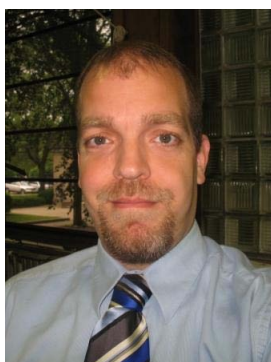




# Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

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

## September 2010 eNewsletter



### From the Principal "Independent Study Days"

Two days during the week of August 30, 2010, VASJ was closed due to a water pipe issue. On the second day the school was closed, rather than claiming another calamity day, VASJ instituted an "Independent Study Day." Even though students were not in the building, they still received lessons and assignments from their teachers and the day counted as a regular school

day. This was possible due to our new school information system, Schoology. Teachers set up each one of their classes on this website and the students can virtually "log in" to class. On the homepage, students can participate in discussion boards, receive/turn in homework, take tests, etc. They can also privately view their grades.

The "Independent Study Day" was a huge success and well received by the students and teachers.

[Read full article here.](#)

## Welcome to the VASJ Family!

We are excited to welcome the following new faculty members to VASJ:

Jennifer Allshouse - Art  
Stephanie Hyde - Band/Music  
Stephen Glowacki '02 - Math  
Marilyn Lelli - English  
Carolyn Slocombe '75 - Math  
Brian Velbeck - Physical Education



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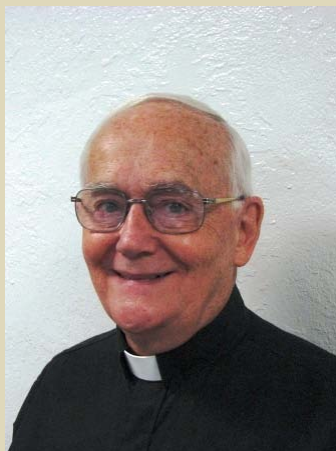
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With all of the exciting



Some of the new VASJ faculty members: Stephen Glowacki, Jennifer Allshouse and Carolyn Slocombe with Principal Csank



VASJ is also pleased to welcome Fr. Jim Bartlett to the Viking Village. Fr. Jim is a Marianist priest who will have various responsibilities, including assisting Mrs. Latkovich with campus ministry. He comes to us most recently from Chaminade University in Honolulu, where he was involved in campus ministry.

Welcome to VASJ, Father Jim!

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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## VASJ Students Remember the Lives Lost on September 11, 2001

School started on Friday, September 10th at VASJ with a prayer in remembrance of the lives lost on September 11, 2001.

VASJ Senior, Terika Hyneman read a poem she wrote titled, "Memories Forever" about that heartbreaking day 9 years ago.

[Read Terika's poem here \(PDF\).](#)

## Successful Summer Camps

VASJ Senior **TJ McGarry** was one of 10 students from the United States to participate in the **Iraqi Young Leadership Exchange Program (IYLEP)**, a program of the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and Office of Public Affairs U.S. Embassy Baghdad. It was a seven day leadership camp focusing on topics such as civic education, global issues and youth activism.

New principal **Dave Csank**, President **Brian Menard**, Director of Advancement Mary Paxton and Communications and Media Coordinator **Emily Robinson** attended a **"Teaching as Ministry" (TAM) workshop** from July 6-9 at the University of Dayton. More than thirty teachers,

administrators and staff members from 14 Marianist-sponsored schools attended this wonderful workshop to network and gain a deeper understanding of the characteristics of a Marianist Education.

Four VASJ students and two faculty members attended **LIFE Central (Living in Faith Experience)** at the Bergamo Retreat Center in Dayton from July 19-24 for a week of reflection, retreat, leadership skill building, community bonding and spiritual growth. The VASJ group was joined by schools and parishes from Ohio,



Nebraska, Missouri, Michigan, Maryland, Puerto Rico and Ireland. In attendance from VASJ were Campus Minister **Jill Latkovich**, Assistant Principal **Megan Scheider** and students **Abbie Fabo**, **Jonelle Evans**, **Alex Harvey** and **Dan Ward**.



Eighteen students from VASJ's UD PEP program as well as faculty member **Steve Wallace** attended the **UD PEP Camp** at the University of Dayton from June 25-27. This year's group of VASJ students was the largest group in VASJ's history to attend the camp. They were joined by 56 students from other Catholic high schools throughout the country. The students were split into groups where they were given a challenge they needed to solve using engineering.

[Read more about summer camps here \(PDF\).](#)

## Student Council Holds First Pep Rally



The student council of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School held its first pep rally on Thursday, August 26, 2010. The entire student body and all faculty and administrators were present.

The pep rally was held during the first full week of classes and yet the family spirit and close-knit community of the school's student body was already very obvious. In addition to the camaraderie displayed, the students also demonstrated an overwhelming sense of school spirit and pride. It was energizing and uplifting for all who were present.

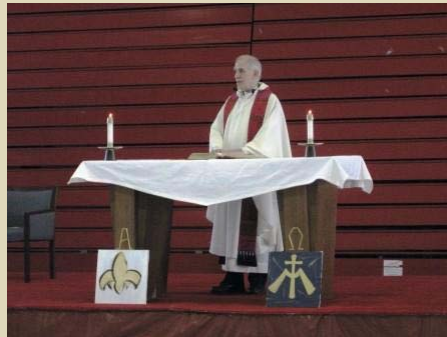
During the pep rally, six students were selected from the raffle tickets and were able to choose which faculty or administrator they wanted to give a pie in the face. Thanks go out to Principal Mr. Csank, Assistant Principal Mrs. Scheider, President Mr. Menard, MUSP Director Sister Martha, math teacher Mr. Glowacki, and science teacher Mr. St. Pierre for being great

sports and taking a pie in the face for the benefit of the student council fundraiser.

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

## VASJ Opening Mass

There was a wonderful turnout of guests for VASJ's Opening Mass on Thursday, September 2, 2010, put on by VASJ's Campus Ministry. The gym was filled with students, faculty and staff, board members, Ursulines, Marianists, members of The Diocese of Cleveland, VASJ Leadership Circle members and community members.



Father Marty Solma SJ '66 expressed his delight and honor to come back to VASJ as an alum and celebrate the Eucharist with the school and all of those present. "I loved the time that I was here. It was really because of that that I am where I am today," Father Marty explained to all present for the Mass.

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



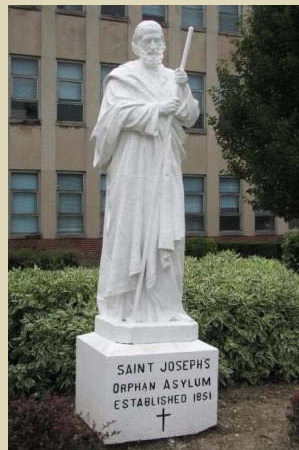
## VASJ Launches Online Bookstore!

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](#)

## New St. Joseph Statue

If you've driven by Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School over the last few months, you may have noticed a new addition to the front lawn. At the end of July, VASJ acquired the St. Joseph statue from their former neighbor, the Christian Life Center. Once a retreat house owned by the Cleveland Diocese, the Christian Life Center was recently closed and sold to VASJ's other neighbor, the Hospice of Western Reserve. As the demolition of the Christian Life Center was quickly approaching, the Hospice of Western Reserve asked VASJ if the school would like to have the statue. With much appreciation for the statue's rich history, VASJ was happy to accept the offer.



To learn more about the plans of the Christian Life Center, [read the Plain](#)

[Dealer article here.](#)

## Oarsman Club Clambake October 15, 2010

We hope you are able to join the Oarsmen Club for their Annual Clambake on Friday, October 15, 2010 in the VASJ gym at 6:30 P.M. There will be an open bar, live band, sideboards and more!

For Tickets contact Fred Mastalski at 216-633-0692 or contact the Oarsmen at 216-481-7134 or oarsmen@vasj.com

[View the official Oarsmen Club Annual Clambake Flyer here \(PDF\).](#)

## Viking Basketball/Bernie Guilfoyle Golf Outing Saturday, September 25, 2010

Please join the VASJ Boys Basketball Program, in conjunction with the Oarsman Club for the Annual Viking Basketball/Bernie Guilfoyle Golf Outing.

When: 12:00 Noon, Saturday, September 25, 2010

Where: Briardale Greens Golf Course, Euclid, Ohio

Price: \$90 per person/ \$360 per foursome

Included in price is 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch beginning at 11:00, dinner to follow golf, refreshments and giveaways

[View Viking Basketball/Bernie Guilfoyle Golf Outing Flyer here \(PDF\)](#)

## Mark Your Calendar!

September:

**10 - SJ '60 Reunion 5:00 P.M. VASJ Cafeteria**

11 - Cross Country @ Walsh Invitational (time TBD)

11 - Varsity Football @ Tuscarawas 2:00 P.M.

11 - Varsity Volleyball Gilmour Academy HOME 11:30 A.M.

**11 - VA '70 Reunion**

13 - Varsity Volleyball @ NDCL 6:30 P.M.

14 - Varsity Volleyball Chanel HOME 6:30 P.M.

18 - Cross Country McDonough Invitational Forest Hills (time TBD)

18 - Golf @ Madison Invitational 12:00 P.M.

18 - Varsity Football Chardon at Euclid High School 7:00 P.M.

**21 - Golf Lake Catholic at Home 3:00 P.M.**

21 - Varsity Volleyball Lake Catholic HOME 7:00 P.M.

22 - Golf @ North Coast League 8:00 A.M.

24 - Varsity Football @ Bishop Hartley 7:30 P.M.

25 - Cross Country @ All-Catholic Meet Dayton, OH (time TBD)

25 - Varsity Volleyball @ Smithville 10:00 A.M./Independence Local 11:00 A.M.

25 - VASJ Homecoming Dance

**25 - Annual Viking Basketball/Bernie Guilfoyle Golf Outing Briardale Greens Golf Course at 12:00 P.M.**

October

15 - Oarsmen Club Clambake 6:30 P.M. VASJ Gym

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

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