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DECEMBER 2011/ JANUARY 2012

STVM SCIENCE DAY SET FOR FEBRUARY

NHS INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS

The St. Vincent-St. Mary High School chapter of the National Honor Society inducted 52 new members on Monday, November 21, 2011. A faculty council selected these students based on their accumulative point averages (a minimum 3.5) and faculty evaluations of their character, leadership, and service to the school and community. These new members joined the 63 current senior members. Chapter officers including President Alexandra Pianalto, Vice-President Elijah Justice, Secretary Abigail Bashor, and Treasurer John Friess conducted the traditional candle lighting ceremony that emphasized the ideals of NHS. Guest speaker for the Induction Ceremony was Ms. Sandra Pianalto, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland and member of the St. Vincent Class of 1972. Parents' Club provides the funds for the pins that new members received from Headmaster David Rathz. Following the induction ceremony, the veteran members hosted a reception for the new inductees and their families. The chapter advisor is Ms. Pam Godshalk.

New members inducted include senior Megan Tomei and juniors Emily Baker, Mary Colette Barrett, Madison Beskiitt, Erica Bratton, Amanda Burke, Meredith Cabe, Robert Dambrot, Christopher Esker, Andrew Farrell, Zackery Frazier, Amanda Getz, Stephany Gomez, Hannah Green, Celeste Hall, Stephen Hall, Christen Hoffman, Katelyn Holaday, Kirsten Linnen, Ryan Loney, Teanna McDaniel, Shannon Moloney, Nicholas Neill, Bennett Nelson, Carol Nicolas, Michelle Noethen, Mary Margaret Ondack, Alyssa Pagni, Catherine Pamer, Thomas Paolucci, Alissa Peeples, Noah Pettry, Vincent Piccoli, Dena Pierog, Elizabeth Ringer, Gregory Rybka, Elinor Schuck, Patrick Schuerger, Maria Skora, Amanda Sollenberger, Bailey Spinner, RosaLia Stadler, Joseph Stavale, Stefan Subich, Marissa Tomin, Jason VanDevere, Vincenzo Volpe, Catherine Walsh, Joseph Weber, Jordan Weisensell, Mark Wysocki, Elizabeth Yerman.

THEOLOGY CURRICULUM UNDER REVISION

Three STVM teachers selected for diocesan committee

In this issue of Irish Items you will find the one-half page "synthesis" of the Course of Preparation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church as it occurred from 1985 through 1992. Later this school year we will present to you the Doctrinal Framework for curriculum revision that came from this. On our STVM website you can also now find the 5-page "Characteristics" document on the Catechism, including the premise, nature, addressees, structure, sources, dimensions, and limits. All of these materials were recently given to the diocesan high school presidents and principals to share with our staff and constituents.

The new curriculum is scheduled to be implemented next Fall. A committee of 11 high school religion teachers was selected from the 22 Catholic high schools in the diocese two years ago to write the new curriculum after studying the Doctrinal Framework. Three of the teachers selected were from this Southern Region of the Diocese, and all three were from St. Vincent-St. Mary High School: Mr. Dave Dages, Mr. Glenn Griffin, and Mrs. Lorrie Haddox. Their work will transform the high school theology courses in all the high schools of Northeastern Ohio. An overview of the new curriculum will be presented to you in Irish Items this spring.



The Ohio Academy of Science and St. Vincent-St. Mary High School are announcing that the St. Vincent-St. Mary Local Science Fair will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2012. Participating students from all science courses and levels will be showcasing their Science Inquiry Project at the fair. Judging of the projects will take place at the STVM Cosgrove Center from 4-6 p.m. The projects may be viewed by the public from 3-4 p.m. and from 6-7 p.m. Project boards will also be displayed in the LRC on February 10, 2012. The awards ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Cosgrove Center on the day of the fair.

Projects will be represented in one of the following categories: Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science and Physical Science. All projects will be judged and awards will be rewarded to the top inquiry project in each category.

Superior rated students from St. Vincent-St. Mary's local science fair will attend the 64th Western Reserve District 5 Science Day at The University of Akron on Saturday, March 17, 2012, an event also sponsored by The Ohio Academy of Science.

Selected student projects will also be entered into the Intel Northeast Ohio Science and Engineering Fair to be held March 12-5, 2012.

If you are interested in judging at the local STVM fair, please contact Bob Engels at rengels@stvm.com. If you are interested in sponsoring an award for the local STVM fair, please contact Naman Alniemi at nalniemi@stvm.com

ACADEMIC LETTERS AWARDED

On October 6, 2011, a number of juniors and seniors were presented with Academic Letters at an all-school assembly. The criteria for earning the Academic Letter consists of being a junior or senior, accruing a total of 8 or more academic awards for classroom excellence in the spring Scholastic Honors Night, maintaining an overall GPA of 3.3 or above, and remaining a student "in good standing" in discipline and attendance as determined by the Dean of Students. A second-year award winner needs a cumulative total of 16 or more classroom excellence awards as well as meets the previous criteria as well. First year award winners include seniors Meghan Dannemiller, Ryan Gaffney, Jasmine Gao, Kyle Hochevar, RoseMary Klein, Andrew Menich, and Sean Poholski; and juniors Emily Baker, Amanda Burke, Meredith Cabe, Stephen Hall, Katelyn Holaday, and Vincenzo Volpe. Second year academic award winners include seniors Erin Farrell, Katherine Paydo, and Hannah Roberts. We are very proud of these letter winners and congratulate them for their academic success.

STVM DIPLOMATS TAKE TOP HONORS

At the recent CCWA United Nations Conference at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, St. Vincent-St. Mary Model UN students represented China (Abby Burke, Josh Mills, Brandon Grajzl Sarah Baumer, Aaron Kofsky, Nicholas Neill); Argentina (Marty Klee and Miklos Janosi); and South Africa (Curtis Davisson, Mike Cherveney, Bitsy Ringer, Kayla Keathley, Abbey Bashor and Nathan Mills). At the close of the conference, awards were presented to the schools with the greatest number of top-ranking delegations.

The STVM China delegation won two "Excellent Delegation" awards with student diplomats Nick Neill and Brandon Grajzl. Two Honorable Mention awards were presented to the STVM South Africa delegation with student diplomats Curtis Davisson and Mike Cherveney. Congratulations!



CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH COURSE OF ITS PREPARATION

(Synthesis)

The present Catechism of the Catholic Church is the fruit of a multifaceted undertaking whose most important stages can be briefly summarized as follows:

October 1985: *The recommendation of the Synod of Bishops:*
"There were many who expressed the wish that a catechism or a compendium of all Catholic doctrine regarding both faith and morals be prepared so that it could serve as a kind of point of reference for catechisms or compendia prepared in different regions. The presentation of doctrine should be biblical and liturgical. It is to embody a sound doctrine applied to the present life of Christians" (Relatio Finalis, II, B, 4).

10 July 1986: Decision of the Holy Father to appoint a Commission of Cardinals and Bishops for the preparation of a catechism project for the universal Church or a compendium of Catholic doctrine (of faith and morals) which could be a point of reference for the catechisms prepared or to be prepared in various regions.

November 1986: First meeting of the Commission to indicate the fundamental elements of the text (nature, aim, characteristics, identification of those to whom it is to be directed, timetable.)

1987: preparation of two successive schemes; December-elaboration of a preliminary project for which 40 international experts are consulted.

February 1989: The Commission examines a project of the catechism to be sent to all Bishops for their observations;

November 1989: A revised project is sent to all Bishops for the intended consultation (to last until May 1990);

June - October 1990: Examination and evaluation of the responses submitted by the Bishops. Outcome of the consultation with the Bishops:

- ♦ agreement in considering as necessary and timely, as well as urgent, a single catechetical text for the entire Catholic Church to serve as a point of reference for the composition of national and diocesan catechisms;
- ♦ differentiations and distinctions concerning the contents and the redactional style of the text;
- ♦ positive evaluation of the revised project, considered a sound basis to support the great number of suggested amendments (more than 24,000), in view of the final edition of the text.

November 1990 - September 1991: In the light of the results of the consultation, preparation of a new project of the catechism for the universal church (first, the "textus emendatus", and then the "pre-definitive" text: first and second corrected versions)

October 1991: Examination and evaluation by the Commission of the corrected "pre-definitive version" (the seventh edition, from the beginning of the undertaking)

November 1991 - February 1992: Preparation of the definitive project of the text

14 February 1992: Unanimous approval by the Commission of the "definitive project" of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, to be presented to the Holy Father for his judgment.

30 April 1992: Definitive revision of the "Catechism of the Catholic Church".

25 June 1992:
Official approval by the Holy Father of the Catechismus Ecclesiae Catholicae

MAHAR AND CRUSADER AWARDS ANNOUNCED!

The STVM Alumni Association, is pleased to announce the 2012 Fr. Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni and Irish Crusader Award Recipients. Please join us in congratulating these very deserving individuals on their award.

2012 Fr. Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award recipients:

- ♦ Jack & Joan McKim Kunkler V51 and V53
- ♦ Joe May V54
- ♦ Barb Brewer Wood V65
- ♦ Judy Dalaski Stecz M67
- ♦ Carla Bouschere Steiner VM77

2012 Irish Crusader Award Recipient: Patti Valle

The Mahar Awards Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, March 29, 2012 at Tangier Restaurant. More details will be available in next month's Irish Items.

IRISH FAMILY CAR RAFFLE BEGINS! SERPENTINIS DONATE CAR FOR 10TH YEAR!

Yes! Bob and Kathy Serpentinis have done it again! This is the 10th consecutive year that the Serpentinis have donated a car for our Irish Family Car Raffle! If you chose the buyout option you will not be responsible for selling car raffle tickets. The buyout option was \$100 for each student and \$75 for each additional student. In order to be entered in the raffle, you must fill out the ticket stubs and return them to your student's homeroom. If you have chosen to sell tickets you will be responsible for selling \$125.00 in car raffle tickets (\$100.00 for each additional student). Tickets are \$5.00 each. You should have received your tickets at report card pick-up. If you didn't attend report card pick-up, your tickets will be mailed to you. Please email Carley Whitney at cwhitney@stvm.com or call 330-253-9113, ext. 112 with any questions.

IMPORTANT 2011-2012 DATES FOR ADMISSIONS

Irish Academic Scholarship winners will be hosted at our annual Scholarship Dinner on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 in the STVM Student Center. This event will honor the recipients of our \$10,000 Irish Academic Scholarship which is awarded to the top 30 scorers on our fall scholarship/placement test. These eighth graders and their parents are treated to a well-deserved formal evening of dining and congratulations. Headmaster David Rathz and Admissions Director Joanne Wiseman will present the program for the evening.

Eighth Grade applications will be distributed by diocesan elementary schools on Monday, January 9, 2012 and "High School Selection Week" will take place January 9-13, 2012. The deadline for eighth graders in diocesan schools to select their high school is Friday, January 13, and the applications will be sent to their first choice schools during the week of January 16, 2012. High schools will mail their letters of acceptance on Thursday, February 9, 2012.

St. Vincent-St. Mary will host seventh graders from area Catholic elementary schools on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. We will need lots of parent volunteers on this day to make sure things run smoothly for our visitors. Please contact Jerry Kelly at 330.253.9113 if you can help. This is a great day to volunteer, so plan to be there to join in the fun!





NOTEWORTHY NOTES



'TIS THE SEASON!

The annual STVM **Christmas Choir Concert** will take place on Thursday, December 8 at 7 p.m. This concert will feature all members of our 5 choirs—Liturgical Choir, Concert Choir, Symphonic Choir, Women's Ensemble & Show Choir. No tickets are needed, but donations will be accepted at the door. Please plan to attend and get into the holiday spirit with beautiful music from our choirs!

Our **Show Choir and Art students** will also be featured at Lock 3 in downtown Akron on Friday, December 9, at 7 p.m. Our art students have created a 5'8" by 15' banner that will hang on the side of the building at Lock 3. The unveiling of the banner will be at 7 p.m, followed by a performance of our Show Choir, featuring music of the holiday season. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Save These Dates!

2011 – 2012 Important Events that you will not want to miss!

Fall 2011.....

December 28 Winter Alumni & Friends Night – Canned Food Drive

2012.....

January 9 Alumni Association – STVM Conference Room – 7 p.m.

February 14 Car Raffle Drawing (Boys Basketball Game Halftime)

February 23 Open House

March 28 Seventh Grade Visitation

March 29 Annual Mahar Banquet – Tangier Restaurant

April 19 Booster Club Reverse Raffle

April 20 3 on 3 Tournament

April 23 Annual Memorial Mass – STVM LRC

May 24 Senior Farewell Mass & Alumni Pin Ceremony

And more! Visit the www.stvm.com website for up-to-date Irish News!

St. Vincent-St. Mary *Alumni Association*

WINTER ALUMNI & FRIENDS NIGHT

including a **Canned Food Drive** for St. Vincent Parish Food Pantry

The 2011 - 2012 STVM **Alumni Council** invites all St. Mary, St. Vincent, and St. Vincent-St. Mary alumni, family & friends for **light refreshments & snacks** in the Student Center

Wednesday, December 28, 2011

Following the **STVM Fighting Irish** vs Marion Franklin basketball game.

Be sure to bring your canned food items for our Canned Food Drive to benefit St. Vincent Parish Food Pantry.

NEEDED ITEMS:

Hope to see you there!!

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| cake mixes | canned frosting |
| 1-lb box pasta | spaghetti sauce |
| Chunky Soups | evaporated milk |
| canned gravy | cranberry sauce |
| boxed stuffing | boxed mashed potatoes |
| pie crust | pie filling |

If you are interested in attending an Alumni Association event or getting involved in Alumni Association projects and activities, please contact Kathy Holaday Director of constituent Relations at kholaday@stvm.com or 330.253.9113, ext. 120.



Thank you for supporting the November Pie Sale!
STVM sold 60 desserts &
12 pies were donated to Haven of Rest!

Thank you for your generosity!
Over \$270 was earned for STVM Retreats!

Congratulations to Mr. Griffin's 8th period Religion class!
They sold the most pies & will have a Donut Day!

December is Cookie Bonus Days, plus these specials:

♦FREE Single-serve of Kraft Macaroni & Cheese with any purchase during December

♦FREE 1-lb Italian Style Meatballs with \$90 purchase. Enter promo code: DEC Bonus at checkout on marketday.com

♦Buy 3 times & earn a FREE Insulated Bag!
Make 2 purchases of \$40 between October & December.
Then place a 3rd order of \$40 in January.
Receive a FREE Insulated Bag at your January pick-up!

New Customers - SAVE \$5 on any \$25 purchase!
Enter promo Code: NEWFIVE

All proceeds benefit our STVM Retreat program.

Market Day order forms are available at the STVM Bookstore and Campus Ministry Office.

Log onto marketday.com & place order using STVM Account #8191

Questions? Contact Ken McDonald
330-253-9113 x118 or kmcdonald@stvm.com

The more we sell, the more money we raise for the STVM Retreat Program!

Ohio Direction Card, Cash, & Checks are accepted at all Market Day pickups!



December prayer intention: Pray for a spiritual and Christ-centered approach to the holidays. **Scripture Verse:** Psalm 69:33 "...you who seek God, may your hearts be merry!" **Activity:** Be generous to the poor. **January prayer intention:** Pray for our children to know the Father's love and perfect plan for their lives. **Scripture Verse:** John 16:27 "...for the Father himself loves you...." **Activity:** Resolve to go regularly to confession to experience God's love.



COUNSELORS'

ORNER	SAT TEST DATES 2011-2012		Registration Deadlines	
	Test Date		Regular	Late
	January 28, 2012	SAT I & II	Dec 30	Jan 13
	March 10, 2012	SAT I only	Feb 10	Feb 24
	May 5, 2012	SAT I & II	April 6	April 20
	June 2, 2012	SAT I & II	May 8	May 22

Registration and information at www.collegeboard.com.

ACT TEST DATES 2011-2012

Test Dates	Registration Deadlines	
	Regular	Late
February 11, 2012	Jan 13	Jan 20
April 14, 2012	March 9	March 23
June 9, 2012	May 4	May 18

PARENTS AND STUDENTS:

Please visit our guidance webpage for career and college resources. We have an excellent scholarship page that allows students to see the scholarships they are eligible for and where to get the application. You can go to the main page of our website and click the Guidance link in the gold bar or go to http://www.stvm.com/studentlife/counselors_corner.php

ATTENTION, COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS

Take note of these important dates!

- ◆ December 16, 2011 - submit all college applications!
- ◆ January 18, 2012 - Financial Aid Meeting for Seniors and Senior parents at 7 p.m. in room 256.
- ◆ February 28, 2012 "The College Process" meeting for Juniors and junior parents at 7 p.m. in room 256. (Sophomores and parents are welcome, too!)

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIORS

If either you or your spouse are a graduate of St. Mary, St. Vincent or St. Vincent-St. Mary High School, your student may be eligible to receive the Annual STVM Alumni Association Scholarship.

The scholarship is awarded at the annual Mahar Banquet in March to current Junior STVM students and is applied toward their Senior year tuition. A letter and application form will be mailed to your attention during the week of January 10th.

SIGN UP FOR SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB!

Students interested in the STVM Ski and Snowboard Club can still sign up for this year! Membership includes a weekly pass, optional lessons, and rental equipment if needed, as well as many other benefits and perks. Contact Mr. Brownfield at rbrownfield@stvm.com for more information. No prior experience with skiing or snowboarding is necessary; all ability levels are welcome—novice to expert!

COSTA RICA ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

The STVM Science Department is offering an exciting environmental studies trip to Costa Rica this summer. The trip will be 8 days long, running during the week of June 10, right after we let out of school for the summer. The trip will be open to current Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors. We will visit rainforests, volcanoes, hot springs, national parks, the Pacific Ocean, caves, and pineapple and coffee plantations. The itinerary and cost are still being finalized, but more information will be available soon. For additional information about this trip, please contact Mr. Brownfield (RBrownfield@stvm.com) or Mr. Engels (REngels@stvm.com), program coordinators.

This trip will allow you to earn an extra ¼ credit on your transcript and will be a huge selling point for college admission! Look for more details to follow.

COLLEGE TIMELINE FOR SENIORS

December

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It is now time for you to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The form is online and may be submitted after January 1. You cannot submit it any earlier, but the sooner it is done, the less headache it will be for you and your parents later. You might be receiving a reply if you applied early to colleges. If you are accepted, you may need to send a deposit and withdrawal application for other colleges. If you are "deferred" that means there is still hope and a decision has not yet been made on your application. You might have to enroll at a regional campus of your selected school and apply to the main campus again after a semester or two. It does not hurt to call or write to someone in admissions. Denied admission? Do not lose heart. This does not mean you are not smart or worthy. You should have other schools on your list to choose from.

January

Make sure you get your FAFSA completed and turned in. Remember to attend our Financial Aid Night for parents and students on January 18. You will receive step-by-step instructions on how to fill out the FAFSA and how to get the most money for your college education. Keep thinking about possible majors and careers. Review your Holland Code, take the Myers Brigg Personality quiz, and have a meeting with the counselor regarding your career interests. Do not limit yourself to fields that others expect you to enter. Follow your heart and explore what YOU are interested in. Learn as much as you can about the careers you are considering, including average salary, work environment, and additional duties. You can learn the most by talking to someone in your field of interest. Volunteer, apply for an internship, or work part time in the field you are considering. Contact a professional you met at the Career Connections event to see if you can job shadow.
~Emily Knapp, School Counselor



An Old Irish Blessing

Here's to the bright New Year
And a fond farewell to the old;
Here's to the things that are yet to come
And to the memories that we hold.
May God be with you and bless you.
May the best of this year be the worst of the next.
May you be poor in misfortune, rich in blessings.
May you know nothing but happiness.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Are you interested in meeting other STVM parents and getting more involved in the school? The STVM Parents' Club needs volunteers for the following events/activities we sponsor over the course of the year:
◆ **Parents' Night Out** (Molly Friess at mfriess11@sbcglobal.net)
◆ **Teacher Appreciation** (Susan Mileski at skimile73@aol.com and Michelle Giltner at michelle.giltner@sbcglobal.net)
◆ **Hospitality/Baking** (Nareene Beck at nbeck1@neo.rr.com)
To learn more, or to volunteer, just contact the event committee chair. We look forward to hearing from you!

IMPORTANT YEARBOOK INFORMATION

Graduates, you may pick up your yearbook at the Front Office of the school if you email bdolan@stvm.com at least 1 day ahead of time! Books will not be mailed. Extra books are available for \$60. Order forms for the 2012 books are due. The price before March 1 is \$55; after March 1 it goes up to \$65. Forms can be found at www.stvm.com under "Yearbook." **Seniors**, your pictures are due in March, 2011 and must be taken by Carmen Studios. Call for an appointment at 330-253-7781.





Happy Holidays!

The STVM Parents' Club
will host their annual
"Faculty/Staff Appreciation"
in December.

We are asking that each family
please donate
one (1) wrapped gift or gift card
(valued between \$20-\$25).

Please drop off your
"Faculty /Staff Appreciation Gift" at
the Front Office (flagpole entrance)
by Friday, December 9, 2011

Questions?

Contact Sue Mileski at skimile73@aol.com
or Michelle Giltner at michelle.giltner@sbcglobal.net



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL MOTHERS' NIGHT OUT!

Our annual Mothers' Night Out, sponsored by Parents' Club and chaired by Jerry Kelly, was once again another big success. Approximately 100 moms, grandmothers and alumni enjoyed a wonderful evening. Great crowd, great food, great prizes, great fun and great camaraderie! Thirteen vendors were present, displaying their "wares" – including nail polishing & hand massages, chair massages, jewelry, cosmetics, candles, spices & mixes, serving pieces, purses, baskets, "corn cozies", and more! Once again, thanks to Fr. Berardi (V'51) for his gifts to all who were present.

Everyone enjoyed the new location – St. George's Fellowship Hall – and many commented that they hope next year's event will be held at the same place. As the evening was ending, many favorable comments were heard including one mom who said, "I had a ball...I'll definitely be back next year!" The next Parents' Club activity is the annual "Faculty/Staff Appreciation" in December. Thank you for your support!

FAMILY & MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE IN DECEMBER

Incoming Freshmen

The STVM Endowment Fund offers scholarships to incoming freshmen through the Family & Memorial Scholarship Program. The deadline for incoming freshman (Class of 2016) to complete scholarship applications is December 1, 2011.

Scholarship materials for students entering Grades 10-12 will be available January 17, 2012. For questions or to receive forms in e-format, please contact the STVM Endowment Office at: 330-780-6439 or Endowment@stvm.com.

PICK UP YOUR 2011-2012 SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Attention all Parents' Club members: Your 2011-2012 School Directory is available for pickup in the STVM Volunteer Office (located in the Student Center).

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING PARENTS' CLUB EVENTS:

Dec. 9, 2011	Drop off faculty/staff appreciation gifts!
Dec. 16, 2011	Faculty/Staff Appreciation Christmas Celebration
TBA	L.I.F.E. Speaker
Feb. TBA	Parents' Club General Meeting & Open Forum
Mar. TBA	Parent's Night Out
April TBA	"Think Spring" Flower Sale Begins
May 12	"Think Spring" Flower Sale pick-up
June 8	Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon

*Living in Faith Everyday (L.I.F.E.) Speaker sessions are sponsored by the STVM Parents' Club for the STVM students. Parents' Club meetings are held monthly at 7 p.m. in the STVM Conference Room. Please contact Erin Faetanani at jfaetani@ameritech.net for the schedule of meetings.

ONE STOP SHOPPING MADE EASY!

Perfect for your holiday shopping list! Consider ordering a gift card from T.R.I.P. for all those "hard-to-buy-for" relatives and friends! Plus you will receive an added benefit paying less tuition!

It is easy with T.R.I.P. - the STVM Tuition Reduction Incentive Program! Simply purchase Gift Cards & Gift Certificates. Register Today and start saving money on your tuition! For more details, please contact Theresa Blankenship at theresablankenship@yahoo.com or call: 330-825-2557

Please Note: For the month of December, TRIP has a "Holiday Schedule" for ordering and pickup. For more details be sure to visit the TRIP section in our website (www.stvm.com – Parent Info – Parents' Club – TRIP) or call Theresa Blankenship 330-825-2557.

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RECYCLED UNIFORM SALE

Help us build our "vintage" collection!

Send in your "Gently" Used uniforms to the STVM Bookstore. This is a wonderful service offered to our current students and families. We are even accepting "vintage" Irish apparel (t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc.).

"Gently" used uniforms are on sale in the STVM Bookstore! Each item is \$5.00 and quantities are limited. Proceeds benefit the STVM Parents' Club and the programs that we support and sponsor. The STVM Parents' Club is pleased to offer this service to our community and if you have any items to donate, please drop them off at the STVM Bookstore.

Questions? Please contact Jeannette Kaiser (jeannettemkaiser@gmail.com).

Have you moved? New phone number? New email address? Please contact Mrs. Barbara DeGrand at 330.253.9113, ext. 128 or bdegrand@stvm.com.





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DECEMBER

What's happening....

- 02 Adopt-A-Family Spirit Day
- 05 Football, Cheerleading, Athletic Trainer Awards Banquet 6 p.m.
- 08 Christmas Choir Concert 7 p.m.
- 09 Lock 3 Banner Unveiling 6:45 p.m. in Akron
- 10 Band Cookie Sale
Market Day Pick-up
- 12 Alumni Association Meeting 7 p.m.
- 13 Christmas Band Concert 7 p.m.
- 16 Adopt-A-Family closing prayer service
- 19 NO CLASSES - CHRISTMAS BREAK
- 28 Winter Alumni & Friends Night



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE BOOKSTORE!

Holiday shopping? No problem at the Bookstore! AND the Bookstore Lady is ready to help you pick out that perfect gift for every Irish fan on your Christmas list! We have a variety of warm jackets, hoodies, crew necks, sweat-pants and flannel pants. We have knit hats, scarves, dry fit Nike socks, Nike compression shirts and blankets. Plus stocking stuffers such as STVM lanyards, license plate frames, and pens! Shop early for the best selection and sizes.

Log onto our STVM web page (www.stvm.com-Bookstore) for updates on extended hours. We will also be open in the evening for the Sports Banquets. Call 330-996-0002 for more information or email nbennett@stvm.com. Merry Christmas!



The Bookstore Lady
 Nancy Bennett

JANUARY

What's happening....

- 03 CLASSES RESUME
- 04 8th Grade Scholarship Dinner 6 p.m.
- 09 Alumni Association Meeting 7 p.m. CR
- 16 NO CLASSES - MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
- 17 Semester Exams (1:30 p.m. dismissal)
- 18 Semester Exams (1:30 p.m. dismissal)
Senior Parents Financial Aid Meeting 7 p.m. Rm 256
- 19 Semester Exams/End of 1st Semester (1:30 p.m. dismissal)
- 20 NO CLASSES - TEACHER RECORD DAY
- 21 Market Day Pick-up
- 31 Teacher Recommendation Day

An Irish Christmas Blessing
 The light of the Christmas star to you.
 The warmth of home and hearth to you.
 The cheer and good will of friends to you.
 The hope of a childlike heart to you.
 The joy of a thousand angels to you.
 The love of the Son and God's peace to you.

