

REPORT CARD PICK-UP & PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
NOVEMBER 22, 3:15 - 5 p.m. & 6 - 8 p.m.



IRISH ITEMS



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NOVEMBER 2011

E-REPORT CARDS TO BECOME REALITY

**Beginning with second grading period, parents
may receive report cards electronically!**

Our traditional "Report Card Pick-Up and Parent Conferences" will occur again this November right on schedule. All parents should plan to attend, review the written report of academic progress from the first nine-week grading period, and then meet personally with our teachers. For the rest of the year, parents will be able to receive report cards electronically.

St. Vincent – St. Mary High School was the first school in the state to put grades online for the benefit of parents and students. While we were the first, we are certainly not the last, and many schools have followed suit. Communication is always helpful when it comes to academic achievement for our students, so the ability to see the latest postings and catch up on them any day of the week or any hour of the day is beneficial especially when students are home with illness or parents want to check up on their student's progress. Anyone who has a computer, whether at work or at home or at the local public library, can have access to homework and grades and constant communication. E-mail, of course, provides for additional communication directly between student and teacher or parent and teacher.

Reduction in paper becomes an environmental by-product of electronic communication. Saving trees, saving paper costs, and even saving the printing costs are beneficial for all parties concerned. Again, our school has led the way in reducing paper consumption and printing. Now we look to the future to see if we can "take it one more step." Indeed, every parent who can see grades online and actually uses the system really has very little need for a printed report card anymore. The old progress reports and the old report cards are a thing of the past for many people. So the question becomes, "Do you also need a printed copy using paper, ink and postage to give you a communication that you already had through your desktop or laptop or cell phone?"

We recently learned that the largest high school in Ohio, Mentor High School, has already eliminated the mailing of report cards. Any parent who already can see grades online and does not need a report card does not get one. Mentor has also done the same with their parent newsletter. People who can read the information online via computer are no longer mailed any of this written information.

So what do YOU need for good communication in YOUR home? Communication will still be the top goal when it comes to student achievement, parental notification, and proper back-and-forth sharing of progress. Secondly, however, any household that can access that same information without it being printed, copied, mailed and otherwise processed is asked to use the electronic media available to them. So we are asking each of you to let us know if you can use the electronic communications. If you cannot for any reason whatsoever, then we will still mail report cards, newsletters and other important documents to you. We want to take advantage of our progress, and we want parents to be able to take advantage of cost savings at the same time.

Please complete the green postcard that comes to you with the report card this November regarding your preferred method of receiving your child's report card. Return the completed card to school as directed. We will comply with the direction you give us.

PARENT SERIES BEGINS NOV. 9

Join us on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 for the first in our Parent Information Series and Headmaster Chat sponsored by the STVM Parents' Club. The program will be held in Rm 256.

6-6:45 p.m. Headmaster Chat - Spend a few minutes bringing questions, concerns or praise to the attention of Mr. Rathz.

7 p.m. Respect and Anti-Bullying Presentation - What you need to know as the parent of a teenager - "Respect" and "Anti Bullying" are both topics of concern and will be a focus area over the next several years at STVM. The teachers and staff have been learning about these topics and we would like to share the information with you, our parents, so that we can continue to work together as a team.

Refreshments will be served.

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH US!

On Friday, December 9, our art and choir students will be at **Countdown to First Night** at Lock 3, as we count down the days between the Holiday Lighting Ceremony, November 25, and First Night, December 31. 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 by our wonderful Choir who will do a 10 minute performance celebrating the holiday season. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

"THANK YOU!" FROM NHS

National Honor Society says "Thank you, STVM Community" for the inspiring results of our annual "Books for the Bahamas" children's book drive. With books and money for books donated, our final tally reached approximately 5,300 books. NHS members asked students and staff to donate new or gently used children's books to be contributed to the Bahamas Library Project. Elementary schools on some of the impoverished islands there do not have libraries or have libraries badly damaged by the recent Hurricane Irene, so these books will help the schools to build library collections. Elijah Justice, NHS vice-president, was in charge of the project, assisted by fellow officers Alex Pianalto, Abbey Bashor, and John Friess and advisor Ms. Pam Godshalk. Math tutor Mr. Paul Wagner helps coordinate the shipping and delivery of the books to the Bahamas. In the "doughnut day" competition the winning homerooms were Seniors—Mrs. Anderson; Juniors—Mr. Brownfield; Sophomores—Mr. Taha; Freshmen—Mrs. McElhaney; and Special Homerooms—Mrs. Degrand. Almost every homeroom contributed at least a few books or money. The National Honor Society is very grateful to the STVM community for their generosity.

FALL ATHLETIC BANQUETS SCHEDULED

- Tuesday, November 8 - Girls/Boys Golf, Girls Tennis, Volleyball Sports Banquets, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 16 - Boys/Girls Soccer, Cross Country Sports Banquet, 7 p.m.
- Monday, December 5 - Football, Cheerleading, Athletic Trainer Sports Banquet, 6 p.m.

2011 STVM Music Boosters Fruit & Cheesecake Sale

Item #	Lbs.	Variety	#/box	Price	Amt. Ordered	TOTAL
1	38-40	Lg box FI Navel Oranges	40-80	\$34.00		
2	18-20	Sm box FI Navel Oranges	20-40	\$19.00		
3	38-40	Lg box Juice Oranges	80-120	\$30.00		
4	18-20	Sm box Juice Oranges	40-60	\$17.50		
5	38-40	Lg box Tangelos	80-120	\$28.50		
6	18-20	Sm box Tangelos	40-60	\$17.00		
7	38-40	Lg box Red Grapefruit	36-48	\$32.00		
8	18-20	Sm box Red Grapefruit	18-24	\$18.00		
9	22-24	2-Way Mix (12-15 Navels, 12-15 Grapefruit)	24-30	\$23.50		
10	10	10 lb bag Navel Oranges <small>Order by quantity of 4</small>	12-14	\$13.50		
11	10	10 lb bag Grapefruit <small>Order by quantity of 4</small>	8-10	\$13.50		
13	38-40	Lg box Anjou Pears	64-100	\$53.00		
15	38-40	Lg box Red Delicious Apples	64-100	\$53.00		
16	20	Sm box Red Delicious Apples	40	\$30.00		
18	12	Golden Pineapples (3 per case)	3	\$19.50		
23	22-24	Trio Box 10-12 Navels, 12-14 Apples, 8-10 Pears	30-32	\$33.50		
24	20	Citrus Mix Box <small>12-14 Navels, 6 Grapefruit, 12-14 Tangelos</small>	30-32	\$25.00		
37	18-20	Sm Bx Sunburst Tangerines	40-60	\$22.50		
48	5	Clementines (5 lb bag) <small>Order by quantity of 6</small>	24-28	\$12.00		
74	14-16	Fresh Fruit Sampler (Navels, Apples, Pears, Tangerines)	16	\$25.50		
75	14-16	Apple Sampler (Red, Gold, Granny, Gala)	16	\$25.50		
76	14-16	Orange Sampler <small>Navels, Tangerines, Tangelos, Red Navels</small>	12	\$25.50		
78	14-16	Apple/Pear Sampler <small>Red, Gold Apples; Red, Green Anjou Pears</small>	16	\$25.50		
84	20	Anjou Pears <small>20 per box, single layer</small>	20-22	\$22.00		
100	20 oz	Plain Cheesecake <small>Order by quantity of 6</small>	1	\$11.50		
102	20 oz	Cookies & Cream Cheesecake <small>Order by quantity of 6</small>	1	\$11.50		
103	20 oz	Cherry Cheesecake <small>Order by quantity of 6</small>	1	\$11.50		
104	20 oz	Chocolate Swirl Cheesecake <small>Order by quantity of 6</small>	1	\$11.50		
108	2 lbs	Strawberry Cheesecake <small>6 per case 32 oz</small>	1	\$17.00		

**Deadline to order is
November 9!**

**Order Pick-up is
Tues, November 29!**

Totals _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Make checks payable to: "STVM Music Boosters" Questions? Contact Deb Hoffman @ 330.814.9126 or neerperfect@gmail.com. Mail check and order form to: STVM, ATTN: Fruit Sale, 15 N Maple St, Akron, OH 44303

MOTHERS' NIGHT OUT DINNER AT 6 P.M.

Ooops! We goofed! We inadvertently omitted the starting time for Mothers' Night Out on our invitation fliers which were recently mailed. The event begins at 6 p.m. on Monday, November 7, at St. George's Antiochian Fellowship Hall, 3204 Ridgewood Rd in Fairlawn. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Hurry! Reservations with \$20 payment are due no later than Friday, November 4. We will once again have our vendors "displaying their wares," including cosmetics, jewelry, chair massages, nail polishing, purses, and much, much more! Raffle and door prizes await you! You don't want to miss this annual fun night. See you there!

LET IT SNOW!

Students interested in the STVM Ski and Showboard 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!

STVM PARENTS' CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 7	Mother's Night Out
November 9	Parent Info Series Meeting - Headmaster Chat & Guest Speaker
December TBA	Teacher Appreciation Christmas Celebration
TBA	L.I.F.E. Speaker
February TBA	Parents' Club General Meeting & Open Forum – all are welcome!
March TBA	Parent's Night Out
April TBA	"Think Spring" Flower Sale Begins
May 12	"Think Spring" Flower Sale pick-up
June 8	Teacher Appreciation Day

Please join us! Parents' Club meetings are typically the second Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in the STVM Conference Room. Meeting times and dates may change to accommodate guest speakers. Visit the STVM website for more details and up-to-the minute news on Parents' Club Meetings and events....

(www.stvm.com > Calendar or go to Parent Info > Parents' Club)

FACULTY/STAFF APPRECIATION - HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

This is a great time of year to show the STVM Faculty and Staff our appreciation! The Parents' Club will host their Annual "Appreciation" Event for the STVM Faculty and Staff in December. We are inviting parents to donate a gift or make a monetary donation toward the gifts for our Faculty & Staff. We are asking each family to please send one (1) wrapped gift or gift card (valued between \$20-\$25) to STVM. We graciously accept any donation that you can make! Please consider using our TRIP program to purchase the gift card for your teacher appreciation item (place order by Nov. 17 for pickup on Dec. 8) Drop off your gift in the Front Office, no later than Thurs., Dec. 16. Questions? Contact Sue Mileski at stimile73@aol.com or Michelle giltner at michelle.giltner@sbcglobal.net.

Happy Thanksgiving

Here's wishing you and all of yours a beautiful day full of all the great and good blessings of life: the love of family and friends, a bountiful table, a warm, safe home, meaningful purpose, and peace of heart.



November prayer intention: Pray for those who are hungry in our world. **Scripture Verse:** Psalm 145:15 "The eyes of all look to you, O Lord, and you give them food in due season." **Activity:**

Generously donate to a canned food drive or volunteer at a soup kitchen.

FAMILY & MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR 2012-2013 INCOMING FRESHMEN

The STVM Endowment Fund offers numerous scholarships to incoming freshmen through the Family & Memorial Scholarship Program. Applications are now available for incoming freshmen (Class of 2016). The deadline to complete scholarship applications is December 1, 2011. Scholarship information and applications will be available at all Placement Test dates and Open Houses. For questions or to receive forms in e-format, please contact the STVM Endowment Office at: 330-780-6439 or Endowment@stvm.com.

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 10th, 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.

INTERESTED IN PAYING LESS TUITION?!

The STVM Parents' Club is pleased to once again offer TRIP! The program is easy – simply purchase gift cards and save on tuition. TRIP forms are on-line at our website and you can place an order anytime (weekly, every other week, monthly, etc.). Orders that are 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! Visit the www.stvm.com website > Parent Info > Parents' Club to learn more about TRIP (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program) and register today! Or contact: Theresa Blankenship at 825-2557 or via e-mail at tandt77@neo.rr.com

PICK UP YOUR 2011-2012 SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Attention all Parents' Club Members: The 2011-212 School Directory is available for pickup in the STVM Volunteer Office (located in the Student Center).

USED UNIFORMS

– HELP US RECYCLE!

The Recycled Uniforms Program, sponsored by the STVM Parents' Club, offers a way to reuse outgrown clothes and save money. We are in need of items to replenish our inventory. Bring your gently used uniform shirts, sweaters, hoodies, and pants to the Bookstore. If you need an item, call Jeannette Kaiser (867-3517). Please note that all uniform items are \$5.00 each and the proceeds benefit the activities and events sponsored by the STVM Parents' Club.

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:

♦**Mothers' Night Out** (contact Jerry Kelly at 330.253.9113 or 330.376.9227)

♦**Parents' Night Out** (Molly Friess at mrfriess11@sbcglobal.net)

♦**Teacher Appreciation** (Susan Mileski at stimile73@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!

**TICKET
ORDER**

Arsenic & Old Lace

Please reserve the following number of tickets each night:

____ Thurs., Nov. 10, 7:30pm ____ Fri., Nov. 11, 7:30pm ____ Sat., Nov. 12, 7:30pm ____ Sun., Nov. 13, 1:30pm

____ Total number of tickets at \$10 each \$ _____ TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: STVM I.T.S.

Mail to: St. Vincent - St. Mary High School

ATTN: Gerard Neary

15 N Maple St

Akron, OH 44303

- Tickets will not be reserved without payment.
- Tickets are non-refundable/non-exchangeable.
- Tickets will be held at the box office.
- Box Office opens approximately 1 hour before performances.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MARKET DAY IN OCTOBER...

OUR PROFIT FROM THE SALE WAS \$153.95!



OUR GOAL 350 PIES

NOVEMBER PIE SALE!

The more pies we sell, the **MORE** funds we raise for our **retreat program!**

Plus, an **OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK....** This year, St. Vincent-St. Mary is offering a new & different way to give back to our community...and help our retreat program at the same time!

Simply purchase an apple pie during our November Market Day Pie Sale & you can give back to the Greater Akron community by indicating you would like to donate the pie to the Haven of Rest Ministries. Your pie will be served on either Thanksgiving or Christmas to those in need in our community. We will even deliver the pie for you!

PIE CHALLENGE: ATTENTION, FRESHMAN RELIGION CLASS

The religion class selling the most pies will earn a Donut Day! Pies purchased for Haven of Rest will count toward the VM15 student's total pies sold as long as the VM15 pie order sheet is used! These sheets will be distributed on Oct 24 during Religion class!

DON'T HAVE A FRESHMAN AT STVM? NO PROBLEM! There are other ways to order these great pies & support STVM Retreats!

Order forms are available at STVM Bookstore & STVM Campus Ministry Office or go to www.stvm.com

SPECIAL NOTE: Use this form to donate a pie to Haven of Rest ↓

What a great idea! I would love to give back to our community by purchasing: _____ Apple Pie(s) @ \$12 = _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

Send this form to STVM Campups Ministry Office. Make checks payable to: STVM. Memo: Pies. Orders are due no later than 3 p.m. on November 7! We appreciate your monthly support of Market Day & the STVM Retreat Program.

COUNSELORS'

O R N E R	SAT TEST DATES 2010-2011			
	Test Date	Registration Deadlines		
		Regular	Late	
December 4, 2010	SAT I & II	Nov. 5	Nov. 19	
January 22, 2011	SAT I & II	Dec. 23	Jan. 7	
March 12, 2011	SAT I only	Feb. 11	Feb. 25	
May 7, 2011	SAT I & II	April 8	April 22	
June 4, 2011	SAT I & II	May 6	May 20	

Registration and information at www.collegeboard.com.

ACT TEST DATES 2010-2011

Test Dates	Registration Deadlines	
	Regular	Late
December 11, 2010	Nov. 5	Nov. 19
February 12, 2011	Jan. 7	Jan. 21
April 9, 2011	March 4	March 18
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

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

TIMELINE FOR SENIORS: November

Complete your essays and make sure they are answered completely and accurately. If you don't understand a question don't leave it blank, ask a counselor for help. Be honest in your essay and use language that is true to you. In other words try not to copy every word from a Thesaurus. Allow an English teacher to look over your work for any suggestions. Submit your application before Thanksgiving break! Attend a financial aid workshop with your parent(s). Local colleges offer these throughout the year.

Alumni Update

Reminder: The deadline for submitting nominations for the **2012 Fr. Thomas F. Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award** and the **2012 Irish Crusader Award** is November 1, 2011. Nomination forms can be found on the STVM website (www.stvm.com > Alumni > Awards & Scholarships).

The Annual Mahar Banquet will be held on March 29, 2012 at Tangier Restaurant. Please contact Kathy Holaday (Director of Constituent Relations) 330-253-9113 x120 if you have any questions or require assistance.

Alumni Association Save the Date

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

Fall 2011.....

November 1	Deadline for 2011 Mahar & Irish Crusader Nominations
TBD	Alumni Association supports STVM Adopt-a-Family
November 3	Career Connections
November 4	Open House
November 10-12	Fall Drama Production - <i>Arsenic & Old Lace</i>
November 15	Car Raffle tickets available
December 13	Band concert
December 28	Winter Alumni & Friends Night - Canned Food Drive

2012.....

January 9	General Meeting - STVM Conference Room - 7 p.m.
February 3	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 26	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 and Alumni News! For more information, contact Kathy Zehenni Holaday VM77 (STVM Director of Constituent Relations) kholiday@stvm.com

You are invited to our Annual Mothers' Night Out

Monday, November 7 - Dinner at 6 p.m.

St. George's Antiochian Fellowship Hall
3204 Ridgewood Rd in Fairlawn

bringing together all STVM mothers, grandmothers,
mothers of alumni, mothers of future students,
aunts, cousins, alumni, & friends.

Come wine, dine, & "shop a little!"

Shopping & "browsing" begin at 7 p.m. & include the annual "shopping spree"!
for jewelry, crafts, cosmetics, & more!

Don't miss this annual fun night to meet & visit with other moms!

YES! I will be attending Mothers' Night Out on November 7! Enclosed is \$20 per person, totalling \$_____

Name: _____

Current Mom Mom of Alumni Grandmother Mom of Future Student Aunt Cousin Friend Alumni

I have students in grades: _____

Make checks payable to "STVM Parents' Club" & return this form to STVM Mothers' Night Out, c/o Jerry Kelly, 15 N Maple St, Akron, OH 44303 NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2011!



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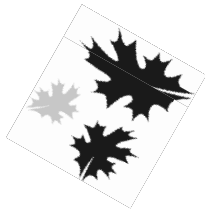
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**REPORT CARD PICK-UP
 PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
 NOVEMBER 22
 3:15 - 5 p.m. and 6 - 8 p.m.**

NOVEMBER

What's happening....

- 02 PLAN Tests for Honors Fresh, All Soph & Jrs
NO CLASSES SENIORS
- 03 Career Connections 7:30 a.m..
Open House for Interested Families 6:30 p.m.
- 05 Scholarship/Placement Test 8:30 a.m.
- 07 Mothers' Night Out 6 p.m.
- 08 Fall Sports Banquet - Girls/Boys Golf, Girls Tennis,
Volleyball 7 p.m.
- 09 Parents' Club Meeting 7 p.m.
- 10 French Club Crepe Sale - lunchtime
Arsenic & Old Lace 7:30 p.m.
- 11 French Club Crepe Sale - lunchtime
Arsenic & Old Lace 7:30 p.m.
- 12 Arsenic & Old Lace 7:30 p.m.
- 13 Arsenic & Old Lace 1:30 p.m.
- 14 Senior Class Announcement Ordering - lunchtime
Alumni Association Meeting 7 p.m.
- 15 Senior Class Announcement Ordering - lunchtime
Sophomore Ring Ceremony 7 p.m.
- 16 Fall Sports Banquet - Boys/Girls Soccer, Cross
Country - 7 p.m.
- 17 Band Banquet 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Model UN Bake Sale - lunchtime
- 19 Scholarship/Placement Test 8:30 a.m.
- 21 NHS Induction & Reception 7 p.m.
- 22 Report Card Pick-up 3:15 - 5 p.m. & 6 - 8 p.m.
- 23 NO CLASSES - THANKSGIVING BREAK
- 29 CLASSES RESUME
- 30 Adopt-a-Family begins



BOOKSTORE NEWS

The Bookstore is ready for you and your holiday shopping 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. These items will help keep you and your loved ones warm and dry during the cold winter months.

Log onto our STVM web page (www.stvm.com-Bookstore) for updates on extended hours. We will be open for report card pick up on November 22 until 9 p.m. We will also be open in the evening for the Sports Banquets. Call 330-996-0002 for more information or email nbennett@stvm.com. Happy Thanksgiving!

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 \$55.

Seniors, your pictures are due in March, 2011 and must be taken by Carmen Studios. Call for an appointment at 330-253-7781.