



The Torch

Second Semester 2010

Graduation 2010



Front Row L to R: Shelsie Pollock, Miriam Ynostrosa, Carissa Carbajal, Tabitha Weekes, Gema Gonzalez, Kathryn Brann, & Jessica Caswell.

Middle Row L to R: Cory Caswell, Cameron Goodwin, Gabe Molinar, Oscar Davila, Doug Klopfenstein, Joshua Avalos, & Brendon Noble.

Back Row L to R: Edmund Peterson, Josh Smith, Cameron Moore, Tim Pierce, James Edwards, Clint Bishop, & Alex Rincker.

Graduation weekend was filled with excitement. It began with the performance of the grad play *Johnny Unforgettable* presented by director John Marlin and the drama class on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Friday evening services began with a presentation by Given Freedom, a student initiated drama group. Matt Ijames, class of '99, brought us the evening message.

Sabbath was filled with activities. It began with the baccalaureate service. Dan Camero, the grandfather of graduate Gabe Camero, delivering the message. The Year In Review after lunch and the Sound and Action concert in the evening rounded out the day.

Sunday, graduation day, dawned bright and clear. After the twenty-one seniors were seated on the stage co-valedictorians Brendon Noble and Alex Rincker gave their speeches. This was followed by the commencement address given by Brother Omar

Mellado. The blessing of the class on 2010 by Pastor Max Morrow was a special time of prayer with each graduate surrounded by his or her family.

Following the blessing, Director Mark Caswell presented Alex Rincker with the Student of the Year award, and Whaid Rose, General Conference President, presented Brendon Noble and Alex Rincker with the General Conference Scholarship awards and Alex Rincker with the Spiritual Leadership award.

Finally, the diplomas were presented by Nathan Coulson, chairman of the SVA board, and Mark Caswell. Leaving the gym to the music of "Goodbye," the graduates of 2010 completed their high school years. Congratulations to Joshua Avalos, Clint Bishop, Kathryn Brann, Carissa Carbajal, Cory Caswell, Jessica Caswell, Oscar Davila, James Edwards, Gema Gonzalez, Cameron Goodwin, Doug Klopfenstein Jr., Gabe Molinar, Cameron Moore, Brendon Noble, Edmund Peterson, Timothy Pierce, Shelsie Pollock, Alex Rincker, Joshua Smith, Tabitha Weekes, and Miriam Ynostrosa. May God bless and guide you.

Ski Trip

By Joshua Avalos & Clint Bishop

Waking up early and loading the bus with its frost covered windows can only mean one thing on a February morning - Ski Trip! Students had been long awaiting this opportunity to spend the day riding the slopes and carving up the mountain, especially those that had never had the opportunity to ski or snowboard before.

We arrived at Caberfae Ski Resort at 10:00 am and got our equipment for the day. It was chilly with snow falling occasionally throughout the day, but the weather was great for zooming down the slopes.



It takes a while to get the hang of snowboarding.

The veteran riders headed for the top of the mountain, while the beginners started on the bunny hill with a few brave souls willing to take the expert slope for the first time. Throughout the day students could come into the warmth of the cozy lodge to warm up and to have a nice lunch provided by SVA. The entire trip was filled with fun and memories that will not be forgotten by anyone.



The more experienced snowboarders enjoyed the jumps.

Winterfest 2010

By Carissa Carbajal & Miriam Ynostrosa



This year's Senior Class. Back row L to R: Joshua Avalos, Miriam Ynostrosa, Alex Rincker, Doug Klopfenstein, Tabitha Weekes, Cameron Goodwin, Cameron Moore, Carissa Carbajal, Kathryn Brann, Jessica Caswell, Gema Gonzalez, & Tim Pierce. Front row L to R: Clint Bishop, Brendon Noble, Oscar Davila, Edmund Peterson, Gabe Molinar, Josh Smith, & James Edwards.

Spring Vale's annual Winterfest Banquet was held Sunday evening, February 21st. This year's theme was "Midnight Masquerade." There were handcrafted masks at every table as the centerpieces and red and black accents everywhere. Mr. Camero made a huge mask out of styrofoam as a backdrop for photographs.

The variety of masks worn were amazing. Some masks were store bought but many were handmade and very elaborate. Shelsie Pollock won the award for the best girl's mask, Gabriel Molinar won for the best guy's mask, and Mr. and Mrs. Camero were voted as the best-dressed couple over all.

A luscious chocolate fountain kept everyone happy and busy while waiting for the spaghetti dinner to be served. Everyone had a great time. Thank you to the Senate and all the volunteers who worked hard to make this year's banquet a success.

Flames Classic

By Ashley Briggs & Brendon Noble

This year's Flames Classic was all that was expected and more! Spring Vale hosted three teams: Fellowship Baptist Falcons, Battle Creek Academy Tigers, and the Capitol City Baptist Cougars. On February 11th, the first night of the Classic, there were two games. In the first game the Tigers took on the Falcons. The Tigers were down by over fifteen points in the second half, but came back to take the lead with less than two minutes left in the fourth quarter. The Falcons never gave up though, and ended up winning the game by shooting seventeen out of eighteen shots from the free throw line. The second game wasn't nearly as close



Back row L to R: Coach Coulson, Doug Klopfenstein, Coach Miller, Gabe Hernandez, Alex Rincker, Gabe Molinar, Nate Arend (hidden), Joshua Avalos, James Edwards, Zac Patchen & Kelen Caswell.
Front row L to R: Devin Caswell, Cory Caswell, Brendon Noble & Isaac Coulson.

a game. The Cougars kept it close until the second half, but the Cougars couldn't put out the Flames. The Flames ran away with the game and won by twenty points.

The championship and consolation games took place on February 13th. The Tigers battled the Cougars for third place, and the Flames took on the Falcons for the championship. It was a crazy night. The Tigers came out roaring and led the Cougars by twenty-seven points at the end of the first quarter. Everyone thought the game was over, but the Cougars crept back into it and ended up losing by only five points. The championship game had all the fans on their feet. It was a close game all the way to the end. It all came down to free throws. Spring Vale freshman, Gabe Hernandez, made six free throws in a row to put the game away with the Flames winning fifty-five to forty-nine. For the first time in five years the Spring Vale Academy Flames brought home the first place trophy.

January and February Students of the Month

By Jessica Caswell, Shelsie Pollock, & James Edwards



January's Student of the Month is Gabriel Molinar. Gabe lives in Owosso, Michigan, and has been attending Spring Vale since his sophomore year. He has contributed to both the soccer and the basketball team, and he is also an active member of Sound and choir. Gabe also contributes to the worship teams and has taken several opportunities to speak to the student body. Gabe is a very positive influence to Spring Vale and has been a blessing to everyone.

"I have really enjoyed having Gabe in my classes," says Mrs. Olds.

Spring Vale Academy's February Student of the Month was awarded to Emily Curran, a junior from Junction City, Oregon. A first year student, Emily has been a player on the varsity volleyball and girls' basketball teams. She was a

Junior Senate Representative and also a member of the choir. Emily works everyday tutoring students in Math, putting her AP Calculus to excellent use.

Emily's demonstrates a great attitude in her schooling, work, and many other activities. When students were asked what really describes Emily they answered with "Awesome, patient and helpful, warm and caring, and a superstar!"

Math teacher, Miss Karen Janetzke, said, "I very much appreciate Emily's hard work in Calculus and her willingness to help other students."

Keep up the fine work, Emily!



Varsity Basketball

By Gema Gonzalez & Josh Smith



Back row L to R: Kelen Caswell, Gabe Molinar, Joshua Avalos, Alex Rincker, Coach Paul Coulson, Brendon Noble, Zac Patchen, & Coach Loren Miller.
Front row L to R: Devin Caswell, Cory Caswell, Doug Klopfenstein, Isaac Coulson, James Edwards, Gabe Hernandez, & Nate Arend.

“SVA for Jesus is our earnest prayer. SVA for Jesus, at home, at school, at play, and everywhere. We'll tell the world of life in Jesus; He is all our song. There is all you need in Jesus. Won't you come along?” How can anyone forget the Flames singing this at the end of a well played game?

The Varsity Boys' Basketball did an excellent job this season. As Joshua Avalos stated, “Don't mess with success.” That statement alone sums up the success of their season which was due to the talent of all their players and the excellent guidance of Coach Paul Coulson and Assistant Coach Loren Miller.

This year's varsity team included team captains Joshua Avalos, Brendon Noble, and Alex Rincker, all seniors, and senior teammates, Cory Caswell, James Edwards, Gabe Molinar, and Doug Klopfenstein; juniors, Devin Caswell and Zac Patchen; sophomores, Isaac Coulson and Nate Arend (swing players); and freshman, Gabe Hernandez (swing player). The Flames did an excellent job winning 12 out of the 14 games played.

The highlight of the season was winning first place in the Flames Classic. It has been an unforgettable year for all the players and fans!

Junior Varsity Basketball

By Edmund Peterson & Tim Pierce

Spring Vale Academy's junior varsity basketball team had a fairly good year considering how young the team was. The team was led by Coach Loren Miller, Assistant Coach Kelen Caswell, and Captains Nate Arend and Isaac Coulson, sophomores, and freshman Gabe Hernandez. The team included sophomores, Jordon Bustos and Isaac Molinar; freshmen Noe Jarillo and Evan Schmitz, eighth grader, Doug Camero; seventh graders Ben Noble and Kyle Schmitz; and sixth grader, Abel Molinar.

Coach Loren Miller had this to say about his team, “Overall it was a good season. We had a lot of young players step up. If they work hard this off season we should come back just as strong next season.” Second year player Isaac Molinar said this, “I think the season went well wish we did a little better but overall it was a blast playing with you guys.”

First year player Noe Jarillo remarked, “This season of basketball was the best because it was a new and fun experience. All the players were helpful, and I want to say thank you to the best two coaches, Coach Coulson and Coach Loren Miller. They helped on the court and off, too.”

Finally JV captain Isaac Coulson had this to say: “For a young team, we did well. For the future, we are going to be greater.”

So, JVB this year had a good season and hopes that next year's season will be better.



Back row L to R: Coach Loren Miller, Noe Jarillo, Nate Arend, Kyle Schmitz, Doug Camero, Evan Schmitz, Gabe Hernandez, and Coach Kelen Caswell.
Front row L to R: Isaac Molinar, Jordan Bustos, Isaac Coulson, Abel Molinar, & Ben Noble.

Girls' Basketball

By Azalie Belnavis & Azael Garcia



Back row L to R: Cathryn Caswell, Amber Noble, Coach Caswell, Azalie Belnavis, & Emily Curran.
Front row L to R: Molly Nienhuis, Stefanie Kendrick, Tabitha Weekes, Ariana Fauth, & Jessica Caswell

With the guidance of Coaches Mark Caswell and Tracy Kendrick the girls' basketball team improved over last year with a season record of 4-8. Everyone on the team portrayed fierce attitudes and hard work. The players of the 2009-2010 season were seniors Jessica Caswell, Gema Gonzalea, and Tabitha Weekes, juniors Ariana Fauth, Emily Curran, and Azalie Belnavis, sophomores Stefanie Kendrick, Molly Nienhuis, and Amber Noble, and freshman Cathryn Caswell. The team will greatly miss the input that the senior players gave our team.

When asked about the team, Coach Caswell remarked, "The girls got along well and worked well together. That translated into more wins than we have had in a long time. I also think we established a

great foundation that we can build on for the future."

We had our ups and downs, but through it all, we were in it to win. Even if we won or lost, we still gave God the glory. Great job girls!

March and April Students of the Month



March's Student of the Month was Clint Bishop. Clint is a senior from Tecumseh, Oklahoma. He attended SVA the first semester of his sophomore year and returned to graduate with his friends. Clint is in choir and on the yearbook staff. He is a responsible student and a role model to the underclassmen. We are glad that he returned to be a part of the SVA class of 2010.

April's Student of the Month is junior Steven Roman from Willis, Texas. This is his first year at Spring Vale. Steven was a member of the soccer team, choir, and Sound and Action. Steven enjoys being at SVA and is looking forward to being here for his senior year.

Congratulations Clint and Steven!



Alumni Weekend 2010

By Kathryn Brann & Shelsie Pollock



The alumni gathered for a group picture after the alumni program Sabbath afternoon.

Spring Vale Academy has had students attending since 1948 and has impacted many people's lives since the opening of what started in the old white farm house and has now spread to five separate buildings. Some students come to SVA for all four years of high school; they come and leave with more than they ever thought they could receive. People who attend for all four years and even those that do not, grow in Christ, earn a real education, and gain friendships that last a life time. The friends you go to Spring Vale with become like family; you go through an entire period of your life as a teenager with these students, staff, and church families, and in return they have a piece of your heart and all your trust, although it can be hard, with students coming from many states in our nation, to main-

tain those relationships. Beginning in the spring of 1975, Spring Vale Academy has hosted the annual Alumni weekend where anyone that has ever attended the school may come and fellowship with old classmates, participate in games against the SVA teams, and visit family.

This year, alumni weekend was held March 19th – 21st and started off with Friday night service, where Pastor Bruce Noble ('77) gave an inspirational message titled "Growing in the Faith." Immediately following the service, alumni and students hustled into the cafeteria and rec center for the Friday evening snack, where everyone could be found catching up and playing games. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship.

Over 200 alumni, along with current students, families, and local church members filled the chapel Sabbath morning. Pastor Tim Endecott ('77), from the Marion, Iowa church, delivered a powerful message about forgiveness. After the morning services, the Owosso Church hosted a potluck lunch in the cafeteria, where people were able to visit and enjoy one another's company over delicious food.

At 3 o'clock that afternoon, the Spring Vale alumni service was held in the chapel, led by Leticia ('87) and Manny Molinar ('86). They kept the crowd laughing and up beat the entire time. The program included several specials and a fantastic slide show, by Christie Camero ('93), that took alumni back in time to the 50's and moved forward to the present. It brought laughs, tears, and cherished memories that they will cherish for their entire lives, especially the dedication to Brother Wes Coulson ('55) who passed away on January 1, 2010.

Following dinner, Sound and Action 2009-2010 opened up their spring tour with several songs and skits. The choir and drama classes also presented a couple of specials. The students did an amazing job. The evening ended with the alumni women vs. Lady Flames basketball game. Although the alumni put up a good fight, the SVA girls pulled it out and won.

Sunday started bright and early with the alumni women playing a volleyball game to warm up for the afternoon game against the SVA volleyball team. The SVA girls started strong winning the first two games, but the morning practice paid off for the alumni who won the last three games and pulled out the only alumni win of the weekend.

It was now the men's turn to battle it out in a friendly game of basketball. With the varsity's record looking really good this year the alumni were feeling a bit frightened. The game was neck and neck almost the entire time, but our SVA flames pulled it out and continued their great record.

Alumni weekend ended with the busy Mexican Fundraiser dinner put on by the Spring Vale Juniors. They served delicious tacos by the phenomenal chef Isabelle James with a variety of desserts brought by the sponsors.

The busy weekend finally came to a close, and everyone said goodbye to their friends and family. It was filled with memories and laughter that will never be forgotten. We are thankful to all who came, and we can't wait to see all of you and more back again next year!

Youth Rally

By Kathryn Brann & Oscar Davila

On February 6, 2010, SVA hosted its second youth rally of the school year and kicked it off with a big bang. We had praise and worship along with fun and games with the other churches from around the area. The worship team consisted of Taylor Morrow, Cory Caswell, Jessica Caswell, Devin Caswell, Stefanie Kendrick, Oscar Davilla, Gabe Molinar, and Azael Garcia. "I really enjoyed lifting up the name of Christ and playing for the students and adults," says Azael Garcia. These students put forth their musical talents to lift up the Lord in a wonderful time of worship.



Students worshipping in song.

Along with the worship team, Given Freedom, a volunteer group of students, presented two skits: "Praise God for His great love," and "Everything." The speakers for the service were Gabe Molinar, Matt Ijames, and Caleb Noble. These men spoke about rebellion and stepping out and rebelling to the ways of the world. The day concluded with games and a movie.



Caleb Noble (SVA graduate of 2004) shares a message with the youth.

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BIRTHDAYS

<u>February</u>		<u>May</u>	
Becky Kendrick	3	David Arroyo	10
Manny Molinar	4	Christie Camero	12
Amber Noble	9	Aaron Coulson	14
Tabitha Weekes	10	Devin Caswell	19
Pam Noble	22	Nathan Arend	27
		Tracy Kendrick	29
		Leticia Molinar	31
<u>March</u>		<u>June</u>	
Ely Garcia	7	Cory Caswell	8
Scott Fischer	9	Karen Janetzke	10
Oscar Davila	14	John Camero	10
Joshua Avalos	19	Ashley Briggs	12
Christian Perry	20	Alex Arroyo	26
Emily Curran	22		
Tim Pierce	33	<u>July</u>	
James Patchen	24	Jeff Smith	6
Liz Fischer	29	Sister Morrow	7
Julie Forker	30	Cathryn Caswell	9
		Patrick Siddens	10
<u>April</u>		Kyle Brisendine	10
Lisa Hinds	9	Sarah Baker	16
Pastor Morrow	11	Brendon Noble	23
Duane Peterson	14	Mark Caswell	26
Noe Jarillo	15	Azalie Belnavis	27
Elizabeth Baker	18	Stefanie Kendrick	29
Zac Patchen	23		