love to have him back again! A recording of his address, with more pictures, is available at <http://www.standrewsacademy.org>.

Engagements!!

Miss Nicole de Martimprey, St. Andrew's first graduate, will also be the first alum to be married, this April. She has studied classics, spent a lot of time serving God's children in Africa and in India, taught two years for St. Andrew's Academy, hooted for owls in Plumas and Lassen National forests (you'll have to ask her about this personally) and moved to Dallas, Texas in order to fall in love with Jason and study midwifery.



Above, Miss Nicole de Martimprey & Mr. Jason Staniger; Below, Miss Amanda Kelley & Mr. Andrew Bradley

Two of the students who had Miss de Martimprey for a teacher actually managed to get engaged before she did. Andrew Bradley popped the big question to Amanda Kelley on Christmas Day and we were all relieved that she said yes. Andrew and Mandy, affectionately known as Mandrew to their fellow alumni, are both studying at California State University, Monterey, where they don't have to deal with snow, but are still close enough for regular visits on campus where we enjoy their joining us in choir rehearsals and even dinners. The date is further off, but we look forward to their nuptials.

Lots of parties ahead for St. Andrew's grads, students, and faculty!!



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An Academic Calendar insert for *The Standard*.

Upcoming Events at St. Andrew's Academy for the months of

February 2010 through April 2010

Please call the school if you need more information.

Week of February 1-4
Hilary Midterm Exams

Thursday, February 4
Colloquy

Our own Shelby Howe shares pictures and stories regarding his recent trip to the Holy Land

Friday, February 5
No School

Saturday, February 6
All School Ski Trip to Shasta

Wednesday, February 17
Grammar School Field Trip
Afro-Caribbean Vocals & Percussion, Chico State Univ.

Friday, February 26
Winter Concert
Chester Methodist, 7:00 pm

Friday, March 12
Protocol Lunch
St. Andrew's Academy,
12:00-2:00 pm

Week of March 15-18
Hilary Term Final Exams

March 18-23
Spring Break Service and Cultural Trip for MS and HS Students; watch for details

March 18-28
Spring Break

Monday, March 29
Easter Term Begins

Maundy Thursday, April 1
No School

Good Friday, April 2
No School

Easter Monday, April 5
No School

Saturday, April 10
Miss de Martimprey's Wedding

Friday, April 23
Open House
St. Andrew's Academy
5:00-8:00 pm

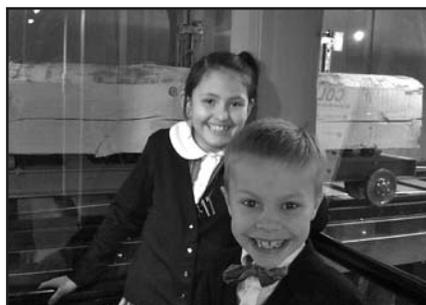
Week of April 26-29
Easter Midterm Exams

Collins Pine Field Trip

by Sophia Williams and Aidan Foos, 2nd Form students.

We were so excited to go to the Collins Pine Museum. There was a chain saw, lots of wood, and a logging train. It was miniature size and we could make it go back and forth. Our tour guide, Mr. Terry Collins, has been in the lumber business for quite awhile. All of us were free to go look around. We watched a movie about the forest and preserving animals. The movie also talked about the different job descriptions to keep our forest safe. We even saw really old pictures and a

huge mural of the oldest tree in the Collins Forest. Some of our favorite parts of the field trip were the old chain saw (it was so neat to look at), the movie, and the logging train. If you get a chance, go to the Collins Pine Museum. It is very interesting!



Help With Fund-raising

England Trip:

St. A's High School students are selling gourmet coffee to help raise funds for the England trip this coming June. We have a Winter Blend and a Regular Blend in both caffeinated and decaf. Both are South American Coffees. The Winter Blend is very popular this year and the Regular Blend has been very popular in past fund-raisers. \$12.00 per bag plus shipping. Please call (530-596-3343) or email (admin@standrewsacademy.org) the school to make an order.

Ordo Calendars:

Whithorn Press has its 2010 Ordo Calendars available! Whithorn Press raises funds to keep St. Andrew's Academy's photocopier working and available for use by the faculty and staff. The photos this year are of American Churches. Please call the school (530-596-3343) or visit the Whithorn Press website (whithornpress.com) to order. Suggested donation is \$12.00 to \$14.00 per calendar plus shipping.

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