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# Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

*Transforming lives to transform the World*

## May 2011 eNewsletter



### Class of 2011 Commencement Ceremony



VASJ Class of 2011 Salutatorian Laura Grudzinski and Valedictorian Timothy Frey

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School will hold the Commencement Ceremony for the Class of 2011 at 3 PM on Sunday, May 29, 2011 at St. William Church in Euclid. Of VASJ's graduates, 98% are enrolled in post-secondary education and as of May 25, 2011, 61% of the students have earned \$3,284,400 in scholarships!

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## Stay

## VASJ students raise \$2,195.37 for Orphanage in Mexico



*VASJ Peer ministers present the check of \$2,195.37 to John Shinsky SJ '69 for the City of Children Orphanage in Matamoros, Mexico.*

Each year during Lent, Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School holds a Lenten Mission Collection to raise money for a worthy, charitable cause, a tradition that dates back to 1987.

The VASJ Peer Ministers, a group of students who lead the school in Faith development, chose St. Joe's alumnus and former Michigan State football player, Dr. John Shinsky SJ '69 and his City of Children Orphanage in Matamoros, Mexico as the ministry the VASJ Lenten Mission Collection would support.

On Tuesday, May 17, 2011, Shinsky visited VASJ to accept the check from the students for his orphanage. Read the full article by [clicking here](#).

View all the pictures from Shinsky's visit at VASJ's Facebook page by [clicking here](#).

## Members of VASJ Boys Track Team to Compete in Regional Finals

While VASJ sport have had two runner-up teams in OHSAA district competition this year, on Friday, VASJ won the first district championship of the year when junior Rodney Burse took 1st place in the 100 meter dash at the District meet in Independence.

VASJ's 4 by 200M relay team of Milton Germany, Marcellus Embry, Darryl Jones, and David Lozada also qualified for the Regional tournament in Navarre. VASJ had an outstanding performance at the Navarre Regional OHSAA track meet. Rodney Burse qualified and will run in the finals of the 100M dash and the 4x200 team of Milton Germany, Marcellus Embry, Darryl Jones and David Lozada will go on to run in the finals on Friday. Both Rodney and our 4x200 team will take the podium on Friday as one of the top 8 finishers in our region. Way to go, gentlemen!

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with VASJ!



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## Support the Viking Athletic Fund



In an effort to continue the long-standing tradition of success and impacting the lives of student-athletes, it is essential that not only academic programming is supported but also the skills of sportsmanship and leadership are supported in athletic programming.

The Viking Athletic Fund does just that - it provides student-athletes with the best possible athletic and academic experience. Your participation to Viking Athletic Fund is critical to be successful. [Click here](#) to view the Athletic Fund brochure.

Through June 30, 2011 the Scheidel Foundation is matching every gift, dollar for dollar. Your support is an investment in developing and transforming the lives of student-athletes. Every gift counts so double your impact today!

**[Make your gift online today!](#)**

## Spring Musical *Into the Woods*

The Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School drama club put on three wonderful performances of the spring musical *Into the Woods Junior* - A part of The Broadway Junior Collection.

*"We went to the play to support the school. We left THOROUGHLY and COMPLETELY entertained. All the work really paid off! It was Awesome!"*

- Coach Babe Kwasniak '94

For seniors Amber Allen, Jodie DiDonato, Tim Frey, Laura Gruzinski, Rita Hidalgo, Terika Hyneman, TJ McGarry and Ashley Russ, it was there last time as a cast or crew member on VASJ's stage. They will be missed next year!



The cast & crew of the Spring Musical Into the Woods

### **Save the Date!**

VASJ's fall play will take place on the weekend of November 18, 2011

## **What Does it Mean to Serve?**

By VASJ Students Kierra Cotton and Christa White

A group of thirty-seven students from Villa Angela - St Joseph High School embodied that by assisting the Lake County American Legion members with the decoration of veterans' graves at All Souls Cemetery with U.S flags on Thursday May 26, 2011. Mr. Gary Minadeo, retired Army veteran, 1974 St. Joseph graduate, and current mathematics teacher, rallied together these students with his powerful and inspirational ways. These children made a lasting impression on many of the volunteers, fellow veterans, and anyone else who was there to witness their great deed in honoring those who proudly served our country.

"As the grandson of two veterans buried at the very same cemetery, it was an honor and a privilege to show my support for those heroes," said VASJ junior Patrick Mastalski. "As an American, I feel it is a fantastic show of appreciation to all those who have served and I hope I can do it again."

Not only did the VASJ students leave a lasting impression, but were a living portrayal of how VASJ values serving others. "Through the inspirational influence of Mr. Minadeo, I was given the chance to show why Villa Angela-St. Joseph is so respected and I'm happy to be a Viking now and forever," said VASJ junior Malik Sullins. "I pray that the families we touched today are at peace, it was a proud day to honor these veterans."

This is only one example of what is yet to come from the Viking Village. Hail Red and Blue!

**[Read News-Herald article here.](#)**



## Lake Catholic Student Fulfills Senior Project at VASJ

Lake Catholic senior, David Petrovic, completed his Senior Project at VASJ at the end of April. The goal of the project was to allow seniors to explore their individual career interests throughout the community. For Petrovic, who aspires to be a teacher, the choice to complete the project at VASJ was an easy one. "The uniqueness and the way people express themselves really drew me to this school," Petrovic said.

A son of a St. Joe's alumni, Frank Petrovic '72, and someone who grew up in the VASJ neighborhood but had since moved away, Petrovic was excited for the opportunity to come back. "It was great reconnecting with my old friends and felt really good to be back in my neighborhood," Petrovic said.

After his week of student-teaching with VASJ's Religion teacher Mr. Chris Janezic, a Lake Catholic Alumni from 1978, Petrovic gained an even greater appreciation for the students at VASJ. "They are proud of who they are and they aren't afraid to express that," stated Petrovic.

Janezic observed the respect Petrovic gained in the classroom and was impressed with the way in which he adapted his teaching methods to appeal to the students. "David inspired the freshman English and Religion students to craft rap songs to help the students learn and appreciate the literary style of Romeo and Juliet and The Four Gospels," Janezic said.

VASJ was excited to have Petrovic in the Viking Village for the week and wishes him much success with his bright future in the field of education.



VASJ Religion teacher Chris Janezic with Lake Catholic student David Petrovic

**STUDENT  
of the  
QUARTER**



Congratulations to the students selected as Students of the 3rd Quarter:  
From left to right: Sophomore Christian Raddell, Senior Bobby Vollman, Freshman  
Alexus Johnson and Junior Melvin Burke.

**Keep up the great work!**

## Note from Director of Advancement

You have until June 30, 2011, to make a donation or pledge that will be matched, dollar for dollar, through the Scheidel Foundation Challenge.

To learn more about the Scheidel Foundation Challenge, [click here](#) to read a letter from Miki Scheidel.

**[Make your gift online today!](#)**

## Senior Prom

The Senior Prom was held on Friday, May 13 at La-Vera Party Center in Willoughby.



Congratulations to seniors Bobby Vollman and Marquia Ivey for winning prom king and queen!

## Upcoming Alumni/Alumnae Reunions

If you are a member of VA/SJ or VASJ Classes of '61, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96 or '01, your class will be holding a reunion this summer or fall.

Visit [vasj.com/reunions&events](http://vasj.com/reunions&events) for more details about your upcoming reunion!

## Vikings Classic Mixer Video

If you weren't able to attend the 2011 Vikings Classic Mixer, here's your chance to feel like you were there! A special thanks to Neil McCormick SJ '70 and Cinecraft Productions for putting this wonderful video together.

[Click here to watch the Vikings Classic Mixer Video](#)



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

## VASJ to host Nautica Charity Poker Festival Tuesday, May 31st and Wednesday, June 1st



Tuesday, May 31st and Wednesday June 1st from 4 PM to midnight at the Nautica Charity Poker Festival, VASJ will be dealing Texas Hold 'Em Poker. The festival has tables in varying denominations, and often has a tournament as well. So come and support the Viking Oarsmen Club and be among familiar faces as you play some poker.

The Nautica Charity Poker Festival is held at their location 2259 Elm St. in Cleveland. Next to McCarthy's Ale House, and across from Harbor Inn.



This summer, VASJ is excited to offer a variety of summer camps and clinics including athletics, woodworking and math.

[View the complete Summer Programs Booklet here.](#)

Space is limited - reserve your spot soon!

## VASJ's Photo of the MONTH



*Tom Koch VASJ '06 at the opening reception of his Senior Art Show at Ursuline College.*

Some of Tom's former teachers came to support him at the art show. Pictured with Tom are VASJ Religion teacher Mr. Chris Janezic, former VASJ Art teacher Mr. Philip Hoffman, Tom Koch, VASJ Religion teacher Mr. Bill Raddell and Mrs. Sinead Irwin, Tom's former 3rd grade teacher at St. Robert Bellarmine School.

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

## Summer Sunset Mass at VASJ Saturday, July 30, 2011

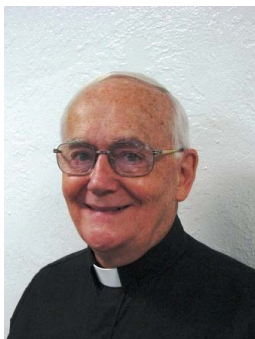
Saturday, July 30, 2011 friends and family of the Viking Village are invited to VASJ's Community Sunset Mass. Doors open at 6:30 PM and Mass is scheduled to begin at 7 PM.

All Viking Village families and friends, parents, children, alumni/alumnae, Community Partners and guests are welcome and invited. Father Jim Bartlett, VASJ Chaplain, will be the celebrant. Bring your lawn chairs and lawn blankets.

If you are interested in helping plan the Mass & light refreshments after, contact Denise Oblocki at [denise.oblocki@yahoo.com](mailto:denise.oblocki@yahoo.com). Stay tuned for more details.

*Families that pray together stay together.*

## Weekly Masses with Father Jim Bartlett



Weekly Masses with Fr. Jim will not take place during the summer months at VASJ. The final weekly Mass of the school year took place on Wednesday, May 25, 2011.

Please watch [vasj.com](http://vasj.com) for announcements about when the weekly Masses will begin for the 2011-2012 school year.

## NEW Viking Apparel Option!



In addition to being able to purchase VASJ uniforms, athletic wear, VASJ Alumni, St. Joe's Alumni and Villa Angela Alumnae apparel at VASJ's online bookstore, we have added a new logo option for our apparel.

If you're looking for something in addition to the Viking mascot logo, you can now purchase items with the Vikings V as shown here. Simply select the apparel item of your choice and scroll down to select the "Vikings V" option.

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

[Browse VASJ apparel here](#)

## Mark Your Calendar!

### May

27 - Baccalaureate Liturgy & Senior Awards in the VASJ gym at 9 AM

29 - Graduation at St. William Church at 3 PM

30 - Building Closed /No Classes in observance of Memorial Day

31 - Nautica Charity Poker Festival at 2259 Elm St. at 4 PM

### June

1 - Nautica Charity Poker Festival at 2259 Elm St. at 4 PM

2 - Last Day of classes

### July

30 - Sunset Mass at VASJ at 7 PM

Visit VASJ's website for more games and events: [www.vasj.com](http://www.vasj.com)

Thanks to everyone who submitted class notes for the Spring/Summer 2011 magazine!

Start submitting your class notes for the Fall/Winter 2011 VASJ Magazine today!

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 Fall/Winter 2011 magazine is October 27, 2011**

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