



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 5, 2025

Upcoming Events:

- **September 17: President's Reception 5:00 p.m.**
- **September 19: NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service Day**
- **September 23: Walsh University College Visit 9:30-10:30 a.m.**
- **September 24: John Carroll University Visit 9:30-10:30 a.m.**
- **September 28: Homecoming Dance 6:30-10:30 p.m.**
- **September 29: NO SCHOOL**
- **October 2: Parent-Teacher Conferences 2:30-4:40 p.m. & 5:30-8:00 p.m.**
- **October 3: NO SCHOOL**

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****

****REMINDER THAT SCHOOL BEGINS AT 7:45 a.m.
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY AND
AT 8:45 a.m. ON THURSDAY****

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

We have concluded our second week of school. I want to thank our parents for coming to Meet-the-Teacher night. Parents had the opportunity to walk their student's schedule after the general meeting in the gym. Parents met teachers, learned about curriculum and instruction at the school, and reviewed our facilities. Your participation that evening was greatly appreciated by the administration, staff, and teachers.

I would like to thank our students for adhering to all the new school policies. These policies are designed to strengthen academics and the safety of our students. Please continue to stress to your student or students the importance of being on-time to school and classes, of maintaining a fully-charged Chromebook to class, and to keep all personal electronic devices locked in their school-assigned lockers.

This morning we had our first **Goodies with God** prayer and reflection session. Mr. Tom Carone, the schools President, gave a talk on Chaminade's virtue, "the silence of words." It was well attended. The next session will be in three weeks on Friday, September 26.

Hope to see you at our first home football game of the season against Mansfield. Go Vikes!

Regards,

Gregory Sedmak, Principal

gsedmak@vasj.com

FROM THE DEAN OF ACADEMICS:

Happy Friday!

We are already off and running with the academic year, and our extra curricular activities have been keeping our students busy. Teachers are posting grades, so please make sure to check PowerSchool for those regular updates. We believe in partnering with our parents for student success. If you cannot access or are having an issue with your PowerSchool account, please email powerschool@vasj.com and explain the problem. Make sure you include the name of your student and grade. We will work to get that set for you as soon as possible.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the teacher first to open those lines of communication. We appreciate the opportunity to educate your student! Have a great weekend!

Blessings,

Mrs. Marxen

pmarxen@vasj.com

HAPPENINGS IN THE VILLAGE:

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING: After School tutoring will begin on September 9 and will be offered every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday after school in the VA Room from 3:15

p.m.-4:00 p.m. Students can receive help with their studies from Mrs. Armen, Mrs. Kennedy, and Ms. Mowrey Please make sure your student comes prepared and signs in.

SAVE THE DATE – HOMECOMING DANCE: This year our Homecoming Dance will be held on Sunday, September 28 from 7:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Tickets to the dance will be \$25.00 and will go on sale soon! Stay tuned for more information.

FROM THE CAFETERIA: Remember to add money to your student(s) lunch accounts. Go to <https://vasj.com/cafeteria> and click on “Add money to lunch account” to log in to your PaySchools Central account. Please know that if your child pays for lunch with cash there will NOT be any change given. The remainder will be added to your child's account.

In order for your child's lunch to be considered a complete meal and not an a-la-carte item, they must have 3 of the components offered (i.e. pizza, milk & fruit). If they only choose pizza, it will be considered an a-la-carte item and you will be charged as such.

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 the school office.

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.

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.factsmtgt.com/signin/3X1G4>

PARKING PERMITS: Parking permits are required for students this school year. 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

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DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
VASJ CHEERLEADING
25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH | 4-8PM
22250 LAKE SHORE BLVD, EUCLID, OH, 44123
ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **332JT3J**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



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.

payment, they will receive their permit and parking spot. **Beginning October 1st, any student car parked without a permit will be towed at the owner's expense. Spots are still available.**

FROM THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT: Welcome Back Vikings! Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we navigate through the start of the school year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to either Mrs. Marx or Ms. Simmons.

This year, the counseling department is implementing a new Counseling webpage as a resource to access all things counseling (appointments, college and career etc.). Please take some time to look over the website to see what is available to your student by clicking [here](#).

FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT: Our Fall Athletic teams have all begun. If you get a chance, come out and support our teams. Tickets are required for all home events and can be purchased at www.vasj.com/athletic-tickets. Go Vikings!!

FROM THE CLINIC: **12th Graders:** A SECOND dose of MCV4 (Meningococcal A) vaccine is required for all 12th grade students in the state of Ohio. Please make sure your student is up-to-date on vaccinations. The school nurse will be sending notices out via email over the next few weeks for students who are out of compliance with state requirements.

Immunizations: Immunizations will be audited over the next few weeks. The school nurse will be sending notices out via email for students who are out of compliance with state requirements.

Medication Orders for 2025-2026: New orders are required yearly for medications. Please make sure your doctor completes a new medication order over the summer if your student needs medication in school next year.

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.

ATTENDANCE: If a student is ill or will not be in school for whatever reason, a parent/guardian is to call the school's attendance office prior to 7:30 a.m. in the morning at 216-481-8414, ext. 207. **Any student who is absent for any reason MUST return to school with a written and signed note from their parent or guardian, detailing the circumstances of their absence. If the student will be absent for longer than three (3) days, a Doctor's note will be required.**

REVISED CELL PHONE POLICY: Just a reminder that students are NOT permitted to have their cell phones on their person during the school day between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. This includes, but not limited to: smart phones, smart watches, headphones, earbuds, electronics games or toys, iPads, laptops, and lasers.

Students should lock their phones in their lockers. The school has supplied locks for each student and students may **ONLY** use a school issued lock unless other arrangements have been made with the administration.

NOTE: VASJ is not responsible for any item while being held in confiscation.