



Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

A Catholic community building 21st century leaders in the Ursuline and Marianist traditions.



December 2010 eNewsletter



VASJ on Fox 8 News

On December 15, 2010, Fox 8 News came to VASJ's Campus to learn more about our use of Independent Study Days. As the state of Ohio prepares to eliminate school calamity days next year, VASJ is using technology so students and teachers can attend school virtually when it isn't possible to attend physically.

During the 2010-2011 school year, VASJ has used "Independent Study Days" on three occasions, two of which occurred during last week's severe winter weather. Using a School Information System, Schoology, Independent Study Days allow the students at VASJ to receive and complete assignments online and allows the day to still count as a regular school day.

The piece aired on Fox 8 News at both the six and ten o'clock segments. If you missed it, you can [view it here](#).

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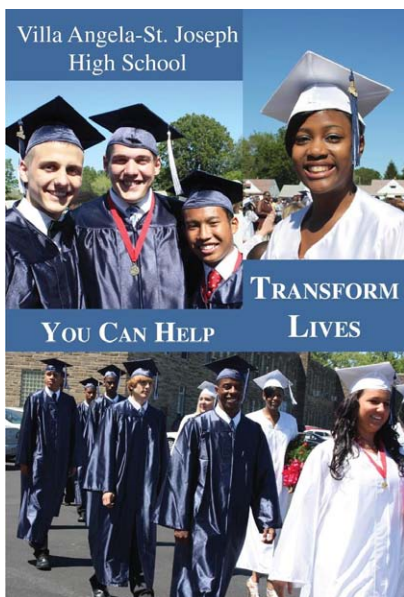
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At this time of the year you are no doubt receiving many appeals for donations and struggling to decide where your money should be spent. It is definitely a time when every dollar counts.

The continued support from our alumni, alumnae and friends is vital to VASJ's success. During this season of giving, it is our hope that you will help us in transforming lives to transform the world by making a gift or pledge to the 2010-2011 Merici-Chaminade Annual Fund. Please visit www.vasj.com to download our Annual Fund Brochure or to [make a donation online](#).

May peace and blessings be with you and your family during this holiday season.

Mary A. Paxton
Director of Advancement

Stay Connected with VASJ!



Want to be the first notified of school closing and delays?

[Sign up to receive text alerts for VASJ at WKYC!](#)

Christmas on Campus

On Friday, December 10, 2010, VASJ Seniors hosted students from St. Adalbert, St. Aloysius, St. Jerome and St. John Lutheran for the annual Christmas on Campus event. All Seniors played a role in the event, whether it was pairing up with a "buddy" from one of the schools or facilitating the various games and activities that took place throughout the school.



The activities ranged from cookie painting and decorating to getting pictures taken with Santa. The VASJ Band performed several Christmas songs and there was even a play featuring Santa and St. Nicholas.

It was a very successful day and the young students from our neighboring schools left with bags of goodies and toys.

Visit VASJ's [Facebook Fan Page](#) to view more Christmas on Campus photos.

Send us your photos!

With all of the exciting events taking place at VASJ, our staff can't be there to take pictures at every event. If you attend VASJ events and enjoy taking pictures, please send us your photos to: erobinson@vasj.com

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Holiday Blood Drive



VASJ Student Council members and the Red Cross Club hosted a Holiday Blood Drive in the school gym on November 30, 2010. Many students, faculty and community members came to give the gift of life this Holiday season.

Fall Play That's the Spirit!



In November, the VASJ Drama Club put on three wonderful performances of *That's the Spirit*, a murder mystery spoof by Tim Kelly. The cast kept the audience wondering, "Who killed Jenny Davenport," while the crew delivered amazing light and sound effects. Thanks to all those who attended the performances and watch for our musical in the spring!

Automotives Class Performs Oil Change

Now in his 30th year at VASJ, Chuck Martinko has been teaching students in his Automotives course how to perform an oil change for more than 25 years.

Before learning how to perform the oil change, students first learn about the oils: where they

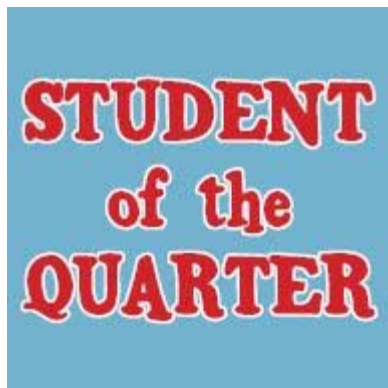


come from, the differences between them and why they're used. Next students learn all aspects of the oil system of the car and the proper way to perform an oil change. In the final stages of the project, students learn how to safely lift up cars and then actually perform an oil change themselves.

The students break themselves up into groups of three and each group is responsible for a different aspect of the oil change so that every student participates in some way.

"I think it's important that students know why the oil in a car has to be changed, when it has to be changed and what needs to take place in an oil change. They may not ever have to do it themselves again, but even when they take their car in to get an oil change, at least this way they will know what needs to take place."

VASJ recycles all the used oil from the oil changes.



Congratulations to the following students selected as Students of the 1st Quarter:

Senior: Rita Hidalgo
Junior: Tyler Pearson-White
Sophomore: Jasmine Ross Freshman:
Jared Plesec

Keep up the great work!

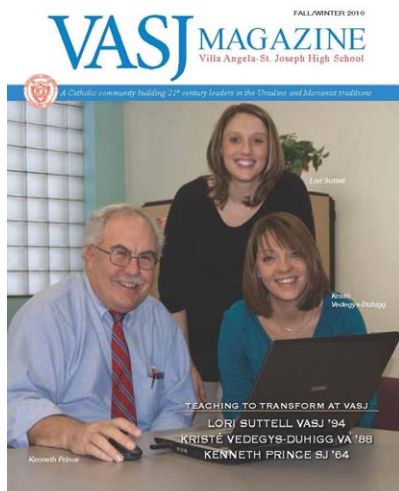


Congratulations to the VASJ First Quarter Honor Roll students!
To see the Honor Roll list, [click here](#).

Fall/Winter 2010 VASJ Magazine

If you haven't already, you should be receiving the Fall/Winter 2010 VASJ Magazine very soon!

We hope you will notice that we



have taken your feedback to improve the magazine. You will find more alumni/alumnae class notes and more pictures of our current students. [Let us know what you think!](#)

Vikings Homecoming Basketball Game

On December 23, 2010, we would like to invite all St. Joe's, Villa Angela and VASJ alums to attend the Boys Basketball game against Berkshire. All college alumni will get into the game free with their college ID and a valid email address. All other alums will get in half price with a valid email address.

We hope you take this opportunity to come support the boys Viking Basketball team and reconnect with fellow alums.



VASJ's Photo of the MONTH



John Storey and his entire family in Viking Apparel on Thanksgiving 2010

If you are interested in having your picture as VASJ's Photo of the Month, submit your best Viking pictures to [Emily Robinson](#).

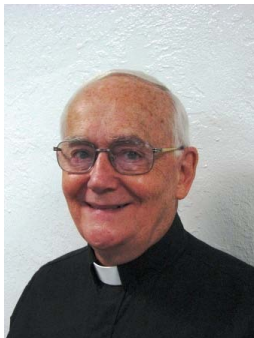
Entrance Exam

All 8th grade students who apply to Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School MUST take our entrance exam.

There is one Entrance Exam remaining on January 8, 2011. Registration is required. Call the Admissions Office at 216-481-8414 ext. 254 to register.

For more information on our Entrance Exams, [click here](#).

Weekly Masses with Father Jim Bartlett



Every Wednesday morning at 7:15 am, Fr. Jim Bartlett holds Mass in VASJ's Chapel.

Mass is open to the VASJ community, including VASJ faculty and staff, students, parents and alumni are all welcome to attend.

Please join us for a great way to start your Wednesdays!

Get Your Viking Apparel Online!



You can now purchase VASJ uniforms, athletic wear, VASJ Alumni, St. Joe's Alumni and Villa Angela Alumnae apparel online! We are excited to launch VASJ's online bookstore! Take a look around using this link:

[Browse VASJ apparel here](#)

Mark Your Calendar!

December

23 - **Homecoming Game** - Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Berkshire

25 - Merry Christmas!

January

1 - Happy New Year

8 - Girls Basketball vs. St. Peter Chanel 6:00 p.m.

20 - Girls Basketball vs. Lake Catholic 6:00 p.m.

22 - Boys Basketball vs. St. Peter Chanel 6:00 p.m.

26 - Girls Basketball vs. Cleveland Central Catholic 6:00 p.m.

*JV games start at 6:00 p.m.

Visit VASJ's website for more games and events: www.vasj.com

We know you love reading class notes and we need your help collecting them!

The Class Notes section of the VASJ Magazine allows alumni and alumnae to keep their classmates current on their careers, activities and whereabouts. Let us know of any changes in your life that you would like to share with fellow alums by [submitting a class note here!](#)

Deadline for submissions for the Spring/Summer 2011 magazine is May 13, 2011

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