



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.



October 24, 2025

Upcoming Events:

- **October 30:** **IOWA Testing for Seniors** (notified by email)
- **October 31:** **Halloween on Campus** (more details to follow)
- **November 3:** **All Souls Mass 9:30 a.m.**
L.I.F.E. Leaders Meeting 3:15 p.m.
- **November 7:** **Goodies with God 7:30 a.m. (Chapel)**
- **November 10:** **No School - Teacher In-Service Day**
- **November 12:** **Oarsman Club Meeting 7:00 p.m.**
- **November 12-15:** **Kairos**
- **November 13:** **VASJ Entrance Exam 6:00 p.m.**
- **November 19:** **G.E.M. Meeting 3:15 p.m.**
- **November 20:** **Club Fair**
- **November 27:** **Goodies with God 7:30 a.m. (Chapel)**
- **November 24:** **L.I.F.E. All School Event 3:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.**
- **November 26-28:** **Thanksgiving Break**

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.

Spirit Store is open 11:30 - 3:30pm When school is in session

Attendance Office 216-481-8414 x207

****NO SCHOOL NOVEMBER 10****

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Yesterday, we were able to attend the Bishop's Rally and Mass that was held by the Diocese of Cleveland. It was a unique and inspiring experience for all who attended. Students from numerous Catholic high schools from the Diocese descended upon the Public Auditorium, a venue that hosted Elvis Presley, The Beatles, and The Rolling Stones in its past. The first half of the retreat experience had spiritually infused modern music, a high school witness to God, and a speaker from the University of Notre Dame. After which Mass was celebrated by Bishop Malesic. During his homily, he asked our students to focus on four areas. First, to pray everyday, especially with offering thanksgiving. He also told the students to worship every Sunday in their corresponding Christian faiths. Second, to let Jesus shape one's life, allowing him to be the potter that molds us. Third, to share one's faith boldly; building a relationship with Jesus Christ. Last, to ask God, "Why am I here?" to find our purpose at this moment and space in history, and to "set the world on fire with God's love." It was an inspiring lesson for our students, and I hope the Bishop's words ring true for them, if not now, in due time.

Have a great weekend Vikings!

Mr. Sedmak

gsedmak@vasj.com

FROM THE DEAN OF ACADEMICS:

Today marks the end of our first quarter of school. Grades will be finalized early next week and report cards will be going out by Friday. Please note that if you have not signed your Final Forms documents, your students report card will be held. Eligibility for the second quarter will also be completed by Friday, October 31, 2025. This will determine a student's eligibility for the next 9 weeks. A student who is found ineligible will not be able to participate in **ANY** extra curricular activities or athletics until the next set of grades come out and they have met the eligibility requirements.

Next week, our seniors will be hosting some special guests for our annual Halloween on Campus event. **This is a REQUIREMENT for GRADUATION.** Seniors **ONLY** may dress in appropriate costumes for the day. We can not wait to see all the little ghosts, goblins and ghouls running through the hall.

Graduation is quickly approaching and we are already beginning to get ready for this. Next week our SENIORS will be receiving an email from Mrs. Taraska to fill out information for their diplomas. Please make sure they take a moment to complete the form. **Remember that a diploma is a legal document and the name that is printed on it must be EXACTLY as it appears on their birth certificate.**

Enjoy your weekend,
Mrs. Marxen
pmarxen@vasj.com

FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENTS:

Yesterday was a remarkable day as we participated in the Bishop's Rally & Mass at the Cleveland Public Auditorium. I am pleased to announce that our students' behavior was exemplary, with only a few minor deviations. In comparison to other schools attending this event, our students' conduct was undoubtedly exceptional. The bishop addressed themes of love, peace, and maintaining integrity within Catholic schools. These principles and ideas align with our collective aspiration to instill within the culture and fabric of VASJ. Our objective is to foster a rich and cultivated culture rooted in Catholic values while acknowledging and valuing each individual's contributions to the school.

Earlier this month, I emphasized the significance of discussing with students the prohibition of wearing masks or Halloween makeup on school premises. Notably, young children will be present at our annual Halloween On Campus event, where our seniors engage in activities to entertain and collaborate with our young guests. **It is important to emphasize that ONLY SENIORS are permitted to dress up for this day, as it constitutes a community service requirement for graduation and a rite of passage for our students.** Any underclassmen who disregard this policy will face disciplinary actions, including suspension.

Lastly, as the season transitions from summer to fall, there will be notable changes in weather and building temperatures. This is an opportune time to visit our school store and purchase additional sweaters, long-sleeve t-shirts, and other items to ensure your child's warmth and reduce the risk of illness. ***It is important to note that hoodies, coats, jackets, and quarter-zip pullovers are prohibited from being worn during school hours, even if the item has our school logo.*** Violators may face consequences, including suspension or dismissal from school.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.
Mr. Latimore
jlatimore@vasj.com

HAPPENINGS IN THE VILLAGE:

HALLOWEEN ON CAMPUS:

We are quickly approaching our Annual Halloween on Campus Event which will be held on Friday, October 31. Remember that this is a **MANDATORY** event for our Senior class.

Participation in this event is a GRADUATION REQUIREMENT.

Ms. Maher will be in the Senior Religion classrooms to talk more in depth about this event but we wanted to make sure that our parents had the information as well.

- Yes it is mandatory - all seniors must be present. If your student is absent for any reason, they will be required to complete 10 hours of service after the day of the event

- Each senior must bring in 2 bags of Halloween candy
 - Please avoid all candy with nuts
 - All candy must be individually wrapped. No homemade treats.
 - **Candy is due to Mr. Raddell by October 28.**
- **Seniors ONLY** will be allowed to dress up in costume! Please make sure they adhere to the guidelines given to them.
- Lunch will be provided
- If your student is assigned a child to guide, please make sure they bring a blanket to sit on during lunch.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Maher at emaher@vasj.com.

SERVICE INFORMATION: The Irish American Club (22770 Lakeshore Blvd. Euclid, OH 44123) is hosting a craft fair on Sunday, November 2nd at the Irish American Club. They are looking for volunteers to assist vendors in bringing things in and out of the club, before and after the event! There are three different times slots you can sign up for. You can sign up for one, two, or all three! **Saturday, November 1st from 9AM-11AM; Sunday, November 2nd from 8AM-10AM; Sunday, November 2nd from 3PM-5PM** Sign up using this [link](#). We ask that you wear a VASJ top if possible and appropriate bottoms! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to hness@vasj.com.

FROM THE ATHLETIC OFFICE:

VIKING SWIMMING & DIVING: The 2025-2026 swim season begins this weekend and our Viking Swim Team is looking for new swimmers to join the team! If you are interested in seeing what its all about, please contact Coach Bryan at swimming@vasj.com for more information!

FUNDRAISER: Tired of cooking? Take a break for a night and help support our Athletic Training Student Aide Program with some Chipotle. Show this flyer on November 3 at the Willoughby Chipotle located at 36200 Euclid Ave between 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. and 25% of the proceeds during that time will be donated to our program. You can order online by using code 4RPCELQ. Thanks for your support!

FROM THE CAFETERIA: FREE & REDUCED LUNCHES: The application for free and reduced lunches can be picked up in the front office or it can also be found at <https://vasj.com/cafeteria>. Please **click on the link "Free/reduced school meals application"** to download and fill out the application. Return the application to school ATTN: Tara Reid. **Even if you received Free/Reduced lunches in the past, you must complete a new application for this school year.** If you have any questions, please contact Tara Reid at 216-481-8414 x159 or email at treid@avisystems.com.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING: After School is offered every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday after school in rooms 303, 310 & 315 from 3:15 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Students can receive help with their studies. Please make sure your student comes prepared and signs in.

FROM THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT: COLLEGE NOW ADVISOR VISITS: Our College Now Advisor for VASJ, Chloe Shafer will be at school on the following dates to meet with **SENIOR** students and their parents in person or through a virtual meeting, and over the phone:



College Now
Greater Cleveland
Developing Tomorrow's Talent Today

October 30, 2025
December 4, 2025
February 19 & 26, 2026

November 6 & 20, 2025
January 22 & 29, 2026
March 5 & 12, 2026

April 16 & 23, 2026

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
**VASJ ATHLETIC TRAINING
STUDENT AIDE PROGRAM**
25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD | 5-9PM
36200 EUCLID AVE STE 12, WILLOUGHBY, OH, 44094

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **4RPCELQ**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

CHIPOTLE

For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

College Now can assist you and your student with the following:

- Completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the CSS Profile (if required)
- Exploring available financial aid resources for college, including scholarships, loans, work-study, and private funding
- Interpreting and comparing financial aid award letters
- Recommending students for scholarships administered by College Now (requires Pell-Grant eligibility and specific GPA and ACT/SAT test score guidelines)

To schedule an appointment, go to the electronic sign up at <https://cngc.org/VASJ-CNGC>. This will bring you to the Bookings scheduling page. (Follow the directions on the other side of this handout to schedule your College Now appointment on Bookings.) In the event of a school closure, College Now appointments will be held by phone or through a virtual meeting. You will be contacted via the email or cell number you provided during sign up if your appointment is adjusted in any way.

NCAA Eligibility Center: ANY JUNIOR OR SENIOR who is a student-athlete and is thinking about participating in sports at the college level, MUST register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. You should create a free Profile Page account if you are thinking of becoming a college-bound student-athlete. By creating an account, you will stay connected & receive the most current information from the NCAA Eligibility Center and it can help you decide what NCAA division might be right for you. Click on the Link for more information: <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/> or click on this video to help answer some of your questions with the recruiting process <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J2CKtH6-nfc>

FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE: Payment plans for the 2025-2026 school year have started. If you have not set that up, please do so ASAP as your child's tuition is now delinquent. You can access FACTS payment system by clicking on this link: <https://online.factsmgmt.com/signin/3X1G4>
Statements are going out this week, be sure to look them over.

GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP & PROGRAMS:

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School accepts the following scholarships through the Ohio Department of Education:

- ❖ Cleveland Scholarship
- ❖ EdChoice and EdChoice Expansion Scholarships
- ❖ Jon Peterson Scholarship
- ❖ Autism Scholarship

Each family MUST renew their scholarship every year! Please visit our [State Scholarship](#) section on our website for the necessary forms to begin your renewal process. The sooner you complete this the better!

If you need assistance or have any questions, please contact Villa Angela-St. Joseph and Scholarships, Ms. Amanda Fordyce 216-481-8414 x209 or by email afordyce@vasj.com. Click [HERE](#) for more Information and forms.

WORK PERMITS: If you are in need of a work permit, please contact the front office at nmiller@vasj.com.

POWERSCHOOL INFORMATION: Information for gaining access to your students PowerSchool account will be going out next week. We are working on getting everyone set-up in the system. If you already have a PowerSchool account and need assistance please email powerschool@vasj.com.