



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.

February 13, 2026

Upcoming Events:

- February 16: NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day
- February 18: ASH Wednesday All School Mass 9:30 a.m.
- February 23: L.I.F.E All School Event 3:15-5:00 p.m.
- February 25: IOWA Testing 9th Grade - Asynchronous Learning Day 10th, 11th & 12th grades
- February 27: Goodies with God 7:30 a.m.
Oarsmen Club "Night-Out" Collision Bend Brewery, Euclid 5:30 p.m.
- February 28: Class of 2030 Registration Day
- March 2: L.I.F.E. Leaders Meeting 3:15 p.m.
- March 6: Scholarship Day Ceremony 9:00 a.m.
- March 12: Legacy Breakfast 7:30 a.m.
- March 13: End of Quarter 3 & Goodies with God 7:30 a.m.
- March 16: NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service Day
- March 18: ACT Testing JUNIORS ONLY - Asynchronous Learning Day 9th, 10th & 12th grades
- March 20: All School Mass - Feast of St. Joseph 9:30 a.m.
- March 23: L.I.F.E. All School Event 3:15 p.m.
- March 25: G.E.M. 3:15 p.m.
- March 27: Goodies with God 7:30 a.m.

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

FEBRUARY 16: NO SCHOOL

****FEB. 25: 9TH GRADE IOWA TEST
10TH, 11TH & 12TH GRADES
ASYNCHRONOUS LEARNING DAY****

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Viking Families,

We had a beautiful mass this past week celebrating our founders. We also handed off some deserving awards after Mass. We are now part way through the third quarter. Keep good track of your student's grades through PowerSchool, and remind them to come to school on time and arrive at their individual classes on time. Timeliness is an important life skill. Let's increase our timeliness at VASJ.

I know many of the students are looking forward to a three-day weekend. We wish them good rest and some fun while staying safe.

Mr. Sedmak
gsedmak@vasj.com

FROM THE DEAN OF ACADEMICS:

Good Day,

Another three day weekend for our students! Hopefully the students will do something fun and productive with their extra day off.

We have a busy few weeks ahead! Wednesday, February 25 will be **IOWA TESTING FOR ALL FRESHMEN**, and some select juniors and seniors. Parents will receive notification this week with all the details. As a reminder, this is **MANDATORY TESTING** for the freshmen. Students will only be in school for half the day, so please arrange transportation accordingly. All students must be out of the building no later than 1:00 p.m. School transportation vans will leave the school 15 minutes after the end of testing. The cafeteria will provide breakfast in the morning as usual, but students will be dismissed early so there will be **NO** lunch service. **Students must arrive by 7:45 a.m. If a student arrives later than 8:10 a.m., they will not be allowed to test and will be sent home.**

We will also begin working with students to choose their coursework for next year. Counselors will go into classrooms to explain the Course of Study, and then they will meet with each student to discuss scheduling options. They will begin with the junior class next week.

If you were unable to attend the CCP informational meeting, please read the information provided in this newsletter, and feel free to reach out to a school counselor with questions. This is a great opportunity for students who are self motivated and academically sound. We are looking to expand our robotics and drones programming, and CCP is required as those are college courses. Students can gain both high school and college credit while taking the courses during the school day here at VASJ. It is definitely worth exploring!

As always, please check PowerSchool frequently and engage your student in conversation regarding their academic progress. If you need assistance with your PowerSchool account, please email powerschool@vasj.com.

Have a blessed weekend,
Mrs. Marxen
pmarxen@vasj.com

FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENTS:

Hello Viking families,

I extend my sincere gratitude to all who attended our parent-teacher conference last week. I thoroughly enjoyed the discussions and appreciate your unwavering support.

Should you have missed the opportunity to engage in conversation with me, please do not hesitate to contact the office to schedule a meeting. Additionally, if you received an email regarding your child's attendance and were unable to attend the conference, kindly contact me promptly to discuss your child's attendance record.

Good day, and God bless.
Mr. Latimore
jlatimore@vasj.com

HAPPENINGS IN THE VILLAGE

FROM THE OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP & PROGRAMS:

It's Scholarship renewal time!

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School accepts the following scholarships through the [Ohio Department of Education and Workforce](#):

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

Every family **MUST renew their scholarship each 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 our Director of Government Programs and Scholarships, Ms. Fordyce at 216-481-8414 x140 or by email afordyce@vasj.com. Click [HERE](#) for more Information and forms.

VASJ's 2026 CONTINUE THE DREAM GALA:

The 2026 Spring into Continue the Dream Gala event will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026 and we are looking to involve our parents in many ways! This is the school's major fundraiser and how we continue to add value to your child's high school education. Through this annual event, VASJ is able to continue to make improvements, upgrades and enhancements that are needed in the areas of academics, spirituality, athletics and extra-curriculars. Our momentum is going in the right direction, and we want our entire Viking community to be a part of our exciting future – students, parents, grandparents, faculty & staff, alumni and friends. The event will be spring-themed (with the hopes that there is warmer weather ahead for us all!).

We ask you to consider supporting VASJ by considering a donation of a gift from our Amazon WISH LIST for the Gala. This list is meant to give you some general ideas of items that would make our Gala Event a huge success, but you can be as creative as you'd like! Any and all donations are greatly appreciated, but here are some Ideas from our Amazon Wish List:



https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1MXRSFPHYDZE4?ref_=wl_share

We also are looking for wine for our wine pull at the event. You can drop off a bottle at the front office during school hours. We ask that the value of the wine be at least \$15-20. Make sure your name is attached, as we will be entering anyone that donates to the VASJ Continue the Dream Gala into a raffle for some fun prizes! Thank you again for your continued support of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School. Go Vikings!!

FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE: COURSE SELECTION 2026-2027: Course Selection meetings for current VASJ students have begun. Counselors have been meeting with students to pick their courses for the 2026-2027 school year. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your student's Counselor: Ms. Simmons (A-I) or Mrs. Marx (J-Z). Please click [HERE](#) to review course descriptions in our 2026-2027 Course of Study Guide on the VASJ website. More information will be provided soon.

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS: College Credit Plus (CCP) is Ohio's dual credit program where students can earn high school and college credit simultaneously by taking courses at participating Ohio colleges and universities tuition free. Here are some important reminders that can also be found on the [Ohio Department of Education](#) website:

IMPORTANT COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS DATES:

- **Funding opens February 1:** a parent must create a OH|ID Account (if you don't already have one) at <https://ohid.ohio.gov>. A parent or guardian must establish an OH|ID to file the CCP Funding Application.
- **February 1 - April 1:** Students should apply to the college or colleges of choice. **Start early!** Check with your preferred university or college for their CCP deadlines. You must have an acceptance letter to submit with your funding application. Parents must then upload a copy of the admission letter to their College Credit Plus Funding Application located in your [OH|ID Account](#). If your student gets an admission letter from more than one college, you must upload each college's admission letter.
- **April 1 at 5:00 p.m. is the HARD DEADLINE** to submit an application for funding. Any families that do not submit an application prior to 5:00 p.m. will be financially responsible for any courses their student enrolls in. **Even if you are a current CCP Participant, you must complete the application for funding once per year!**

This deadline is set forth by the Department of Education and cannot be extended.

- **By May 6:** You will receive your funding award notification within your College Credit Plus Funding Application located in your [OH|ID Account](#). Once you receive your award notification, you can have your child register for college courses.

COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS INFORMATIONAL LINKS:

- [VASJ CCP Information](#)
- [ODE CCP Information](#)

CAMPUS MINISTRY: SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: St. Clare Parish in Lyndhurst needs helpers for the weekly Lenten Fish Frys on the following dates: 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, and 3/27. Help will be needed from 4:30-7:00 each week. Dress expectation will be VASJ spiritwear.

Email or call Dominic Fanelli to sign up! dominicfanelli@outlook.com (440)391-1060.

SENIOR SERVICE PAPER: Over the course of your Senior's time at VASJ, they have completed many hours of service. To show what they have learned from this and how they have grown, they ***MUST*** complete a 2-3 page paper reflecting on this service experience over the course of their time here at VASJ. This paper must be in **MLA format** and include specific examples of service events you have completed.

Use the following prompts to help you. You do not need to comment on every prompt but use them to guide you.

1. Describe what you have learned about yourself as a result of your service.
2. What have you learned about your community?
3. What was the most important lesson learned
4. What impact did you have on the community?
5. Did you learn a new skill or clarify an interest?
6. If you could do the project again, what would you do differently?
7. Describe a person you've encountered in the community who made a strong impression on you, positive or negative.
8. Talk about any disappointments or successes of your project. What did you learn from it?

All work must be in their own words. Any percentage of *A*/ use will result in needing to redo the work, and their diplomas may be withheld. Papers are due MAY 8 at 3:00 p.m. Seniors should email their papers to Ms. Maher at emaher@vasj.com. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Maher.

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.

OARSMEN BOOSTER CLUB: Oarsmen Club Night-Out Social: You are cordially invited to a "Night-Out" with the Oarsmen Booster Club! Join us on Friday, February 27 at 5:30 p.m. at Collision Bend Brewery in Euclid. Come have a great time and learn how you can help support our student athletes by becoming a part of our Oarsmen Booster Club. Please RSVP to Juli Gembus at 216-509-3459 or Lisa Stahlberg at 216-906-1901. See the attached flyer for more details!!

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.



You're Invited!

a "Night Out"

with the Oarsmen Boosters Club

Food • Drinks • Fun • Information

When: Please join us on Friday February 27, 2026
Starting at 5:30pm

Where: Collision Bend Brewery
1261 Babbitt Rd, Euclid, OH 44132

RSVP to: Juli Gembus 216-509-3459
or Lisa Stahlberg 216-906-1901 by February 6, 2026

Come and have a great time & learn how you can support our student athletes!

For over 40 years, the VASJ Oarsmen Club has been the booster organization for all Villa Angela-St. Joseph athletic teams. Our mission is to provide equipment, facilities and funding to enable all VASJ teams to compete at an elite level. From our annual Clambake to concession stand sales to Super Bowl and March Madness squares, we continue to support our teams and supplement the VASJ Athletic Department budget.

We deliver this support through the tireless effort of parents, friends and alumni of Villa Angela, Saint Joseph, and Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School. Through the time, talent and treasures of these volunteers, our student-athletes are in the best possible position for success both on and off the playing field.

There is a new energy at VASJ and a new energy within our Oarsmen Booster Club. We need your support and active participation to carry on this 40+ year tradition!

How You Can Help All Year Long!

- Sign up to help at the annual Clambake and/or purchase tickets and attend
- Assist with selling March Madness Squares
- Volunteer to work concessions for your athletic team
- Attend monthly meetings and bring fresh ideas

