

VILLA JOSEPH MARIE HIGH SCHOOL



PARENTS' GUILD



Monthly Newsletter

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2015-2016 PARENTS' GUILD PRESIDENT

Happy Autumn!

I hope each of our Villa families take a moment to enjoy the colors of autumn. This beautiful season ushers in many events steeped in Villa traditions. I encourage our students and community to participate in our upcoming Guild sponsored initiatives.

- Junior Class Ring Day – Friday, October 9
- Annual Mother-Daughter Tea – Sunday, October 18
- Class of 2015 Yearbook Party – Wednesday, November 25

Each family should have received the 2015-2016 School Directory, Calendar of Events magnet, and Volunteer form in their folders from Back-to-School Night. These items will assist you while you navigate through the school year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at vjmparentsguild@vjmhhs.org.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our first Parents' Guild General Meeting, **Villa Fair, on Wednesday, October 7 at 7:00** in the school gymnasium. Villa Fair is an informal "meet and greet" for parents as well as a way to gather useful information about Villa Joseph Marie High School. You will have the opportunity to meet members of the Parents' Guild Board and VJM Administration and Faculty to learn about various

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academic departments, services and school functions. There will also be display tables with information available on all Guild sponsored events. New this year is the addition of a Financial Aid session for senior parents to be presented by Villa's Guidance Department.

In keeping with our school motto, "Always more, always better, always with love" I would like to extend a special thank you to our Villa parents who have volunteered in any capacity over the past month whether it be donating food items for Back-to-School or Open House, raffle items for our Mother-Daughter Tea or working at any one of our many sponsored events. With the generosity of our Villa community we will continue to achieve success. We are truly blessed and most grateful for YOU!

Always more, Always better, Always with love.

Always Villa,

Lisa Pfiester

President, VJM Parents' Guild

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VJM PARENTS' GUILD

PURPOSE AND MISSION

PURPOSE:

The Parents' Guild of Villa Joseph Marie High School exists to foster, promote, and encourage the social, financial and educational activities of VJM and to foster communication between the school and parents.

MISSION:

Our goal is to engage the parent community in becoming involved in Parents' Guild sponsored initiatives and events to enrich and enhance the school environment through social activities and fundraising events that promote school spirit.

GENERAL MEETINGS

The meeting schedule for the 2015-2016 school year is provided below. All meetings are held in the VJM gymnasium at 7:30 P.M. on the first Wednesday of the month unless otherwise indicated.

October 7, 2015

Villa Fair/Financial Aid Planning
Please note 7:00 P.M. start

November 4, 2015

December 9, 2015

Christmas Social
Please note 7:00 P.M. start

February 3, 2016

Course Selection/College Planning
Please note 7:00 P.M. start

March 2, 2016

May 4, 2016

Senior/Alum Tribute
Please note 7:00 P.M. start

From the President



Dear Villa Family,

I'm writing this letter basking in the afterglow of Pope Francis' visit! I am simply amazed at the grace, happiness and warmth that he left behind. I hope you all had a chance to hear his homilies and talks (if not, you can find them on YouTube!). His message of the importance of families hits home to each and every one of us. The blessings of the time we spend with each of our families is really what it is all about!

I was continually reminded by the Pope's message of the analogy of the blessings of our Villa family. Those same small gestures of love, tenderness, support, encouragement and celebration of each individual's gifts make Villa the very special place that we all love to come to every day. I know I felt the special Villa family feeling the first time I walked through the doors and I feel it first thing each morning by the time I get to the front door of the school. We all love coming home at the end of a long day and I know I'm fortunate to feel it at the beginning of the day as well!

The school year is in full swing and October is here in a blink. We are already enjoying some of our annual traditions which mean so much to any family. I have enjoyed all the activities and having the chance to meet many of you. I encourage you to give me the opportunity to introduce myself whenever you see me.

I feel much like a proud papa (or grandpop!) when I think about our girls here at Villa Joseph Marie. I know I'm in the right place and I hope the girls feel that they are in the right place too!

Always more, Always better, Always with love!

Always Villa,

Tom

Thomas A. Kardish

VJM President

From the Principal



New school supplies, new parking spots, new Freshmen, and new Administration! The 2015–2016 school year truly began with a fresh start this September. Welcome back to our returning families and welcome aboard to our newest ones. This month we have seen everything from Freshman Retreat, to cross country sweeps, Back to School dances, to Pope Francis and the World Meeting of Families. I hope our families that were able to catch a glimpse of the Pope, whether in person or on TV, were truly moved by his character and his messages on the family and the Church.

In connection to the World Meeting, I wanted to take this opportunity to personally thank the entire Villa community for the outpouring of love and support this past summer to myself and my family. During a very difficult time of loss, I can truly say the Villa community filled my heart with words of inspiration, thoughts, and love. I have always said “Villa is a big family.” No words have been truer than in the most recent days. Thank you, truly.

Looking ahead, the teachers and staff continue preparing lessons and activities. October is looking to be just as busy with PSATs, Ring Day, Sciathlon, and Senior Retreat, to name a few! We want this year to be one of success, faith, and excitement for all our students and staff.

I leave you with a quote from Pope Francis, “...it is very important to reaffirm the family, which remains the essential cell of society and the Church; young people, who are the face of the Church’s future; women, who play a fundamental role in passing on the faith and who are a daily source of strength in a society that carries this faith forward and renews it.”

Always more, Always better, Always with love!

Always Villa,

Lauren

Lauren Carr

VJM Principal

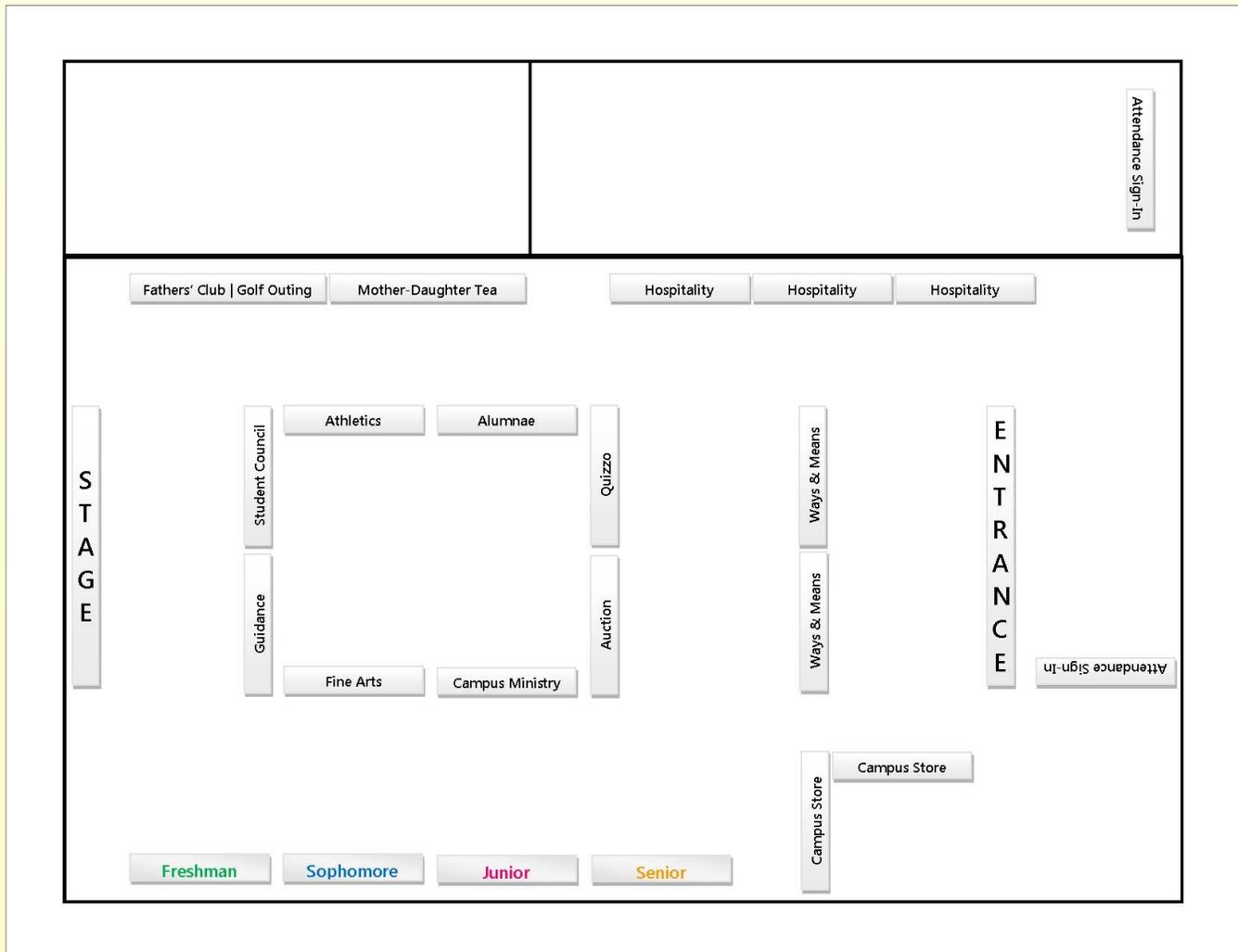
WELCOME TO VILLA FAIR...



Our first Parents' Guild Meeting of the year. This unique look at Villa will be held **Wednesday, October 7 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Villa gymnasium. Villa Fair is an informal "meet and greet" for parents as

well as a way to gather useful information about Villa Joseph Marie High School. You will have the opportunity to meet members of the Parents' Guild Board and VJM Administration and Faculty to learn about the various academic departments, services, and school functions listed below. There will be display tables with information available on all Guild-sponsored events, including the Mother-Daughter Tea and annual Golf Outing.

We invite you to come and learn more about the educational resources available, as well as to get familiar with the Parents' Guild fundraising and social events planned at Villa this year. **New this year for our Senior Parents is a Financial Aid Session specifically related to the college application process. This session will be held in one of the classrooms and is scheduled to begin at 7:30 P.M.**





CAMPUS STORE

Thank you for your Fall Orders! They will be distributed **Wednesday, October 7** at the **Villa Fair**, Parents' Guild General Membership Meeting.

The Campus Store has some new items while continuing to carry the traditional favorites. Please stop in to see the wonderful additions as well as our selection of school supplies, Villa spirit wear, and accessories. We have everything from Villa pens or pencils to socks and hoodies!

We are scouting new items to include in our Christmas Special Order. Forms will be available in early November, if not sooner! Campus Store Elves do not rest until all our JEMS' stockings are stuffed!

For your shopping pleasure, the Campus Store is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.! Additionally, the Campus Store will be open during the following upcoming special events:

Event	Date	Time
Villa Fair, Parents' Guild Meeting	Wednesday, October 7	7:00 to 9:00 P.M.
Villa Parents' Guild Meeting	Wednesday, November 4	7:30 to 9:00 P.M.
Entrance Exam	Saturday, November 7	Following Exam
Alumni Reunion	Saturday, November 7	3:00 to 9:00 P.M.

If you have any questions regarding the Campus Store, or would like to volunteer at the store please contact:

- Leticia Brzezicki breeze6576@aol.com
- Colleen Lampone mrsdimes@msn.com
- Ellen Mullarkey ellen.mullarkey@comcast.net
- Suzy Wittman witbloom@gmail.com

All proceeds support the VJM Parents' Guild. Enjoy shopping!

2015 Mother-Daughter Tea



DATE: Sunday, October 18, 2015
TIME: 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Registration begins at 10:30 A.M.
LOCATION: Crystal Tea Room
Wanamaker Building
100 East Penn Square
Philadelphia, PA 19107
Cost: \$55.00 per person
(parking included)

Please join the Villa Joseph Marie community for one of our most treasured traditions, the Mother-Daughter Tea. This annual fundraiser is hosted by our Sophomore class with proceeds being used for much needed renovations to the school as well as technology-based upgrades.

The Tea features a tribute from the Senior class to their Mothers and a fashion show modeled by our Sophomore class featuring formal attire provided by "Dress Up Time."

Guests will have the opportunity to purchase raffle and auction tickets to win fabulous prizes donated by family and friends of our Villa community. This year's grand prizes are:

- 1st Prize: Mother-Daughter Designer Handbags (Louis Vuitton/Burberry) (\$1,400 Value)
- 2nd Prize: King of Prussia Mall Shopping Spree (\$750 Value)
- 3rd Prize: Go Pro (\$400 Value)

Raffle tickets will be sold for \$10 per ticket or \$25 for 3 tickets.

Pictures

Photo packages will be offered by AG Photography to capture you and your daughter on this wonderful day.

Donations

We are still accepting donations for our auction. They may be in the form of a gift or monetary donation. No donation is too small and every donation contributes to the over all success of the event. Please send all donations into school.

No time to shop, no worries, we've made shopping easy with an Amazon Gift Registry. It's as simple as logging into www.amazon.com and searching for the Villa wish list at vjmmotherdaughtertea@gmail.com. Your donation will be mailed directly to school.

For further information or questions, please contact our Gift Procurement Co-Chairs:

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Sue Weller wellerse@verizon.net

It is only through the kindness of our families that we are able to achieve success in our fundraising efforts for the school. We are most grateful for your extraordinary generosity.

Always more, Always better, Always with love.

Your Tea Co-Chairs,

Roseanna Chingas chingasfamily@verizon.net
Lisa Eisler lisa@theeislerfamily.com
Margie McKevitt mamckevitt@verizon.net

Special Note To Freshman Parents: Please note that in order for a Sophomore student to model in the 2016 Mother-Daughter Tea Fashion Show, a parent or guardian must attend 4 out of 6 Parents' Guild meetings during the 2015-2016 school year **and** become an active member of a Tea committee. Please remember to sign in at each Parents' Guild meeting you attend so that your participation is appropriately recorded.

SAVE THE DATE!



Annual Parents' Guild Meeting
Christmas Social & Ornament Exchange
Wednesday, December 9, 7:00 P.M.
School Gymnasium

The Freshman Parents of Villa Joseph Marie invite you to attend a festive evening of fun, tasty treats, and friendship.

Festivities include an ornament exchange, collection for a local charitable organization, a prayer service, and plenty of fellowship and holiday cheer.

Freshman parents are asked for their assistance in contributing to the refreshments for the evening. Please look for sign-ups as we move closer to the event date.

We hope everyone will be able to join us for this traditionally festive, fun filled evening at Villa!

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Fall Spirit Day at Villa



VILLA DADS

The members of Villa Joseph Marie's Fathers' Club work in distinctive ways to support their daughters' education and social development, and to provide assistance for projects in and around the school.

The Fathers' Club is always interested in new members and in new ideas. It's a great way to make new friends and to build lasting memories of your daughter's time here at Villa.

For more information, please contact Fathers' Club Representatives, Rob Boyce or Billy Eisler, at VJMfathersclub@vjmhs.org.

JOIN THE FATHERS' CLUB!



Volunteers Needed

Are you new or a veteran to Villa? Do you have time, talent, and energy to put toward worthwhile efforts? Are you resourceful, imaginative, and service-minded?

Then we need you!

Please visit the Parents' Guild page of the Villa website and click on the "Volunteer" tab. There you will find many opportunities to become involved with Guild activities held during the school year.

If you have any questions about becoming involved, please contact one of our Executive Board members at vjmparentsguild@vjmhs.org.

"Always more, Always better, Always with love"

SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE EXCITING EVENTS AT VILLA!

Villa events serve two important purposes—they support our girls through the proceeds they generate, and they offer the Villa community an opportunity to come together for some fun! Mark your calendars now and plan on joining us!

Designer Handbag Bingo

Who doesn't love a new handbag? Here's your chance to compete for gorgeous, authentic designer bags, while playing fun rounds of Bingo and other games of chance!

Friday, November 20, 2015

Doors open at 6:00 P.M./Bingo begins at 7:00 P.M.
Villa Gymnasium (reserved seating available)
\$30 in advance | \$35 at the door
Get your tickets now! www.vjmhs.org/bingo

Please see our flyer on page 12. For more information or to volunteer, please contact:

Cindy Snyder 215-450-5148
LeeAnn Christian lchristian@epicor.com

QUIZZO

QUIZZO is a live trivia game with 10 rounds of trivia in various categories. Players compete in teams of up to eight. The team that answers the most questions correctly wins a cash prize!

Saturday, February 6, 2016

Doors open at 6:00 P.M./Trivia begins at 7:00 P.M.
Villa Gymnasium
Players must be 21 years or older
Registration information to come

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Melissa Amour at mamour@vjmhs.org

Annual Spring Auction

Join us for the 2016 Annual Spring Auction, La Bella Vita (the beautiful life), Villa's social event of the year. This exciting and elegant evening features a cocktail hour, buffet dinner, silent and live auctions, raffle, exclusive Villa Spirit items, and lots of fun!

Friday, March 18, 2016

Trenton Country Club
More information to come

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Dolores Prunetti at dprunetti@vjmhs.org.

VJMHS Dramatic Society Presents

YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN



November 13-14 | 7:00 P.M.

November 15 | 2:00 P.M.

\$12.00 for Adults

\$7.00 for Students, Seniors & Children

(Stay tuned for special Pre-Show Purchase Prices)

Annual Spring Auction General Meeting Wednesday, October 21 7:00 P.M. IN THE VJM Cafeteria

Come join the fun and make new friends!

Our Annual Spring Auction is the event of the year and you can help make it a success.

Are you handy with decorating? Do you love talking to people? Does crunching numbers make you happy? We'd love to have you join us.

This meeting is OPEN TO ALL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS interested in helping out or just learning more about the event.

No experience is necessary!



Villa Joseph Marie Designer Handbag Bingo

Sponsored by the VJM Alumnae Association

- Date:** Friday, November 20, 2015
- Time:** Doors open at 6:00 P.M. – Bingo begins at 7:00 P.M.
- Location:** Villa Gymnasium (Reserved Seating Available)
- Cost:** Tickets are \$30.00 in advance, \$35.00 at the door

10 Regular Games of Bingo and Additional Sheets will be Available for Purchase
 Specials, Raffles, and 50/50
 Complimentary Beverages and Dessert

All participants are welcome to bring their own snacks and beverages

Tickets can be purchased online at www.vjmhs.org/Bingo

OR

Mail your Reservation to:

Villa Joseph Marie High School – BINGO!

1180 Holland Road, Holland, PA 18966

Make Checks Payable to Villa Joseph Marie

Name _____

Address _____

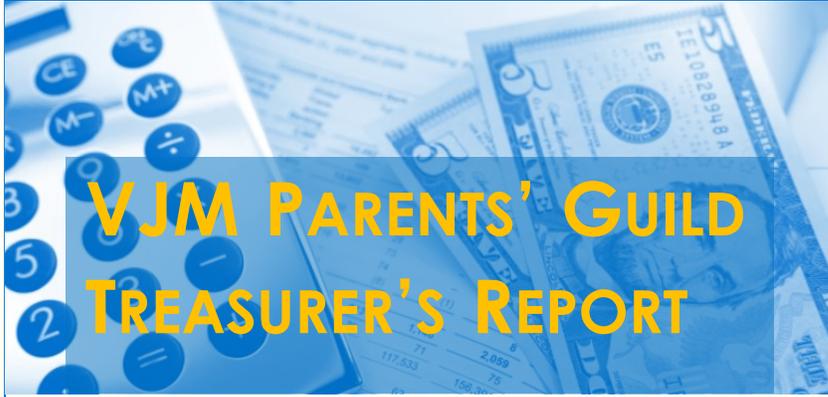
E-mail _____ Phone _____

Number of Tickets _____ Total Enclosed _____

Tables can be reserved for 8 or more tickets but must be purchased together.

Under 18 must be accompanied by adult.

For further information contact Cindy Snyder 215-450-5148 or LeeAnn Christian at lchristian@epicor.com



2015-16 PARENTS' GUILD EXECUTIVE BOARD

VJM PARENTS' GUILD TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is an un-audited summary of the Parents' Guild Fund for the month ended August 31, 2015:

Beginning Balance as of August 1, 2015	\$72,029
Total Revenue	165
Total Expenses	<u>5,624</u>
Ending Balance as of June 30, 2015	<u>\$66,570</u>

Revenue was from the an early Mother-Daughter Tea Ad.

Expenses included an end of the year Campus Store purchase (\$4,667), as well as the AV vendor deposit for the Mother-Daughter Tea (\$200), gifts purchased for the Class of 2017 Ring Day (\$572), sympathy donations (\$75), outstanding invoice for Graduation tickets (\$77), and bank/check fees (\$33).

Proceeds in excess of \$16,000 from the 2014 Golf Outing are being held pending State and Municipal approval of the School Flashing Warning Signal. The 2014 Mother-Daughter Tea (approximately \$33,000) and the 2015 Golf Outing (approximately \$17,800) remain in the ending balance to be designated for future enhancements to the school. The Guild and VJM Administration will jointly review priorities moving forward.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Wagner
Treasurer, VJM Parents' Guild

OFFICERS

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Past President	Alison Cacchio
1st Vice President	Margie McKeivitt
2nd Vice President	Susan Bratspis
Treasurer	Anita Wagner
Assistant Treasurer	Jacqueline Persechino
Recording Secretary	Krina Amspacher
Corresponding Secretary	Mary Copperthwaite

COMMITTEES

Campus Store	Leticia Brzezicki Colleen Lampone Ellen Mullarkey Suzy Wittman
Fathers' Club/Golf Outing	Rob Boyce Billy Eisler
Hospitality	Christa Musial Chrissy Schwartzott
Mother-Daughter Tea Co-Chairs	Roseanna Chingas Lisa Eisler Margie McKeivitt
Newsletter	Susan Schramm
Ways & Means	Lori Davne Dawn Wyatt

Class Representatives

<i>Freshman Representatives</i>	Ann Borell Kathy Lawler Kathy McDonald Joy Tulskie
<i>Sophomore Representatives</i>	Alice Braun Karen Colbert Nicole Hess Lisa Miletto
<i>Junior Representatives</i>	Mary Rose Brady Theresa Kern Susan Mazzitelli Jody Travagline
<i>Senior Representatives</i>	Penny Ettinger Karen Gouger Amy Karch Maureen Menarde
<i>Alumni Representatives</i>	Laura Durnin Jennifer McDonald Denise Monaghan Mary Rigau

Upcoming Events:



EVENT	DATE	TIME
Parents' Guild General Meeting	October 7	7:00–9:30 P.M.
Ring Day	October 9	8:00–10:30 A.M.
Mother–Daughter Tea	October 18	11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
Harvest Dance	October 30	7:00 P.M.
Parents' Guild General Meeting	November 4	7:30–9:30 P.M.
Guild Faculty Christmas Fund Collection	November	
Designer Handbag Bingo	November 20	6:00–9:30 P.M.
Parents' Guild “Christmas Social”	December 9	7:00–9:30 P.M.
Guild Service Project Collection	December 9	7:00–9:30 P.M.

QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE PARENTS' GUILD?

Please feel free to contact a Parents' Guild Board Member with any questions or suggestions regarding Guild functions that may enhance their ability to help the school provide an excellent high school experience for our daughters. Suggestions are always welcome! Please send us a note either through school or email at: vjmparentsguild@vjmhs.org

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