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# Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

*Transforming lives to transform the World*



## March 2011 eNewsletter Happy Spring!



### National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

On Thursday, March 24, 2011, VASJ held its annual National Honor Society Induction Ceremony where 18 students were inducted as new members. The ceremony was coordinated by the student officers of the National Honor Society (NHS) chapter at VASJ.

In order to be considered for this prestigious honor, students must maintain a 3.5 grade point average, be actively involved with the school and community and submit an application and letters of recommendation. In addition to the 18 newly elected NHS members, VASJ has 16 current members.

St. Joseph Alumnus Robert Jaquay '73 was invited to address the newly inducted members. Jaquay, who spoke of how good it felt to be home at VASJ and explained that he, too, was a member of NHS during his time at St. Joe's. "It gave me one more reason not to let down and to keep going," he explained. Jaquay ended his address to the students by saying, "You're on a righteous path. I urge you to continue on with God's blessing."

See a list of the newly elected National Honor Society members by [clicking here](#).

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Some of the newly elected NHS Members

View all the pictures from the ceremony on VASJ's Facebook page by [clicking here](#).

## LifeWorks Ohio Art & Essay Contest

We are excited to recognize the achievements of nine current students who were recently announced as winners in the LifeWorks Ohio Art & Essay Contest.

Winning in the essay portion of the contest are Seniors Bobby Vollman, first place, Sarah Rodgers, honorable mention, and Rita Hidalgo, third place and Sophomore Jeremiah Bates, third place.

The winners from the art category are Seniors Jodie Di Donato, first place, Liz McDonnell, honorable mention, Allison Insana, honorable mention, Jonelle Evans, second place and Ellen Cvelbar, third place.

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**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](mailto:erobinson@vasj.com)

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Row 1: Allison Insana, Ellen Cvelbar and Jonelle Evans (all Seniors)  
Row 2: Jodie Di Donato, Rita Hidalgo and Bobby Vollman (all Seniors)

Find out what VASJ Senior Bobby Vollman plans to do with his monetary award - [read full article here](#).

## Ash Wednesday Prayer Service

VASJ's Campus Ministry held a wonderful Ash Wednesday Prayer Service. The theme of the prayer service was "Rewrite your life." Each student was given a pencil with a cross on it as a daily reminder to rewrite their lives and erase things from their past during this Lenten Season.



Fr. Jim led the Blessing of the ashes

[See more pictures and read full article here](#)

View all the pictures on our Facebook page by [clicking here](#)

## Megan Scheider Selected as a Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction

VASJ Assistant Principal and teacher was recently selected as a Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction by The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS). A role model to pupils, Megan was nominated by VASJ senior Terika Hyneman for outstanding dedication and commitment to excellence in the classroom.

Read more by [clicking here](#).

## Congratulations Coaches!

Congratulations to former basketball coach Tedd Kwasniak who is being honored with the "Denis Lustig" award from GCBCA. The award is in recognition of coaches who have made significant contributions in the Cleveland area. There will be a presentation at Harry's Steakhouse on Thursday April 14, 2011.

Congratulations to VASJ wrestling coach, Bob Mullin SJ '88 for being nominated for the GCWCOA "Excellence in Coaching Award!" The voting and award presentation will take place at the GCWCOA annual banquet on March 29th. Good luck, Coach Mullin!

## Winter Sports Wrap Up

**Boys Basketball:** We want to congratulate Coach Babe Kwasniak VASJ '94 and the Boys Basketball team for their outstanding tournament play and . We were the runner-up team for the District Championship. Gentleman you conducted yourself with class both on and off the court and made us proud!! Thank you!

**Girls Basketball:** Congratulations to Coach Anthony Redding SJ '89 and the Varsity Girls Basketball team for being awarded medals as the District runner up team. Thanks ladies for all your hard work and effort all season, and your outstanding tournament play. You made us proud!

**Wrestling:** Congratulations to VASJ Senior, Phil Wellington, for placing 4th in the State Wrestling tournament! What a great way to end your wrestling career at VASJ! In a heartbreaking match, DiAnte lost 6 to 8 in his final round of the State Wrestling tournament. We are extremely proud of his terrific season. Way to go, DiAnte!

## Spring Sports

We are excited to have two alumni heading up our VASJ track program this year. Chris Callendar VASJ '92 will be with us as Head Coach for our Boys

team, and La Tania Mullin will be back with our girls program.

Spring is a time of free sporting events....come enjoy the spring weather and cheer on the vikings at Humphrey Park, Neff Road, or on the McDonough Track.

Stay on top of changing spring schedules by signing up at [highschoolsports.net](http://highschoolsports.net)

## Spring Musical *Into the Woods*

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School presents the spring musical *Into the Woods Junior* - A part of The Broadway Junior Collection. In the musical *Into the Woods*, classic fairy tales such as Cinderella, The Baker and His Wife, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk and Rapunzel all collide for a magical and imaginative journey that teaches lessons of the power of tolerance, community and shared sacrifice.

**There will be three performances of the musical:**

**Friday, April 29, 2011 at 7:30 PM**

**Saturday, April 30, 2011 at 7:30 PM**

**Sunday, May 1, 2011 at 2:00 PM**

Tickets are being sold by the cast & crew of *Into the Woods* and are also available in the main office  
(Presale tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for families of 4 or more)

**STUDENT  
of the  
QUARTER**



Congratulations to the following students selected as Students of the 2nd Quarter:

Matt Brickman (Junior), Casey Timko (Freshman), Mychael Primes (Sophomore) and Laura Grudzinski (Senior).

Keep up the great work!



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

## Spring Open House

Especially for 6th and 7th Grade Students  
Undecided 8th Grade Students are welcome, too!

**Thursday, April 7, 2011 · 6-8 PM**

**Come and find out why VASJ can be a great choice for you!**

[For more information click here.](#)

## Coach Bill Gutbrod Night

Friday, April 8, 2011 · 5 PM

On April 8th, Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School will be honoring and paying tribute to a man who has shaped the lives of countless people.

**That man is Coach Bill Gutbrod.**

This special event will be held at the Croatian Lodge in Eastlake. The room is big enough to fit 1000 people and we want to fill the room!

The Master Of Ceremonies for the event will be St. Joe's Alumnus, professional athlete and Cleveland restaurant owner,

Bob Golic SJ '75. The event takes place on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM at the Croation Lodge in Eastlake.



**Coach Gutbrod was and still is a big part of our lives.**

Like Coach Gutbrod himself, this will be a night we will never forget!

[Click here](#) to RSVP for this event. RSVP's and payment must be received by **Friday, April 1st**. For more event details, [click here](#).



Saturday, April 9, 2011 · 6 PM

Here's a chance to turn back the clock and feel like a teenager again. VASJ alumni and alumnae are sponsoring a throw-back dance, a Vikings Classic Mixer at the VASJ gym, aka *The Purple Palace*. Whether your era was Bobbie sox, Poodle skirts and the "Twist," Wing Tips or Penny Loafers and the "Hitchhiker," or bell-bottoms and Disco Dancing this event is for you.

Reconnect with classmates, dance, mix, eat, drink and BID under the Sparkling Ceiling Ball of the Purple Palace!

You asked for it and we got it! You can now buy your Classic Mixer tickets, tables or contribute to your class sponsorship using your credit card ONLINE! [Use this link \(click here\)](#) and follow the instructions below for a one-stop payment and registration:

Donation Amount: Select "Other" and enter your TOTAL ticket/table amount (\$40 individual Classic Mixer tickets, \$65 individual Classic Mixer & Coach Gutbrod Night tickets, \$340 for reserved table, \$500 for VIP table. Please enter your TOTAL amount).

Frequency: Select "I want to make a one-time donation"

Dedication: Explain what you're purchasing (tickets/tables/sponsorships and include how many - 1 ticket, 2 tables and your class year).

If you are unable to complete your registration online or have any questions, call Mary Paxton at 216-481-8414 ext. 259.

For more event details, [click here](#).

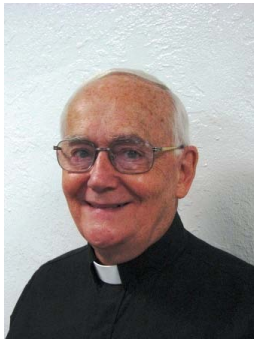
**VASJ's Photo  
of the  
MONTH**



VASJ Students go "green" for St. Patrick's day!

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

## 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!

## NEW Viking Apparel Coming Soon!

You can purchase VASJ uniforms, athletic wear, VASJ Alumni, St. Joe's Alumni and Villa Angela Alumnae apparel online! We will have some new apparel featuring the Vikings V coming very soon!



Take a look at all of our products using this link:

[Browse VASJ apparel here](#)

## Mark Your Calendar!

March

28 - Winter Sports Banquet

31 - Career Fair at VASJ

April

7 - Open House for 6th & 7th grade students from 6-8 PM

8 - Coach Bill Gutbrod Night at the Croation Lodge in Eastlake at 5 PM

9 - Vikings Classic Mixer in the VASJ gym at 6 PM

14 - Bishop Gries Mass & Reception

16-25 - VASJ Spring Break

27 - Order deadline for the VASJ Plant Sale

29 - Spring Musical Into the Woods 7:30 PM

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Visit VASJ's website for more games and events: [www.vasj.com](http://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 April 29, 2011**

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