



Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

Faith. Family. Future.

2023-24 Admissions Guide

Dear future Viking families,

I am deeply grateful to be able to serve as president of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School. Many significant changes have taken place within the building over the last year thanks to the amazing team we have here at VASJ and the incredible generosity of our donors.

Modern, energy-efficient windows have been installed throughout the building as part of the school's \$5.5 million Keeping Our Promises Campaign. Our new rear atrium, which will serve as a safe gathering spot for students, is scheduled to be completed by the start of the 2023-24 school year. And perhaps most exciting for our Viking families is the construction of our new turf athletic field.

We have so much to offer our students, families and community. We are proud to be 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. We are committed to continuous improvement of the total student experience here at VASJ. With the Ursulines and Marianists serving as our foundation — combined with your support — we are certain that VASJ will continue to thrive for many generations to come.

I invite you to explore all of our new and improved spaces the next time you visit VASJ. I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can this school year.

God bless you and your family.

Thomas M. Carone

VASJ President





Academics

MORE THAN JUST A NUMBER.

Our low student-to-teacher ratio and small class sizes allow our students to receive a more personalized learning experience and form close relationships with their classmates and teachers.

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS

Through our College Credit Plus program (CCP), students have the opportunity to challenge themselves and expand their knowledge while also earning credit toward a college degree.

17 Honors & AP courses

95% of Class of 2023 college-bound

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

VASJ is proud to say it has a long history of 98% of graduates going on to further education at distinguished colleges and universities across the country, including: Baldwin Wallace University, The Ohio State University, Kent State University, University of Dayton, Case Western Reserve University and more!





Rooted in Faith

Faith is at the core of VASJ's mission. VASJ is the only school in the world that is co-sponsored by the Ursuline Sisters and Marianist Brothers.

Students begin and end each day with prayer and participate in liturgies, prayer services and faith-based retreats throughout the school year.

Faith-based opportunities we offer our students include:

- Campus Ministry
- Altar Servers
- Kairos Retreat
- LIFE Leaders
- Catholic Schools for Peace & Justice
- Weekly Mass with Our Lady of the Lake Parish

Called to Serve

Service is an essential component of the Christian life. It is a way that we live out Jesus' command to love our neighbor as ourselves. It is also an integral part of our school's Marianist and Ursuline charisms.

The Ursuline Core Value of Service and Social Consciousness and the Marianist Characteristic of Educating for Service, Justice and Peace influence VASJ's strong emphasis on service.

Each grade level at VASJ is required to complete service hours and projects. Many VASJ students even choose to go above and beyond our service requirements.

Student Service Program

Students are encouraged to give back in meaningful ways and use this opportunity to build bonds with their community.

Giving Back Together

In addition to our Student Service Program, Campus Ministry hosts several collection drives each year, which benefit service organizations throughout Northeast Ohio.



Senior Service Projects

- One of our favorite senior service projects is Christmas on Campus.

This annual event brings in 1st and 2nd grade students from local grade schools to celebrate the holidays with a senior buddy. The Viking community also participates in a Stocking Drive leading up to the event.



Choose Your Path

VASJ is dedicated to providing our students with opportunities for growth. As part of this mission, we have a variety of Fine Arts electives for every kind of artist.

Additionally, VASJ offers co-curriculars, which all students are encouraged to participate in.

Fine Arts

At VASJ, we recognize the important role artistic expression plays in a student's development, so much so that all students are required to complete at least one credit of Fine Arts or Technology before graduation.

Clubs and Activities

Individuality and expression are key components of growth, which is why VASJ has a vibrant roster of clubs and activities, many of which were created by students for students.

From Music Ministry for our resident performers to Student Council for our future leaders and plenty more in between, the opportunities for students to get involved outside of the classroom are endless.



Let's Go Vikings!

Athletics are a vital part of VASJ's history and tradition.

Student-athletes excel both academically and on the field. Participating in Viking athletics brings out the best in our students, teaching the importance of sportsmanship and the values of hard work and discipline.

23 Athletic teams, including football, swimming, basketball, cross country and more!

23 State championships

65% of students participate in a Viking sport





Alumni

VASJ celebrates alumni with our annual Legacy Breakfast, class reunions and special alumni events throughout the year. Through the generosity of our former graduates, numerous scholarships have been created to ensure today's students have the opportunity to know what it means to say...

**"Once a Viking,
Always a Viking!"**

Young Alumni Association

Formed in 2021, the VASJ Young Alumni Association (YAA) consists of VASJ graduates ages 35 and younger. The YAA looks to engage and serve alumni through young adulthood as they begin college, careers and setting their own paths.

Dear future Viking families,

It's a privilege to serve as principal of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School. Over the last 25 years of working with teachers, parents and students, I've come to understand the unique challenges facing Catholic urban education.

At VASJ, our goal is to make academic success a realization for each and every student. As the only school in the world that's co-sponsored by the Ursuline Sisters and Marianist Brothers, a VASJ education is uniquely different. We have high expectations for our students as well as our faculty, staff and administrators. We believe that faith formation, social development and academic achievements are key to our students' success beyond our doors.

Many exciting changes have taken shape in the Viking Village, including the creation of our new STEM Lab on campus. We continue to review and evaluate lesson plans and classroom needs to ensure VASJ stays competitive academically.

I invite you to connect with our Admissions Office to set up a tour of the school or a Shadow Day so that you can see first-hand all of the changes happening within the building.

I'm looking forward to meeting and working with all of our students and families at VASJ this school year. I know that the Viking Village is a great place to be. And I hope that when you come to visit VASJ, you'll feel the same way.

Lorenzo M. Jones

VASJ Principal



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Shadow Program

Our Viking for a Day shadow program allows prospective students to experience a day at the Viking Village! To schedule your shadow day or find out more information, please visit vasj.com/vikingforaday.

Tours

All families are encouraged to take a tour during our school day. A tour will give you a glimpse of who our students are, what our hallways look and sound like, and the atmosphere and culture of our school that makes us truly special.

If you would like to schedule a tour, please contact the VASJ Admissions Department at 216-481-8414 ext. 285 or email admissions@vasj.com.

Open Houses

October 8, 2023

November 2, 2023

March 6, 2024

Register at vasj.com/openhouse

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