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Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

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October 2011

VASJ Students and Staff Depart for El Salvador Encounter

At 6 a.m. on Thursday, November 10, 2011, three VASJ seniors and two Religion teachers, along with a group from Beaumont, left Cleveland Hopkins Airport headed for El Salvador. The group will spend the next nine days with Salvadoran citizens volunteering at the Community of Oscar A. Romero (COAR) Children's Village serving as English tutors and interacting with the resident children. The purpose of the trip is to give students an appreciation for the different ways that God and the Church act in other areas of the world. We ask that you keep the group in your prayers as they embark on this life changing journey. Please watch vasj.com for updates on their trip and to view the trip itinerary.



Ms. Bev Moore (Religion teacher), Sarah Wandersleben '12, Emily Keyse '12, Dominique Banks '12 and Mr. Chris Janezic (Religion teacher) depart for El Salvador Encounter.

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VASJ Students Honored at Cuyahoga County Council Meeting

On Tuesday, November 1, 2011, seven VASJ students were recognized at a special Cuyahoga County Council meeting for their services this summer building a catalogue of over 1,300 veteran graves at All Souls Cemetery.

VASJ senior and orchestrator of the cataloguing event, Kaja Kijauskas, took the podium and gave a presentation to the council about how the students completed the project and why she thought it was important. [Click here to watch the Fox 8 video which aired on Tuesday, November 1, featuring Kijauskas.](#)



VASJ senior Kaja Kijauskas addresses the Cuyahoga County Council.

"We appreciate this honor very much but don't feel it is necessary. We did this because it was the right thing to do to honor those who lost their lives fighting for our country," Kaja stated. After the meeting the entire group of students received many compliments and sincere thanks from veterans and community members in attendance, several of which were alumni of Villa Angela and St. Joe's.

[Click here to read more about the event.](#)

[Click here to read the Plain Dealer article by Regina Brett.](#)

Vikings Have Spirit

By Brea Cowan '12

with VASJ!



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

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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

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During the week of October 3 through the 6, VASJ celebrated its annual Spirit Week which included the whole school, participating in various themes leading up to this year's most highly anticipated homecoming for the Viking Village. From tacky day to twin day, everyone ripped through their closets to find the most jaw-dropping outfits they could.



Pajama Day



Twin Day



Tacky Day

At the end of the week, the junior and senior girls battled it out in the powder puff football game. As expected, the junior girls were no match for the senior girls. The boys in each class arranged practices to prepare for the game, which was held right after school on the field. After numerous touchdowns and great effort, the refs finally called the game and announced the seniors' victory. After chants and cries of joys, the seniors all hugged and smiled for a picture and bowed their heads for prayer.



Powder Puff Football

[Read the full article here about Spirit Week at VASJ.](#)

[Click here to view all of the Spirit Week pictures.](#)

Oarsmen Club Annual Clambake



Debbie and Dennis Stocum

Thanks to the more than 300 people who were in attendance at the Oarsmen Club Annual Clambake on Friday, September 30. The weather was cold and wet but it didn't keep people from coming to this wonderful event; the VASJ gym was full of alums and friends of the school. There were fun raffles and sideboards with great prizes, wonderful live entertainment from Scott Hanson and the Champagnes and the Alumni/ae Office provided a table with old yearbooks for viewing which was a huge hit. Special thanks to the Oarsmen Club for all of their hard work on this great event.

[Click here to view more Oarsmen Club Clambake pictures.](#)

Switching Principals



VASJ Drama Club presents "Switching Principals"

The Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School Drama Club will be putting on three performances of the fall play "Switching Principals," by Pat Cook.

School spirit has never been lower at Marvin Gardens High School. When a new principal is scheduled to arrive, everyone is hoping for a fresh breeze. What blows in, however, are George and Madge, two con men who slipped in through the principal's office window while hiding out from the law (Pioneer Drama Service).

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

Tickets are available in the main office or through Drama Club members.

Presale tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for families of 4 or more.

VASJ students, staff and alums work together to support our troops

The VASJ students, staff and alums collected over 200 pounds of items to be donated to the USO for sorting, packing and shipping to our service members overseas. On Wednesday, October 19th, Army veteran Mr. Gary Minadeo '74 and students, Devon Bolden '13 and Marty McGarry '15, took the items to the USO Bainbridge Packing Center for processing.

Along with the VASJ items delivered to the USO went a \$500 donation sent in by a St. Joe's alum to help cover the shipping which is roughly \$13 per box - a generous donation which ensured VASJ's items collected were able to get shipped.

From collecting the donation items, spending a morning packing the boxes at the USO and providing the money to ship the boxes, the Villa Angela-St. Joseph community has done its part to support our troops who are overseas this holiday season.



VASJ students Devon Bolden '13 and Marty McGarry '15 pack boxes at the USO.

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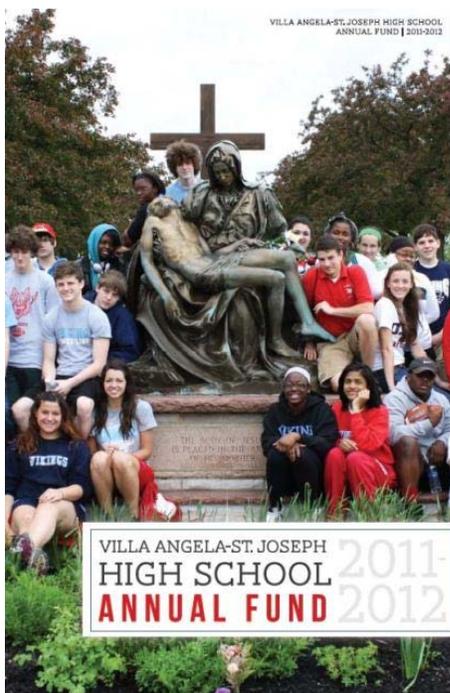
Entrance Exam

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

- Students need to pre-register for entrance exams and can do so online at www.vasj.com.
- Exams begin promptly. Please check in no later than 15 minutes before exam start time.
- Students should bring two No. 2 pencils. No calculators, please.

- Exam fee is \$20. To reserve your spot, please send in your \$20 payment in advance. Mail check to: Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School, attn: Admissions.
- Parent information session during the first hour of all exams.

2011-2012 Merici-Chaminade Annual Fund



2011-2012 Annual Fund

Annual giving is the most important and vital source of funding for Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School. Each year all members of the VASJ community —board of advisors, alumni/ae, faculty, staff, parents and friends— are asked to support our students and the school with an Annual Fund contribution.

Gifts to the Annual Fund assist with meeting the operational expenses that tuition does not cover, allows students the opportunity to create high school memories that will last a lifetime and helps us to graduate young men and women who are prepared for leadership and committed to service as they face the challenges of college and life ahead.

Make your gift today and transform the life of a student!

You can make your contribution online at www.vasj.com.

VASJ Students are "Lifesavers"

The first of four Red Cross Blood Drives was held on Tuesday, September 27. The VASJ students did a wonderful job of organizing this important event and exceeded their goal of collecting 50 pints of blood. VASJ students truly are "lifesavers."



Emily Keyse, Sarah Wandersleben, Alex Harvey and Taylor Wheeler.
A group of the VASJ Life Savers.

The next Red Cross Blood Drive will take place on Thursday, December 1, from 8-2 p.m. in the Ministry Center. Come help our students meet their goal of collecting 50 points and save lives at the same time.

Kelly O'Donnell '83 Inducted into Press Club Cleveland Hall of Fame

On Friday, October 28, VA Alumna Kelly O'Donnell '83 was inducted into the Press Club Cleveland Hall of Fame. VASJ President Richard Osborne and Communications and Media Coordinator Emily Robinson were in attendance at this wonderful event.

O'Donnell mentioned Villa Angela fondly several times throughout the night. She attributed her high school internship at Fox 8, which she obtained during her time at Villa Angela, as the launching point for her successful career.

It was truly an honor to watch one of our own receive this very deserving award.



[Click here to see more pictures from the event.](#)

VASJ Raffle Fundraiser

The Office of Advancement is holding 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 purchased a calendar. The calendars are \$10 each. 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. Thank you.

[Click here to view the flyer.](#)

A Night of Royalty

By Brea Cowan '12

After selling nearly 300 tickets, the homecoming dance held at Tizzanno's Party Center definitely filled the house on Friday, October 7. Everyone was ready to dance and have a good time. VASJ senior, Paddy Greene served as the DJ for the event and played only the newest most requested songs. Rodney Burse, the funny nice guy and LaVista Osborn, the quiet sweetheart, won the award of homecoming king and queen.



Homecoming queen LaVista Osborn and homecoming king Rodney Burse.

VASJ Chef's Club to sell pies for Thanksgiving

The Chef's Club will one again be selling Thanksgiving Pies. This year they are offering you the option to purchase unbaked frozen pies (fruit pies) which you just pop in the oven on Thanksgiving Day or you can purchase pies which they will bake for you.

The Pies they will be offering are:

Pumpkin Pie
Sweet Potato Pie
Cherry Crumble Pie
Apple Crumble Pie

Call the main office at 216-481-8414 by Friday, November 25, to order your pies.

VASJ Seniors Hold Halloween on Campus for OH Perry Students

On Monday, October 31, the VASJ seniors hosted nearly 100 students from OH Perry kindergarten and second grade classes as a part of their student service project. The students from OH Perry went trick or treating through the school, decorated cookies in the Ministry Center, played carnival games in the gym, had their picture taken with the Great Pumpkin on the stage in the pumpkin patch and made crafts in library. Their day concluded with a pizza party in the gym.



VASJ seniors enjoy their Halloween filled day at VASJ.

[Click here to view more pictures.](#)

Artwork of VASJ Senior Displayed at Cleveland Clinic

By Malik Sullins '12

More than 40 student-artists from the Cleveland area were told to paint pictures themed for fitness to be placed on a mural in the Cleveland Clinic. This mural would extend the stairs in an effort to sway the elevator riders to take another option. In that way, patients and staff would get into this practice to encourage wellness and health.

The mural was unveiled on October 25, 2011, accommodating the artists with a simple presentation. At the event, Derek was the only student to speak about his experience. "It taught me to be a businessman and an artist," he said. The display is at the Beachwood Family Health and Surgery Center Atrium.



VASJ senior, Derek Witcher, displays one of his four pieces of art displayed in the Cleveland Clinic mural.

Parent Organization Golf Umbrella Sale

Just in time for the holidays, the Parent Organization is selling large red and white golf umbrellas for \$15. The umbrellas will be sold on Wednesday's after school and can also be pre-ordered by contacting Theresa Koch at kochtm0518@aol.com. There is a limited supply so get your umbrellas today. *Please note, all pre-ordered umbrellas will need to be picked up at the school.*



Legacy Luncheon

Together, VASJ legacy students* and their parents will celebrate and honor the heritage and traditions of Villa Angela Academy, St. Joseph High School and Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.

Friday, November 11, 2011

11:30 a.m.

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School
Gymnasium
18491 Lakeshore Boulevard
Cleveland, OH 44119

The day will feature a luncheon, tour of the school, photos and memorabilia from the archives and a chance to mingle with past and present Vikings. All alumni are invited to attend.

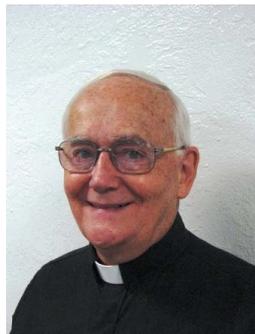
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Richard Osborne and Dave Csank Mentioned in Marianist Newsletter Family Online

VASJ President Richard Osborne and VASJ Principal Dave Csank were two of the many presidents and principals of Marianist high schools who met in St. Louis from Oct. 23 to Oct. 25 for the annual School Administrators Conference.

[View the newsletter here.](#)

Weekly Masses with Father Jim Bartlett



Fr. Jim Bartlett celebrates 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.

Mark Your Calendar!

November

- 8 - Parent Organization Meeting, Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.
- 10 - Veterans' Day/Honor Roll Assembly, Gym, 9:45 a.m.
- 11 - Legacy Luncheon, Ministry Center, 11 a.m.
- 17 - Early Dismissal, 1:40 p.m.
- 18 - Fall Play, *Switching Principals*, 7:30 p.m.
- 19 - Fall Play, *Switching Principals*, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 - Fall Play, *Switching Principals*, 2:00 p.m.
- 22- Early Dismissal, 1:40 p.m.
- 23-25 Thanksgiving Break, No Classes
- 26 - Girls Varsity Basketball Home Opener vs. Perry, Gym, 7:30 p.m.
- 30 - Oarsmen Club Meeting, Cafeteria, 7:30 p.m.

December

- 1 - Blood Drive, Ministry Center, 8-2 p.m.
- 3 - Boys Varsity Basketball Home Opener vs. Euclid and Tim Robertson Night, Gym, 7:30 p.m.
- 7 - Girls Varsity Basketball vs Lutheran East, Gym, 7:30 p.m.
- 8 - Immaculate Conception Liturgy, Gym, 9:45 a.m.
- 9 - Christmas on Campus
- 10 - Breakfast with Santa, Ministry Center, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
- 10 - Boys Varsity Basketball vs St. Edward, Gym, 7:30 p.m.
- 13 - Christmas Concert, Gym, 6 p.m.
- 17 - Girls Varsity Basketball vs St. Peter Chanel, Gym, 7:30 p.m.
- 20 - Boys Varsity Basketball vs Berkshire, Gym, 7:30 p.m.
- 21 - Advent Prayer Service, Gym, 11:40 a.m.
- 21 - Girls Varsity Basketball vs Olmsted Falls, Gym, 7:30 p.m.
- 22-Jan 5 - Christmas Break

Visit VASJ's website for more events: www.vasj.com

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