



Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

PARENT NEWSLETTER

September 21, 2011

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Important Dates

9/26 - Sophomore Class Service Day/ Mass
9/27 - Homecoming Court Final Voting
9/27 - Red Cross Blood Drive
9/28 - Oarsmen Club Meeting
9/29 - Faculty Meeting /Early Dismissal
9/30 - Underclass ID & Yearbook Picture
Make-up/Retake Day
9/30 - Oarsmen Club Clambake
10/3 - Spirit Week
10/5 - Class Ring Orders
10/6 - Homecoming Court Presentation
10/6 - Powder Puff Football Game
10/7 - NO CLASSES
10/7 - Homecoming Dance
10/11 - Parent Organization Meeting
10/12 - PLAN/PSAT testing-Early Dismissal
10/12 - Senior Retreat
10/13 - Open House - 6:00-8:00 p.m.
10/18 - Senior Women's Retreat
10/20 - Rosary Prayer Service - 9:45 a.m.
10/21 - End of Quarter 1
10/21 - Breakfast Tour - 8:30-10:00 a.m.
10/24 - Faculty In-Service - NO CLASSES
10/25-10/31 - OGTs
10/31 - Halloween on Campus

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



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

We are off and running on another school year, and things are off to a great start! Our new students, both freshman and transfer students, are fitting in well and our new faculty members are adjusting to life in the Village. Our fall sports teams are doing great and the student athletes are shining examples both on and off the field. The student council has been hard at work planning for the sports rally, elections and the homecoming dance.

Hopefully, you have had the opportunity to check in with PowerSchool to access your child's grades. If you have not, I would encourage you to do so. PowerSchool is a wonderful way to keep parents informed on their child's progress. If you ever have any issues with the program, please contact our guidance office.

OPEN HOUSES

VASJ will be holding fall open houses for prospective students and families on:

Thursday, October 13, at 6 p.m.
and
Sunday, November 6, at 1 p.m.

Upcoming events:

- Thursday, September 29th- Early dismissal for students at 1:34.
- Friday, September 30th- Clambake at VASJ. For information and tickets, contact Kellie Clinton at 216-481-8414 ext. 284.
- Monday-Thursday October 3rd- 6th – Spirit Week. Each day there will be a dress down theme. Please help us to enforce the guidelines for each day.
- Friday, October 7th – Free Day for Students! Homecoming Dance at Tizzanno's from 7-11 p.m.
- Saturday, October 8th- Homecoming game at 7 p.m. Go Vikings!

As always, if I can ever be of assistance, please contact me at school.

Christ's Peace,

Dave Csank

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

my way to have lunch in the school cafeteria. (Forget the stereotypes; the food is good and nutritious.) If there is anywhere you can get a better insight into how high school students really behave, I don't know where it is.

My observations are of students who are courteous, kind, thoughtful and good to each other. I am well aware that when I sit down with them they can't throw me out, but they don't have to be as cordial, friendly and downright hospitable as they are.

These are wonderful students who are on their way to becoming leaders in business and society. I enjoy showing them off so much that I often bring guests to the cafeteria for lunch. How's that for confidence?

One of my other favorite things is to walk guests through the hallways during the school day, even at class-change times. Your

children are unfailingly polite. They go out of their way to greet visitors with a cheery "hello," and they step aside to let others pass.

At assemblies, religious services and after-school activities, too, your children represent the Viking family with maturity and wisdom. I am continually in awe of their articulateness as they express their values and spirit.

I could not be more proud to represent their cause as I carry the VASJ message throughout the community to our alums and other friends and supporters. You should feel the same pride.

I know you do. But I thought you might appreciate the reminder.

Richard Osborne

Dear Parents:

Your children are terrific. Did you know that? Of course you do. I know from the days when my own kids were in high school, however, that sometimes it helps to be reminded.

Yes, yes, I know. I'm still the new kid on the block here and I am viewing life through the idealized prism of red-and-blue colored glasses. But trust me on this: The students at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School truly are something special.

Whenever my schedule allows, I go out of

FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

The 2011-2012 school year is well under way. With that in mind, you should be already making monthly tuition payments.

If you are paying tuition through TMS or the OCCU, please make sure your payments are up to date. These accounts are taken into consideration when exclusion time rolls around. You must be current.

Some families were allotted the opportunity to make payments directly to the school. Please make sure you are up to date with these plans as well. VASJ will be billing a \$40 per month late fee for delinquent accounts. Any plans made at school, agreements made with TMS,

or contracts signed with the OCCU are for TUITION ONLY. These amounts do not include any class fees, service fees, sports fees, transportation fees, or any other fees incurred by the student. Payments for these fees must be made directly to the school within the quarter they are billed.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lori Conley in the Business Office at 216-481-8414 x240. Lori will try to return calls within 48 business hours; however, it may be a little longer around statement mailing dates and exclusion time.

TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT

If you live in any of the surrounding cities of VASJ, please contact your public school district to see if you may be entitled to a transportation reimbursement. Please do not contact VASJ; only the public school district will have this information.

POWERSCHOOL AND SCHOOLOGY

Any parent who is still having difficulty with the login for Powerschool or Schoology, please contact Guidance Office Manager, Mrs. Petraitis, at jpetraitis@vasj.com. Your login information will be resent to you.

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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.

SPIRIT WEEK DRESS DOWN OCTOBER 3-6, 2011

Faculty and staff are authorized to wear business casual for the week. Any student not participating in a dress down must be in regular dress code. All of the dress downs cost \$1.00 with 10% going to the school endowment fund, 20% to the Student Council General Account and 70% into the respective Division Accounts.

- Monday, October 3, Dress Down: Rainy, Cold, Sit Around the House Day. Get your most comfortable sweats or flannels and come to school like you are going to be taught at home on the couch. No sandals, flip-flops and alike. Must wear shoes. Athletic shoes allowed.
- Tuesday, October 4, Dress Down: Twin Day. Find a friend and an appropriate outfit and dress alike. Remember that it's mandatory

GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

Guidance counselors at VASJ are split up by grade level and alphabet (student's last name) in the following ways:

- Grades 9 and 10, A-K - Ms. Jackie Fewings
- Grades 9 and 10, L-Z - Mrs. Kriste Duhigg
- Grade 11 - Ms. Jackie Fewings
- Grade 12 - Mrs. Kriste Duhigg

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.

to have a twin. If without a twin you must come dressed in your school uniform. There will be a check for twins at lunch and you must sit together.

- Wednesday, October 5, Dress Down: Tacky Day— Dig through your parents closet and search for the best mismatched, tacky, and out of style clothing you can find. If you wear shorts, leggings or tights must be underneath. Take the opportunity to be the cheesiest kid around, with the tackiest clothes, and have fun with it.
- Thursday, October 6, Dress Down: Viking Day – All VASJ apparel only. School pants, jeans or Viking sweats and a Viking top are all appropriate. No leggings, flip flops or shorts.

CORRECTION TO THE STUDENT HANDBOOK:

Female students will NOT be provided a VASJ sweatshirt as stated in the handbook. VASJ sweatshirts can be purchased in the bookstore for \$20.

IN THE VILLAGE

SOPHOMORE HONORS & SENIOR AP ENGLISH

Sophomore Honors and Senior AP students are studying Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew* this quarter and then will attend a matinee performance on Oct. 25 at the Hanna Theater, followed by a luncheon downtown and share our experience together.

HOMECOMING COURT

The senior, junior, sophomore and freshman classes will nominate their candidates for King/Queen, Prince/Princess, Duke/Duchess and Lord/Lady respectively. Nomination forms can be picked up in the main office on September 19, and must be placed in the nomination box in the main office by the end of the day September 22. The nominees will be announced on September 26. Voting will take place on October 5. The entire school will vote for King/Queen with the juniors, sophomores and freshmen also voting for their division royalty. Winners will be announced at the Homecoming Dance on October 7. They will be presented to the Viking family during pregame activities at the October 8 football game.

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 will be on sale in the main office beginning October 3, 2011.

VETERANS GRAVE CATALOG

You may remember that this past May Mr. Minadeo took about 30 members of the Class of 2015 to All Souls Cemetery to decorate Veterans graves with American Flags for Memorial Day. Senior Kaja Kijauskas was moved by how many government-supplied headstones were hidden because they have sunken into the ground or they were overgrown with grass. We discovered that All Souls does not know where all of these headstones are located. They agreed to tend to the headstones if we would build a catalog for them. So Kaja went to work and recruited a group of students who over the summer catalogued more than 1,300 government headstones. A big thanks to Kaja for organizing our Viking Patriots: Amanda Gornik, Carmen Johnson, Ed Bueck, Connor Gail, Kovas Kijauskas, Jacob Di Donato, Casey Timko, Brijae Jorurnee and Malia Harvey.

POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL

The game will be held on Thursday, October 6, at 2:00 p.m. on Gutbrod field – rain or shine – so bring appropriate clothing. Senior and junior boys will be coaches. Faculty will serve as referees and sideline moderators. All faculty will be in the stands to assist with crowd control.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The first of four Red Cross blood drives will take place on Tuesday, September 27, from 8-2 p.m. in the ministry center. Our goal each drive is to donate a minimum of 50 pints of blood in order to be awarded scholarship money toward higher education for those students who help lead the drives.

VASJ PARENT ORGANIZATION NEEDS YOU!

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

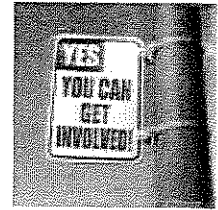
What is a Volunteer Supporter?

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: \$ _____

VASJ PARENT ORGANIZATION

• Questionnaire •

WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!!

Please complete and return to school - Attn: Parent Organization. Thank you.

Parent(s) Name _____ Date _____

Student Name(s) _____ Grade _____

_____ Grade _____

Contact Information: Daytime Phone _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

(place an asterisk by your preferred method of contact)*

Please check if you are willing to assist in a formal capacity:

- I would be willing to become an officer of the Parent Organization
- I would be willing to chair/co-chair a committee
- I would be willing to be on the Hospitality "call list" (to bake for school events)
- I have a special talent/skill that I would like to share: _____

Please check the committee(s)/event(s) that you are willing to help with:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pizza Sales (afterschool) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality (YES, I CAN BAKE) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Test Bag Prep | <input type="checkbox"/> Honor Roll Assembly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Sale Pick-up | <input type="checkbox"/> Underclass Awards Night |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open House | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Teacher Conferences (help sell pizza) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Schools Week (lunch prep for faculty & student treat) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Activity | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PR/Communications (contact parents about meetings, events, etc.) | |



Please check the activities that you and your family would be interested in:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal prayer service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spaghetti dinner | <input type="checkbox"/> Mother/Son prom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pancake breakfast | <input type="checkbox"/> Father/Daughter dance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roller skating | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School picnic | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

PLEASE SHARE ANY COMMENTS OR IDEAS YOU MAY HAVE. THANK YOU.



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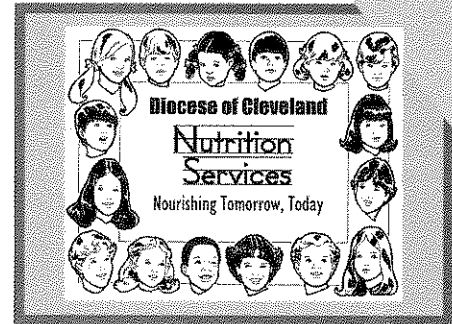
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New Nutritional Standards

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Did you know...

It has always been Nutrition Services' mission to strive to serve students food that is both nutritious and delicious. In the past year, state and federal regulations have been passed (*including Senate Bill 210*), or are in the process of passing, that regulate what foods and beverages can and cannot be sold in schools. These new changes will be taking place over the next few years and the regulations will affect the entire school environment, including the cafeteria.

Below is a list of the main changes that will be occurring for the 2011-2012 school year.

- ✓ Juice, water, and milk are the only beverages that may be sold in elementary schools. Serving size and caloric restrictions affect high schools.
- ✓ More whole grain products will be offered on the menu.
- ✓ All milk offered will be 1%, skim, or fat free.
- ✓ A la Carte items offered will not exceed 35% total calories from fat, 10% of calories from saturated fat, and 0% trans fat.
- ✓ A la Carte items served anywhere in the school buildings are affected by the new federal (*Healthy, Hunger-Free Children Act*) and state (*Healthy Choices for Healthy Children Act*) guidelines when the item is not being served as part of a National School Lunch Program reimbursable meal. A la Carte items will be restricted to healthier items served in smaller portion sizes. Therefore, many of the students' favorite items may no longer be offered, as determined in consult with Alliance for a Healthier Generation software.

As the new regulations come into effect we at Nutrition Services believe that we will be able to better serve the students by giving them some healthier choices. Rest assured, however, we will continue to search for acceptable alternative a la carte items that will meet the new guidelines.