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NOVEMBER 2008

NHS GETS BOOKS FOR BAHAMAS!



Nearly 4,000 volumes collected!

In October the National Honor Society sponsored a “Books for the Bahamas” project throughout the school. Working in collaboration with a few other high schools and groups in Ohio, NHS members asked students and staff to donate new or gently used children’s books to be sent to Andros Island in the Bahamas. Elementary schools on this impoverished island do not have libraries, so these books will help the schools to build library collections. Casey Kuhajda, NHS vice-president, was in charge of the project, assisted by fellow officers Colleen Demboski, Kelsey Lecerf, and Nancy Klee and advisor Ms. Pam Godshalk. NHS members promoted the book drive through a homeroom competition, and during the three-week drive, STVM students and staff donated a record-shattering 3850 books (the goal had been 1500 books!). One hundred of the books were actually brand new, donated by Half Price Books of Mentor in a transaction arranged by Headmaster David Rathz. NHS members sorted, labeled and boxed the books for shipping and then delivered them to Mr. Paul Wagner, STVM math tutor. He is a member of a group that organizes the Andros Island Library Project; his group will see that the books are delivered to the Bahamas. The National Honor Society is very grateful to the STVM community for their generosity.

STVM GOES RUSSIAN

On October 7 fifty-five Russian students from STVM attended the *Something Russian Festival* at St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in Mogadore. The annual festival is an event to which the students eagerly look forward. The students get to enjoy the great food, such as chicken kiev, borscht, blini, and the ever popular Russian-style donuts called ponchiki. They also get a little taste of Russian culture by purchasing Russian souvenirs like matroshka dolls, religious icons, t-shirts, books, or decorated Easter eggs called pysanky. The experience included speaking with native Russians while drinking tea in the tea room and visiting the church to learn about the Russian Orthodox religion from a member of the congregation. Overall, the field trip was fun and informative and allowed the students to experience the Russian culture and language first hand outside the classroom.

~Chelsea Abraham



STVM Russian teacher Bill O'Neil and students enjoy “Something Russian.”

THANKS A HEAP, Y'ALL!

With over 500 people in attendance, 2008 Showcase was a huge success! Our student center and gymnasium were completely transformed into an elegant Texas saloon! Our live and silent auction items were the best ever! As usual, the STVM community gathered together to help the students of our school by generously raising their paddles for live auction item #15, The Ralph Bernard scholarship match! The evening was topped off by Jennifer and Jerry announcing the chair couples for the 24th annual Showcase for 2009! Debbie and Sam Chiarappa and Beth and Mike Piglia have agreed to host Showcase 2009! We are already planning, so get ready for another great show!

ATTENTION, PARENTS OF SENIORS

As part of our accreditation process by both OCSAA and NCA, we will be conducting a survey of senior parents. In early November, senior parents will receive notification in the regular mail regarding an electronic survey accessible online. Because a link to the survey will be provided through email, parents will be asked to correct an existing or to provide a missing email address.

NOTEWORTHY NOTES

SPEAKER SERIES RETURNING SOON!

Since its inception in 2003, the Breakfast Speaker Series has brought together a diverse group of people to hear many worthwhile speakers. In September, Randy Mims of LRMR Marketing (LeBron James's branding and marketing company) spoke to the group. On Thursday, January 15, 2009 our speaker will be Christopher Wilkins, Music Director of the Akron Symphony Orchestra. Contact jzaratsian@stvm.com for more information.

MAHAR, IRISH CRUSADER NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED

The STVM Alumni Council is pleased to once again present the opportunity for the STVM Family to nominate their friends and colleagues for these two prestigious awards. The deadline for submitting nominations for the 2009 Mahar Outstanding Alumni Award and the 2009 Irish Crusader Award is December 31, 2008. Nomination forms can be found in the Awards & Scholarship part of the STVM Alumni website section.

The Annual Mahar Banquet will be held on April 23, 2009 at Tangier Restaurant. Contact Kathy Holaday (Alumni Director) 330-253-9113 ext 120 if you have any questions or require assistance.

MOTHERS' NIGHT OUT IS ANOTHER SUCCESS!

Once again, our annual Mothers' Night Out, sponsored by Parents' Club, was a big success! Close to 100 of our mothers, grandmothers, mothers of alumni, future mothers, aunts, alumni, and friends gathered in our Student Center on October 22 for appetizers, dinner, and an evening of visiting and fun. The delicious dinner was catered by one of our parents, Ed Sutter's Red Letter Events. Following appetizers, the group was welcomed by Roberta Somerville, president of Parents' Club. Jerry Kelly gave a brief history of Mothers' Night Out and Fr. James Berardi V51 gave a prayer and recited the grace before the meal. Following dinner, a raffle was held and 14 "vendors" were introduced for the pleasure of the ladies in attendance. The remainder of the evening included shopping and being pampered by the vendors with cosmetics, jewelry, and a variety of other products. A fun night was had by all!

SENIORS: PICTURE THIS!

Senior photos for the yearbook are due by March 1, 2009. Carmen Studios is the official school photographer for these pictures. Pictures will only be accepted from Carmen Studios. Call 330.253.7781 for an appointment.

The 2008 yearbooks are in. Email bharmon@stvm.com or call 330.253.9113 and leave her a message for more information.

TANNER IS NATIONAL DELEGATE

STVM junior Abigail Tanner has been elected as a national delegate representing Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio to the national convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. Congratulations, Abby!

BBC INTERVIEWS SENIOR

STVM senior Ariel Davis, a member of the City of Akron PeaceMakers, was interviewed by the British Broadcasting Corp when its US08 Election bus stopped in Akron during its cross-country tour on October 11.

STVM NIGHT WITH THE CAVS

Come to Quicken Loans Arena and watch the STVM Faculty/Staff take on the STVM students in their annual shoot-out! Following the game, all spectators will have the opportunity to go on the court and shoot on the same hoops as STVM alumnus LeBron James! After the STVM event, sit back and watch the Cavs take on the LA Clippers! Deadline for ordering tickets is December 29. Please contact jzaratsian@stvm.com for more information.



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.

PREVIEW OF COMING ATTRACTIONS FROM
THE SENIOR COUNSELORS.....

- January 28, 2009
Financial Aid Night, 7 p.m. in Rm 256
- March 11, 2009
Jr Parent College Night, 7 p.m. in Rm 256

2008 COME HOME FOR HOMECOMING

The 2008 *Come Home for Homecoming Alumni Reunion* event was a huge success! Over 150 alumni, family and friends sent in their RSVP for the September 26 evening. Two of our 1938 alumni from St. Vincent High School attended the evening as well as three of our religious sisters who either taught or were principal! The attendees enjoyed refreshments, tours of the school and entertainment by our very own STVM Marching Band and Cheerleaders. Be sure to visit the Photo Gallery in the Alumni portion of the www.stvm.com website and view all the wonderful pictures of our alumni and friends!

*5th Annual
Christmas Cookie Bake Sale*

Sponsored by the Fighting Irish
Marching Band

A huge selection of delicacies--All homemade!!!

Get your delicious holiday cookies!
Help our Band get to Orlando
to represent STVM at Disney World!

**Saturday, December 6
9 to 1 p.m.**

**Thursday, December 11
before & after the Christmas Concert.**

STVM Student Center
15 N Maple St
Akron, OH 44302

**WINTER ALUMNI
& FRIENDS NIGHT
DECEMBER 19**

The 2008 STVM Alumni Council invite all alumni, family and friends to attend the December 19, 2008 *Winter Night* immediately following the STVM vs. St. Edward basketball game. Come join the STVM Alumni Council and enjoy the FREE pizza, subs and light refreshments right after the varsity game!

**DIRECTORIES READY
FOR PICK-UP!**

Just a reminder: Parents who have paid their Parents' Club dues may pick-up a copy of the 2008-2009 school directory at the front office.

**EXTRA SCHOOL
SHIRTS AVAILABLE!**

Do you need an extra school shirt? The STVM Parents' Club has a supply of boy's school shirts, sizes M to XXX. These pre-worn shirts are being sold for only \$5 each! If you are interested, please contact Jeannette Kaiser at 330.867.3517.

**ALUMNI & FRIENDS
TAILGATE 2008**

The STVM Alumni Association hosted the 4th Annual Alumni and Friends Tailgate Party on Friday, October 3, 2008. The evening was delightful with the wonderful fall weather and over 150 alumni friends and family gathered for good food and good conversation! Thank you to all that attended. Hope to see you there next year!

Be sure to visit the Photo Gallery in the Alumni section at www.stvm.com and view all the wonderful pictures of our alumni and friends!

**IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT
TUITION ASSISTANCE**

Diocesan Tuition Assistance (DTA) awards were posted in October. The STVM Business Office has updated tuition statements and payment plan amounts accordingly. October TAPP payments have been adjusted.

Ohio Knights of Columbus Charity Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce that numerous \$1000 scholarships will be made available to Catholic students attending Catholic High Schools in Ohio. Applications are available from Mrs. Wallace in the Business Office. The deadline for application is Monday, November 17, 2008.

Information about financial aid and scholarships for incoming freshmen (Class of 2013) is available in the Business Office. All families seeking financial aid must complete the PSAS (Private School Aid Service) form. The in-coming freshmen postmark deadline for completing the PSAS form as well as scholarship applications is November 29, 2008. For questions, please contact Mrs. Susie Wallace at 330.253.9113, ext. 131 or SWallace@stvm.com. Note: Families with both an incoming freshman and upperclassmen already at STVM (students entering grades 10-12) should complete the early Nov. 29 PSAS application. You may also include students at parochial grade schools on this application.



The Leprechaun Theatre Guild presents...

The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940

ALL TICKETS
\$8.00

Name: _____ Phone: _____

PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING NUMBER OF TICKETS EACH NIGHT:

____ Thursday, Nov. 13 @ 7:30 p.m. ____ Saturday, Nov. 15 @ 7:30 p.m.

____ Friday, Nov. 14 @ 7:30 p.m. ____ Sunday, Nov 16 @ 1:30 p.m.

____ Total # tickets @ \$8.00 = \$_____ Amount enclosed

Tickets will not be reserved without payment.

Tickets are non-refundable.

Tickets will be held at the box office.

Box office will open ~ 1 hr before performances.

Send form & payment to: STVM High School I.T.S.
Attn: Gerard Neary
15 N Maple St, Akron, OH 44303

Deadline is November 10.

SKI CLUB Sign up NOW!

YES! My child is interested in joining STVM Ski Club. Please send me information with cost to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Send to: Joanne Zaratsian
St. Vincent - St. Mary High School
15 N Maple St
Akron, OH 44303

**See you on
the slopes!**



2008 STVM Music Boosters Fruit & Cheesecake Sale

Item #	Lbs.	Variety	#/box	Price	Amt. Ordered	TOTAL
1	38-40	Lg box Navel Oranges	40-80	\$27.50		
2	18-20	Sm box Navel Oranges	20-40	\$16.00		
3	38-40	Lg box Juice Oranges	80-120	\$27.50		
4	18-20	Sm box Juice Oranges	40-60	\$16.00		
5	38-40	Lg box Tangelos	80-120	\$27.00		
6	18-20	Sm box Tangelos	40-60	\$15.00		
7	38-40	Lg box Red Grapefruit	36-48	\$27.00		
8	18-20	Sm box Red Grapefruit	18-24	\$15.00		
9	22-24	2-Way Mix Navels & Grapefruit	12-15	\$22.00		
10	10	10 lb bag Navel Oranges	12-14	\$12.50		
11	10	10 lb bag Grapefruit	8-10	\$12.50		
84	20	Anjou Pears	20-22	\$25.00		
85	20	Washing State Red Apples	20-22	\$25.00		
18	12	Golden Pineapples	3	\$18.50		
23	22-24	Trio Mix Navels, Apples, Pears	12-14	\$33.50		
37	18-20	Sm Tangerines	40-60	\$21.70		
48	5	Clementines	24-28	\$12.50		
74	14-16	Fruit Sampler	12	\$14.20		
75	14-16	Apple Sampler	12	\$26.70		
76	14-16	Orange Sampler	12	\$23.50		
78	14-16	Apple/Pear Sampler	12	\$16.70		
79	12	Navel Grapefruit Sampler	12	\$16.70		
100	1	Plain Cheesecake		\$10.00		
102	1	Cookies & Cream Cheesecake		\$10.00		
103	1	Cherry Cheesecake		\$10.00		
104	1	Chocolate Swirl Cheesecake		\$10.00		
108	1	Black Forest Cheesecake		\$16.00		

Totals _____

**Deadline to order
is November 12!**

**Order Pick-up is
December 2!**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Make checks payable to: "STVM Music Boosters" Questions? Call Deb Hoffman @ 330.686.9428

Mail check and order form to: STVM, ATTN: Fruit Sale, 15 N Maple St, Akron, OH 44303



First prize is a 2009 Chevy Malibu worth \$21,625!

2008-2009 Irish Family Car Raffle

**Look at these
fabulous
prizes!**



Second prize is a 42" high definition LCD TV by Magnavox worth \$1,100.00.



Third prize is \$500.00 worth of Circle K gas cards.

**You
could be a
winner!**



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LAST CHANCE FOR THE "BUY-OUT!"

October 30, 2008

Dear Families,

It is that time of year again when we are planning for the Annual Irish Family Car Raffle. When you completed your tuition agreement during registration last February, you were given the option to purchase the Buy-Out Plan. In choosing this option, parents elected to pay \$100 rather than participate in the raffle. This means that families who chose this option would not have to sell tickets nor would they receive any tickets for their purchase of the Buy-Out Plan. Many families decided they would pay \$100 up front rather than sell tickets.

We wanted to give you a second chance to choose the Buy-Out Plan before we distribute the raffle packets in December. If you do not wish to sell raffle tickets, please sign the form below and return it with your payment in the enclosed envelope. If not, we will send the raffle packets home with your students prior to the Christmas holidays in accordance with your tuition contract.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

David V. Rathz
Headmaster

Tim Castrigano
CFO/Development Director

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY NOVEMBER 25. IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE A RESPONSE, YOU WILL RECEIVE 20 RAFFLE TICKETS.

_____ Yes. I would like to purchase the Buy-Out Plan and have enclosed \$100.00.
Please do not send me any tickets.

Name of Student(s) _____

Grade(s) _____

Send this form to: St. Vincent - St. Mary High School
ATTN: Car Raffle
15 N Maple St
Akron, OH 44303

NOVEMBER

What's happening....

- 03 PLAN for Soph & Jrs - NO CLASSES FRESH & SRS
- 04 Canned Food Drive begins
- 06 Open House 6:30 - 8 p.m.
- 08 Scholarship/Placement Test for 8th Graders
- 10 National French Week activities
- 13 Boarman Backer's Social 6 p.m. Wentz Rm
Musical Comedy Murders, 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Musical Comedy Murders, 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Musical Comedy Murders 7:30 p.m.
- 16 Musical Comedy Murders, 7:30 p.m.
- 17 Knights of Columbus Scholarship deadline
- 24 NHS Induction and Ceremony
- 25 Thanksgiving Prayer Service
Report Card Pick-up, 3:15 - 5 p.m., 6 - 8 p.m.
Canned Food Drive ends
- 26 Thanksgiving break through Dec. 1



GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS AT THE BOOKSTORE!

Our list has been sent and Santa will be delivering all kinds of new merchandise to the bookstore in November. Come in early to be guaranteed your size and style. We will even gift wrap your package while you wait. Think about your Irish fan and buy a season pass to winter sports - a GREAT stocking stuffer. Of course we have pens, pencils, license plate covers and lanyards as well. Be sure to stop at the Bookstore when you're out doing your shopping!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR ADMISSIONS

- November 6** Open House for interested families, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- November 8** Scholarship/Placement Test 8:15 - 11:30 a.m.
- January 8, 2009** Open House for interested families, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- April 2, 2009** Seventh Grade Visitation 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Visit www.stvm.com and click on "Admissions" to register for any of these events.



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