



Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

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PARENT NEWSLETTER

January 20, 2012

Issue 5

Education in the Ursuline and Marianist traditions.

Enclosures

- Parent Organization Flyers (2)
- Report Cards
- Guidance Flyer (all students)
- Guidance Flyers (2 - seniors only)
- New Discipline Policy (seniors only)

Important Dates

- 1/22-1/24: March for Life, Washington DC
- 1/25: Oarsmen Club Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cafeteria
- 1/26: Founder's Day Celebration, 9:45 a.m., Gym
- 1/31: Sophomore Class Retreat, 8:00-3:00, Ministry Center
- 2/4: VASJ Entrance Exam, 8:30-12:30, Ministry Center
- 2/6: Freshmen Retreat, 8:00-3:00, Ministry Center
- 2/6: Red Cross Blood Drive, 8:30-2:00, Ministry Center
- 2/7: Freshmen Retreat, 8:00-3:00, Ministry Center
- 2/9: Diversity Celebration and NHS Assembly, 9:45 a.m., Gym
- 2/10: Freshmen Retreat, 8:00-3:00, Ministry Center
- 2/14: Parent Organization Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Cafeteria
- 2/16: Early Dismissal, 1:40 p.m.
- 2/16: Parent/Teacher Conferences, 2:00-4:30 / 5:30-8:00, Gym
- 2/17: No Classes

Visit vasj.com for event times, locations and to view more important dates.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you had a Blessed and Joyous Christmas season. A few reminders and important dates as the second semester begins.

It may be a little late, but it appears that winter has finally arrived. When inclement weather hits, please check local TV and radio for our status. We will be listed alone, as Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School. We will have an Independent Study Day whenever school is closed. Please remind your child to check each of their Schoology class pages for their assignments.

Sticking with the winter theme, students are reminded of two dress code rules: boots may be worn to school, but they must change into school appropriate shoes before reporting to home-room. Also, only VASJ sweaters and sweatshirts may be worn in the halls and to classes – jackets may not be worn to class (except for athletes on

Fridays during their season).

Thursday, February 16, are Parent-Teacher Conferences. They will be held from 2:00-4:30 and then from 5:15-8:00. The teachers will have their dinner break from 4:30-5:15. There is **no school** on Friday, February 17, and Monday, February 20.

Please remind your child to keep on top of their service hours and earn them early so they will not be excluded at the start of the 4th quarter, which will be here before we know it!

Catholic Schools Week is January 30- February 3. Thursday, February 2, will be Student Appreciation Day. To celebrate, students can to dress down on that day, will receive a special treat and we will have an early release at 2:15. Please check student handbook for dress down rules.

As always, thank you for your continued support of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School, and if I can ever be of assistance, please call me at school.

Christ's Peace,

Dave Csank

ENTRANCE EXAM

Saturday, February 4, at 8:30 a.m.

OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, March 28, at 6 p.m.

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the half-way mark of another school year! I hope that it is going well for you and your child(ren)! If it is not, please do not hesitate to contact the faculty, staff or administration to discuss strategies to make the second half of the year more successful.

Please review this newsletter for information on upcoming events, the en-

closed flyers for details on specific programs, and your child's report card for his/her progress.

If at any time you have questions, concerns, or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Megan Scheider

Mrs. Megan Scheider

SENIOR PROM 2012

The Class of 2012 will hold prom at La Vera Party Center, Friday, May 25, at 7 p.m. until midnight with departure beginning at 11:30 p.m. We are expecting the cost to be between \$50-\$60 per person. Updated information will be sent to the Seniors through the Class of 2012 Schoology group. Seniors and underclass guests are not allowed to attend if tuition and fees are not paid in-full by April 1 (Student Handbook {SH}, page 11). Please be aware that excessive absences, tardies and discipline issues can remove the privilege of attending prom (SH, page 34).

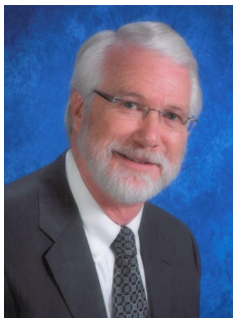
Finally, while the prom is considered formal, we do not mandate that the males wear tuxedos or that females wear gowns. We do expect attire to be in keeping with modesty, good taste and school policy (SH, page 62). Typically the young ladies are at risk of not being allowed to enter prom due to poor choice of attire. We highly recommend that all young ladies (to include those not from VASJ) be sure to have their attire approved by Mrs. Scheider or Mrs. Suttell before your purchase.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Advanced Placement Exams will be given May 9 – 15. Students taking an Advanced Placement exam must register in the Business Office February 27 – March 2. The cost of each AP Exam is \$87. Payment is due at the time of registration. Students eligible for free or reduced lunch will be exempted from this fee. Students eligible for the fee exemption are still required to register in the Business office for the exam(s) they plan on taking. Any student who registers for an AP Exam but does not take the exam will be charged \$13. If you have any questions about the exams or the fees, please contact Mrs. Megan Scheider at ext. 203 or Mrs. Jackie Fewings at ext. 204.

GUIDANCE

Underclassmen will be selecting courses for the 2012-2013 school year in the coming weeks. A link to the Course of Studies Program is on our website...please begin discussing course selections with your child! You can view teacher recommendations, elective, and alternate course selections through PowerSchool. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's guidance counselor.



Dear Parents:

As we move into the second half of the 2011-2012 school year, I'm struck by the many reasons we at VASJ are grateful.

Certainly we are grateful to you for the trust you have placed in us for the care and education of your children. We are honored and humbled by your confidence.

We are grateful, too, for our students who have enthusiastically embraced the gifts they have been given. It is heartening and inspiring to witness how effectively they put the lessons they learn – both inside and outside the classroom – to work.

Recently, I was walking the school halls with the father of a prospective freshman. We were standing at the front door shortly before the final bell rang. He was ready to leave, but I asked him to stay a few minutes longer. I explained that I wanted him to see how our students behave at the end of the day.

I was not disappointed. The students who walked by us were spirited and cheerful as they greeted us on their way out the door.

"Now," I asked my visitor, "at how many other schools do you think the administrators would want you to see their students when their day was over?"

At VASJ, we are pleased to have visitors see our students at the beginning of the day, in the middle of the day – including between classes – as well as at the end of the day. We're also grateful for our visitors because it is such a pleasure to show off the environment here – an environ-

ment that reflects the values of leadership, responsibility and maturity so clearly evident among our students.

Any listing of our reasons to be grateful would not be complete without an acknowledgment of our amazing faculty and staff members who foster those values. These dedicated men and women are the role models from whom your children learn.

We are, of course, also deeply grateful for the alums and other friends of VASJ who enable us to offer the quality of education we do at a fraction of our actual costs. Their volunteer efforts and financial support likewise set an example of Christian values from which our students learn.

Thank you, one and all.

Richard Osborne '69

STUDENT COUNCIL AND CLASS OFFICER ELECTIONS

Elections for the 2012-2013 Student Council executive officers will be held March 22nd and the Class Officers will be elected March 30th. Leadership is a key pillar to National Honors Society acceptance. Please urge your student to attend one of the election briefings March 6-8, in Room 301 at 3:15pm to learn about the job descriptions and prerequisites.

MARCH 30TH SADIE HAWKINS DANCE

Girls invite boys to a dance to ring in the spring. More to follow next month as Student Council rounds out the details.

SOPHOMORE CLASS MATH OGT PRACTICE

The Ohio Graduation Tests for the Class of 2014 are March 12-16. It is mandatory that all sophomores and any student having not yet passed the Math OGT to take one of the Saturday practice tests on February 11th or March 3rd, in the cafeteria, from 8am – 11:30. This test will be run just like the March test will be conducted and will use a previous test released for practice purposes by the Ohio Department of Education. Students must sign up with Mr. Minadeo.

SENIOR INFORMATION

Dear Parents of VASJ Seniors,

Due to some issues that have been developing among the senior class, I have made a few changes to the list of consequences when a student is given a referral. The administration and teachers have been noticing a great deal of apathy on behalf of many seniors when it comes to following school policies - namely getting to class on time, facial hair on young men and the wearing of jackets or illegal sweaters/sweatshirts in class.

Even after students are warned and written up, many are continuing the same violations. I felt it was necessary to

make the consequences more severe, as I see the continued violation of the same rules to be a matter of disrespect. Please read the changes below and discuss them with your child. Mrs. Scheider and I spoke with all seniors before break about this, so there are no surprises. If a student loses prom or another senior privilege, there will be no way to earn it back. If you have any questions, please contact me at school.

Mr. David M. Csank



Principal

NEW DISCIPLINE POLICIES – EFFECTIVE JANUARY 5, 2012

In order to curb the recent rash of referrals and detentions that have been occurring, especially for repeated offenses of the dress code policy, the following policies will go into effect beginning on Thursday, January 5, 2012:

1. The first violation will result in a Detention “A”
2. Repeated violations will result in the following consequences:
 - 2nd violation: 1 Detention “B”
 - 3rd violation: 2 Detention “B’s”
 - 4th violation: 1 Day In-School Suspension
 - 5th violation: 1 Day Out-of-School Suspension
3. Any senior receiving a suspension (either ISS or OSS) will not be allowed to attend Prom. Other senior privileges (picnic, baccalaureate, graduation) may also be revoked.

GRADUATION INFORMATION

- Graduation will be Sunday, June 3, 2012, at 3 p.m. at Ss. Robert & William Church in Euclid. Each graduate will receive 13 tickets. Anyone over the age of 2 will need a ticket to attend Graduation. Tickets will be distributed to the graduates the week before Graduation.
- Baccalaureate will be Friday, June 1 at 9 a.m. at VASJ. All are welcome to attend Baccalaureate.
- Both Baccalaureate and Graduation are DRESS UP events for our graduates. Young men will wear white shirt, tie, black pants, and black dress shoes. Young ladies will wear all white (dress, skirt/shirt, pants/shirt) and white shoes.
- Graduation announcements & accessories can be ordered through Herff Jones. Seniors were given information/order packets the week of January 9; orders were taken January 20 at school, but can still be ordered directly through the Herff Jones. Additional packets and contact information are available in the Main Office.

VASJ PARENT ORGANIZATION NEEDS YOU!

Interested in supporting the VASJ Parent Organization, but not sure how?
Become a Volunteer Supporter...it's PAINLESS.

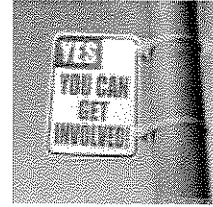
What is a Volunteer Supporter?

It's supporting a bake sale or school event . . . *without the baking.*

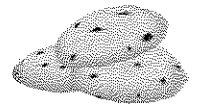
It's supporting the plant sale . . . *without the time and energy.*

It's supporting a raffle sale . . . *without selling tickets.*

It's supporting the Teachers' Luncheon during Catholic Schools' Week . . . *without the planning.*



It's a way by which YOU can greatly impact
the Parent Organization's success this year.



How can you help?? Consider making a monetary donation to cover
expenses toward bakery, beverages, paper products, etc.

**All those who send in a donation will be entered into the
End of the Year drawing for a Bookstore Gift Certificate.**

Complete the bottom section & send to school with your donation. (Checks can be made payable
to VASJ Parent Organization.) Please mark envelope: Parent Organization - Painless Project.
(Donations will be accepted throughout the entire school year.)

Any questions, contact the Parent Organization: (216) 481-8414 ext. 7133. Thank you.



VASJ PARENT ORGANIZATION ~ PAINLESS PROJECT

Complete this section & send to school with your donation. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.
(Checks can be made payable to the VASJ Parent Organization.)

Parent's Name _____

Date _____

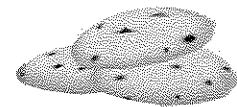
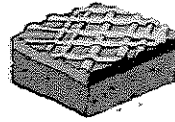
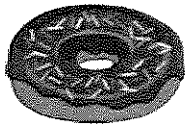
Student's Name _____

Donation Amount: \$5.00 \$10.00 \$15.00 Other: _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____



Help support the Parent Organization
by donating bakery for various events
throughout the school year.



For every bakery donation received, you will be entered into the
End of the Year drawing for a Bookstore Gift Certificate.

If you are willing to donate bakery, contact the Parent Organization
at (216) 481-8414 ext. 7133. Leave a message with your name,
phone number and the item you will be donating.

Send your bakery item to school the morning of the event. Be sure it is
clearly marked with your name, student's name and phone number so
that we can record your bakery donation for the drawing.

THANK YOU!!