



May June 2011

HEADMASTER RECEIVES LANGUAGE AWARD

STVM Headmaster, **Mr. David Rathz**, received the 2011 award for Outstanding Administrator in Support of Foreign Languages from the Ohio Foreign Language Association. He was honored for helping to expand the number of foreign languages offered at the school and offering them as four-year programs.

Students at St. Vincent-St. Mary have their choice of four foreign languages: French, Spanish, Russian, and Chinese! The four-year course of study gives students a head start on college foreign language requirements.

RUSSIAN LANGUAGE STUDENT WINS SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP

STVM junior **Marty Klee** has been selected to participate in the National Security Language Initiative for Youth, a rigorous overseas language program for U.S. high school students. This merit-based scholarship program is funded by the U.S. Department of State.

Marty will travel to Russia for the summer 2011 term, leaving on June 21 and returning on August 10. The four language skills (reading, writing, speaking and listening) will be taught at a Russian university and will be supplemented with cultural presentations and activities and volunteer work. He will be living with a Russian host family during his stay.

SCIENCE PROJECTS RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

Several STVM students won awards in April at the Bridging Engineering, Science, and Technology (BEST) Medicine Fair at the Inventor's Hall of Fame in Akron. The event is sponsored by Austen BioInnovation Institute to promote exchanges among youth with interests in becoming physician scientists or biomedical engineers, and to help educators worldwide to motivate their students to get interested in science. Congratulations to: **Patrick Morley, Vincenzo Volpe, Nicholas Neill, Oliver Hildebrandt, John Friess, Alex Pianalto, and Matt Schwenning**. Matt also earned the opportunity for a paid internship this summer at the BioInnovation Institute, which brings together Akron's hospital systems with The University of Akron and NEO Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy to promote medical-related education, research, development, and job creation.

ROCKET CONTEST WINNERS ADVANCE

Three of the five rocket teams from STVM have qualified for the national finals and will compete on May 14, 2011 in Manassas, VA, outside of Washington, DC. Only five teams made it from Ohio and three of them are from St. Vincent—St. Mary! Approximately 6000 students from across the country participated in the Team America Rocketry Challenge (TARC) competition.

Teams Alpha, Delta, and Echo from STVM were named national finalists and will be traveling to our nation's capital with their winning hand-built, self-engineered rockets! Students on the winning teams are: **Joanna Engels, Kaitlyn Carlier, Erica Bennett, Aubri Farris, Katie Engels, Kate Donahue, Madison Frericks, Gianna Hammer, PJ Morley, Matt Schwenning, Alex Morley, Trevor Chopko, Max Pitman, Sloan Piglia, Ryan Loney, Adam Kofsky, Mike Fiander, Kevin Sickels, Matt McGovern, Stephen Hall, Noah Nicholas, Aaron Bennett, Miranda Mondozi, Max Morganti, Preston Hollopeter, Lucia Vinzani, and Julianne Stamer**.

STUDENTS EXCEL AT GOVERNOR'S ART SHOW



Back row (l to r) Anna Mion, Melissa Ford, Michael Logsdon, Katya Lyuksytova, Cassidy Toth. Front Row (l to r) Shannon Hamilton, Ian Walsh, Ellen Rochford.

STVM art students represented our school in outstanding fashion at the 2011 Governor's Art Show in the Regional Division: seniors **Maria Alvord, Simon Beskitt, Conner Childers, Colin Daugherty, Shannon Hamilton, Jacob Lee, Katya Lyuksytova, Michael Logsdon, Anna Mion, Ellen Rochford, Cassidy Toth, Mallory Trecaso, Lauren Trecaso, and Maddie Winer**; juniors **Hannah Comeriato and Rose Klein**; sophomore **Mick Iacofano**, and freshman **Paul Wilson**. Their work will now be judged at the State level. Winning entries will be on display at the Governor's Building in Columbus!

BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM HONORED

The STVM boy's basketball team continues to receive recognition for their state championship season. Since winning the Division II OHSAA State Basketball Championship on March 26, the team has received commendations from the Summit County Council, Akron City Council, the Cleveland Cavaliers, and the Ohio House of Representatives. They most recently were recognized by State Senator Tom Sawyer during the Ohio Senate's regular session on Wednesday, April 13. In addition, Head Coach Dru Joyce was named the coach of the year by the Cleveland Plain Dealer and also by the Summit/Portage Touchdown Club.

SENIOR SIGNING DAY IS MAY 11

The St. Vincent-St. Mary Athletic Department will be recognizing all seniors who have committed to furthering their athletic careers at a college or university next year by holding a "Senior Signing Day" on Wednesday, May 11. Please notify the athletic department by calling (330) 253-9114 or emailing ajalwan@stvm.com to make sure we have your son or daughter's college of choice on record.

STVM HAS MOST WINNING ENTRIES IN HOLOCAUST CONTEST

The City of Akron Holocaust Committee believes that the lessons of the Holocaust are important because man's inhumanity to man continues to threaten world freedom. Through education and their annual writing and arts contest they strive to enlighten today's youth and help ensure that history will not repeat itself.

The winners of the 2011 City of Akron Holocaust contest in the arts category are: **Honorable Mention - Melissa Ford, Mary Corpas, John VanDevere, Rose Klein, Anna Mion, Ellen Rochford. 2nd Place - Ian Walsh and 1st Place - Danielle VanDevere**. Danielle also won a trip to Washington DC. STVM teacher Mrs. Joanne Kropf will accompany her. Mrs. Rita Lancianese is their STVM art teacher.

In the writing category, **Thomas Paolucci won 2nd place**. Mrs Mary Anne Anderson is his teacher.

Our winning students were recognized at an award ceremony on May 3 at the Akron Public Library and their winning work was displayed until May 6. Congratulations!

NOTEWORTHY NOTES

SHOWCASE 2011 - OCTOBER 22!

Planning for Showcase 2011 is well underway! Save the date of October 22, 2011 for Showcase and August 12 for our Gift Gala! Sneak Peak: Bring a donation valued over \$100 and receive an entry in a \$3000 tuition voucher raffle!

Our annual auction is a vital part of our operating budget that bridges the \$2570 gap between tuition and the actual cost of educating our students. How can you help with this fun and fundamental fundraiser? VOLUNTEER! Please attend a meeting on Tuesday, May 31, from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the Student Center. (Students will be returning from Cedar Point around 7:30 p.m.) We need volunteers in all areas, so come with your calendar and sign up! Questions? Please contact Laurel Held lheld@stvm.com, Jan Giles jgiles@stvm.com or the Advancement Office at 330.253.9113.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE PARENTS' CLUB EVENTS:

May 7	"Think Spring" Flowers Pickup
May 11	Parents' Club Meeting 7 p.m. Conference Room
May 11	Mentoring Team Meeting 8 p.m. Conference Room
June 10	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
June 16	Used Uniform Sale 11:30 a.m. Student Center

Parents' Club meetings are the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the STVM Conference Room. Please join us! **Questions? Please e-mail us at parents@stvm.com**



RECYCLED UNIFORM SALE!

Send in your "gently" used uniforms to the STVM Bookstore. We are getting ready for our next sale, scheduled for June 16 at 11:30 a.m. Attention Seniors: be sure to "pass along" your uniforms – future students will thank you!

"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? Contact Jeannette Kaiser jeannettemkaiser@gmail.com**

MENTORS FOR NEW FAMILIES

The Mentoring Team will have a "brief" meeting on May 11, immediately following the Parents' Club meeting, and would like to welcome new members to join us! Would you like to be a mentor to a new family that joins our STVM community? STVM is well-known for our warm and welcoming atmosphere and this new mentoring effort will help to further that reputation! Contact Kathy Holaday (kholaday@stvm.com) if you are interested in being a mentor.

Also, thank you for the response to our last request! Please forward to Kathy's attention any "FAQs" (Frequently Asked Questions about STVM) as well as any "I wish I would have known" experiences so that we can include these "real world" STVM parent tips in our packets!

Mark your calendars – Mentoring Meeting - May 11 at 8 p.m. (immediately following the STVM Parents' Club Meeting) in the STVM Conference Room.

Annual Jim Kelly Memorial Scholarship Reverse Raffle & Silent Auction.

Thursday, May 19, 2011
6 p.m. at Guy's Party Centre

\$100 donation includes 2 dinners, if requested.

\$3,000 GRAND PRIZE!

Help our students by supporting the STVM Endowment Fund! Questions? Call Jerry @ 330.253.9113 or 330.376.9227



May prayer intention: That those who work in the media may always respect truth, solidarity and the dignity of each person.

Scripture Verse: 2 Thessalonians 3:16 "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways." **Activity:** Say the rosary. **June prayer intention:** Pray for a holy, healthy,

and happy summer. **Scripture Verse:** Psalm 40:8 "I delight to do your will, O my God, your law is within my heart." **Activity:** Share with a graduate a faith-filled experience.

Slamma Jamma

After Prom 2011

Free! Free! Free! Free!
Pre Prom Pictures and Promenade



5:00 pm-6:00 pm – Informal photo session. All Seniors and Juniors attending Prom and their families are asked to meet at Green Street Stadium. Bring your cameras and video cameras.

6:00 pm-6:45 pm – Promenade. Couples and Singles/groups will be formally introduced as they process across John Cistone Field. In case of rain, Promenade will take place in the main gymnasium.

6:45-7:00 pm – Students depart for Akron Art Museum.

Slamma Jamma Itinerary (held at STVM):

11-11:30 pm All students must report to Slamma Jamma. Dressing rooms will be available; prom clothes will be bagged and tagged.

11 pm-3 am Food, casino room, coffee house, DJ, Karaoke, Surprises! You will not want to miss what we have planned!

2:30-4:30 am Movie in the Coffee House; Minute to Win it Games; DJ

4:30-5:30 am Great Prize Give-away/light breakfast

5:30 am Dismiss from Slamma Jamma

Parents, this is a FREE event for your son/daughter. Please consider making a donation (as little as \$10). Your donation will come right back to your student and is tax deductible when you make your check payable to STVM. All donors will be included in Irish Items and listed on the STVM website. It is our intent that each of the 400 students attending Slamma Jamma walk away with a prize!

Please send donations to Jan Giles at STVM, ATTN: Slamma Jamma.

AND DID WE MENTION IT IS FREE!

Thank you for helping to make Slamma Jamma 2011 a success!

CALLING ALL ALUMNI, PARENTS, & FRIENDS: BLOOD DRIVE MAY 14

The Future Medics and SADD are pleased to present our **Red Cross Blood Drive** for the school year. Red Cross has offered scholarship monies to STVM for hosting a blood drive and has also issued a challenge to STVM to see if we can **donate more pints of blood than Hoban!**

Come support the students and help them with the 2011 Prom Promise by supporting the Red Cross Blood Drive on May 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Cosgrove Center. No appointment necessary! Walk-ins welcome!! Let's show our support and help STVM have the most donors in this contest against Hoban!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PICTURES ARE ONLINE!

View the photos from the party! The photographs are now posted on the STVM website. Go to the Parents' Club page on our website www.stvm.com >Parent Info> Parents' Club and then click on the St. Patrick's Day Party Photos link located in "Forms and Documents" at the top of the page! Remember to save the date for the 2012 Earliest & Best St. Patrick's Day Party in Town – March 3, 2012

MANY THANKS!

Thank you to all the families that provided baked goods during this school year! We really appreciate your support and are so fortunate to have you on our team! The baked goods delivered throughout the year have made the events more enjoyable and successful. The STVM Parents' Club is so blessed and grateful to have such a dedicated group of wonderful bakers in our school community! ~Nareene Beck, Parents' Club Hospitality Chair

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SAT TEST DATES 2010-2011

Registration Deadlines

Test Date	Regular	Late
June 4, 2011	SAT I & II	May 6
	May 6	May 20

Registration and information at www.collegeboard.com.

ACT TEST DATES 2010-2011

Registration Deadlines

Test Dates	Regular	Late
June 11, 2011	May 6	May 20

Registration materials available in the Guidance Office or apply online at www.actstudent.org/register. Register the easy way - online! STVM school code = 360090

TECHNOLOGY SAFETY

Many of us use electronic devices such as cell phones and computer programs throughout the day. Often we rely on them for our work and look forward to using them for recreation. What did we do before the cell phone and its many instant communication and information abilities? With all the joys technology has brought to our lives, it has unfortunately added new dangers and complications. A parent's job is harder today than ever. In the ever-changing technological world we live in, please look into these resources below and learn how to keep your family safe online and with the use of technology in general.

General Computer Safety Tips www.onguardonline.gov

Protect Against Fraud www.ftc.gov/idtheft; www.staysafteonline.org

Resources to Keep Your Family Safe www.commonssensemedia.org; www.getnetwise.org; www.connectsafely.org; www.netsmartz.org

Cyber Bullying www.cyberbully411.org

Bullying is an issue that affects many people of all ages all over the world. If you are being bullied, you are not alone. Please talk to someone at home, a teacher, school counselor, dean of students or any trusted adult. Reach out and get help. If you are a witness to bullying, speak out and don't be a bystander to injustice and intolerance. Please talk to Mrs. Knapp in room 236 if you or someone you know needs help.

Alumni Association News

SENIOR FAREWELL MASS & ALUMNI PIN CEREMONY

The STVM Alumni Association will welcome the VM11 Seniors into the STVM Alumni Association during the Alumni Pin Ceremony scheduled to take place during the Senior Farewell Mass on May 26, 2011. If you are a graduate of our school(s) and a parent of a current senior student, you are invited to attend this celebration and sit in the special section designated for alumni and parents. All parents are welcome to attend. If you are able to join us, please respond no later than Tuesday, May 24th to: Kathy Holaday in the Constituent Relations Office at kholaday@stvm.com or 330-253-9113 x120.

The Alumni Association hosted the Annual Alumni Memorial Mass on April 11, 2011 in the STVM LRC. Over 60 people from our STVM community were in attendance to remember alumni and family members who passed away during the 2010 calendar year. Fr. Yahner celebrated the Mass and the Peace Together Choir provided a beautiful musical choral element.

If you are interested in getting involved in the STVM Alumni Association or becoming an officer/committee member on the STVM Alumni Council, please contact the STVM Constituent Relations Office (kholaday@stvm.com). Elections will take place in the May/June timeframe for the 2011-2012 Council Officers.

ALUMNI & FRIENDS SAVE THE DATE

May 26	Senior Farewell Mass & Alumni Pin Ceremony
Sept. 16	7th Annual Alumni & Friends Tailgate Party VM15 Freshman Night at the Football Game!

IRISH ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS SUMMER PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS JUNE 1

Will your son or daughter be participating in athletics during the 2011-2012 school year? If so, they will need to have their pre-participation forms on file in the athletic office prior to beginning practice. On Wednesday June 1, STVM athletic trainer Brian Knight, along with physicians from Akron General Sports Medicine, will be on hand at the STVM gym to perform physical examinations. All students, including grade school students, are welcome to participate. The cost is \$20 and you do not need any type of insurance to participate. The physicals are on a 'first-come, first-serve basis' and the hours are from 3:30-6 p.m. Forms are available online at www.stvm.com under the 'PARENTS' tab. Please call the STVM athletic department at 330-253-9114 if you have any questions.

WELCOME OUR NEW CHEERLEADING COACH

Athletic Director Andy Jalwan has announced that STVM has hired Whitney Cleland to serve as the school's next head cheerleading coach. "We are excited to have Whitney lead our cheerleading squad. She is a proven coach who has brought a lot of excitement and energy to our program," said Mr. Jalwan.

Cleland has served as the ninth grade cheerleading coach and assistant to the competition team at STVM the past two seasons. She has also served as a coach for the Kent State University dance team and cheerleading teams. In addition, Cleland has worked with the Universal Cheerleader's Association (UCA) and is experienced at running youth camps.

"I am very excited and honored to receive this position. The cheerleading team at St. Vincent-St. Mary is an amazing program to be a part of and I look forward to a fantastic season with a wonderful group of athletes," said Cleland.

Fighting Irish Football Parent Meeting

Who: All levels of 2011-2012 football parents

Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: STVM Field House @ John Cistone Field

Agenda: Summer work out schedule, volunteer opportunities, fundraising
Senior parents: Please plan to stay after the meeting for a brief senior football planning meeting!



May will be our last Market Day sale for this school year!

WE HAVE RAISED OVER \$1,000
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MARKET DAY &
STVM RETREAT PROGRAM!

Please help us one more time! Stock up on your Market Day favorites before summer!

Specials this month:

FREE 1-lb box French Toast Sticks w/\$50 order
FREE 4-pk Teriyaki ChiNSteaks w/\$90 on-line order (enter MAYBONUS)
FREE 3-Drawer Storage Cube - May is Frequent Buyer Redemption month! If you've qualified, order \$40 in May & get a FREE Storage Cube
Cookie Dough Specials - \$ave when you order two or more!

Pickup is Saturday, May 21 from 11:30 a.m. - noon
Market Day forms available in the Bookstore & Campus Ministry Office.

Log onto www.marketday.com & place your order today using STVM Account #8191!

Questions? Call Ken McDonald 330-253-9113 x118

e-mail: kmcdonald@stvm.com

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

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Perfect for your weekly shopping list! Plus you get an added benefit paying less tuition!

It's easy with T.R.I.P. STVM Tuition Reduction Incentive Program!

Simply purchase Gift Cards & Gift Certificates Register today and start saving money on your tuition! One STVM family has saved nearly \$1000 on their tuition just by purchasing gift cards for their weekly grocery & gas shopping! The TRIP program is easy – simply purchase gift cards and save on tuition. TRIP order forms are on-line at our website (Parent Info > Parents' Club > TRIP Order Form) and you can place an order anytime (weekly, every other week, monthly, etc.). Orders received before Wednesday morning are available for pickup at STVM on a weekly basis. TRIP has over 250 local and nationwide merchants to choose from! For more details, be sure to visit the TRIP section in our website (www.stvm.com > Parent Info > Parents' Club > TRIP) or contact the Parents' Club Ways & Means Chair, Theresa Blankenship, at 330-825-2557 or via e-mail theresablankenship@yahoo.com



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CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS
May 2 Meeting for prospective cheerleaders & parents 7 p.m. Rm 256
May 10 Tryout Clinic - STVM Gym 3:30-6 p.m.
May 12 Tryout Clinic - STVM Gym 3:30-6 p.m.
May 14 Tryouts- STVM Gym 9 a.m. Warm-up; 10 a.m. Tryouts
May 16 Meeting for parents & cheerleaders 7 p.m. in Rm 256

May **What's happening....**

- 02 Alumni Association Meeting 7 p.m. CR
- Cheerleading Parent Meeting 7 p.m. Rm 256
- 04 Band Banquet 6:30 p.m. SC
- 06 Art Show 6 - 9 p.m.
- Athletic Boosters Night at the Races 6 - 11 p.m.
- 07 Flower Sale Pick up 9:30 a.m. - noon Stadium
- 09 Family & Memorial Scholarship Dinner 5:30 p.m. SC
- 10 Sophomore Ring Ordering noon SC
- Cheerleading Tryouts Clinic 3:30 - 6 p.m. Gym
- SEC Meeting 7 p.m. CR
- 11 Senior Signing Day noon LRC
- National Honor Society Pizza & Movie Night 6:30 p.m.
- Parents' Club Meeting 7 p.m. CR
- 12 Cheerleading Tryouts Clinic 3:30 - 6 p.m. Gym
- Awards Night 7 p.m. Theater
- 13 Faculty-Student Basketball Game 2:20 p.m. Gym
- ITS Awards Banquet 6 p.m. Martin Center
- 14 Cheerleading Tryouts 9 a.m. Gym
- Red Cross Blood Mobile 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Cosgrove
- 16 Talent Show 6 p.m.
- Cheerleader & Parent Meeting 7 p.m. Rm 256
- 18 Spirit Day Prom
- Sophomore Ring Ordering noon SC
- Jr. High Band Concert 7 p.m.
- 19 Jim Kelly Memorial Scholarship Reverse Raffle 6 p.m. Guy's
- 20 After Prom Set-up 5 p.m.
- 21 Market Day Pickup 11:30 a.m. - noon
- Prom/After Prom
- 24 High School Band concert 7 p.m.
- 25 Senior Banquet 6 p.m.
- 26 Senior Mass 10:45 a.m.
- Spring Sports Awards Night 6 p.m.
- 27 Seniors Last Day
- 30 Memorial Day - NO CLASSES
- 31 Cedar Point Day

JUNE
 02 Baccalaureate 7 p.m. St. Bernard
 04 Graduation 7:30 p.m. EJ Thomas
 09 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

AUGUST
 22 1st day for freshmen
 23 1st day for entire student body

BOOKSTORE NEWS

Spring and summer items have arrived. We have bright greens and yellows, new designs in polka dots and shamrocks. We still have a few Basketball State Champion shirts left, so get them before we sell out. We have sized authentic baseball caps on sale for \$20. Our duffle bags are a must for all sports activities and for your summer travel. Back by popular demand, we re-ordered our most popular appliqué grey hoodie that we sold out of last year. This year we ordered the hoodie in green.

Remember, all permission slips for Prom/after prom and Cedar Point are due one week prior to the event. Did you forget your form at school? No problem! You may download the forms at home from your computer. Look on the STVM website under forms and find the form you need. Prom forms are due May 13 and Cedar Point forms are due May 24. Thank you for your co-operation.

Summer Bookstore summer hours will be posted on the STVM website. When you come in to purchase your workbooks this summer, remember to bring your book bag or a recycling bag. We are doing our best to "Go Green" and eliminate plastic bags! Have a great summer! The Bookstore Lady

STVM PARENTS' CLUB 2011-2012 DUES FOR NEWS

Your \$20 dues payment entitles you to a copy of the STVM Student Directory and helps STVM Parents' Club meet expenses such as: Freshman Family Breakfast, speakers, student programs, teacher appreciation, and the hospitality we provide at events throughout the year. It also keeps you informed about exciting upcoming events in our community—so, please join us in making a difference at STVM! Your support is very important!

Please mail your dues payment to our Membership Chair: Linda Subich, 965 Nokomis Dr, Akron, OH 44313 (330-836-5660)

Make checks payable to: STVM Parents' Club. Let's make this membership year our biggest ever! (Directories will be available in September at Curriculum Night)

Please print!
 NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____ ZIP: _____
 STUDENT(S) NAME/GRADE: _____

If you **do not** want your address and/or phone number included in the Parents' Club School Directory, please contact the school at 330/253-9113.

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____
 (We'll keep you informed of upcoming events)