



Villa Joseph Marie High School

Parents' Guild Newsletter

Parents working together to make Villa the best it can be

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A Message from the President:

“Back to School Night” was an amazing affirmation of parental commitment to Catholic education and to the Mission of Villa Joseph Marie High School. We are truly blessed to partner with each of our Villa families and look forward to strengthening our bonds at our many meetings and events this year!

“Change” seems to be a prominent theme in nature and in this politically charged year. Here at Villa, change and growth are at the forefront of our meetings and discussions. Our Board of Directors and Administration are engaged in long range planning and will have a retreat conducted by Catholic School Management in November focusing upon strategic growth models. As we plan for Villa’s future, all constituencies will be solicited to become active participants in the process – it is indeed a very exciting time for our school!

Please consider becoming a part of the Berry 5K Run/Walk on October 26 at 9:00 AM at the “Garden of Reflection,” in Yardley. As you know, the family has suffered great loss and hardship...this is our chance to show our support, love, and encouragement to Mrs. Berry, Lauren ('07), Nicole ('10) and Matthew (St. Ignatius – 5th grade). See you there!

Love and blessings,

Mary T. Michel



From the Desk of the Principal:

We had a very smooth transition from summer to the new school year. The doors opened on Tuesday, August 26 to a class of very excited freshmen. After spending two days “breaking the ice” and learning where rooms were located, our class of 2012 took part in their freshmen retreat. This was the first time the freshmen retreat was held at the beginning of the school year. The intention of the retreat was not only to provide the students with another opportunity to get to know each other and bond as a class, but also to introduce them to the faith community at Villa Joseph Marie. The freshmen seemed to enjoy and appreciate this new Villa tradition. It was a wonderful way to start the new year.

I would like to thank all the parents and friends who attended our opening of school liturgy. The feeling of friendship and community was apparent among those present. The administration will be looking into the possibility of changing the date/time for next year, in order to accommodate the busy schedules of our parents.

We are looking forward to some of our Fall events, including Ring Day and the Mother/Daughter Tea. Until then...

In the words of Mother Maria “Wherever you are and whatever you do, always keep in mind: God is here.”

As always, thank you.

Diana Koopman

Parents' Guild President's Message:

This is the first official Parents' Guild newsletter posted on our new website. Our first Parents' Guild meeting is **Thursday, October 2nd at 7:30** in the gymnasium. Freshman parents, please remember you need to attend **5 out of 7 meetings** for your daughter to model at next years' Mother Daughter Tea. We are trying to change things up a little so we will not be having any speakers at our meetings. Mrs. Michel and Mrs. Koopman will be available to answer any appropriate questions you may have. Please e-mail me with any questions you may have for them prior to October 2nd. (idosept82@yahoo.com)

A special thank you to the freshman/sophomore parents who provided refreshments at Back-To-School Night. Just a reminder to the Junior and Senior parents, please remember to bring refreshments for our Open House on Sunday, October 5th which starts at 1PM.

Please remember to checkout the new website at www.vjmh.org it is a wealth of information about our school. In closing we are looking forward to a new and exciting year. We hope to see you at the meeting! Questions please feel free to call me (215-702-7356).

Denise Van Wert



Family Directory

Yes, they are ready to go. Directories will be available for pick up at the General Meeting at the sign in tables. Make sure you come out and pick up your copy. If you are not able to come out and pick up your directory, they will be sent home the next week with your daughters.

Annual Mother Daughter Tea Sunday, October 19, 2008



Our annual Mother-Daughter Tea is quickly approaching and all of you should have received your invitation. If you have not, please contact the co-chairs of the invitation committee, Pat Liest at

PAullivanLeist@aol.com or Anne Gladwell at agglad@comcast.net, for assistance.

If you are considering a donation please contact Karen Gagliardi at kjgagliardi@comcast.net or Sandra Celli at celliqueenbee1@comcast.net and they will be happy to answer any questions.

The sophomore class is looking forward to hosting this wonderful event and we look forward to seeing all of you at the Parents' Guilds Annual Mother-Daughter Tea.

Lisa Bagdasarian - Denise Dempsey
Co-Chairs

Mother-Daughter Tea Raffle

This is our big fall fundraiser. We are asking that every family purchase 3 of the Raffle tickets to support this event. Tickets are \$5.00/each or 3 for \$10.00. Everyone that attends this upcoming General Parents' meeting on Thursday, Oct. 2nd at 7:30 and purchases their 3 raffle tickets, will receive an extra attendance ticket to have a chance at the \$100.00 "just for being there drawing" that night.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Thursday	10/2	1st General Meeting (7:30 PM in the gym)
Friday	10/3	Ring Day & Luncheon at Spring Mill CC(8:30 Mass – 11:30 Luncheon)
Sunday	10/5	Open House (Junior & Senior classes to provide refreshments) 1 PM - 3 PM
Monday	10/13	Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
Sunday	10/19	Mother-Daughter Tea (King's Caterer's - 1 PM to 5 PM)