



Villa Joseph Marie High School

Parents' Guild Newsletter

Parents working together to make Villa the best it can be

2008-2009

May 2009



A Message from the President:

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the "merry month" of May! This month we celebrate Mary, our Blessed Mother, all mothers, soon-to-be graduates and enjoy the beauty that is blooming everywhere. (Our campus is beautiful in snow, but I'll take the colors and warmth of Spring!)

A very sincere and heartfelt "thank you" to each of you who continue to support our School and Mission – the dedication, enthusiasm and hard work of our Parents Guild, the many volunteers for events – Mother-Daughter Tea, Auction, Golf Outing (come out for a fantastic day of golf and fun – May 4th – for tickets/information call the main office at 215-357-8810), sporting events, musical and dramatic productions, indeed all the special traditions, celebrations and all events which make Villa such a unique and special place! It truly does "take a village" – I am most grateful that each of you is a part of our Villa village!

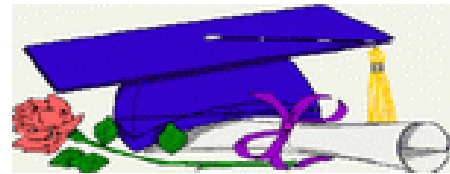
Graduation is always a bittersweet time.....we are extremely proud of our seniors and their many accomplishments – their spiritual and academic growth, their constructive and generous contributions to the activities here in school and to the larger community. Each young woman of the Class of 2009 is an integral and permanent piece of the fabric of our community – it has been a privilege to be part of the "journey." There will be no good-byes.... as the Class of 2009 and their families remain in our prayers and hearts.

Enjoy each of these precious days of May!

Love and blessings to all moms, grand moms, moms-to-be (and grand moms-to-be too"

Terri Michel

P.S. As there as been much in the recent press regarding local schools being in violation of asbestos regulations, I wish to assure you that Villa Joseph Marie High School is in current and complete compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act. The Management Plan is available for review by interested parents, faculty, employee organizations and support staff in the school office during school business hours.



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO THE CLASS OF 2009!!



From the Desk of the Principal:

Easter break has come and gone, and now we're speeding through the rest of the school year in hopes of getting the remaining work accomplished. The seniors, having worked diligently for the past four years, seem to be winding down. They are now setting their sites on the Prom, the Disney trip, and graduation!

Achieving excellence for a school community can only be possible with the cooperation and dedication of parents like as you. Your tireless work is valued and appreciated. On behalf of Villa Joseph Marie High School, thank you for a wonderful year.

A reminder to those parents whose daughters are returning to Villa next year - we will be on a modified rotating schedule.

The class period schedule will run as follows:

- Monday: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
- Tuesday: 2, 3, 7, 4, 5, 6, 8, 1
- Wednesday: 3, 7, 8, 4, 5, 6, 1, 2
- Thursday: 7, 8, 1, 4, 5, 6, 2, 3
- Friday: 8, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 3, 7

The three lunch periods will not rotate.

Hope the remainder of the school year goes by pleasantly (and quickly) and that your summer is restful and relaxing.

God bless,

Diana Koopman



Yard Sale

Benefit of VJMHS Band and Orchestra

Saturday, June 6th 8 a.m. to 1p.m.

1180 Holland Road Holland, Pa

(Corner of Holland and Upper Holland Roads)

Collectibles, dishes, glasses, tables, lamps, furniture, framed art, knick knacks, sporting goods, jewelry, clothing, movies, CDs, electronics, video games, holiday decorations, household items, purses, books, and more



**VILLA JOSEPH MARIE 2009-2010
PARENTS' GUILD
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- President: Lisa Bagdarsarian
- Past President: Denise Van Wert
- 1st V.P.: Denise Dempsey
- Treasurer: Lori Roche
- Assistant Treasurer: Lisa Hulcher-Smith
- Recording Secretary: Sherri Plebani
- Corresponding Secretary: Sylvia Gruzin

COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2009-2010

- Senior Reps: Lisa Koleda, Kathy Valentine, Helen Weiner
- Junior Reps: Colleen Bresnahan, Lisa Hulcher-Smith, Elizabeth Watts
- Sophomore Reps: Florence Kawoczka, Carol McDonald
- Freshman Reps: Ann Burrel, Beth Heninger
- Alumnae Reps: Kathleen Ancona, Kelly Chima, Leeann Christian, Cindy Snyder, Mary Whitten
- Ways & Means: Diane Hritzo, Kim Irvin, Donna Miller
- Campus Store: Pauline Edbrooke
- Hospitality Chairs: Denise Atkinson, Marybeth McFadden
- Newsletter: Brian Cochran
- Mother-Daughter Tea Chairs: Donna McNeil, Rosalyn Nawalinski
- Golf Outing: Tom Burns

Parents' Guild President's Report:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our executive board and our committee chairs for all of their time, dedication, and support they have personally given me this school year. I think we had a very successful year and each and everyone of you have touched me in a special way! We had a lot of great times along with many laughs and I hope you enjoyed our time together as much as I did!

Just to summarize what we have done with our fundraising efforts this year. We have installed a new sound system in the cafeteria, and gym, approximately \$10,500. We also have earmarked \$1,500 for a sound system for the student study lounge and \$2,300 for a piano for Mr. Nelson for Regina Hall. So far we have spent the profits from the Mother-Daughter Tea that was \$13,000. Our golf outing is on Monday, May 4th & we will use some of the proceeds to help offset the cost of the renovations for the new student lounge. We will let you know in October the final details.

Our last general meeting will be on Thursday, May 7th in the gym at 7:00 PM, please not the time change. We will be honoring our Senior Moms, Alumnae Moms, and our beloved Sisters of Saint Casimir who will be leaving Villa this year. There will be a buffet dinner, desserts, wine & beverages that evening. ! We will have our \$1,000 drawing, four or five gift bags filled with assorted perfumes and cosmetics donated by Colleen Bresnahan each worth over \$500, and a 50/50. Our new executive board & committee chairs for our 2009-2010 will be installed during the meeting...

There will also be a Mother-Daughter Tea meeting in the library at 6:30 PM for any freshmen parent that attended 5 of the 7 meetings this school year for sign-ups for the various committees. Please, remember you must be an active member of a committee & also have attended 5 of the 7 Parent Guild Meetings that are held the 1st Thursday of each month starting in Oct – May, excluding Jan. for your daughter to model at the Tea in October.

We are still excepting socks, sneakers, flip flops at our May meeting. We will deliver them to Catholic Social Services located in Levittown for many needy families in Lower Bucks County. We have already made 1 delivery with a lot of items.

Lastly, we the Parents' Guild would like to congratulate The Class of 2009! May God guide, bless, and watch over you during your college years!! We love you and wish each and every one of you the best of luck with your future endeavors!

Fondly & Thank You All For Your Support☺

Denise Van Wert

A Special Thank You

Thanks to everyone for their work and donations to the Easter Basket Project. An extra special thank you goes out to Donna Miller for organizing and delivering over 100 baskets to Project H.O.M.E.. (Housing, Opportunities for Employment, Medical Care, Education).

Project H.O.M.E. was founded by Sister Mary Scullion and empowers people to break the cycle of homelessness, address the structural causes of poverty, and attain their fullest potential as members of society.

Last Newsletter of the Year

This is the last newsletter for the 2008-2009 school year. This was the Parents' Guild 1st year not mailing the monthly newsletter. For our returning families please remember to check the website (vjmhs.org) monthly starting in Oct – May, excluding January for very important events in the school. There is always an article from our Principal Mrs. Koopman and our President Mrs. Michel. If you know any incoming freshman (Class of 2013) spread the word about the newsletter posted on our website it is a wealth of information



ALL PARENTS

At our May meeting one lucky parent who has attended five of seven general meetings will win \$1,000.

SENIOR PARENTS

By now you should have received a “Save the Date” letter as well as an invitation to the May 7th Senior/Alumnae Tribute meeting and dinner. The annual dinner meeting is held as our final Parents’ Guild meeting of the year. Please R.S.V.P. to Kelly Chima dnwda27@comcast.net by **May 4th**, as to whether or not you will be able to attend.

Baccalaureate Invitations were mailed home last week. Please remember to return included response card by May 1st. If you have not received your invitation as of yet, please contact: Lisa Kaleda @ 215-752-1555, Kathy Valentine @ 215-504-0801, or Helen Weiner @ 215-942-3956. May 1st is the Junior/Senior Prom at Normandy Farm in Blue Bell, PA. **The time for the prom is 7:00 pm – 12:00 am.** That is an off day for the Junior and Senior Class

SOPHOMORE and JUNIOR PARENTS

By now, you should have received information on the upcoming May 7th meeting, which is our annual Senior/Alumnae Parent tribute meeting and dinner. This dinner/meeting as you know is hosted by the parents of the Sophomore/Junior classes. If you’re still interested in making a donation or want to help out, email Lisa Bagdasarian: somer@verizon.net, or Denise Dempsey: denisedempsey@verizon.net.

FRESHMAN PARENTS

The committee for the upcoming Mother-Daughter Tea will be meeting for sign-ups on Thursday, May 7th, 2009. The brief meeting will take place @ 6:30 pm in the Library prior to the May Senior/Alumnae Tribute Parents’ Guild meeting. This will be your chance to sign up and work on one of the various committees to help make this event a success.

If you currently have attended 4 meetings, remember to sign in at this meetings. If you attend 5 of the 7 meetings and will be involved in one of the many Tea committees, your daughter is eligible to model at the Tea.



Senior Parents

We extend a very special farewell to all the senior parents. For some of you this may be your last newsletter as a Villa parent. We want to congratulate you and hope you continue to stay in touch. Please know you are always welcome at Villa. The next few weeks will be filled with much emotion for you and your daughters. Stop, and take a moment to let it all sink in, for time passes by too quickly. Thank you for all you have done for Villa!

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To get the Target REDcard credit account, apply at
any Target store or online at Target.com/apply.

Target also offers the Target Check Card, which
acts like a debit card by connecting to an existing
checking account. You can apply for the Target
Check Card in stores.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Calendar of Events for May:

- May 4th VJM Annual Golf Outing @ Spring Mill Country Club
- May 6th Spring Concert - Choral 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
- May 7th General Parents' Guild Meeting/Dinner @7:00. (This does count as the 5th of 7 meetings for the school year.)
- May 8th Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- May 14th SPRIT DAY
- May 20th Baccalaureate Dinner @ Spring Mill Country Club
- May 21st Class Day for Seniors 8:00 am
- May 22nd Holiday (Seniors leave for Disney World)
- May 25th Holiday
- May 30th Graduation @ Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine 10:00 am

*****PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE ON THE MAY 7th MEETING*****