

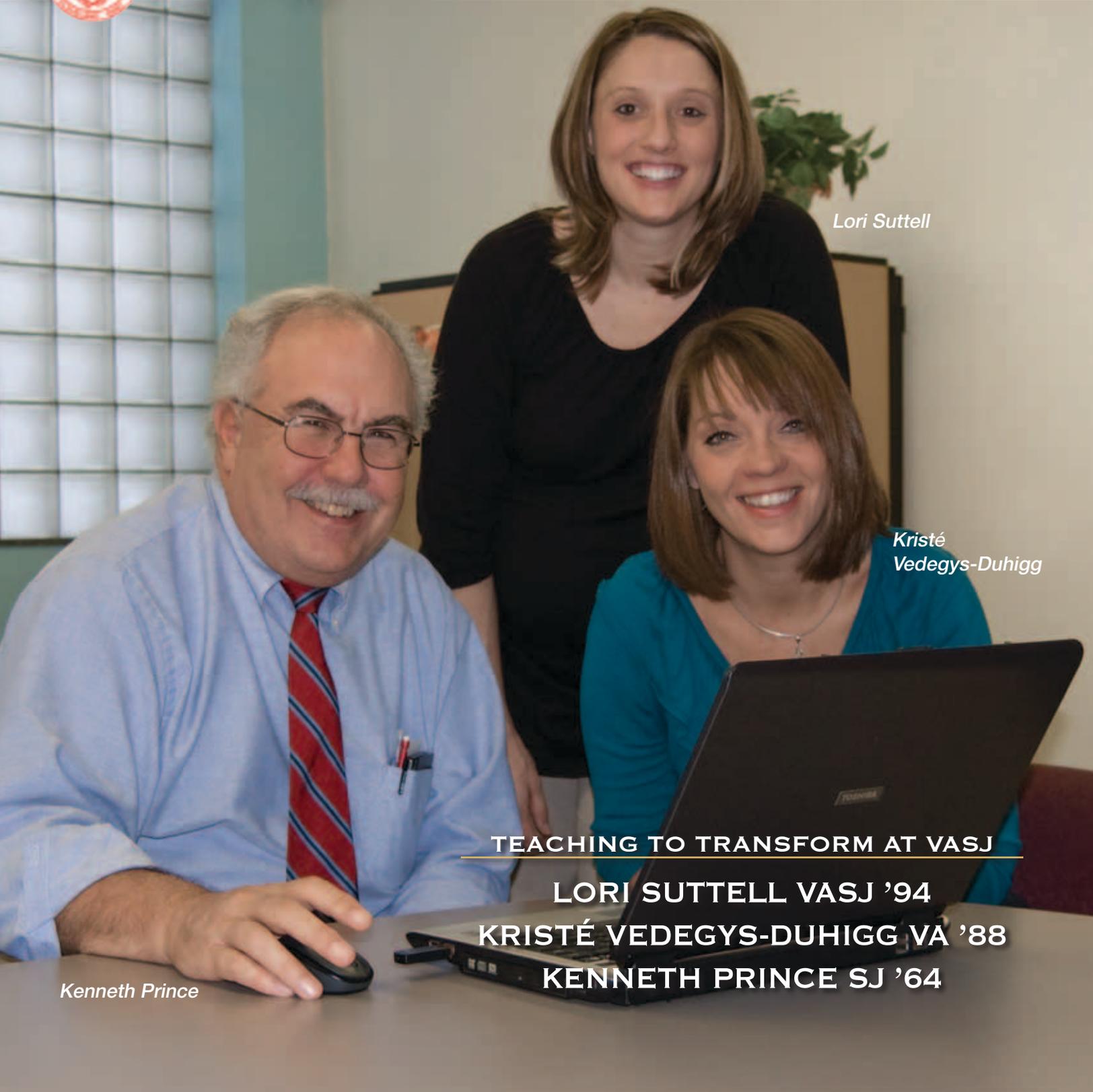
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Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School



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



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From the **President**



As we launch a new year of publication, this issue of VASJ Magazine incorporates much feedback we have received about our new format. While readers throughout our community – alumni, parents, neighbors, faculty/staff, etc. – have generally been very pleased with its direction, in addition to kudos readers have offered many suggestions on how we can improve it further. We appreciate such constructive ideas, and have built a number of them into this issue.

We also appreciate the increase in Class Notes submissions. These not only show readers how connected our alumni are as the foundation of our community, but also represent the diverse breadth that exists among our alumni. Keep the Notes coming!

As for the focus of this issue, it is built on the theme "Teaching to Transform at VASJ." Distilling our mission based in Gospel values and our Ursuline and Marianist charisms to its essence, Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School transforms lives to transform the world. That has been the case for generations of students, whether for more than a century at VA, forty years at St. Joe's, or two decades at VASJ. It happens as the cumulative result of everyone doing their part – in the classrooms and hallways, in the cafeteria, in athletic programs, in extra-curricular activities, in service and mission outreach, and so on.

This issue features three members of our great faculty and staff whose own transformations led them back to their alma mater. Our many thousands

of alumni each contribute toward transforming the world in different ways. Ken Prince (SJ'64), Kriste Vedegys-Duhigg (VA'88), and Lori Morth Suttell (VASJ'94) live the legacy of their own transformations by helping transform the lives of our students today. For decades, Ken Prince has expected the best from his students in science classes and from his scholar-athletes running cross-country and track. Kriste Vedegys-Duhigg has filled various roles in advancement and guidance at VASJ through the bulk of the last decade, combining her passion for the school with a rich knowledge of the community to serve the interests of both. Lori Morth Suttell represents the coming of age of VASJ alumni, a graduate from the first four-year class in the merged school leading the new generation of VASJ students in her English classes and extra-curricularly as the senior class moderator. They are three from among a number of alumni on our faculty and staff whose life journeys have brought them back to their alma mater to shape the alumni who will lead us into our future. Their stories are all different; yet, their stories are all VASJ.

Peace,

Brian R. Menard, President

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From the **Principal**



Dear Viking Village,

For those of you who do not know me, allow me to begin by introducing myself. My name is David Csank, and I am the new principal at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School. I am truly honored to be given the chance to work at a school with such a rich history and tradition. I bring with me a strong belief in and dedication to the benefits and promises of a Catholic education. I am a product of Catholic education myself, having attended Catholic schools from first grade through high school, and even earning my Master's Degree at a Catholic university. Professionally, I have been in education for 12 years, all in Catholic schools within the Diocese of Cleveland. I live in Parma with my wife of 12 years and our two sons, ages 8 and 3.

The first thing I noticed when I arrived on campus was the overwhelming sense of family and community that exists at Villa Angela-St. Joseph. People welcomed me with open arms at every turn and offered assistance, and for that I am very grateful. I was blown away by the total dedication and support the community has for our school. From the faculty and staff, to the students and parents, to the community at large, people love this school, believe in this school and want it to succeed. I promise that I, too, am just as committed to the success of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.

It is hard to believe that the first semester is already largely behind us. The year has gotten off to a great start, and we have accomplished some fantastic things. The teachers have been working

hard implementing Schoology, our new school social network and learning management system, which allows them to create and share academic content electronically. We are also proud to offer an online course that students at any of the six Diocesan-owned high schools can take for credit, and to offer our students the opportunity to take online courses taught off our campus through the DOHS consortium. Our course is titled Microsoft Office Apps and is taught by Steve Wallace. In addition, we welcomed several new faculty members this year, with a wide variety of experiences and expertise, and each of them sharing the same dedication to our mission. Finally, we have instituted a new bell schedule, designed last year by the faculty and drawing interest from around the Diocese and our Marianist and Ursuline school consortia, which allows for more instruction time in each of the classes. The students and faculty have embraced this schedule and it has been a very smooth transition.

These are just a few of the many exciting changes that have taken place at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School. I look forward to a successful remainder of the school year and I thank you all in advance for your continued support of and prayers for Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.

Christ's Peace,

David Csank, Principal

READER FEEDBACK

We'd love to hear your thoughts on the VASJ Magazine. Send your questions, comments or concerns to Emily Robinson, Communications and Media Coordinator at erobinson@vasj.com or 216-481-8414 ext. 235.

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DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT'S REPORT

The 2010-2011 school year has begun with the Office of Institutional Advancement building onto the efforts created last year by many alumni including St. Joe's Classes of 1954, 1960, 1970 and VA's Classes of 1960 and 1970. We give many thanks to those in the VASJ community who participated in the Scheidel Foundation Challenge and made gifts to the annual fund, athletic fund, tuition assistance fund and named scholarships. With 53% new donors and 31% of repeat donors increasing their gifts to the annual fund, VASJ was able to capitalize on the matching grant securing endowment dollars from the Scheidel Foundation and an additional \$20,000 to be awarded in two-year scholarships. As part of the challenge and following the path of St. Joe's Class of 1957, who raised monies in connection with their 50th reunion, St. Joe's Class of 1970 began to rally their classmates. Focused with a mission to raise a designated amount, the Class of 70 combined their gifts as part of their 40th reunion and presented VASJ with a \$100,000 check to support operations, tuition assistance and athletics.

Families, despite the economic climate, are still sacrificing to send their children to VASJ because they believe in the long-term benefits of investing in their children. In true Viking fashion and understanding the needs of the school as well as its families, the Scheidel

Foundation has extended its challenge through this school year.

"My father, Herbert W. Scheidel, ('60) was a strong believer in the value of education – especially in expanding opportunities to people who could not afford it. Right now, VASJ supports many students who would not be able to afford to attend this great school by relying on people like us – alumni and friends - to fill the gaps. With an impressive track record of sending over 95% of its students to post-secondary school, VASJ is a fantastic investment. And, in honor of my father, we are proud to continue this campaign to support VASJ become more financially secure while extending the opportunity for more students to receive a great education at VASJ." – Miki Scheidel

It is our goal to keep this momentum going and increase our accomplishments. Parents, alumni, alumnae and other stakeholders have faith in us and understand, in the legacy and traditions of both St. Joseph High School and Villa Angela Academy, that VASJ continues to strengthen the faith of its students with Catholic values, prepares them for college, prepares them for their future careers and equips them to become leaders in the world and their communities. Continuing to celebrate these successes and more is not possible without you!

ADMISSIONS

NEWS ON ADMISSIONS FOR 2011

It was a busy fall in the VASJ Admissions Office as prospective freshmen from a variety of schools were welcomed for Open Houses, Entrance Exams and Shadow Days. A new format was introduced at the fall Open Houses where families were presented with the new recruitment video, a Q&A session with students and administrators and taken on guided tours to meet faculty and view the school building. Prospective families also had the opportunity to meet with VASJ Student Ambassadors and Admissions representatives at high school nights hosted by local grade schools. Information about the quality academic programs, strong faith formation, special curriculum offerings, school size,

personalized educational experience and opportunities for participation in sports and extracurricular activities have generated increasing interest and very positive feedback from families and students.

The Office of Admissions will continue the selective admissions plan that was implemented last fall, seeking students with academic, conduct and attendance records that will allow them to excel at VASJ. We are looking forward to a successful recruiting season and another wonderful freshman class for 2011-2012!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE VASJ COMMUNITY



POWDER PUFF FOOTBALL

The Senior class celebrates the victory over the Juniors in the Powder Puff football game. It was a good game and both teams demonstrated a great deal of sportsmanship and pride to be a member of the Junior and Senior classes at VASJ!

YEARS OF SERVICE AT VASJ

- Tim Robertson SJ '62 – 44 years
- William Raddell SJ '68 – 39 years
- Ken Prince SJ '64 – 35 years
- Jack Veasy – 33 years
- Sue Skehan – 31 years
- Chuck Martinko – 30 years
- Bro. Dave Murphy SJ '64 – 26 years
- Charlene Dayton – 24 years
- Cathie Durdella – 24 years
- Birtha Ealy – 23 years
- Nancy Slominski Naujoks VA '68 – 13 years
- Chris Janezic – 12 years
- Anna Battista – 10 years
- Anthony Redding SJ '89 – 10 years
- Nancy Rouse – 10 years
- Angel Melendez – 9 years
- Steve Wallace – 9 years
- Maureen Joseph – 6 years
- John Stankiewicz – 6 years
- Kriste Vedegys-Duhigg VA '88 – 6 years
- Judy Petraitis VA '78– 5 years
- Lori Suttell VASJ '94– 5 years



HALLOWEEN ON CAMPUS

The Senior class hosted 75 kindergartners and first graders from OH Perry for Halloween on Campus for a fun morning full of Halloween activities. The students, with their VASJ Senior buddies, decorated Halloween cookies and got their faces painted in addition to many other fun activities.



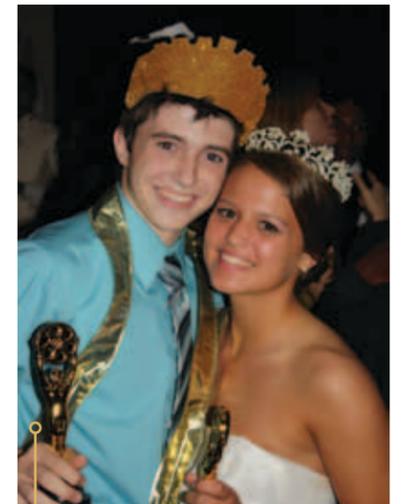
VASJ BAND

Members of the VASJ marching band attended Band Day at Kent State University where they were able to march at halftime of the Kent State football game.



MURAL MY NEIGHBORHOOD

During the summer, two of VASJ's exceptional artists, Olivia Biondo and Derek Witcher, participated in the Mural My Neighborhood program and contributed to the painting of two beautiful murals in North Collinwood.



HOMECOMING

Student Council hosted a wonderful "A Night at the Oscars" Homecoming Dance where Seniors Tim Frey and Allison Insana were named homecoming king and queen.



FALL PLAY: THAT'S THE SPIRIT!

The cast and crew of *That's the Spirit* put on three wonderful productions of the murder mystery spoof by Tim Kelly.



LORI TUTTELL, VASJ '94

Using *creativity* to bring out the passion in her students

Lori Suttell's energy and passion for teaching, working with youth and life in general is truly contagious to all who meet her. It is obvious that she is someone who puts her heart and soul into everything she does, especially teaching. She knew at a very young age that teaching was her passion. "I remember being a little girl, five or six years old, with the chalkboard out, grading papers, writing on a chalkboard, I did all of that," Suttell explained. Although she knew she had the passion to teach, figuring out what she wanted to teach took a little longer. "I was a math major before I was an English major. And then I couldn't keep up when it got beyond Calculus," she said. "I don't know if even [longtime Calculus teacher and administrator] Tim Robertson knows that!"

After she ruled out teaching math, English was a natural next choice for her. "I have a passion for Literature and I exude that passion in my classroom," Suttell said. Recognizing that not all of her students will share her passion and enthusiasm for Literature, it is more important to Suttell to show her students that they can be passionate about something. "If you see someone else's passion, even if you don't like it, you're somewhat interested in it because they sound so excited. And I think my students see that," Suttell explained. "The message is, 'You can be passionate about something too.'"

This realistic and grounded approach that Suttell brings into the classroom allows her to be open and flexible when her lesson plans go a little off course. "One of my most favorite areas of teaching is the teachable moments," Suttell explained. Her definition of a teachable moment is when a student asks a question she was not expecting and the entire lesson plan is taken in a different direction.



Lori Suttell brings enthusiasm and passion into her classroom, despite being eight months pregnant with her second child.



Suttell dresses as a witch on the first day of reading *Macbeth*

Rather than try to steer the students back to her original plan, Suttell embraces these moments. "That's when some of the most genuine learning takes place because it's what the kids want to know."

Whether it means having her students draw an illustration, write a poem to act out or perform a skit, Suttell embraces the opportunity to be creative and dynamic with her teaching. "I love the creativity that comes along with my content area; the opportunity to not just read a piece of text, but to make a piece of text come alive," she explained. It is not only the students who get to be creative with the literature, however; Suttell likes to get involved too. "When we read *Macbeth*, I'll come in dressed as a witch," she said.

In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Suttell also serves as the Senior Class moderator. "It's a great opportunity to get kids into leadership roles,"

"The message is, you can be passionate about something too."

Suttell said. Not only does she get to serve as a facilitator and help students learn a sense of responsibility as leaders of their class, but she also gets to help them make high school memories, which is something she really enjoys. "Not that I want to go to prom again," she explained, "but it's fun to help them build memories."

A 1994 graduate, and a member of the first four-year class of VASJ, Suttell has many of her own fond memories from her time in high school. Such a huge part of her high school experience was her involvement with the basketball and volleyball teams. "It laid the foundation for my work ethic. It gave me a sense of responsibility and ownership for my own education and my own goals. Athletics kept me grounded and focused and helped me prioritize," Suttell stated. She remembers vividly teachers who came to every single basketball game she played and the sense of community she

saw among the faculty and staff, both of which left a lasting impression on her. In addition to the sense of community she felt at the school, the faith formation and giving back, all played into her positive experience at VASJ.

The real, genuine natures of the students are really what make Suttell's job as a teacher at VASJ so enjoyable. "They're the best kids to work with. They're the kids that in some way are going to make a difference in the world," Suttell stated. Knowing that students who graduate from VASJ are fully prepared for college is another very rewarding part of her job. "I have not met a student that graduated from VASJ that has said, 'I'm not prepared, I'm behind, I don't get it,'" Suttell explained. "Our students are equipped with the knowledge that they need for the next step."

KRISTÉ VEDEGYS-DUHIGG, VA '88

Embracing *diversity* and *community* in guiding student transformations



Kristé Vedegys-Duhigg enjoys guiding students through the college application process

I felt safe. I felt important. I felt smart.” Those are just a few words that VASJ Guidance Counselor Kristé Vedegys-Duhigg uses to describe the way she felt during her time as a student at Villa Angela Academy. Once very introverted and timid, something many people might not know about her, the time she spent at VA gave her the confidence she needed to believe in herself and break out of her shell. “The Ursuline Sisters really taught me how to be a leader and to focus on myself and be confident,” Vedegys-Duhigg added.

A legacy child of VA, Vedegys-Duhigg feels a deep commitment to the school where both her mother and sister also graduated. Her connection runs even deeper than just family, though, as she is the fourth VA alumna to live in her current house, located in the VASJ neighborhood.

Vedegys-Duhigg was very active with Student Council and involved with many different clubs during her time at VA. She remembers many traditions taking place (like each class having their own color, flower and song) that she would really

“I’m helping kids plan their futures, which is really exciting when you think about it.”

like to bring back to the school. “I’m working with some of the juniors to revive some of those traditions because I think it gives them a sense of identity,” Vedegys-Duhigg added. She remembers vividly the day during her junior year when her class was presented with their class rings. “Sister Naomi prepared us for it with singing the alma mater. It was very nice because it really made us have a sense of community.” The sense of community Vedegys-Duhigg felt during her time at VA is something she feels still exists at the school today and witnesses every day in her role as a Guidance Counselor. “I think the one thing people don’t realize about VASJ is the sense of community and family we have. Everybody cares about everybody here.”

Vedegys-Duhigg sees the diversity of the student body at VASJ as one of the best qualities of the school and something that really helps to bring alive the sense of community and family the students experience. “If you walk these halls and you see these kids, it’s so fun to embrace the diversity. I think it’s a really positive thing. You can’t say that a lot of other schools have that,” she explained. “When the time comes for these kids to go out into the real world, that’s what the real world is. I think that is one of the most positive things that we give to our students.”

Vedegys-Duhigg is able to witness the deep sense of community and caring at VASJ in her new role as moderator of the junior and senior Service Learning class, in which students volunteer at The Hospice of Western Reserve during the school day. The students spend their time doing anything from stacking carts to baking for the patients. “I have a special connection to the Hospice because my mother passed away there last March. I don’t have time to go over there and volunteer with my schedule and having three kids, so this is my way of giving back.” The students in the service learning class keep a journal of their experiences volunteering at the hospice. Following along with these journals, Vedegys-Duhigg is able to see the transformation the students go through as they interact with patients and even as they experience death, perhaps for the first time. “It makes me very proud seeing the students giving back and watching them realize that

there is something bigger than themselves,” Vedegys-Duhigg explained. “Having that partnership is good for the community. The people that are there love having the kids there.”

Helping the students with their college application process is another way in which Vedegys-Duhigg is able to see the students at VASJ transform right before her eyes. Although she refers to the transformation of the students at VASJ as something that just happens on its own, after talking with her, it is easy to see the important role she plays in this process. Encouraging students to apply for colleges that may be a “stretch” to push their boundaries is one way Vedegys-Duhigg helps students expand their comfort zones in order to learn and grow. “I’m a firm believer in trying something. If you fail, big deal. At least you tried. My mom pushed me to go above and beyond my comfort level and I try to do that with the students,” Vedegys-Duhigg said.

More than just helping them stretch their comfort zone, Vedegys-Duhigg enjoys guiding students through the college application process and getting them to start thinking about their future careers and what they might want to do. “I’m helping kids plan their futures, which is really exciting when you think about it. I was a first generation college student so it’s really exciting to know that I’m helping these kids grow up.” Just as she remembers the Sisters and teachers she had at VA, Vedegys-Duhigg hopes one day to be remembered fondly by her students. “When you think about someone who made a difference for you in high school, I really hope that some of these kids look back and say ‘she helped me a lot,’ because that’s my goal,” Vedegys-Duhigg explained. “What better gift can you get than that?”



KEN PRINCE, SJ '64

Finding
rewards
and *joy*
in helping students succeed

Now in his fortieth year of teaching, Ken Prince has been a science teacher at St. Joe's and VASJ for 35 years. Prince has many fond memories of his experiences at St. Joseph High School from his time as both a student and a teacher. Prince is highly dedicated to VASJ, a school that in his opinion, still holds the same great qualities and characteristics it did 50 years ago when he was a student. "We still have really good kids here and have high academics," Prince explained. "The kids come to school, they are respectful and the Marianist and Ursuline traditions have been constant through the years."

As a student at St. Joe's, Prince was involved in the National Honor Society, football and track. He is still



Ken Prince loves to use technology both in and out of his classroom

highly regarded at VASJ for his successful track career, setting the school record in the 400-meter dash in 1963 and going to State for the same race in his junior year at St. Joe's.

Prince was fortunate to have many great role models and mentors at St. Joe's. One of these role models was the legendary track coach, Jim McDonough. "He was very influential on me. He made sure that I was heavily recruited for both football and track. He's the one that really encouraged me to go on to Villanova," Prince explained. "We stayed friends until he died."

It was his positive experiences at St. Joe's and his successful track career that led Prince to continue his Catholic education at Villanova University in Pennsylvania, where his Division One 1600-Meter

"I just really get a lot out of seeing a kid come back after he's become a doctor."



Watching students succeed is Prince's favorite part about being a teacher

Relay team were the National Champions in 1968. Prince was also named All-American three times during his track career at Villanova, where he was a pre-med major.

The decision to become a high school science teacher did not happen right away for Prince: his original plan was to become a doctor. When he was not accepted into medical school, he decided to pursue a different passion: teaching and coaching. Prince attributes his decision to go back to school to obtain his teaching license to his coach and mentor, McDonough. "He had all the influence in the world on me," Prince stated.

Prince feels extremely fortunate to work with so many dedicated coworkers at VASJ. "The people that are here, really want to be here and teach here," Prince said. Having

the opportunity to work with faculty members that were once his students, like English teacher Lori Suttell '94 and Math teacher Stephen Glowacki '02 is a rewarding experience for Prince and something he really enjoys about teaching at VASJ.

Prince also enjoys the academic freedom he has felt the entire 35 years he's been teaching at St. Joe's and VASJ. "No one has ever told me I couldn't teach something. Of course I have standards to follow, but I'm not boxed in at all," Prince explained. "You can really teach here." Teaching the kids who really want to learn and watching them succeed is Prince's absolute favorite part of being a teacher. "I just really get a lot out of seeing a kid come back after he's become a doctor or a medical researcher. I really get a lot of satisfaction out of that."

Although coaching has been a huge part of his life for a very long time, Prince's coaching career is coming to a close. This fall was the first Cross Country season he has not coached in forty years. However, he is not yet ready to leave the sport completely, and will still be officiating meets. "It's time for me to move on. I truly don't have time to coach," Prince explained. "I'm going to miss working with kids who

go to districts, regionals and state. That's the fun part."

When he is not officiating at cross country meets, teaching or tutoring, you may find Prince hiking somewhere or playing games on his computer. But more than likely, you will find him reading a book in his free time. "I read all fiction, very little nonfiction," Prince explained. Thanks to a recent gift from his wife, Prince can now combine his love of reading with his love for technology. "I'm a tech guy," he said as he pulled out his new Kindle, an electronic reading device already loaded with fiction books. It is his love of technology, reading and science that make him the wonderful science teacher he is.

Prince was inducted into VASJ's Hall of Fame in the fall of 2010 in recognition of his devoted service to St. Joe's and VASJ as both an outstanding teacher of AP biology, honors biology and chemistry and as a dedicated track and cross-country coach. He was named the Catholic Diocese "Teacher of the Year" in 1991 and has established himself as a very important part of St. Joe's and VASJ's history.

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CLASS NOTES

1950s

SJ AND VA CLASSES OF 1954: The St. Joseph and Villa Angela Classes of 1954 held a combined reunion on Saturday, October 30, 2010, at Landerhaven. Nearly 70 St. Joseph and Villa Angela alumni were in attendance. The event was a success and everyone had a great time. People traveled from as far as Florida, South Carolina and Texas



Members of VA and SJ Classes of 1954



to join in on the festivities. Under the leadership of **Joe Topoly** and **Tony Hughes**, the SJ Class of 1954 has initiated a fundraising effort among the early “pacesetter” classes of the 1950s for the school. There will be another reunion on Halloween weekend in 2012 and the Villa Angela and St. Joseph graduating classes from the 1950s and 1960s will all be invited.

SJ '58: **Bernie Cost** and his wife Pat will soon be celebrating their 49th wedding anniversary. They have two daughters and three grandchildren and live in Willowick, Ohio.

VA '59: **Mary Kay Hogan Kantz** and the rest of the VA Class of '59 congratulate their five classmates who celebrated their Golden Jubilee as Ursulines this year. **Sr. Rose Mary Hoge** (formerly Sr. M. John Joseph), **Sr. Karen Bohan** (formerly Sr. Francis Mary), **Sr. Donna Kristoff** (formerly Sr. Mary of the Angels), **Sr. Miriam Fidelis** (Judithann Pinchot), and **Sr. Martha Owen** (formerly Sr. Cornelia and Sr. Daniel Mary) who were honored at a Mass at the Ursuline Motherhouse on August 15th. Joining in the

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festivities was **Sr. Loretta Spotilla**, also VA '59, who has been a Sister of Charity of St. Augustine for 51 years. **Sr. Annamae Dannes**, a member of the Class of '59 for her first two years of high school, was a member of the Carmelite Community in Cleveland Heights for more than 40 years before her death earlier this year. Five other members of their class contributed many years of service as Ursulines before moving into other vocations. The members of the Class of '59 are so grateful to these women for their faithful service to God's people. “We are so proud to be able to say we are their friends... and that we knew them when,” Mary said.

1960s

VA CLASS OF 1960: The Villa Angela Academy Class of 1960 held their 50th Reunion the weekend of September 17, 2010. The festivities lasted all weekend long, beginning with a ladies-only evening on Friday night. On Saturday afternoon, the class attended Mass at St John Vianney in Mentor. **Therese Osborne** traveled from Dublin, Ireland, to attend the reunion. On Saturday night, Senior Class President, **Pat Bentler Metti**, welcomed 58 attendees to the dinner, 40 of whom were classmates, and shared stories of past events with grace and humor. Classmate **Sr. Ann Letitia O.S.U.** (former **Marilyn Kostiha**) said a short grace. The class was honored to have their own teacher of freshman sewing, **Sr. Charlotte Trenkamp** (then **Sr. Marie Rosaire**), who presently teaches fashion at Ursuline College, spend the evening with them.

SJ CLASS OF 1961: The St. Joseph class of 1961 will be holding their 50th reunion the weekend of October 7th & 8th, 2011. Please contact Dave Pfriem for more information at pfriem@sbcglobal.net or 216-227-1088 (home) 216-496-4066 (cell).

SJ '61: **Thomas Fagan** is in his 42nd year as program director for a school psychologist training program. There is a possibility he may retire in the next few years, but he is in no hurry. He hopes to attend the 50th alumni reunion next year. Thomas lives in Memphis Tennessee.

VA CLASS OF 1961: The Villa Angela class of 1961 would like to have their 50th reunion in the fall of 2011. For more information contact **Colleen Muran** or **Diane Bafard Mulraney** at 216-486-2691 or 216-481-6862.

VA '61: **Kathy Mulhair** has been living in Oklahoma for the past two years, and it has become her home. Her oldest son, Matthew, and his family live about a 1.5 miles from

her apartment. Her grandsons (14 and 7) are terrific, and her daughter and her four kids (20, 18, 15 and 10) now live in San Antonio. “Just to let anyone who might remember me know, I am still overweight, lousy at volleyball and impressed by intelligence,” Kathy says. She sends her best to all the graduates.

VA '61: **Gail Nachigal Price** graduated from Ohio University in 1965 with a BA in Fine Arts. She received her Masters in Art Education from Boise State in Idaho in 1983. She taught art for many years at Colorado Mt. College, Boise State College and Jr. and Sr. high schools. She also produced 28 art instruction videos for teachers released through Crystal Productions in Aspen, CO. Gail owned Aspen Pottery, an upscale ceramic studio/gallery in Aspen for nine years. She is now retired and living in Aspen and Santa Fe, NM.

VA '61: **Anne Cheryl Lonsway Skowronski** recently retired from kitchen manager at Hopewell, a residential facility for mentally ill adults. She and her husband, Dan, have nine children and their 15th grandchild was due in November. Dan is a retired Catholic school teacher. They live in Bloomfield, Ohio. Anne is hoping there are plans for a 50th reunion next year.

SJ '62: **David M. Karberg** is now retired after 43 years working as an electrical engineer at Reliance Electric, Rockwell Automation and General Electric. He lives in Rio Rancho, New Mexico.

VA '62: **Mary Sue Rooney Keller** and some 1958 graduates of St. Jerome's are trying to contact classmates for a possible reunion. If you graduated from St. Joe's or VA in 1962, perhaps you could help. Contact Mary Sue with information at bdadmom8@sbcglobal.net or 440-352-5338.

SJ CLASS OF 1963: It's time to start thinking about a 50 year reunion in 2013. Email any ideas to **Ross Carey** at carey4074@roadrunner.com or **James Kramar** at jkramar@att.net.

VA '65: After living in the fairly remote Pilbara region of Australia for the past five years, **Bridget Planisek Stimpson** is back in the USA. She and her husband, Phil, have settled in the Austin area and, believe it or not, it is cooler there. Phil lived and worked in Australia for the past 20 years, and Bridget moved there after they were married in 2005. The deal was that they would move to the USA at retirement. Phil retired in April 2010 and Bridget says, “Twas quite the adventure!” Retirement has been great for them so far. They are traveling a lot and Bridget is enjoying showing Phil the USA. They visited Cleveland in October.

VA '66: **Dolores Pinco** is enjoying the summer as an

Independent Educational Consultant for Usborne Books & More. She enjoys her job promoting literacy and is in need of more book lovers for her team.

SJ '67: **Edward J. McCullough** has worked for Dayton Public Schools for the past 30+ years teaching nutrition and logistics. He and his wife, Debbie, have been married for 31 years. They have two boys, one married, and two grandchildren. Edward says his other son is “a starving artist.” Edward and Debbie live on about six acres in Springfield, Ohio, and raise meat goats and chickens.

SJ '68: **John R. Guroy** celebrated his 60th birthday in the spring. He and his wife Joan have been married for 25 years and became empty nesters this fall when their ‘baby’ (6' 7”), started at Kent State. John is still a high school sports referee (baseball, softball, basketball and football). He is a huge Ohio State Buckeyes fan and is still rooting for the Indians, Browns and Cavaliers (especially without LBJ). He looks forward to hearing from his '68 Viking classmates in the future. John and Joan live in Columbus, Ohio.

VA '68: **Marilyn Tucci Belevic** is the owner of a hair salon, STUDIO 305, located in Willowick, Ohio, for the last eight years. She has had the chance to meet many new people over the last eight years, so many of them being ALUMNS! She and her husband, **Alan S. Belevic** SJ '66, live in Willowick, Ohio.

SJ '69: Former Viking boys basketball coach **Mike Moran** was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at John Carroll University in September 2010 for coaching their men's basketball and golf teams. Current VASJ boys basketball coach Babe Kwasniak '94 and girls basketball coach Tony Redding '89 were among the many alumni in attendance at the ceremony.

1970s

SJ CLASS OF 1970: The St. Joseph Class of 1970 held their 40th reunion on October 22-23, 2010. In preparation for the reunion, the class members planning the reunion initiated a class gift challenge to their classmates that raised over \$100,000 for VASJ as the next phase of engagement,



SJ Class of 1970 with \$100,000 check to VASJ

key members of the reunion committee are working with interested representatives of other classes to help with similar class gift efforts.

VA CLASS OF 1970: The Villa Angela Academy Class of 1970 held their 40th reunion the weekend of September 10-11, 2010. "Thank you everyone who supported, donated and contributed - those who worked hard and smart to make Villa Angela Academy Class of 1970 Fortieth Reunion so wonderful. It was a labor of love for each other, Villa Angela Academy, VASJ and all that's good from those days gone by, as well as our lives today. Thanks to everyone who attended, all those who traveled near and far. Thank you Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School for inviting and hosting us." - **Denise Eichhorn Oblocki**

SJ '71: **Joe Devney** has been nominated for the honorary rank of Associate Fellow of his professional organization, the Society for Technical Communication. This means that he has "attained distinction" in the field which should look good on his resume. The new Associate Fellows will be announced in early 2011.

SJ '71: **C. John Yost** is proud and happy to announce the 1st birthday of his one and only grandchild, Ty Alexander Yost, on September 9, 2010. John is also excited about being called back to the Police Department from which he retired to consult on a old ase from 17 years ago. He looks forward to learning more details about the SJ Class of 1971 40th reunion next year. John currently resides in Illinois.

VA '71: **Gabrielle (changed from Dolores) Ayres, M.A.**, currently does research in Arctic and Antarctic Atmospheric Science at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego (published work in BAMS); is a director for a Faculty Leadership, Teaching and Professional Development Program; teaches Rhetoric and Writing of Science at San Diego State University; and, beginning recently, does academic research and writing for the Faculty Development Program at Stanford University. She lives in Palo Alto, California, near Stanford University. She yearns to return to Ohio.

VA '71: **Arline Marie Debelak** and Dr. Franklin B. Price were married on June 18, 2010, at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Gates Mills, Ohio. The Reverend James Caddy officiated. Mrs. Price was an Insurance Broker with Progressive Insurance in Mayfield Village, as well as Director of Music with the Catholic Dioceses of Cleveland and Youngstown, prior to her marriage. Dr. Price is affiliated with the University Hospitals Health System in private practice in Mayfield Village and University Heights.

SJ '72: **Thomas (Tom) M. Cahill** and his wife **Patty (Jersan)** VA '73 had two weddings in July and officially became empty nesters. Their daughter Emily married Nick Orlando in Concord, Ohio, and their son Scott married Rachel Meeks in Omaha, Nebraska. Tom's brothers and fellow Vikings **Jay SJ '69, Tim SJ '72, Mike SJ '74, and Chris Cook SJ '72** (and just like a brother) were all there for both celebrations. **Tom Verdi SJ '72** and his family were able to attend Emily's wedding. Their third, and oldest child, Kimberly, married Dan Knoch in July 2005 and had their first grandchild, Brayden, last September. "We are abundantly blessed," Tom said. "Go Vikings!"

SJ '72: **Tim Hesketh** took part in August in the 2010 MS Pedal to the Point, a 150-mile fund-raising event for Multiple Sclerosis. He was not the only Class of '72 alumni involved: **Tom Nancarrow, Rudy Petrick** and **Eddie Krebs** were also riding for the cause. Way to go, Class of 1972!

SJ '72: **Jonathan Ivec** started a new position in June 2010 as Vice President for Finance and Administration at Iona College in New Rochelle, New York, where he lives with his wife, Virginia.

SJ CLASS OF 1975: The St. Joe's Class of 1975 held a mini-reunion on December 11, 2010 at Barley House in downtown Cleveland.

VA CLASS OF 1975: The Villa Angela Academy Class of 1975 had a 35 year reunion on July 31, 2010. The class spent over four hours reminiscing and realizing what a wonderful group of women were in the class. Quite a few travelled from out of state to attend. Everyone had a great time. The class is going to try and have a 40 year reunion as well.

SJ CLASS OF 1976: The St. Joe's Class of 1976 is preparing for their 35th Reunion. Please contact **Mark Keleshian** at mark9757@aol.com or 440-442-9693 for additional information.

SJ '77: VASJ Boys Golf Coach **John Iosue** won the Briardale Course Championship on October 10, 2010.

VA CLASS OF 1979: The Villa Angela Class of 1979 held a mini reunion on October 2, 2010. **Laura Brandich Fenzi**



VA Class of 1975, left to right: *Karen Guilfoyle, Ginny Boyza, Andrea Gentile, Maryann Rini, Lois Glogovsky, Lynda Baranauskas, Sheryl Jones and sitting, Colleen Dougherty*

has progressive MS and lives in a nursing home. In lieu of the typical reunion, the class decided to have a birthday party for Laura to give her support, love and prayers. The class met at Hong Kong Buffet for lunch and then returned to Laura's nursing home to have a party. The class also booked rooms at Drury Inn & Suites in Dublin, Ohio for a pool party and fun.

VA '79: **Vanessa (Gatto) Vidmar** is currently attending Lakeland Community College for a degree in Paralegal Studies. She and her husband **Joe Vidmar**, SJ '79 celebrated their 30 year wedding anniversary on Sept. 13th and their oldest son Mike will be getting married New Year's Eve 2010.

1980s

SJ '80: **Mark Iacofano** and his wife, Wendy, have lived in the metro Detroit area for the past 14 years. Mark works as a Producer/Director of Detroit Tigers Baseball and Detroit Red Wings Hockey for Fox Sports Detroit.

SJ CLASS OF 1981: The St. Joe's Class of 1981 is beginning to organize their 30 year reunion for 2011 and is looking for ideas, advice and assistance. Please contact **Jim Brickman** at precordial1@aol.com or 813-846-6881.

VA CLASS OF 1985: The Villa Angela Academy Class of 1985 held their 15th reunion on Saturday, October 23, 2010 at the Normandy Party Center in Wickliffe.

SJ '86: After 23 years in the US Army, **Edward Tushar** retired in 2009. He went to work for MPRI in Kuwait, training Soldiers en route to Iraq. Edward completed his BSBA in 2009 from Thomas Edison State College and is currently working on MSHRM there. He may be relocating to Aztec, New Mexico with a new job in the next month.

VA '86: **Tracey Byrd-Harris** has been married to her husband, Tim, since June 27, 1998. They have one daughter, Ashley Morgan Harris. She is 10 years old and a fifth grade honor student. Tracey is currently a Business Banking Portfolio Manager at Chase Bank. Tim owns his own company, Ashtree Landscaping & Home Improvement. Their family resides in Fairview Park, Ohio.

VA '86: **Marsha Simonitis Miller's** oldest daughter, Janis, is now part of the VASJ Class of 2014. She is a third generation legacy at the school as Marsha's dad, **Joe "the bus driver" Simonitis** attended St. Joe's as part of the class of 1959. Marsha lives in Cleveland, Ohio.

SJ '87: **Vincent Marmash** welcomed a grandson, Xander, on June 11, 2010.

SJ '88: **Sherman C. Dean, II** is the Director of Admissions at Hiram College and is looking for more exceptional Vikings

to join the Hiram College campus community! Sherman has fond memories of coming to school early for the doughy chocolate chip cookies and Coach Gutbrod, Coach Storey, Coach Guilfoyle and Coach Moran teaching him more than just sports. Sherman and his wife LaKeshia live in Euclid, Ohio.

1990s

SJ '90: **Michael Rus** and his wife Melissa welcomed their third son, Matthew David, on October 26, 2009. Matthew joined big brothers Michael (9) and Mason (6). Michael and his family live in Kirtland, Ohio.

VA '90: **Mary Dudzinski Zalar** and her husband Justin welcomed Colton Anthony on July 15, 2010, weighing in at 5 lbs 13 oz. and 21 inches long. Colton joins big sis Abigail who turned two in July. Mary and her family live in Eastlake, Ohio.

VASJ '91: **Anne Macuga Carey** married her husband, James, on July 17, 2010, at the Old Stone Church on Public Square in Cleveland. Anne's brother, **Andrew Macuga VASJ '95** was best man. Frank Macuga, who retired from teaching at VASJ in 2005 and ran the bookstore until 2008, enjoyed the role of Father of the Bride. **Tim Robertson SJ '62** and his wife Georganne were also in attendance.

VASJ '94: **Samantha Williams Pierce** and her husband Ron welcomed twins (one boy, one girl) in the fall of 2010! After having twin boys last year that passed away within hours of their birth they are feeling extremely blessed for these two bundles of joy. "Prayer works!" Samantha said.

VASJ '97: In June, 2010, **Kevin Eppich** was appointed the 11th Music Director of the Euclid Symphony Orchestra.

VASJ '97: After graduating from VASJ, **Megan Hetman Frankel** earned her degree at John Carroll University and upon graduation, began working in the Marketing Department at the Cleveland Clinic and has been there ever since. She and her husband David have a three year-old daughter, Addison, and a 10-month old son, Max. They live in University Heights, Ohio.

VASJ '97: **Jared Roach** and his wife, Becky, celebrated seven years of marriage in December and have three boys: Anthony 5, Tobias 3, and Caleb 1. Jared resides in South Euclid and sells radio advertising for Salem Communications.

2000s

VASJ Class of '00: The VASJ Class of 2000 held their 10th reunion on Friday, July 9th and Saturday, July 10th.

Did you know that you now can submit your class notes online? Go to www.vasj.com and click on the Alumni, then click on Class Notes to share with your classmates any updates on careers, activities and whereabouts!

VASJ '02: **Reynaldo Stargell** and his wife Sarah were married on October 9, 2010, in Columbus, Ohio. **Courtney Redic VASJ '02** was a groomsman in the wedding. Reynaldo works as a traffic engineer for the Ohio Department of Transportation and lives in the Columbus area.

VASJ '06: **Patrick Gliha** was named one of Washington, DC's "Most Beautiful People of 2010" from The Hill magazine.

VASJ '06: **Stefanie Toth** graduated with a B.S. in

Journalism in 2009. She is currently the creator and editor of Downtown Today, a downtown Willoughby newsletter which launched on October 1, 2010. She also runs a blog, downtownwilloughby.wordpress.com. To place an ad in her publication or to donate to her venture, please e-mail her at stoth87@gmail.com.

If your class is not listed, we would love to hear from you and any plans you may have.

IN MEMORIAM

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CORRECTION: Anthony F. "Tony" Lucic was incorrectly listed as the father of Anna Lucic VA '82

Joseph E. Andry SJ '67, father of Kristen Baisden VASJ '93 and brother of Dana Andry SJ '72, passed away in July 2010 at the age of 60.

Jane F. Berkopec, mother of Frank Berkopec SJ '58, Janice Krebs VA '61, Sr. Elaine, O.S.U. VA '67; grandmother of Theresa Krebs Duke VASJ '91 and Heidi Krebs Johnson VASJ '93; passed away in October 2010 at the age of 94.

Mollie Birk, mother of Fred Birk SJ '58, passed away in November 2010 at the age of 97.

Eugene (Gene) Blair, husband of Irene Blase Blair VA '72, passed away in May 2010. They had been married 28 years.

Richard Blase, father of Irene Blase Blair VA '72, passed away in October 2010 at the age of 78.

David Callahan SJ '58, husband of Carol Klepcyk Callahan VA '59, father of David A. Callahan SJ '82, Tammy McGarry VA '83, Michael Callahan and Janine Briganti VASJ '91, passed away in August 2010 at the age of 70.

Paul J. Dworzniak SJ '58 passed away in November 2010 at the age of 70.

Rebecca "Becky" Farrell, wife of Dennis Farrell SJ '58, passed away in August 2010.

Anthony P. "Big Tone" Formica SJ '58, passed away in September 2010.

Robert J. Gulyas SJ '54, brother of Rosalyn Gulyas Hepburn VA '57 passed away in October 2010 at the age of 74.

Jerry J. Intorcio, father of Thomas Intorcio SJ '85 and former teacher at St. Joseph High School for 26 years and Varsity Golf coach, taking the team to the state tournament in the 70s, passed away in October 2010 at the age of 83.

Rita M. Kearns, mother of Janet Kearns Qualters VA '59, Daniel Kearns SJ '61, Barbara Kearns Latini VA '63, Eileen Kearns Warnick VA '67 and Rita Kearns Smolik VA '76 passed away in June 2010.

Agnes B. Knazek, mother of Richard Knazek, M.D. SJ '58 passed away in July 2010 at the age of 93.

Dennis Latini, husband of Barbara Kearns Latini VA '63 passed away in November 2010 at the age of 66.

William C. Mang SJ '65 passed away in May 2010.

Joanne Menge Seelye VA '59 passed away in July 2010.

Brandon Anthony Shima, son of Keith Shima SJ '85, nephew of Scott Shima SJ '79 and grandson of George Shima, passed away in November 2010 at the young age of 16.

Henry Tatarunas, father of Vidas Tatarunas SJ '77 and Marius Tatarunas SJ '79 passed away in August 2010.

Irene Varhola, mother of Steve Varhola SJ '62, Patricia Varhola Margadonna VA '69 and Loretta Varhola Mikols VA '73, passed away on Christmas Eve, 2009. The family finds comfort in the Blessed Mother bringing their mother home to heaven on the holiest of nights.

Anna Mary Verespej, mother of Joanne Verespej VA '63 and Mike Verespej SJ '66, passed away in June 2010 at the age of 90.

Michael P. Walsh SJ '58 passed away in September 2010 at the age of 71.

Ronald J. Zak SJ '56 passed away in January of 2010. He and his wife Jean would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September of 2010.

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The Office of Institutional Advancement is in need of alumni and alumnae from the following classes to assist in planning their milestone reunions:

1961 – 50 years	1976 – 35 years	1991 – 20 years	2001 – 10 years
1966 – 45 years	1981 – 30 years	1996 – 15 years	2006 – 5 years
1971 – 40 years	1986 – 25 years		

If you are interested in participating as a reunion committee chair, co-chair, member or any other capacity, please contact the Director of Advancement, Mary Paxton, at mpaxton@vasj.com or 216-481-8414 ext. 259. We look forward to hearing from you!

Share your story.

Whether you are a student, alumnus/alumna, parent, coach, teacher or friend, we want to hear your stories and memories from your time at St. Joe's, VA or VASJ. We are interested in learning more about your connection to the school and any fond memories you may have. Please, help us document the history of St. Joe's, VA and VASJ! You can submit your stories online at www.vasj.com or by email to erobinson@vasj.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

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