



Villa Angela-St. Joseph
HIGH SCHOOL

Faith. Family. Future.

Parent Newsletter

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School Mission Statement

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School is a Catholic, comprehensive college-preparatory school rooted in the Ursuline and Marianist traditions and committed to the spiritual, academic and personal growth of each student.

February 3, 2023

Upcoming Events:

- **Saturday, February 4: VASJ Entrance Exam 8:30-10:30 a.m.**
- **Tuesday, February 7: College Credit Plus Parent Info Meeting, Founders Chapel 6-7 p.m.**
- **Thursday, February 9: Senior "100" Day**
- **Thursday, February 9: Parent-Teacher Conferences 2:30- 4:00 p.m. & 5:00-7:30 p.m.**
- **Friday, February 10 & Monday, February 13: NO SCHOOL**
- **Monday, February 20: NO SCHOOL**
- **Wednesday, February 22: Ash Wednesday Prayer Service 9:00 a.m.**
- **Saturday, February 25: VASJ Entrance Exam 8:30-10:30 a.m.**

***Check the VASJ website for up-to-date athletic events.**

To view the VASJ calendar: Please visit www.vasj.com and click on News & Events → Calendar.

OFFICE OF DEAN OF ACADEMICS

Greetings Viking Families:

It is hard to believe that February is already upon us. The year is going swiftly, and for our senior class, they have only a few months of high school left. In fact, February 9th will be their 100 days left celebration! In addition to that, we will be fitting seniors for the caps and gowns this month.

Please join us for our parent - teacher conferences on Thursday, February 9, 2023. Students will be dismissed from school at 2:00 pm that day. Conferences will run from 2:30 pm - 4:00pm. Teachers will take a one hour dinner break. Conferences will then resume at 5:00pm and end at 7:30pm. All conferences will be held in the gym. This is always a good time to connect with your student's teachers.

Weekly ineligibility is being run every Monday afternoon. If a student is ineligible, they must attend after school tutoring or risk having ineligibility extended.

However, after school tutoring is for all students who may need a little extra help. Tutoring is available after school Tuesday through Thursday from 3:15-4 p.m. In addition, students may make arrangements with individual teachers for additional tutoring.

Academic concerns should be addressed with the teacher first. If you have a concern, please contact the teacher via email. A phone or in person conference can be arranged from there if necessary.

As always, thank you for all you do to support us in our efforts to educate your students. We appreciate your faith in our work, and we truly appreciate you allowing us to be a part of your student's life.

Mrs. Patricia Marxen
Dean of Academics
216-481-8414 x216

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for all students is run every Monday afternoon. ***Any student who has two or more F's for any course will be ineligible for the week.*** Athletes may not play in any scheduled games until eligibility is established the following Monday. Students in club activities may not participate in any club functions during the school day.

In addition to being ineligible for games/activities, students are also required to attend after school tutoring. Students must sign in and stay for the duration of tutoring on ***Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday***. The rooms and subjects are posted below.

Students who **DO NOT ATTEND** the tutoring will be **INELIGIBLE** for an additional week regardless of grades.

Eligibility for Quarter 3 is based on the Quarter 2 grades. If a student does not meet the 1.7 GPA requirement, they will be deemed ineligible for the entire third quarter and will not be able to participate in competitions or off-site activities.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

After school tutoring is available for all VASJ students, **but it is required for ineligible students**. Tutoring is from 3:15-4 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday every week. If we do not have school, we do not have tutoring.

Teachers are available in the following rooms:

- **Math with Mrs. Julian:** Room 301
- **Math/English with Miss Mowrey:** Room 303
- **Science with Miss Babiak:** Room 310
- **Science/Religion with Ms. Armen:** Room 315 (Tuesdays & Wednesdays only)
- **History:** Students can seek any of the teachers listed above

You do not need to make an appointment to attend. **Students are encouraged to attend as often as needed with material to work on.**

In addition, students may make arrangements with individual teachers for tutoring as needed. That must be done ahead of time with the teacher and is subject to a teacher's availability.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

If the school is closed unexpectedly, we will notify the media and you will see the name Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School. You will also receive a call through the Swift K12 Notification System to notify you of any school closings. Closings will also be noted on the VASJ website (www.vasj.com).

EDCHOICE, CLEVELAND, JON PETERSON & AUTISM SCHOLARSHIPS

Your new VASJ contact for scholarships will be Ms. DeAndre Branner. Her extension is 216-481-8414 x140 and email is dbranner@vasj.com.

The Ohio Department of Education Cleveland Scholarship, Jon Peterson Scholarship, Autism Scholarship and the EdChoice/Expansion Scholarship application window is still open to new applicants for the 2022-23 school year.

New and renewal 2023-2024 applications are now available for families to complete. Below you will find the required documents to complete the process.

Cleveland Scholarship Application and Instructions

New Applicants, [click here](#)

Renewal Applicants: [click here](#)

Ed-Choice Application and Instructions

New Applicants, [click here](#):

Renewal Applicants, [click here](#):

Ed-Choice Expansion Application and instructions

New Applicants, [click here](#):

Renewal Applicants, [click here](#):

Jon Peterson Application and Instructions

New/Renewal applicants, [click here](#):

Autism Scholarship Application and Instructions: Available April 1, 2023

[Click here](#) for instructions:

All forms can be accessed from the links above. Should you need forms individually, send an email to request the required form. Forms can be dropped off in the main office or emailed to dbranner@vasj.com.

SUPPORT VASJ'S CONTINUE THE DREAM GALA FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN RAFFLE PRIZES!

We're excited to be hosting our annual Continue the Dream gala on Saturday, April 22 in the VASJ Gym! The gala serves as the school's biggest fundraiser of the year, with funds directly benefiting our students and helping to ensure they can continue to receive a quality Catholic education at VASJ.

We need your support to help us make this year's event an even bigger success! We're asking parents to consider contributing to our Silent Auction by donating items or purchasing them off of our Amazon Wish List.

By donating any items with a value of \$50 or more, you'll be entered into a drawing to win one of three prizes!

Raffle prizes:

First prize: Tuition assistance voucher

Second prize: VASJ bookstore merchandise

Third prize: \$50 Visa gift card

To view VASJ's Amazon Wish List, please [click here](#).

Items must be purchased online or dropped off at the school **by Monday, April 3** to be eligible for the raffle.

In the gift message box during the Amazon checkout process, please include your name and your student's name. If dropping off items at the school, please include a note with your name and your student's name.

Please consider donating to our wonderful event that benefits current and future students at VASJ!

If you have any questions, please contact the VASJ Advancement Office at 216-481-8414 ext. 150.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

SPRING SPORTS

Boys Baseball, Boys Volleyball, Girls Softball, and Boys and Girls Track & Field will begin practices for the 2023 season on February 20, 2023. We are just a month away from the season, so make sure all pertinent information is complete and up to date in FinalForms. This includes, but is not limited to, Preparticipation Physical Exam, Parent and Student E-Signatures, Emergency Medical Authorization and permissions.

LADY VIKING FLAG FOOTBALL

The new Lady Viking flag football program at VASJ is kicking off. **We will be holding open gyms on Monday, February 6, Monday, February 13 & Monday February 20 from 6:00-8:00 p.m..** Please be sure to bring tennis shoes, water bottles and dress appropriately.

**OARSMEN CLUB
SUPER BOWL
50/50 RAFFLE
3 PRIZES: 70%, 20%, & 10%
OF THE POT
WINNERS PULLED ON FEB. 14th
\$5.00 TICKETS SOLD UNTIL 6:00pm on FEB. 12th
PURCHASE ONLINE:**



OARSMEN CLUB
Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

OARSMEN5050.GIVESMART.COM

OR TEXT: OARSMEN5050 at 76278

THANK YOU FOR YOR SUPPORT

FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS INFORMATION NIGHT

On Tuesday, February 7, 2023, VASJ will be hosting a parent information night for the College Credit Plus Program. Please meet in the Founders Chapel by 6 p.m. to receive more information regarding the program. CCP is a parent-driven program through the state of Ohio. VASJ will assist our families throughout the process; however, we have no control over the program, the process, and/or deadlines.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:



February 7: CCP Information session at 6 p.m. in the Chapel (Students & parents are encouraged to attend.)

February 1 - April 1: Students apply to a local college, parents sign up for a SAFE Account, and apply for funding.

April 1 at 5 p.m. is the HARD DEADLINE to submit an application for funding. Any families that do not submit an application prior to 5 p.m. will be financially responsible for any courses their student enrolls in. This deadline is set forth by the Department of Education and can't be extended.

Before May 5, students will receive their funding award letters in the funding application. Students must send these letters to their chosen institution to cover their tuition costs.

INFORMATIONAL LINKS:

- [VASJ CCP Information](#)
- [ODE CCP Information](#)
- [2023-2024 CCP Funding Application Manual](#)
-  [Ohio ID.pptx](#)
-  [OHID-Job-Aid_Account-Creation.pdf](#)

CREDIT RECOVERY NOTIFICATIONS (Summer School)

An email was sent to parents of students who will require credit recovery over the summer. This is for students who failed a required course/ courses in Semester 1. Please email Mrs. Marxen if you have any questions.

POWERSCHOOL ASSISTANCE:

Email: powerschool@vasj.com

WORK PERMITS: Email: nmiller@vasj.com

JOYCE IVY FOUNDATION: The Joyce Ivy Foundation [Summer Scholars Program](#) provides scholarships for talented, high-achieving young women from the Midwest to participate in academic summer programs at some of the country's top colleges:

Barnard | Brown | Georgetown | Harvard | Johns Hopkins
MIT | Smith | Spelman | Yale

Scholarships are awarded based on merit and financial need.

The Summer Scholars program provides scholarships for talented female high school students to participate in a summer academic program at one of our partner programs – some of the most rigorous and selective colleges and universities in the country.

Scholars receive a full or partial scholarship, based on demonstrated financial need, to cover tuition, room and board, travel expenses, and supplies. The Joyce Ivy Foundation works directly with our set of program partners to combine Joyce Ivy scholarships with additional financial aid provided by the summer program. The application for summer 2023 is now live!

<https://joyceivyfoundation.embark.com/login/apply?target=ssa2023>

THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO is offering a GREAT virtual opportunity for high school students! Many students interested in the arts, makeup, or science don't know about the Cosmetic Chemistry option! The University of Toledo has the nation's only bachelor's degree program in Cosmetic Science and Formulation Design, and this year they are hosting their third annual Beauty of Science Virtual Cosmetic Science and Formulation Design Summer Camp June 21-23. Campers will discover the science behind cosmetic products and take part in some hands-on fun! They will receive a camp kit with over \$200 of giveaways, products, experiments, and more. Raffles and games for a chance to win even more swag and products will take place

live during the camp. The camp is available to any students going into their sophomore through senior years in Fall 2023. The cost of the camp is \$100 and there are scholarships available. Companies participating include L'Oréal, Azelis, MANA, Colgate, and more! **Registration opened January 17 and will close on May 12.** Registration link can be found here <https://www.utoledo.edu/pharmacy/camp/coscicamp/>.

ACT PREP

Juniors interested in preparing for the ACT this spring can create an account in the Methodize program. Follow this link: <https://methodize.methodlearning.com/join/bypmgkl> See Mrs Duhigg with any questions.

Tutors Across America will be offering several discounted Online ACT & SAT Weekend Boot Camps over the Spring semester.

Scholarships are available. See Mrs. Duhigg, Ms. Jones or Ms. Marx.

Spring 2023 Online Boot Camp Dates:

- February 24 - 26: ACT Camp
- March 24 - 26: ACT & SAT Camp
- May 26,27 & 29: ACT & SAT Camp

Typical Schedule for the 3-Day (20-hour) Online Boot Camp:

Friday:	5:00 pm - 9:30 pm Eastern Time
Saturday:	10:00 am - 7:00 pm Eastern Time (lunch break from 2 pm-3 pm)
Sunday:	10:00 am - 7:00 pm Eastern Time (lunch break from 2 pm-3 pm)

The boot camps are averaging 3-7 point improvements on the ACT, and 150-200 point improvements on the SAT, which represents a 20-40 percentile point increase in just one weekend.

Regular Cost of Camp: \$399

Discounted Cost: \$199

Use coupon code TESTSUCCESS at checkout.

The camp includes two practice exams of each type. (actual past exams)

How To Enroll in the Boot Camps

1. Go to: <http://TutorsAcrossAmerica.com>
2. Scroll down to find the camp listing you want
3. Enroll as directed. You may enroll in any camp that works for you.
4. Use coupon code TESTSUCCESS at checkout to receive a 50% discount.

HELP WANTED

Servers-Hostess-Busers-Cooks

Scotti's Italian Eatery

882 E. 185th St. **Stop in or call and ask for Scotti: 216-481-8995**

DIVERSITY IN SCIENCE WEBINAR

The University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine, Atmospheric & Earth Science will be hosting our third annual Diversity in Science online event. It will be a day of interactive science learning for historically underrepresented students. On the day of the event, students will virtually visit marine science laboratories, see ongoing research projects and interact with scientists from a variety of fields and backgrounds.

Register here: https://miami.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_hB4g50e5QDWA3MlvXqeJQ

STEM Innovation and Entrepreneurship Scholarship

The purpose of this scholarship program is to recognize students throughout Ohio for their contributions to STEM Innovation and Entrepreneurship. To ensure that students from all parts of Ohio receive recognition, we

would like to award at least one \$2,000 scholarship in each of Ohio's ninety-nine State House of Representative districts, and thirty-three Ohio State Senate districts.

<https://www.ohiosci.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2022-2023-Statewide-STEM-Scholarship-Applt.pdf>

National Youth Science Academy

The 2023 National Youth Science Camp (NYSCamp) is scheduled to be held from June 19, 2023, to July 12, 2023, with a hybrid model. The first five days are virtual and the remaining days of the camp are in-person at Camp Pocahontas in West Virginia. Two delegates per state will be selected by representatives of their governor's office to attend the camp. Housing, meals, transportation, and supplies are provided to participants at **no cost**. Selected delegates *must* commit to attending the full camp including *both* the virtual *and* in-person portions of camp.

The deadline to submit applications is 6:00 PM EST on February 28, 2023.

To apply to the National Youth Science Camp (NYSCamp), please [complete an application](#) and direct any questions to your [State Selection Coordinator](#). International applicants, please apply by contacting your [State Department Contact](#).

Delegates will be expected to commit to attending camp and fill out delegate paperwork by April 10, 2023, or their spot may be given to an alternate from their state or another state.

<https://www.nysacademy.org/programs/nyscamp/2023-nyscamp/>



Join the Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council and Partners for an APPRENTICESHIP CAREER FAIR

Learn about career opportunities available in the construction trades.

Learn a lifelong skill, obtain college credit and earn a salary with benefits beginning the first day on the job
WITH NO STUDENT DEBT

WHERE: Pipefitters Local 120

**6305 Halle Drive
Cleveland, OH 44125**

WHEN: March 23, 2023

6:00-7:30 PM



Women, Cleveland residents,
and people of color are encouraged to attend

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES with the following
building and construction trades

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| • Bricklayers | • Laborers |
| • Carpenters | • Operating Engineers |
| • Cement Masons | • Painters |
| • Electrical Workers | • Pipefitters |
| • Glaziers | • Plumbers |
| • Heat and Frost Insulators | • Roofers and Waterproofers |
| • Ironworkers | • Sheet Metal Workers |



**For more information call Doreen Cannon
216-459-0099 Ex. 143
Masks encouraged**

COLLEGE COUNSELING

NACAC College Fair

Sunday, February 5, 2023

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (EST)

Huntington Center downtown

<https://www.nacacattend.org/23Cleveland>

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Senior parents can view the 2023 College and Scholarship Google Classroom for other available scholarships.

Email Mrs. Duhigg at kvduhigg@vasj.com to add you.

<https://www.goingmerry.com/> is a free scholarship search and application platform. It provides personalized matching and thousands of scholarships and grants.

CALVIN COOLIDGE PRESIDENTIAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP: The Coolidge Scholarship is a full-ride, four-year merit scholarship that may be used by recipients for undergraduate study at any accredited college or university in the United States. [Click here](#) for more information.

The Howley Foundation college scholarships

CRITERIA FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

- Graduated from partner high school with 3.0+ GPA, maintain 2.0+ in college
- Attend one of the partner colleges/universities in Ohio
- Major in one of the identified eligible majors
- Applied for financial aid and qualify for Pell grant
- Live on campus

ELIGIBLE MAJORS

The following majors were identified as fields that will provide long-term growth and success for future professionals. • Business/Economics • Accounting • Marketing • Computer Science • Engineering • Nursing • Healthcare • Math • Science • Education • Criminal Justice

APPROVED COLLEGES/ UNIVERSITIES

Baldwin Wallace University, Cleveland State University, Hiram College, John Carroll University, Kent State University, Ohio State University, Ursuline College, Walsh University

Application: <https://classroom.google.com/u/0/c/NDk3NjM5MjE4ODc5>

THE JANE EDNA HUNTER SCHOLARSHIP: This scholarship has been established to provide financial assistance for full-time undergraduate women under the age of 30 who are residents of Ohio or South Carolina.

Jane Edna Hunter (1881-1971) was an African-American social worker from South Carolina. She established what became known as the Phillis Wheatley Association of Cleveland to help elevate African-American women and children.

Eligible Students:

- Must be a woman under the age of 30 and a resident of Ohio or South Carolina.
- Will be attending a public or private college or university & enrolled full-time for the upcoming fall term.
- Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on 4.0 scale or a score of 580 on the GED Test.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Must NOT be an employee of KeyBank National Association or any of its affiliates. Immediate relatives of any such employees are also ineligible.

How to apply:

- Visit the link below to complete the online application.
- Write a statement about your career goals or reason for attending college.
- In your own words, write a 400 to 500 word essay addressing the life and times of Miss Jane Edna Hunter and the development of the Phillis Wheatley Association, how Ms. Hunter's legacy changed the social services arena, and how her legacy has influenced you.
- In addition to your application you will need to submit to College Now:
 - 2023/2024 Student Aid Report (SAR) from www.fafsa.gov
 - 2023/2024 College financial aid award letter
 - Official or unofficial academic transcripts or GED scores
 - Two (2) recommendation letters from persons not related to you.
 - Any other materials College Now may require<https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/83419-College-Now-Greater-Cleveland>

For questions, contact Scholarships & Financial Aid Specialist, Stephanie Kubec at 216-329-9480 or skubec@collegenowgc.org

HAPPENINGS IN THE VILLAGE



Mark your calendar for Continue the Dream: Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School is excited to announce that our annual Continue the Dream gala will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023.

Join us as we gather in the VASJ Gym to celebrate our rich legacy and bright future. The evening will include dinner and an open bar, live and silent auctions, a special program featuring VASJ students and our Hall of Fame inductees, music, raffles and more!

We're honored to have John '59 and Linda Storey serve as this year's chair couple.

Funds raised the night of the gala will directly benefit our students and help ensure they can continue to receive a quality Catholic education at VASJ that's rooted in the Ursuline and Marianist traditions. By supporting the gala, you'll play a role in helping us transform our students' lives through faith and academic excellence.

Tickets go on sale Wednesday, March 1. Both individual tickets and reserved tables will be available for purchase.

Sponsorship opportunities and program ads are available. Please contact the Advancement Department at 216-481-8414 ext. 150 or advancement@vasj.com for more information.

We hope you'll join us on April 22 for our biggest fundraiser of the year! Stay tuned for more details at vasjgala.givesmart.com.

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

ILLNESS:

There has been an early rise in respiratory viruses this season. Please continue to wash your hands, cover coughs/sneezes, stay home when sick, and wear a mask when appropriate. Please contact the school nurse if your student tests positive for COVID-19 or you have COVID-19 related questions or concerns.

MEDICATION ORDERS:

All medications given during school require a new order each school year. Please remind your child's doctor at their next visit if you need new medication forms for the 2022-23 school year.

VASJ VISITOR PARKING

Parents and visitors are reminded that if they need to park for school business between the hours of 7-8 a.m., they are to park in the MAIN LOT in the spots closest to E. 185th Street facing Euclid Hospital (near the recycling bins). All other parking spots are assigned and reserved for faculty, staff and students. VASJ reserves the right to tow any car illegally parked at the owner's expense.

After School Parking: **THE FRONT DRIVE (FACING LAKESHORE) IS NOT TO BE USED FROM 2:30 to 3:30 P.M. FOR STUDENT PICKUP BY PARENTS OR RELATIVES.** This area is reserved for the use of VASJ transportation vans.

Parents (relatives/friends, etc.) are NOT permitted to park in the curb lane on Lakeshore Blvd. in front of the school. Please notice that there are NO PARKING and NO STOPPING signs that run from East 185th Street past the school property. These violations cause two issues: parked cars block the line of sight of the VASJ vans exiting the crescent drive, and the blocked curb lane forces the two lanes of traffic into one lane, adding to the safety concerns of pedestrians and our students. You are permitted to park in the crescent drive west of the school, which is Hospice property. The Cleveland Police Department has requested our cooperation in this matter.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

1. ***Euclid Hunger Center:*** Assistance is needed every Saturday from 9am-1pm at Shore Cultural Centre. Responsibilities include assisting with food distribution and helping customers as needed. Contact euclidhungercenter@gmail.com to volunteer.
2. ***Our Lady of the Lake Aftercare:*** Volunteers are needed to support young children Monday-Friday from 3pm-6pm at OLL, right down the street. If you are interested in this service opportunity, please email Mrs. Mejak (Wilson) at bwilson@vasj.com.
3. ***Lake Erie Folk Fest*** needs volunteers in February at Shore Cultural Centre. Check out their volunteer link to sign up: <https://volunteersignup.org/YQ4QT>
4. ***Assumption Parish Fish Fry*** needs volunteers starting February 24th. Sign up online at Assumption's website: <https://www.coabvm.org>