



Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Issue 3

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Important Athletic Dates

11/2 - Winter Sports Parent Meeting: 7:30 p.m.
11/16 - Coaches Thank You Dinner: 6:00 p.m.
11/29 - Fall Sports Banquet: 6:00 p.m.

Important Dates

10/24 - No Classes: Faculty In-Service
10/25-10/31 - OGT's: 8:00 -11:00 a.m.
10/25-10/28 - Testing: 8:00 am - 12:00 p.m.
10/27 - Rosary Prayer Service: 1:35 p.m.
10/31 - Halloween on Campus and
Dress Down Day
11/1 - All Saints Liturgy: 9:45 a.m.
11/5 - Alumni/ae Memorial Mass 4 p.m.
11/6 - VASJ Open House: 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
11/8 - Senior Men's Retreat: 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
11/8 - Parent Organization Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
11/10-11/18 - El Salvador Encounter
11/10 - Veterans Day Assembly: 9:45 a.m.
11/18 - Breakfast Tour: 8:30 a.m.
11/18 & 11/19 - Fall Play: 7:30 p.m.
11/20 - Fall Play: 2:00 p.m.
11/22 - Thanksgiving Prayer Service: 8 a.m.
11/22 - Early Dismissal: 1:40 p.m.
11/22 - Parent/Teacher Conferences: 2-8 p.m.
11/23-11/25 - No Classes, Thanksgiving Break

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



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

As Thanksgiving approaches, we pause to give thanks to the Lord for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us. As always, I am thankful for my health, my family, my friends and the opportunity to be part of the wonderful Viking Village. Be sure to take a moment each day to say "thank you" to anyone and everyone you are thankful for.

In typical Cleveland fashion, cold weather has been thrust upon us earlier than anyone wanted, and as such, dress code questions are beginning to arise. Please consult the student handbook for guidelines regarding sweaters and sweatshirts. Jackets, fleeces, hoodies, cardigans and scarves are not permitted in the hallways and classrooms after 8 a.m. The only exception to this is that student athletes may wear their team jackets on Fridays

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 6, at 12 p.m.

ENTRANCE EXAM

Saturday, November 12, at 8:30 a.m.

during their respective season. Since snow is just around the corner, it bears mentioning that boots may be worn to school but students must change in to their school appropriate shoes before 8 a.m. We appreciate your help and support in enforcing these rules with your child.

Upcoming dates and reminders:

- Sunday, Nov. 6 – Open House from 12-3 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 22 – Parent/Teacher conferences from 2-8 p.m. (Teachers will have a dinner break from 5-6 p.m.)
- Nov. 23-27 – Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 19-21 – First Semester Exams
- Dec. 22 - Jan. 4 – Christmas Break

As always, thank you for your continued support of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.

If I can ever be of assistance, please contact me at school.

Christ's Peace,

Dave Csank

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

was born, happy and healthy, on August 6. continue through June!

I have noticed great things upon my return to the Viking Village. The students look sharp in the updated uniforms; there is a (positive) energy in the classrooms, halls, and on the playing fields and teachers are bringing content to life with technology, discussions and projects.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if needed. Hope to see you at one of the many upcoming events in the Viking Village.

Megan Scheider

Megan Scheider

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone for your prayers as my husband and I embarked on the newest chapter of our lives – parenthood! Our son

With your continued support I am confident what I have seen in the past few days will

PARENT ORGANIZATION NEWS

A special thank you to all the parents who recently volunteered at the VASJ Open House and/or donated refreshments. Your help is greatly appreciated! By donating refreshments or bakery items for various events throughout the school year you may be entered into the end of the year drawing for a bookstore gift certificate. The more items you donate the greater your chances of winning at the end of this school year. Congratulations to the two end of the school year raffle winners for 2010-2011, winning \$25 each. The winning names drawn were Ellen Cvelbar and Teri Durdella.

Please join us for our next Parent Organization meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, in the Ministry Center. The meeting will be held at 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Our guest speaker is Jill Latkovich, Campus Ministry Department. The topic is: The importance of the VASJ Student Service Program including the partnership with Hospice of Western Reserve and other student service opportunities.

PARENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Reminder to all parents to check the VASJ website regularly for parent volunteer opportunities. New opportunities will be listed as they become available.

If you are interested in helping our with any of the events listed, please contact Jackie Kerver at jkerver@vasj.com or at 216-481-8414 ext. 245. Be sure to complete the volunteer application that was sent home or you can complete it online at www.vasj.com under the parents section of the website.

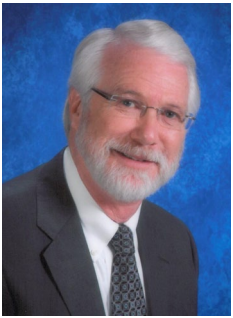
WEEKLY MASSES

Fr. Jim Bartlett will be holding a weekly Mass in VASJ's Chapel on Wednesday mornings at 7:15 a.m. for the VASJ community. Parents and alums are also welcome to attend Mass.

iALERT SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Want to be the first notified of school closings and delays? Go to WKYC.com and sign up for Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School iAlerts to receive emails and text messages about VASJ school closings and delays. You can also sign up through a link on VASJ's website under Parents/Weather Closing Information.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Parents:

Have we got spirit? You know it. And it's not just our students who bleed red and blue. So many of you feel – and demonstrate – the same Viking pride too.

Among the many things that are so impressive about VASJ is the strong connection our extended family has with the school. Our recent fall sports pep rally, Spirit Week, Powder Puff football and terrific Homecoming game gave strong testimony to the enthusiasm our students have for Viking athletics.

But it's much more than that. It is amazing and gratifying to see the level of involvement our students have in all of our numerous extracurricular activities. From Student Council to Student Ambassadors to Peer Ministry to National Honor Society and other groups covering the spectrum of high school interests, a spirit of volunteerism and leadership permeates our campus.

It is equally amazing and gratifying to see the generous and spirited involvement of parents and other family members in the life of our school. In my short time here, it has been a great pleasure to renew acquaintances with many of you and to meet so many more of you I did not know before.

Please know that all of us who are members of the staff and faculty deeply appreciate your

volunteer work and your support at athletic events. For those of you who are alums – whether it is of Villa Angela Academy, St. Joseph High School or Villa Angela-St. Joseph – we're glad you've kept the spirit of your alma mater burning brightly. For those of you who are newer members of the Viking family, we welcome you and look forward to your involvement for years to come.

You know what we say: "Once a Viking, Always a Viking." Thank you for entrusting the care and education of your students to us. At the same time, we hope you never forget that this is your home too.

Richard Osborne

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY STUDY FOR ATHLETES

Student-Athletes are invited to participate in a study through Princeton University. The study is titled "Pluralistic ignorance in student-athlete's perceptions of academic achievement," which explores the relationship between student's perceptions of athletic and academic achievement.

A letter and consent forms were mailed home several weeks ago. If you would please allow your student to participate we would be very appreciative. All you need to do is send in the two signed consent forms to Mrs. Fischbach in the Principal's office as soon as possible. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Fischbach at 216-481-8414 ext. 210.

VASJ CALENDAR RAFFLE

The Office of Advancement will hold a calendar raffle for the month of December 2011. The calendar is filled with prizes such as gift baskets, restaurant gift certificates and cash. A prize will be awarded each day through a random drawing of those who have purchased a calendar.

The calendars are \$10 each and will go on sale November 1st. Each student will be given five (5) calendars to sell. The calendar raffle entry forms and money must be turned in to the Advancement Office no later than Wednesday, November 30. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ruby Harris at 481-8414 ext. 209 or by email at rharris@vasj.com.

IN THE VILLAGE

GRAPHING CALCULATORS FOR ALL MATH STUDENTS

As of October 25, any student without a graphing calculator in math class will be referred to the principal for failure to follow directions. The published school supply list mandated a TI-83 graphing calculator or equivalent. We have allowed a grace period for the first quarter to purchase the graphing calculator. Math teachers will inspect each student's calculator for proper identification and will log the internal identification number for future reference when calculators are lost or stolen. Any parent/guardian unable to purchase the graphing calculator for your student may rent one from the school for \$70. If this is your situation, have your student obtain an agreement form from their math teacher.

STUDENT MIXER ON NOVEMBER 23

An absolutely fun homecoming dance caused the senior class leaders to call for another dance — informal — for the day before Thanksgiving (the first day of Thanksgiving break) Wednesday, November 23, from 7-11 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Admission will be \$5 with a canned good for those in need or \$7 without a canned good.

START DATES FOR WINTER SPORTS PRACTICE

Boys Basketball - Friday, November 4
 Girls Basketball - Friday, October 28
 Bowling - Friday, November 4
 Wrestling - Friday, November 11

USO ITEMS FOR OUR TROOPS

Student Council thanks you very much for the super effort to provide personal care items for our troops. The seniors won the competition and earned two dress down days, but all classes did a great job. We will post pictures of the delivery to the USO and our packing effort to VASJ website. God Bless America!

HALLOWEEN DRESS DOWN

Monday, October 31, 2011 will be a Halloween dress down day. On this spooky day we will have elementary school kids visiting VASJ for trick-or-treating and all students may costume up for a \$1 donation to their class fund. More detailed information on the dress down will be distributed in homeroom and on Schoology.

CLASS OF 2015 OFFICER ELECTIONS

The freshmen are being approached by the Student Council leaders to explain officer responsibilities and are urging them to petition for office. Petitions must be obtained from Mr. Glowacki and parents and two teachers must sign the petition. Speeches and election will be during activity time on Thursday, October 27.

FALL PLAY

Drama Club will be presenting "Switching Principals," by Pat Cook, the weekend of November 18, 2011. Make sure to attend one of the three performances:

Friday, November 18, 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, November 19, 7:30 p.m.
 Sunday, November 20, 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are on sale in the main office.

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VASJ PARENT ORGANIZATION NEEDS YOU!

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

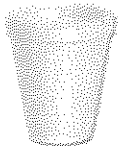
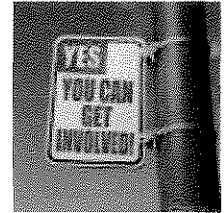
What is a Volunteer Supporter?

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

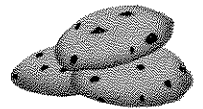
It's supporting the plant sale . . . *without the time and energy.*

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: \$ _____

Order your TEST BAG now!



A TEST BAG is filled with goodies to inspire, nourish and relax test takers on exam days. Some of these items could be something to drink; a healthy snack, possibly a granola bar; some mints and candy to stimulate the brain; words of encouragement, in the form of a note, which is enclosed in each bag from you; and, of course, a pencil. Other items might also be added for fun.

This is a nice way to let the students know that they are being thought of on their exam days.

SEMESTER EXAMS: Mon. Dec. 19 • Tue. Dec. 20 • Wed. Dec. 21

COST: Test Bags can be purchased for \$5.00 each and must be pre-ordered. (Test Bags can also be purchased for other students.)


>>> All Test Bags will be delivered to the students on the FIRST day of exams only.

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS: Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Be sure to return your orders by the deadline date above to ensure that enough items can be purchased.

TO ORDER: Complete the bottom section & send to school with your money - route to the Main Office/Mrs. Ealy. (Checks should be made payable to VASJ Parent Organization.)

Please mark envelope: Parent Organization - Test Bags.

 Don't forget to send words of encouragement in a small note, with your order. These notes will be added to the Test Bags before delivery.

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



TEST BAG ORDER FORM - Semester Exams

Test Bags are \$5.00 each and must be pre-ordered.
 Deadline for orders: Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Student Name:	# of Test Bags:	Amount:	Note Enclosed:
_____	1 2 3	_____	Yes / No
_____	1 2 3	_____	Yes / No
_____	1 2 3	_____	Yes / No

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

**VILLA ANGELA ST. JOSEPH
WINTER BASKETBALL
CHEERLEADING AND
MASCOT TRYOUTS!!**

MON., NOV. 7, 6:00-8:00PM

WED., NOV. 9, 6:00-8:00PM

THURS., NOV. 10, 6:00-9:00PM - FINAL CUTS!

PLEASE PICK UP TRYOUT FORMS –
FILL OUT AND HAND IN ON THE
FIRST DAY OF TRYOUTS!

*****Forms can be found at the Main Office or
on the school website at www.vasj.com**

Email VASJCheer@gmail.com with questions!***