



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.



September 26, 2025

Upcoming Events:

- **September 28:** Homecoming Dance
- **September 29:** NO SCHOOL
- **October 2:** Parent-Teacher Conferences 2:30-4:40 p.m. & 5:30-8:00 p.m.
NO AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING
- **October 3:** NO SCHOOL
- **October 6:** Picture Retake Day *ONLY FOR THOSE THAT MISSED IN AUGUST*
- **October 9:** Sophomore GIRLS Retreat 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- **October 10:** Sophomore BOYS Retreat 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- **October 12:** VASJ Fall Open House 12:00-2:00 p.m.
- **October 17:** NO SCHOOL - Faculty/Staff Retreat Day
- **October 20:** L.I.F.E. All School Event 3:15 p.m.
- **October 22:** G.E.M. Meeting 3:15 p.m.
- **October 24:** End of Quarter 1
- **October 31:** Halloween on Campus (more details to follow)

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 – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29****

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

We had a spirited Spirit Week! I thank our students and teachers for participating in each day's theme. Throwback Thursday had some of the best outfits!

This weekend is Homecoming weekend with the football tonight and our Homecoming Dance on Sunday. Please note that the doors open at 6:30 p.m. and all students must be present by 7:00 p.m. Any student that has not checked in by then will get a phone call home to check on them.

Monday, September 29 is a day off from school as everyone rests from the weekend. We are a little more than halfway through the first quarter of school and we look forward to finishing it off strong. I thank our students and teachers for all their hard work so far.

Kindly,

Mr. Sedmak

gsedmak@vasj.com

FROM THE DEAN OF ACADEMICS:

Happy Homecoming Week!

So much going on this week in the building with Spirit Week! It was good to see our students having a bit of fun this week and to take a break from the everyday routine.

Just a reminder that next Thursday, October 2 is our Parent/Teacher Conference. They will be held in the gym at 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. and again at 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. This is a good opportunity for you to check in with any of your students' teachers for which you may have some questions.

After School tutoring is available for those students who may need some extra help 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 in any of these rooms. Let your students know that if a teacher is not available they can and should go to one of the other rooms for help. **Please note that on Thursday, October 2 there will NOT be tutoring offered due to Parent/Teacher Conferences.**

Next week is a short one! We are off on Monday, September 29 and Friday, October 3. As always, if you have any concerns please feel free to contact me.

Go Vikings!,

Mrs. Marxen

pmarxen@vasj.com

FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENTS:

Spirit Week We have truly enjoyed being a part of the excitement Spirit Week tends to bring.

Homecoming Game: We are excited for our homecoming game this evening. I'd like to remind our students and parents to maintain a respectful attitude towards our guests, referees, police officers, and staff members who are diligently overseeing the event.

Students are required to occupy their designated student section and refrain from congregating under or behind the stands. Failure to comply with this directive may result in their removal from the stands and escort off our school premises. Students and guests who exhibit disruptive behavior will be promptly removed from the event and escorted out. Any VASJ students who are removed from the game may face further disciplinary action.

Homecoming Dance: This formal event has a strict dress code. Please review the following guidelines that were included on the homecoming contract you signed.

- Gentlemen attendees are expected to wear dress pants, dress shirt, coat/sweater (optional), tie (optional) and dress shoes. **NO JEANS, TENNIS SHOES, CROCS, POLO SHIRTS OR CASUAL CLOTHING.**
- The Ladies are expected to wear dresses or pantsuits. Dresses must be fingertip length, no higher than 3 inches above the knee, or longer. Dresses should be appropriately loose. **NO cut-outs!** Front bodice and waist must be completely covered with opaque material, no sheer material, no low cut/cleavage, and open back no farther down than the natural waist. The dress **MUST** fully cover a lady's sides and **MUST** have a modest neckline.

All students and their guests must adhere to the dress code. Failure to do so will result in the imposition of a call home to either collect you or provide you with appropriate attire with a possible ISS.

Let's have a great time and continue to build together. Don't do it for me, do it for your FAITH, do it for your FAMILY, do it for your FUTURE.

Mr. Latimore

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HAPPENINGS IN THE VILLAGE:

PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY Monday, October 6 is picture re-take day and for any student who was absent from school on the first picture day. If your student missed the first picture day, please make sure they stop by and take their picture so they can be issued their school ID even if you are not ordering pictures.

FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT: The bowling season is fast approaching. Non-mandatory practices will be on Tuesdays beginning on Tuesday, October 7th and run through Tuesday, October 28th. The regular

season will begin The week of Monday, November 4th. All bowlers must sign up on FinalForms and all paperwork including a valid physical is required.

Non-mandatory practices will be held at Wickliffe Lanes from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Transportation to the bowling alley will be provided; however, all bowlers must be picked up by 5 p.m. The bowling alley is located at 30315 Euclid Ave.

Questions can be directed to Coach Nahra at cnahra@vasj.com.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING: After School tutoring began September 9 and will be 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: 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>

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 16 & 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

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.

PARKING PERMITS: Beginning October 1st, any student car parked without a permit will be towed at the owner's expense. **The cost of the parking permit is \$50.00 and can be paid with cash, check or credit card.** Students are to see Mrs. Taraska in the Principal's Office for a permit request form for a parent to complete. Once they return the completed form with payment, they will receive their permit and parking spot. **Spots are still available.**



WINTER CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS



Freshman



Junior Varsity



Varsity

Basketball Sideline & Competition

Oct 27th-Oct 28th
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Location:
Cafeteria

Final Day October 29th 5:30 -8:30 PM

 [vasj.cheerleading](https://www.instagram.com/vasj.cheerleading)

 cheerleading@vasj.com

SERVICE INFORMATION: Volunteers are needed for the annual **Alleluia Ball** on **October 25, 2025** from 2:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.! Roles needed include: Greeters, assisting those that need mobility assistance, spotters for auction, and "Hype Team" Email emaher@vasj.com to sign up and for more info!

FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE: Payment plans for the 2025-2026 school year should have started. If you have not set that up please do so ASAP. You can access FACTS payment system by clicking on this link: <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3X1G4>

FROM THE OFFICE OF 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, Mrs. Sharon Taraska 216-481-8414 x210 or by email staraska@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.