



Villa Angela-St. Joseph
HIGH SCHOOL

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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 31, 2025

Upcoming Events:

- **November 2:** Daylight Savings ENDS. Set clocks back one hour at 2:00 a.m.
- **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 14:** SENIOR DIPLOMA INFORMATION DUE TO MRS. TARASKA
- **November 19:** G.E.M. Meeting 3:15 p.m.
- **November 20:** Club Fair
- **November 7:** 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:

The first quarter is complete and grades are being sent out. The year is off to a strong start, and we hope you see academic growth in your students. With report cards going out, please note that if you did not receive a report card for your student, it is because you have not completed the needed documents in Final Forms. Please do so now. Once they are completed, you will be sent your students report card. Thank you for attending to the documents in Final Forms.

We would like to thank the students of MEP for their kindness to the staff and faculty of VASJ. MEP students, under the direction of Mr. Redding, gave out candy and treats & few tricks (carrots and celery sticks) to faculty and staff Thursday morning. Prizes were also given in a raffle. Thank you MEP!

Today, campus ministry and our Seniors organized and entertained 60 trick-or-treaters from two local schools, O.H. Perry and St. Roberts and St. Williams school. The day was filled with fun and great energy. We hope our families have fun this holiday weekend, and stay safe.

Have a great weekend Vikings!

Mr. Sedmak

gsedmak@vasj.com

FROM THE DEAN OF ACADEMICS:

Happy Friday!

It is the end of a very month in The Village! Today we hosted Halloween on Campus for some of our area first graders, and the seniors had a wonderful (and exhausting) day hosting the kids.

Report cards were also distributed by secure email with the Quarter 1 grades as well as the ineligibility list. Please look over report cards and discuss the teacher comments with your student. Ineligibility is for students who failed to pass five 1 credit courses and/or did not maintain a GPA of 1.8. For ineligible students, they should be attending after school tutoring on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. They are also **NOT** allowed to participate in any sporting contests, cannot leave early for any sporting contests, and they also may not participate in any extracurricular activities that would pull them out of an academic class during the school day.

This weekend we will be 'falling back' as we adjust our clocks for Daylight Savings time. Do not forget to change your clock! Although we just sent report cards out for Quarter 1, we are only seven short weeks away from our Christmas break. Hard to believe! Final exams will be held the week of December 15. **These are MANDATORY attendance days.** We do not excuse students from exams for vacations, and we do not allow students to take exams early. Please make sure that December 16, 17, and 18 are clearly marked as **MANDATORY** exam week.

As always, please keep up on your student's grades in PowerSchool and regularly communicate with teachers. Should you have any questions or concerns, please first contact the academic teacher. Should an issue persist for any reason, then please contact me.

Enjoy your weekend,

Mrs. Marxen

pmarxen@vasj.com

HAPPENINGS IN THE VILLAGE:

GRADUATION INFORMATION: DIPLOMAS: Seniors were sent an email on Monday with google form to complete their diploma information. The name that appears on the diploma needs to be exactly as their birth certificate is printed. All information is due to Mrs. Taraska by November 14.

CAP & GOWNS: On December 10 our Seniors will be getting measured for their cap & gowns during their religion class. Please do your best not to be absent that day. Cap and gowns will be delivered to the school sometime in early March/April. We will NOT be handing these out until the week of Senior exams.

PARKING PERMITS: This week we began placing warnings on student cars that do not have permits. Beginning on Monday those repeat offenders will be towed. With the bleacher project in full swing, many student spots have been affected. Even though you were assigned a parking spot & have a permit, please park anywhere in the student parking section (behind the bleacher and all the way to the fence facing E. 185th Street).

ART CLUB: We will be meeting after school from 3:15-4:15 p.m. on the following dates in November: 4, 11, & 18. We will continue to make our Chia Pets or you can start one if you missed our first meeting. It will be a lot of fun. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Goldberg. See you then!

51st Annual University of Saint Francis High School Art Exhibition: Up to ten (10) students from our school are able to participate in this Art Show. All work 2D and 3D will be reviewed for acceptance by the Visual Arts department on Monday, January 6, 2026, in room 224 at 3:05 p.m.. Art work that is selected will be shipped to the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne, IN. Please see Mrs. Goldberg or Mr. Spisak for more information.

SERVICE INFORMATION: The Irish American Club (22770 Lakeshore Blvd. Euclid, OH 44123) is hosting a craft fair on Sunday, November 2 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 1 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Sunday, November 2 from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. or from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** Sign up using this [link](#). We ask that you wear a VASJ spiritwear if possible and appropriate bottoms (no leggings or jeans with holes). If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Ms. Hess at hhess@vasj.com.

FROM THE ATHLETIC OFFICE:

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@avifoodsystems.com.

The flyer features a background of faint, circular text containing phrases like "WE CAN DO THIS!!", "FOOD WITH INTEGRITY", "COMMUNITY STARTS HERE", "FOIL-WRAP", "GOODBYE", "GENEROUS", "HELPING", "TURNING", "TASTE", "MADE", "FRESH", "EVERY", "THING", "DAY", "ULTIMATE", "BETTER", "SUPPORTED". In the center, the text "DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE" is written in a large, bold, brown font. Below this is a realistic image of a wrapped burrito. Underneath the burrito, the text reads: "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". At the bottom, it says "ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE 4RPCELQ OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT" and includes the Chipotle logo. A small disclaimer at the very bottom states: "For online orders to count toward 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."

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.

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.