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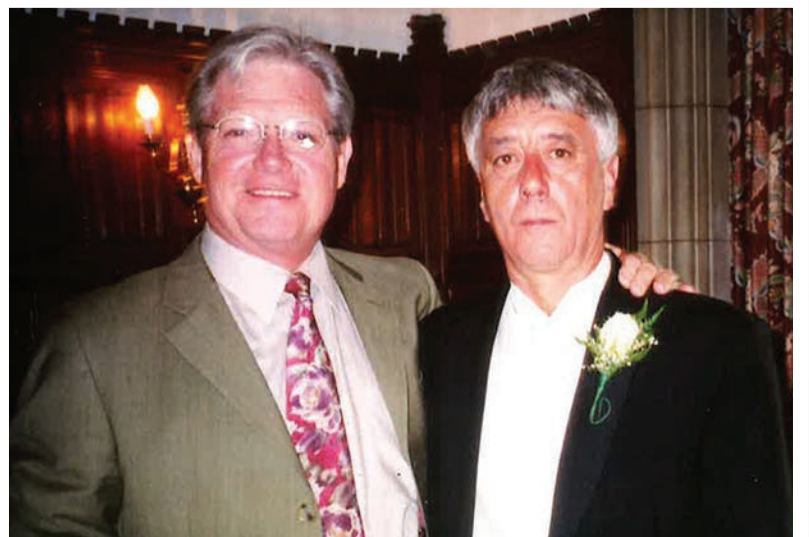
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Villa Angela-St. Joseph
HIGH SCHOOL
Faith. Family. Future.

FALL/WINTER 2025 ISSUE



Introducing our newest HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



#WEGIVECATHOLIC
VASJ sets record-breaking goal

NEW DEAN OF STUDENTS
Welcoming Jeremiah Latimore

CLASS NOTES
Alumni news and reunions



VILLA ANGELA-ST. JOSEPH HS

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025

SAVE THE DATE!

CONTINUE *the Dream*

A Night Under the Stars

Featuring chair couple
Don '70 and Mary Jo Dailey

Doors open at 5:30 PM
Event begins at 6 PM

EVENING INCLUDES:

Dinner/open bar • Live and
silent auctions • Special
program featuring VASJ
students & Hall of Fame
inductees • Music • Raffles
And more!

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KEEPING STUDENTS *at the center of VASJ*

My fourth year as president at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School has been an absolute joy. The staff, faculty and students are amazing. I am excited to report that life at VASJ is good. We opened the year on August 22 to nearly 500 students. We truly have quite a bit to celebrate!

The excitement and improvements only continue to enhance and complement the total student experience offered at VASJ. More excitement continues as we anticipate the opening of our new cardio room this spring. The cardio room was made possible due to the generosity of the St. Joseph Class of 1973. I thank them for their continued unwavering generosity.

Our students are at the center of what we do. Our mission as an Ursuline and Marianist sponsored school is helping students experience the loving, creative presence of God in their lives. As president of VASJ, I am committed to living this mission by ensuring our students are provided with an Ursuline- and Marianist-based education that will enable them to enter the real world as faith-filled, compassionate leaders of the future.

Thank you for your continued support of VASJ. I pray for all of you daily and will continue to do so.

I invite all of you to visit the corner of Lakeshore and East 185th Street. I promise you will like what you see.

God Bless!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom M. Carone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tom" being more prominent.

Thomas M. Carone
President

VASJ

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in the VILLAGE

VASJ sets record-breaking goal during **#weGiveCatholic**

BY KRISTEN MOTT '09

VILLA ANGELA-ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL met – and surpassed – its fundraising goal during **#weGiveCatholic** on Tuesday, Dec. 3.



Thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors, VASJ exceeded its goal of \$54,500 and raised a total of \$72,774 from 234 individuals, an all-time high for a **#weGiveCatholic** campaign at VASJ. Out of 19 large-sized schools that participated in **#weGiveCatholic**, VASJ placed fourth on the leaderboard.

The money raised will go toward purchasing Chromebooks for each of our five Religion classrooms. The Religion classes are currently the only rooms in the school building without access to these devices. Each Religion classroom will now be receiving 25 Chromebooks, a storage/charging cart, and educational software for students to utilize. This technology will open doors to interactive resources, collaborative projects and real-world skills that will serve our students far beyond high school.

#weGiveCatholic is Northeast Ohio's annual online day of Catholic giving, supporting Catholic schools, parishes, ministries and nonprofits throughout the region. "We are thankful for the amazing alumni, parents, faculty and staff, family members, and greater community for supporting

VASJ during our **#weGiveCatholic** campaign," said Barb DiTurno '82, Director of Advancement at VASJ. "Thank you to all of our donors who took the time to make sure that the much-needed Chromebooks in our Religion classrooms will be made available to our wonderful young men and women. We are truly blessed by the generosity of so many."

A special thank you to our donors who graciously stepped up to be matching gift sponsors for this year's campaign, including the Oarsmen Club, the VASJ Board of Advisors, the Villa Angela Academy Heritage Center Committee, and Ken '76 and Sherri Koncilja. We'd also like to extend gratitude to the St. Joseph Class of 1970, who rallied together and funded one of the five Religion classrooms.

Whether you made a donation, encouraged your friends and family to give, or spread the word about our campaign, know that you played a role in our success. We're so thankful for the support and encouragement we receive every day from the Viking Village!



LORIE HOWLEY,
KRISTE VEDEGYS-DUHIGG '88
and **ALLISON BUSSE**
from the Howley Foundation
visited VASJ on Sept. 20 to
enjoy breakfast and share
stories with our Howley
Scholars. VASJ is proud to have
39 Howley Scholars currently
enrolled at the school.

The Howley Foundation has partnered
with VASJ for over 10 years to help
support high school scholars in each
class. Students must have strong
academic credentials, be involved in
extracurricular activities/athletics, and be
outstanding representatives of VASJ in
the community and beyond.

*Thank you to the Howley Foundation
for supporting our amazing students!
We are blessed to have the Howleys in
our lives at VASJ.*



JEREMIAH LATIMORE



named VASJ Dean of Students

BY KRISTEN MOTT '09

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School is pleased to welcome Jeremiah Latimore as the new dean of students.

Latimore spent the last 10 years at ACCEL Schools in Cleveland, where he served as dean of students and assistant principal. He also has experience as a video technician, senior media specialist and drone pilot.

Latimore said he was looking for a change and a new challenge in his professional life, which drew him to the dean position here at VASJ.

"I wanted to go somewhere I could start over and implement my skills to establish a calm, controlled and flourishing culture while promoting school spirit," he said. "My first plan of action is to get to know all parents and students and establish a good working relationship built on trust and respect. People don't care what you know until they know that you care."

VASJ Principal Gregory K. Sedmak added, "Jeremiah brings 10 years of experience to VASJ in the dean of students role. His experience, along with his strong Christian faith and values, is a great benefit to our school."

Latimore, who earned a bachelor's degree from The University of Akron, said he has been overjoyed by the welcome he's received from VASJ faculty, staff and students.

"The amount of support and willingness to make me as comfortable as possible tells me that VASJ's rich history and core values have not faded from the school but have transcended through the years and are now manifested within the students, staff and administration who currently inhabit these great walls," he said. "I pray that I can uphold this standard and honor our heavenly father in serving his people."



VASJ celebrates 4 seniors on NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

Four Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School seniors were recognized the afternoon of Dec. 4 on National Signing Day.

Bo Jackson, Brian Kortovich, Chase Polunus and Robert Smith signed their National Letters of Intent to continue their athletic and academic careers at the next level.

Students, faculty and staff, parents, and alumni attended the ceremony in the VASJ Gym. VASJ President Tom Carone welcomed guests, and then VASJ head football coach Jeff Rotsky said a few words about each student-athlete. The senior football players continued the tradition of ceremoniously passing a football to an underclassman player whom they've mentored and developed a bond with during their time in high school.

CONGRATULATIONS *to the following students:*

BO JACKSON
Football, The Ohio State University

BRIAN KORTOVICH
Football, Penn State University

CHASE POLUNUS
Baseball, Ohio Northern University

ROBERT SMITH
Football, Boston College



ROBOTICS TEAM QUALIFIES FOR REGIONAL COMPETITION

THE VASJ ROBOTICS TEAM placed 8th out of 24 teams in a December VEX Robotics competition. The team placed high enough to compete in a regional competition in January at Kalahari Resorts in Sandusky.

In October, the team placed 6th out of 13 teams during a competition at Elyria Catholic High School.



The VEX Robotics competition encourages creativity, teamwork, leadership and problem solving among groups and prepares students to become future innovators. Tournaments are held year-round at the regional, state and national levels and culminate at the VEX Robotics World Championship each April.

Congratulations to our team and their coach, Mrs. Eckert!



VASJ JUNIOR JACOB ERICKSEN *places first at Cardinal Cross Country Invitational*

Congratulations are in order for VASJ junior Jacob Ericksen, who placed first out of 50 finishers at the Cardinal Cross Country Invitational in Middlefield, Ohio, on Sept. 21. **Jake finished in 18:39.8, a personal record by 63 seconds.**

VASJ sophomore Caden Zeigler placed 30th in 23:02.3, while VASJ freshman Joshua Clarke came in 49th with a time of 31:05.4, a personal record by over two minutes.

Jake also came in 4th place at the 66th annual McDonough Invitational on Sept. 14 at Forest Hills Park in Cleveland Heights. He clocked in with a time of 19:44.38 out of 132 finishers.

The Viking Village is proud of you, Jake!

IN THE VILLAGE

VASJ MUSIC TEACHER DR. KHOURY took a group of students on a field trip to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in November. Our students had the opportunity to explore hands-on activities located throughout the museum as well as meet with the educational team to learn about the history of hip hop.

Students in Dr. Khoury's Music and Performing Arts classes have been studying the history of American popular music as well as the history of punk, New Wave, rap, and the many genres of hip hop. They're currently developing their own beats using BandLab and writing their own raps, which the students will copyright and publish.



VASJ HONORS VETERANS *during* Veterans Day Assembly

BY KRISTEN MOTT '09



Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School was proud to honor veterans during our annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Nov. 11.

After an invocation from Tony Redding '89 and the Pledge of Allegiance from Student Council Executive President Christopher McMichael, the VASJ Pep Band performed the National Anthem.

This year's featured speaker was Michael Strainic '67. Strainic was a member of the Navy Construction Battalion, better known as the Navy SeaBees, in Vietnam. The SeaBees were responsible for building much of the temporary and permanent infrastructures at U.S. military locations throughout the world.

Strainic is a life member of the Catholic War Veterans of the USA and a volunteer at All Souls Cemetery, Willoughby Cemetery, Wickliffe Cemetery, and Wellsville St. Elizabeth Cemetery. Every year he volunteers to help place flags on the graves of servicemen and women for Memorial Day. He also helps veterans in need, especially homeless veterans, and volunteers at the Veterans Hospital.

Strainic and his wife, Germaine '68, have five children who graduated from VASJ.

Following the keynote address, VASJ students lit memorial candles in honor of those who served in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom, and the Global War on Terror.

The ceremony ended with a Remembrance Prayer recited by Student Council Executive Vice President Leia Seals, a benediction from Redding '89, and the playing of taps.

After the assembly, a memorial wreath was placed on the VASJ Veterans Memorial outside in the school courtyard.

Thank you to all veterans and first responders for your service, bravery and sacrifice.





Over 90 people attend fourth annual *Christmas in the Village*

Alumni, faculty and staff members, and families from the greater community gathered at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School the morning of Saturday, Dec. 14 for the school's fourth annual Christmas in the Village event.

Over 90 people attended this year's event, which featured a breakfast buffet, children's crafts and games, face painting, photos with Santa, holiday music, and special guest performers. VASJ student ambassadors and National Honor Society students were on hand to assist children with crafts and help spread Christmas cheer. The VASJ Spirit Store was also open for families to do some holiday shopping.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for this year's event!



VASJ *announces* HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2024 INDUCTEES

BY KRISTEN MOTT '09

*Villa Angela-St. Joseph
High School is excited
to announce the
VASJ Hall of Fame
Class of 2024 inductees.*

The VASJ Hall of Fame was established to honor alumni, faculty and staff members, and others associated with the Viking community who embody the mission and values of Villa Angela Academy, St. Joseph High School and Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.

Inductees distinguish themselves through their contribution to their profession, the VASJ legacy and outstanding service to their community. These talented and extraordinary individuals serve as leaders among their peers and show our current students the possibilities that come from hard work, service and following one's passion.

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VILLA ANGELA-ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

HALL OF FAME

Celebrating a tradition of excellence

"Congratulations to our esteemed alumni on their well-deserved induction into the VASJ High School Hall of Fame," said VASJ President Tom Carone. "Your incredible contributions and legacy will be forever etched into the school's history. We celebrate not only your successes but the inspiration you bring to future generations."

The VASJ Hall of Fame Class of 2024 inductees are:



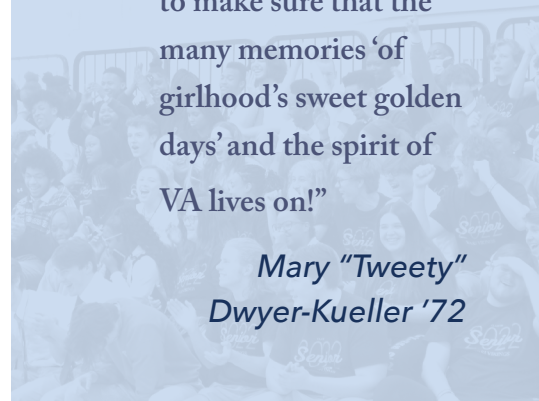
MARY "TWEETY" DWYER-KUELLER '72:

Affectionately nicknamed "Tweety," Mary Dwyer-Kueller played an instrumental role in the planning and reimagining of the Villa Angela Academy Heritage Center at VASJ. Together with the rest of the VA Heritage Center Committee, Dwyer-Kueller spent countless hours ensuring the history of Villa Angela and the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland was preserved and showcased in the center. A former teacher at Villa Angela Academy in the late 1970s, Dwyer-Kueller still supports VASJ today through various fundraising initiatives.



Villa Angela Academy will forever be 'a spot in my heart ever dear.' I am incredibly grateful for my Ursuline education as well as the lifelong friendships that have greatly enriched my life. I am deeply honored to be a member of the VASJ Hall of Fame. Being a part of the Villa Angela Academy Heritage Center Committee has been so rewarding and a great privilege. I accept this award on behalf of the entire committee, who worked tirelessly to make sure that the many memories 'of girlhood's sweet golden days' and the spirit of VA lives on!"

*Mary "Tweety"
Dwyer-Kueller '72*



TONY POELKING '66 AND BILL KANE '66*:

Known as "The Voice and Eyes of the Vikings," Tony Poelking and Bill Kane were a constant dynamic duo at VASJ home football and basketball games for 26 years. After graduating from St. Joseph High School in 1966, Poelking attended the University of Dayton and then taught Business at St. Joe's for several years, while Kane entered the workforce, was drafted into the Army, and served in Vietnam as a decorated combat veteran. When Poelking was asked to take on the role of announcer for Viking home football games in 1989 and home basketball games in 1990, he recruited Kane to join him and act as his spotter, feeding the names and numbers of players to Poelking. Two lifelong friends, Poelking and Kane stayed connected through their love and commitment to the Viking Village.



**Kane, right, who passed away in 2017, will be inducted posthumously into the VASJ Hall of Fame.*

“ I am humbled at being inducted into the VASJ Hall of Fame. This recognition is a deeply meaningful honor that I am especially grateful to be sharing with my lifelong friend, the late Bill Kane '66. This acknowledgment caps 60+ years of being part of the Viking Village in many roles: student, faculty member, coach, fan, and Voice of the Vikings. To be included with so many other more accomplished and noteworthy individuals is truly overwhelming.”

Tony Poelking '66

“ I am not big on awards and recognition for myself, but there is a lot of special meaning in this tribute. I think this induction acknowledges the great McGarry family and the more than 60 relatives that I have who have attended Villa Angela Academy, St. Joseph, or Villa Angela-St. Joseph and also the great St. Joe's Class of '73 that I am proud to be a part of. Those two groups have gotten me where I am today, and I hope they realize this award belongs to all of them also.”

Frank Zbiegien '73

FRANK ZBIEGIEN '73:

Frank Zbiegien is a longtime supporter of Catholic education and all things VASJ. Zbiegien played a key role in the school's \$5.5 million Keeping our Promises Campaign in 2021 and has sponsored past Continue the Dream galas. He spearheaded his milestone 50th class reunion in 2023 and serves as an engaging leader among his classmates. Donning an upbeat and positive attitude, Zbiegien is always willing to get involved and put forth the effort to make the VASJ community stronger.



The inductees will be formally honored and inducted during VASJ's Continue the Dream Gala on Saturday, April 12, 2025. Tickets to the gala will go on sale beginning Friday, Feb. 28. Both individual tickets and reserved tables will be available for purchase. Additional details are available at vasjgala.givesmart.com.

Please join us in congratulating these incredible individuals!



VILLA ANGELA-ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

2023-2024 Donor Recognition Report

Gifts made between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024

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ALUMNI



1

1950s

1 Coach Storey '59 celebrated his 83rd birthday in July. Happy birthday, Coach!



2

1960s

Donald Patt '61 was recently recognized for 40 years of service to Birthright Lake, Inc. in Mentor.

2 Bill Banas '69 stopped by the VASJ Pep Band class in October to meet with Dr. Khoury and our students. He shared some inspiring stories about his time in the band at St. Joseph High School and even joined in to practice a few songs with the band.

James E. Macy '65 recently celebrated the 50-year anniversary of his dental practice, Macy Family Dentistry in Mentor. Macy, a native of Euclid, received a bachelor's degree and a doctor of dental surgery degree at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

1970s

Kathleen (nee Wisneiski) Blechertas '74 has been the rehab manager for two Scripps hospitals (inpatient and outpatient and wound/lymphedema programs) in California for over 17 years. She received her degree in physical therapy in 1997 from Cleveland State University and a Doctor of Physical Therapy from Simmons College in Boston in 2013. She's a Fellow of the Advisory Board in Washington, D.C. and a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. Blechertas is Wound Care Certified, Fall Specialist Certified, and working on an Ergonomic Certification. She's currently an expert witness in physical therapy and wound care. Having worked on several cases across the country, Blechertas truly loves raising the bar in her profession.



3

1990s

3 Dr. Tadas Bartkus '97 is a nationally recognized research leader for NASA in the important field of aircraft icing. Dr. Bartkus works for the Ohio Aerospace Institute at the NASA Glenn Research Center (GRC), where he leads numerous research efforts studying the causes of aircraft icing and how to best detect and mitigate this critical aviation safety issue. Recently, Dr. Bartkus spoke to the Cleveland Engineering Society, providing an overview of the icing research being done here in Northeast Ohio at GRC. Pictured above is Dr. Bartkus (right) with **Chris Pestak '77**. Pestak is a member of the board of directors for the Cleveland Engineering Society.

2020s

John Mauceri '20 was one of the Spring 2024 President's Award recipients from Bowling Green State University. The President's Award is presented to bachelor's degree candidates graduating with a 4.0 cumulative GPA.

4 Last spring, **Maura Kinsella '20** graduated from Ursuline College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN). She recently started a position as a neonatal ICU nurse at UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital.

5 **Dylan Rhoad '23** has entered Borromeo Seminary to discern the Priesthood. Through the Kairos retreat, K11, in his junior year and a lot of love and prayers from the Viking community, Rhoad joined Borromeo Seminary and is in formation studying to become a priest.



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ST. JOSEPH REUNIONS



ST. JOSEPH CLASS OF 1964 - 60TH REUNION

The St. Joseph Class of 1964 held a two-part celebration in honor of its 60th reunion. On Friday, October 11, 2024, classmates attended a pre-game social in VASJ's atrium, and then watched the Vikings face off against Youngstown Ursuline during a home football game. On Saturday, November 9, classmates and spouses attended a reunion luncheon in the VASJ Gym, complete with appetizers, a lunch buffet, music, and a presentation from VASJ President Tom Carone.



ST. JOSEPH CLASS OF 1969 - 55TH REUNION

The St. Joseph Class of 1969 kicked off its 55th reunion weekend with a pre-game social in VASJ's atrium before cheering on the Vikings to victory during a home football game against Gilmour on Friday, October 25, 2024. On Saturday, October 26, classmates joined together for a Reunion Mass in the VASJ Founders Chapel with Fr. Lou Miola, followed by a celebration at the annual Oarsmen Clambake in the school gym.



ST. JOSEPH CLASS OF 1974 - 50TH REUNION

The St. Joseph Class of 1974 hosted its milestone 50th reunion with a jam-packed weekend of events in October 2024. Classmates attended a welcome gathering in the VASJ Gym on Friday, October 18 before heading out to the brand-new athletic field to cheer on the Vikings to victory against St. Vincent-St. Mary. On Saturday, October 19, classmates participated in some friendly competition by golfing, bowling, and playing billiards and pickleball across the city, followed by a social and activity awards in the VASJ Gym that night. The weekend was wrapped up with a Reunion Mass in the VASJ Founders Chapel on Sunday, October 20.



ST. JOSEPH CLASS OF 1984 - 40TH REUNION

Classmates from the St. Joseph Class of 1984 joined together for a pizza social in the school's atrium on Friday, August 30, 2024, in celebration of their 40th reunion. They cheered on the Vikings to victory against Cardinal Mooney during the team's first home game of the season, and then attended a post-game social at Cebars Euclid Tavern.

VILLA ANGELA REUNIONS

VILLA ANGELA CLASS OF 1964 - 60TH REUNION

The Villa Angela Class of 1964 celebrated its 60th reunion on Saturday, October 19, 2024. Classmates attended a Reunion Mass in the VASJ Founders Chapel, followed by a catered meal and dessert in the Villa Angela Academy Heritage Center.



VILLA ANGELA CLASS OF 1974 - 50TH REUNION

The Villa Angela Class of 1974 celebrated its milestone 50th class reunion the weekend of October 25, 2024. Classmates, spouses and friends kicked off the reunion weekend with an evening social at Pickle Bill's Lobster House in Grand River on Friday, October 25. On Saturday, October 26, classmates visited the Memorial-Nottingham Branch Library for a Villa Angela building tour, followed by a catered dinner in the Villa Angela Academy Heritage Center at VASJ.



VILLA ANGELA CLASS OF 1984 - 40TH REUNION

The Villa Angela Class of 1984 hosted a 40th reunion celebration the weekend of October 11, 2024. Classmates and spouses gathered together at Collision Bend in Euclid on Friday, October 11 to kick off the reunion weekend. On Saturday, October 12, classmates enjoyed an evening of sisterhood and reminiscing in the Villa Angela Academy Heritage Center at VASJ. The reunion weekend was rounded out with drinks and a Cleveland Browns watch party at Spirits in Willoughby on Sunday, October 13.

VILLA ANGELA-ST. JOSEPH REUNIONS



VASJ CLASS OF 1994 - 30TH REUNION

The VASJ Class of 1994 planned a 30th reunion celebration the weekend of October 11, 2024. Classmates kicked off the reunion weekend by cheering on the VASJ football team as they took on Youngstown Ursuline at home on Friday, October 11. On Saturday, October 12 they hosted a class and family picnic in Euclid, followed by a class photo on the new Gutbrod Field on Sunday, October 13.



VASJ CLASS OF 1999 - 25TH REUNION

The VASJ Class of 1999 hosted a fun-filled "REWIND to '99" evening at Billy's - A Cappelli Martini Bar in Mentor on Friday, Aug. 16, 2024. The next morning, they enjoyed breakfast in the Villa Angela Academy Heritage Center at VASJ, went on tours led by VASJ student ambassadors, and heard from the VASJ Alumni Office about recent school developments and exciting future plans.

Upcoming Reunions

ST. JOSEPH CLASS OF 1965

The St. Joseph Class of 1965 will host its 60th reunion the weekend of June 20, 2025.

Friday, June 20, 2025

Pre-party at Mulligan's Pub & Grille
6131 Highland Road / Highland Heights, OH 44143
Cash bar from 4 to 10 PM

Saturday, June 21, 2025

Reunion dinner at Holiday Inn Cleveland-Mayfield
780 Beta Drive / Mayfield, OH 44143
5 to 8 PM

Sunday, June 22, 2025

Reunion Mass in VASJ Founders Chapel
18491 Lakeshore Blvd. / Cleveland, OH 44119
10 AM
Brunch will be held at a nearby restaurant after Mass
Register for the reunion at vasj.com/SJ65. Classmates are asked to register prior to March 15, 2025, so that we can have an accurate count and accommodate all.
For questions about the reunion, please contact **Bob Black '65** at rblack4616@cox.net.

VILLA ANGELA CLASS OF 1975

The Villa Angela Class of 1975 will host its 50th class reunion on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at 5 p.m. at the pool/ballroom located at 1965 Mornington Lane, Cleveland Heights, OH 44106.

We are all so excited to gather with our classmates and reminisce about "our convent home Villa Angela" on the 50-year anniversary of our graduation.

The evening will be devoted to just catching up and laughing and enjoying ourselves with lively conversation, food, libations and music. Classmates only.

Stay in touch! If you've recently moved or aren't receiving mail or email communications from VASJ, please take a moment to update your contact information or that of any classmate at vasj.com/contactinformation.

For more information, please visit vasj.com/VA75 or contact **Ellen Hobbs Hirshman '75** at ehirshman@lsflaw.com.

VILLA ANGELA CLASS OF 1980

The Villa Angela Academy Class of 1980 will celebrate its 45th reunion on August 2, 2025, at Utopia Beach Club in Euclid.

For more information, please contact **VA1980reunion@gmail.com**.

VILLA ANGELA CLASS OF 1985

The Villa Angela Class of 1985 will host its 40th reunion the weekend of October 3, 2025. The weekend will kick off with a pre-game social at VASJ from 5-6:45 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 3 before the varsity football game. Stay tuned for more details at vasj.com/VA85.

For questions or to get involved with reunion planning, please contact **Kim Densa '85** at kimmmyd321@gmail.com.

If your class is planning a reunion in 2025, please contact the VASJ Alumni Office at alumni@vasj.com to inform the school of your event!

In Memoriam

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School extends deepest condolences to alumni, family and friends who have recently passed. We pause to remember and pray for the following losses in the Viking family:

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Theresa A. (nee McGarry) Banc, Wife of the late Ronald Banc '64 and mother of Ron '88, Kathleen '90, Christine '92, Andrew '95, and Thomas '97

Ron L. Bayduke, Long-time Social Studies teacher, assistant football coach and head football coach, including being an assistant on the SJ 1989 state championship team

Stella A. Hetzer, Wife of John Hetzer '56

Aniča (Anna) Hložek, Mother of Joseph Hložek '68, John Hložek '74 and Marie (nee Hložek) Curtis '85

Nicholas C. Restifo, Teacher and coach for over 50 years, who began his career at St. Joseph High School

Michael J. Stimac, Former teacher at St. Joseph High School in the 1950s, during which time he began the St. Joe's High School Radio Club that tracked Sputnik, the first satellite in space

TEDD KWASNIAK

Tedd Kwasniak served as an assistant to head basketball coach Mike Moran '69 in the 1980s and early 1990s. After being named head basketball coach, Kwasniak led the Vikings to back-to-back state championships.



Following a stint at Lake Catholic, Kwasniak returned to VASJ in 2010 when his son, Babe '94, was hired as the Vikings' head coach. As an assistant or head coach, Coach Kwas had a hand in each of VASJ's seven state championships. He was inducted into the VASJ Hall of Fame in 2009.



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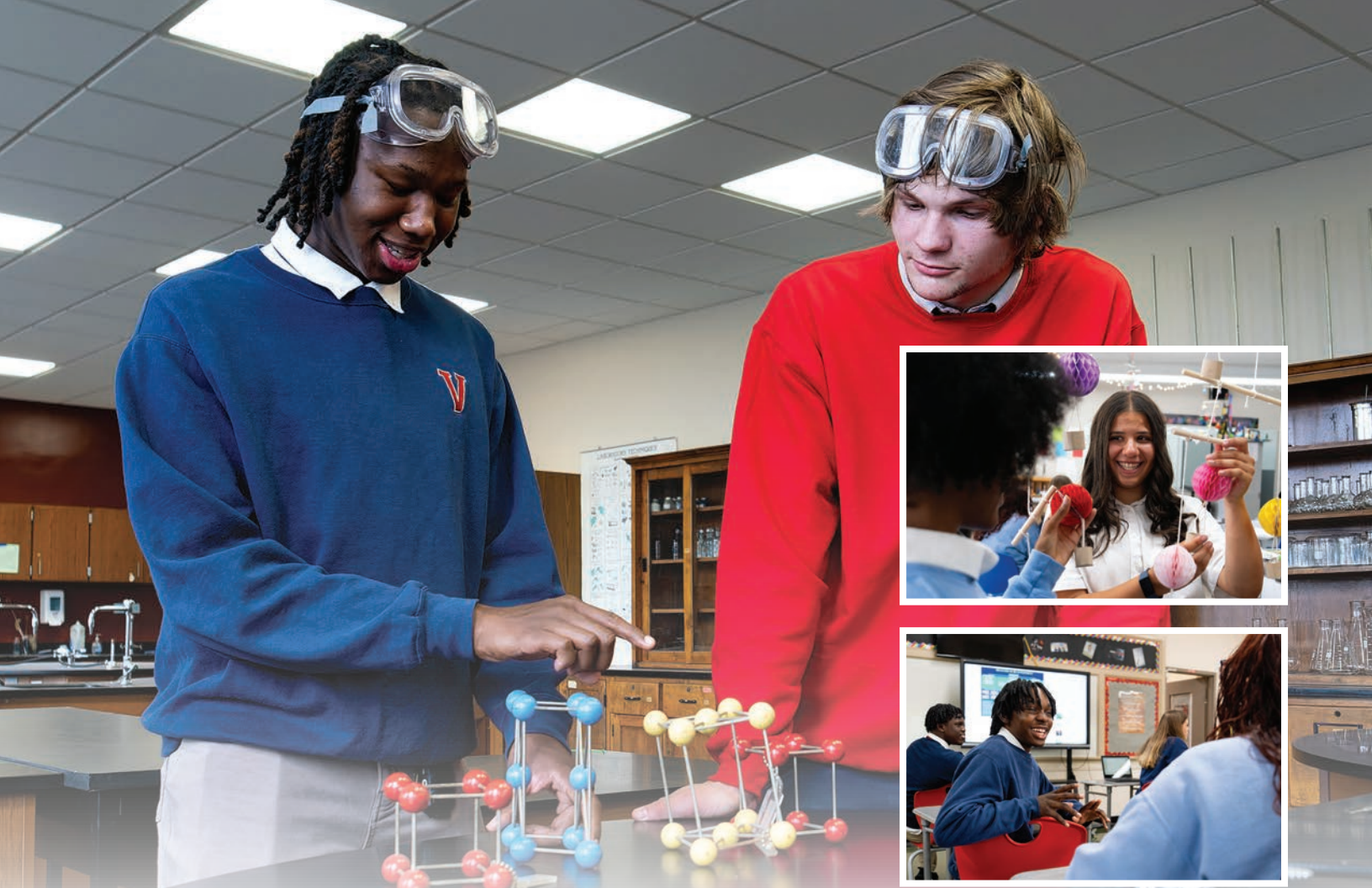


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