



# Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

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

## October 2010 eNewsletter

### New Recruitment Video



Click above to view VASJ's new video!

Thanks to the generosity and hard work of the team at [Cinecraft Productions Inc.](#), VASJ now has a wonderful recruitment video featuring our faculty, staff, parents, current students and recent graduates that captures all the wonderful and exciting things VASJ has to offer to potential students.

Interviews were conducted during the summer and the footage was all taken during the first few weeks of classes. The video will be a great recruitment tool and will be shown to potential students and families at High School Nights, Open Houses and other recruitment events.

The video was made possible by Neil McCormick SJ '70, Chairman of Cinecraft Productions Inc. Neil wanted to do something to give back to his alma mater and knew this film was a great way he could donate his time and talent to benefit the school. His contribution is invaluable and very much appreciated!

We are thrilled to be able to share this video with you and hope you will share it with everyone you know!

[WATCH VASJ'S NEW RECRUITMENT VIDEO HERE.](#)

### Students Participated in Mural My Neighborhood Program



During the summer, two of VASJ's exceptional artists, Olivia Biondo and Derek Witcher, participated in the Mural My Neighborhood program and contributed to the painting of two beautiful murals in North Collinwood. Olivia and Derek, both juniors, underwent interviews and had to show examples of their work before they were accepted into Mural My Neighborhood, a program of Cleveland's Bureau of Cultural Arts. "I like painting and art so I thought it would be fun and a chance to meet other kids in my neighborhood who enjoy art as well," Olivia explained.

[Read the full article and see pictures of the murals here \(PDF\).](#)

### VASJ Holds First Service and Club Fair



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

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

**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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On Thursday, September 23, 2010, Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School held its very first Service and Club Fair. More than 15 local organizations attended the event, gave brief presentations to the students about the volunteer opportunities at their organizations and set up tables where students could gather more information and sign up to volunteer. In addition to volunteer opportunity presentations, students also heard presentations about the various school clubs and extracurricular activities available at VASJ.



[Read full article here \(PDF\).](#)

## Peer Ministers Hold Rosary Prayer Service



On October 7, 2010, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, the community of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School gathered for a Rosary Prayer Service. VASJ celebrates our Marianist heritage and Blessed William Joseph Chaminade's devotion to the Blessed Mother each year on or around the date of the Feast. This time of prayer is rooted in VASJ's commitment to the

Ursuline core value of Spirituality and the Marianist charism of Education for Formation in Faith.

The Rosary is a prayer of meditation. All who attended were invited to meditate on God's plan of salvation and reflect on the meaning of each mystery and its relationship to our lives. This year, the VASJ community prayed the Sorrowful Mysteries which focus on Christ's passion and death which won for us our salvation. After each mystery was announced, the Scripture passage that is the basis of each mystery was read and a dramatic presentation was delivered to help everyone consider the meaning of the mystery.

The VASJ Peer Ministers who planned the Prayer Service, situated these mysteries in a modern setting to help everyone better understand what Jesus endured for our sake. The Senior Class led the entire school in the prayers.

## Open Houses

VASJ had a great turnout at our first Open House on Sunday, October 10, 2010. There was a lot of excitement and interest among those in attendance. Our Student Ambassadors did a wonderful job of presenting the school in a positive and professional way. We are hoping for an even bigger crowd at our second Open House on Sunday, October 31, 2010. The scheduled program begins in the VASJ gym at noon. Please help us spread the word!

For more information on our Open Houses, [click here](#).



Some of the VASJ Student Ambassadors at the Open House on October 10th.

## Entrance Exams

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

Registration is required. Call the Admissions Office at 216-481-8414 ext. 254 to register for any of the testing dates.

Entrance Exam Dates (Saturdays at 9:00 A.M.)

October 16, 2010      November 20, 2010

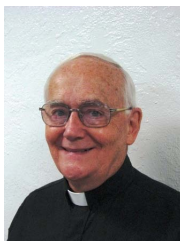
October 23, 2010      January 8, 2011

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

## Parent Information Night at Scotti's Italian Eatery

A special thank you goes out to the Nathanson Family of Scotti's Italian Eatery for hosting a wonderful Parent Information Night at their restaurant on Sunday, October 3, 2010, for prospective families and students. There was a great turnout and the entire event was a huge success! Thanks to all the VASJ students, parents and faculty members who attended the event. We are so thankful for all of your support!

## 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!

## Congratulations to Boys Golf Coach John Iosue SJ '77

VASJ Boys Golf Coach John Iosue SJ '77 won the Briardale Course Championship on October 10, 2010. Congratulations, Coach Iosue!

## Special Thank You to the VASJ Football Families!

A special thank you goes out to the VASJ football families who have been packing lunches, preparing meals before games and providing all of the clean up after the meals, etc. for the football teams this season. Your hard work doesn't go unnoticed or unappreciated. We value all that you have done to make our football season a success!

## College Prep 101 for Parents

The VASJ Parent Action Committee (PAC) is hosting an informative program for the parents of underclass students. Our guest speakers will provide you with information to help your student build a first class college resume.

Speakers:

Katie McMahan, Associate Director of Admissions at Notre Dame College  
Ginny Biada, Financial Aid Officer at Stautzenberger College

Program begins promptly at 7:00 P.M. in the Ministry Center at VASJ. Please be on time.

Door prizes plus student extra credit and dress down passes

## 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!

October

- 15 - Oarsmen Club Clambake 6:30 P.M. VASJ Gym**
- 16 - Cross Country @ North Coast League 9:00 A.M.
- 16 - Varsity Football Chanel at Euclid High School 7:00 P.M.
- 18\* - Varsity Boys Soccer Tournament @ Berkshire 7:00 P.M.
- 19\* - Varsity Volleyball Tournament vs. Wellington @ Elyria 6:00 P.M.
- 23 - Varsity Football NDCL at Euclid High School 7:00 P.M.
- 29 - Varsity Football @ Elyria Catholic 7:00 P.M.

\*Visit VASJ's website for tournament brackets and up-to-date tournament information: [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 Fall/Winter 2010 magazine are NOVEMBER 5, 2010**

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