



IRISH ITEMS



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OCTOBER 2011

LEPRECHAUN THEATRE GUILD TO PERFORM “ARSENIC & OLD LACE”

Get ready to laugh! Our STVM Leprechaun Theatre Guild will have you rolling in the aisles at their hilarious rendition of the classic farcical comedy, “Arsenic and Old Lace.” Written by American playwright Joseph Kesselring, the plot involves a drama critic who discovers on his wedding day that his beloved maiden aunts are homicidal maniacs!

Get your tickets early as this one is sure to sell out. A ticket order form and program ad form are included in this issue of Irish Items.

GET READY FOR THE 7TH ANNUAL COLLEGE FAIR!

All students are encouraged to attend and bring a friend to the College Fair which will be held Tuesday, October 4, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the student center and Gym.

We will have about 100 colleges in attendance! Check the Guidance website for a list of colleges attending. http://www.stvm.com/studentlife/college_links.php

Students may also view the bulletin board outside room 236 for a list of attending colleges.

STVM ADMISSIONS DATES FOR 2011-2012

Scholarship/Placement Tests for 8th Graders:

- Saturday, October 15, 2011 (8:30 – 11:45 a.m.)
- Saturday, November 5, 2011 (8:30 – 11:45 a.m.)
- Saturday, November 19, 2011 (8:30 – 11:45 a.m.)

All three fall tests are for the purpose of both Scholarship AND Placement. Test Fee = \$20. Parent Information Sessions will be held at 11:15 a.m. to noon on all three fall test dates.

Open Houses for Interested Families:

- Sunday, October 16, 2011 (11 a.m. – 1 p.m.)
- Thursday, November 3, 2011 (6:30 – 8 p.m.)
- Thursday, February 23, 2012 (6:30 – 8 p.m.)

Seventh Grade Visitation

- Wednesday, March 28, 2012 (9 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.)



Invitations to Showcase are on the way! Can't wait for the mail? Visit the Showcase page on the STVM website to view the invite and RSVP card. You will not want to miss this amazing evening. We have fantastic auction items, delicious chef-attended gourmet food stations, and a surprise guest who will make you think you are part of “The Rat Pack”.

The Best is Yet to Come is the ambiance of the evening. Seats will fill up fast, so send in your RSVP today!

STUDENTS BEGIN SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Mrs. Diane O'Neill, Executive Director of Akron Community Pregnancy Center, spoke to all Theology classes on September 13, to kick-off our Spiritual Adoption Program. Mrs. O'Neill, parent of STVM alumni students, outlined the program's purpose and objectives. Our students were asked to make a commitment to spiritually adopt and pray daily for a baby in danger of abortion. In the spring, the students will hold a baby shower to collect simple, practical baby items for babies in need. In May the entire prayer project will culminate in a closing prayer service for all those participating.

STVM HAS JOINED “MY COKE REWARDS FOR SCHOOLS”

By drinking the Coca-Cola products your family already enjoys, you can get My Coke Rewards points and donate them to help our school. Also, it puts us in the running to win a \$25000 grand prize when the contest ends in June 2012.

It's easy to donate:

- Purchase your favorite Coca-Cola products to get codes (they're on hundreds of different packages, in a variety of sizes and flavors),
- Go to mycokerewards.com/school & sign in (register if you aren't a member).
- Enter your codes to collect points - then search for our school to donate points.
- Enter the amount of points you'd like to give, then click “Donate.”

There will be also be collection bins at football games, in the cafeteria, locker rooms, and the LRC where students and patrons can deposit their bottle caps or package codes. Questions? Contact cwhitney@stvm.com



NOTEWORTHY NOTES



RECYCLED UNIFORM SALE

"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).

St. Vincent - St. Mary Parents' Club MEMBERSHIP

Your \$20.00 Parents' Club dues payment entitles you to a copy of the STVM Student Directory. It also helps STVM Parents' Club meet other expenses such as: Freshmen Family Breakfast, speakers for the students, sponsorship of student programs, teacher appreciation luncheons and the hospitality we provide at various events throughout the year. In addition, we keep you informed about upcoming and exciting events happening 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
We hope to make this membership year our biggest ever!!!
Please print.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____
Student(s) Name/Grade _____

MAHAR OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD AND IRISH CRUSADER AWARD

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.

MOTHERS' NIGHT OUT IS NOVEMBER 7!

It isn't too soon to make your plans to attend the annual "Mothers' Night Out" dinner on Monday, November 7, 2011, at St. George's Antiochian Fellowship Center. Sponsored by Parents' Club and hosted by Jerry Kelly, this event is a great evening and fun for all. It is the perfect way to meet other moms, grandmothers, alumni, and friends! Come and have a ball - you deserve it! More details later. For info, call Jerry at 330.253.9113, ext. 110 or 330.376.9227.

FRENCH CLUB OFFICERS 2011-2012

Co-presidents: Sarah Baumer and Shanise Omar
Senior Rep: Jasmine Gao
Junior Reps: Annie Thower
Sophomore Reps: Katie Engels and Ashley Johenning
Freshmen Reps: Emma Rickus, Sierra Turner, Meghan Stoltz

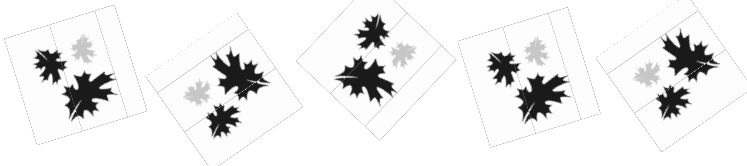


LET US ENTERTAIN YOU!

Entertainment Books go on sale beginning October 4. The cost is \$30.00 - the same price everywhere. Students from Math Team and Mu Alpha Theta will be selling the books. Books can also be ordered from Ms. Patonai. Help support mathematics, The Math Team, and Mu Alpha Theta!

AFTER PROM 2012 WE ARE STARTING TO PLAN!

Please join us for a work session immediately before our Parents' Club October meeting on Tuesday, October 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the STVM Conference Room (located in the Student Center). Please contact Erin Faetanini with questions (330-836-7454 or jfaetani@ameritech.net)



Interested in paying less tuition?! It is easy with T.R.I.P.! Simply purchase Gift Cards & Gift Certificates.

The STVM Parents' Club is pleased to once again offer TRIP! The program is easy - simply purchase gift cards and save on tuition. TRIP has over 250 local and nationwide merchants to choose from! The TRIP mailbox is located outside of the STVM Bookstore. You only need to register one time and then place your monthly order! It is that easy!

Visit the www.stvm.com website > Parent Info > Parents' Club to learn more about TRIP (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program) and register today! Questions? Please contact Theresa Blankenship at theresablankenship@yahoo.com

Alumni Updates

The STVM Alumni Association hosted the 7th Annual Alumni & Friends Tailgate Party on Friday, September 16, 2011. The evening was delightful with the wonderful fall weather and over 260 alumni friends and family gathered for good food and good conversation! Thank you to all who attended. Hope to see you next year!

To welcome our newest students, the STVM Alumni Council sponsored the "Freshman Night at the Football Game" on Friday, September 16, 2011. This year, the Alumni Council issued 125 free football game tickets and tailgate meal vouchers to the STVM Freshmen for the 2nd home football game.

Alumni Save the Date!

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

Fall 2011

Oct. 22 SHOWCASE 2011 "The Best is Yet to Come"
Nov 1 Deadline for 2011 Mahar & Irish Crusader nominations

Winter 2012

TBD 2012 Winter Alumni & Friends Night - Canned Food Drive
Jan 9 General Meeting - STVM Conference Room - 7 p.m.
March 29 Annual Mahar Banquet - Tangier Restaurant
TBD 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) kholaday@stvm.com

COUNSELORS'

O R N E R	SAT TEST DATES 2011-2012		Registration Deadlines	
	Test Date		Regular	Late
	November 5, 2011	SAT I & II	Oct 7	Oct 21
	December 3, 2011	SAT I & II	Nov 8	Nov 20
	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
December 10, 2011	Nov 4	Nov 18
February 11, 2012	Jan 13	Jan 20
April 14, 2012	March 9	March 23
June 9, 2012	May 4	May 18

PROGRAMS OFFERED FOR PARENTS OF TEENS WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

Akron Children's Hospital's Pediatric Psychiatry and Psychology Division offers a series of programs for the parents of children and teens dealing with mental and behavioral health issues. The one-hour programs will be on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the hospital, One Perkins Square in Akron, as part of the PINES (Parents in Need of Education Services) Project. The programs are free, but a reservation is required. Following the presentations, questions and comments are encouraged.

Wed., Oct. 5, 2011 - Eating Disorders: This workshop will feature Holly Berchin, Certified Nurse Specialist, who will speak on the topic of body image and eating disorders.

Wed., Nov. 2, 2011 - Setting Limits and Self Care: This workshop will feature Diane Papes an art therapist who will speak on the topic of setting limits and self care when dealing with children who have mental health issues.

Wed., Dec. 7, 2011 - Bullying: A look at what happens on the playground today. Featured speakers will be Georgette Constantinou, PhD and Dough Straight, LPCC.

Contact Sarah Goellnitz to schedule a class at 330-543-8844 or e-mail sgoellnitz@chmca.org

ATTENTION, SENIORS:

October: Fill out college applications and watch the deadlines. Applying early may improve your chance of admission. Make sure everything is spelled correctly and your printing is neat. Pick up a Financial Aid Profile form. (Check College Board online.) It may be due before the FAFSA. Attend the college fair on October 4.

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). The local colleges offer these throughout the year.

PARENTS: Please check the guidance webpage for the latest scholarships and college information. Everything you need is at your fingertips! (http://www.stvm.com/studentlife/counselors_corner.php)

YEARBOOK NEWS

Seniors, have your yearbook photo taken by Carmen Studios by March 1. Information has been mailed home and is available on the STVM web site under "Yearbook." 2011 yearbooks are in and graduates should call or email Bdolan@stvm.com. to make arrangements to pick them up. There are a limited number of extras available for \$60. 2012 Yearbook orders were due in September. The next time for ordering will be in April and the price will be \$65.

Irish Items is a monthly publication for parents and friends of the St. Vincent - St. Mary High School community  **October 2011**

STVM Parents' Club Calendar of Events

Oct.11	After Prom Meeting 6:30 p.m. STVM Conference Rm
Oct. 11	Parents' Club General Meeting 7 p.m.– all are welcome!
Nov. 7	Mother's Night Out
Nov. 9	Parent Information Session
Dec. TBA	Teacher 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	Teacher Appreciation Day

Please join us! Parents' Club meetings are typically the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 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.



IRISH HALLOWEEN TRADITIONS

The Celts celebrated Halloween as Samhain, 'All Hallowtide' - the 'Feast of the Dead', when the dead revisited the mortal world. The celebration marked the end of Summer and the start of the Winter months.

During the eighth century the Catholic Church designated the first day of November as 'All Saints Day ('All Hallows') - a day of commemoration for those Saints that did not have a specific day of remembrance. The night before was known as 'All Hallows Eve' which, over time, became known as Halloween.

Here are the most notable Irish Halloween Traditions:

Colcannon for Dinner: Boiled potato, curly kale, and raw onions are provided as the traditional Irish Halloween dinner. Clean coins are wrapped in baking paper and placed in the potato for children to find and keep.

The Barnbrack Cake: The traditional Halloween cake in Ireland is the barnbrack which is a fruit bread. Each member of the family gets a slice. Great interest is taken in the outcome as there is a piece of rag, a coin and a ring in each cake. If you get the rag then your financial future is doubtful. If you get the coin then you can look forward to a prosperous year. Getting the ring is a sure sign of impending romance or continued happiness. *Happy Halloween!*

PARENTS' CLUB CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Please contact your class representative with any questions or concerns. They would love to help!

Freshman – Anitha Kanakkanatt (330) 867-3040
Sophomore – Jeannette Kaiser (330) 867-3517
Junior – Lori Phillips (330) 873-1303
Senior – Diane Hurley (330) 945-7949

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Are you interested in meeting other STVM parents and getting more involved in the school? The STVM Parents' Club needs volunteers to assist with 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 (contact Molly Friess at mfriess11@sbcglobal.net)
- Teacher Appreciation (contact Susan Mileski at stimile73@aol.com or Michelle Giltner at michelle.giltner@sbcglobal.net)
- Hospitality/Baking (contact Nareene Beck at nbeck1@neo.rr.com)

To learn more, or to volunteer, just send an e-mail to the event committee chair. We look forward to hearing from you!

The Leprechaun
Theatre Guild
presents.....

PROGRAM AD ORDER FORM

Deadline: Monday,
October 31, 2011



Arsenic and Old Lace

*Place your
business card/ad or
personal message in
our program*

1/4 page = \$25 1/2 page = \$50 3/4 page = \$75 full page = \$100

We can help design your ad! (Just submit your information)

Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Include business card or
forward a pdf or jpeg file to
gneary@stvm.com
Please do not staple
business cards.

Questions?
Email gneary@stvm.com

Make checks payable to: "St. Vincent - St. Mary I.T.S."
Send form and payment to: St. Vincent - St. Mary High School
Attn: Gerard Neary
15 N. Maple St., Akron, OH 44303

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TICKET ORDER FORM

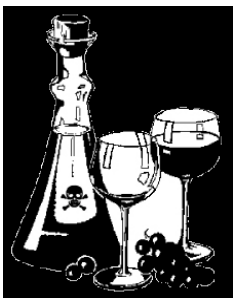
Please reserve the following number of tickets each night:

_____ Thurs., Nov. 10, 7:30pm _____ Sat., Nov. 12, 7:30pm

_____ Fri., Nov. 11, 7:30pm _____ Sun., Nov. 13, 1:30pm

_____ Total number of tickets at \$10 each

\$ _____ TOTAL AMOUNT DUE



Arsenic and Old Lace

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 _____

IRISH INSIGHT

The STVM Parents' Club is pleased to present the Irish Insight, also known as Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) in the hope that it will provide helpful tips and hints on "what to expect" during the school year.

1. **Morning Announcements** – Are posted on the website! Stay current with the happenings at STVM by clicking the "Announcement" button on the STVM website (www.stvm.com).
2. **Homecoming Dance** – The Freshmen have their own, separate Homecoming Dance. Be on the lookout for more information. The STVM Bookstore will sell dance tickets and there will be a parent permission slip that will need to be signed.
3. **Freshman Activity Fair** - Freshmen attend an activity fair during the school day so that they can learn more about the extra-curriculars available at our school (i.e. Rocket Club, The Justice League, SADD, and more!).
4. **Freshman Student Council Elections** – Interested freshmen will have the opportunity to prepare a speech and the entire class will vote on the officers for the Freshmen Student Council.
5. **Student Retreats** – Every year, each class will take part in a retreat. This is a time for spiritual growth and class unity. The retreats occur during the school day and a signed permission slip is required.
6. **Teacher Appreciation Gifts** – The STVM Parents' Club respectfully suggests that a gift (or gift card) be purchased for the Teacher Appreciation Gifts which are distributed prior to Christmas break.
7. **Open Forum** – The school schedules an open forum annually so that parents can meet the STVM Administration and Executive Board.

Introducing..... "We are Family" Mentors

Please fill out the form below if you are interested and would like a family to contact you to answer questions about STVM. Your mentor will contact you and be available to answer questions or point you in the right direction!

Yes, I would like to have a STVM family be our mentors!

Name _____ Phone number _____

E-mail _____

Return to STVM High School, ATTN Parents' Club "We Are Family" Mentors, 15 N Maple St, Akron, OH 44303



Market Day.

Thank you for supporting
the STVM Market Day in September!

We earned \$161.00

October Order Forms are available!

See the order form for NEW Items & "Game Day Specials!"

Receive a FREE Trial pack of French Breadsticks & Garlic
Parmesan Seasoning with any \$40 purchase....

AND receive a FREE 60 count Cheese Ravioli with \$90
online purchase with promo code OCTBONUS!

BE A
FREQUENT
BUYER!

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.

Get a FREE Insulated Bag at your January sale pick-up.

Market Day order forms are available: STVM Bookstore &
STVM Campus Ministry Office.

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

Questions? Call Ken McDonald 330-253-9113 x118
e-mail: kmcdonald@stvm.com

The more we sell, the more funds are raised for the
STVM Retreat Program!

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

**The STVM Parents' Club Invites YOU...to save the following dates
and join us for several evenings of fun and fellowship!**

Tues., Oct. 11, 2011 - Slamma Jamma After Prom 2012 Kick-Off Meeting. Last year, Slamma Jamma was a huge success! Join us this year as we strive to make this fun, safe night for our kids even better. The meeting will begin at 6:30 in the Conference Room. Bring your ideas and contacts!

Mon., Nov. 7, 2011 – Mother's Night Out. Girls just wanna' have fun! This is a great way to meet other moms. So, put dad in charge of dinner and join us for a good time! Watch Irish Items and the mail for more details.

Wed., Nov. 9, 2011 – Parent Information Series and Headmaster Chat. Respect and Anti-Bullying ... What you need to know as the parent of a teenager. Respect and Anti-Bullying are both topics of concern and will be focus areas 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.

6:00 – 6:45 p.m. Principal Chat- Spend a few minutes bringing questions, concerns or praise to the attention of Mr. Rathz. Room 256 (lower level)

7:00 p.m. Respect and Anti-Bullying Presentation - Room 256 (lower level). Refreshments will be served.



October prayer intention: Pray that Christians may not be discouraged by the attacks of secularized society.
Scripture: 1 Peter 5:1-4 "Watch over those who are entrusted to you, not simply as a duty but willingly and with gladness of heart, according to God's will."

"Activity: Pray the holy Rosary.

Join us as we recite the Rosary on the 1st Friday of every month at 8:45 a.m. in the STVM Chapel.



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October

What's happening....

- 01 Homecoming Dance 7 p.m.
- 04 College Fair 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- 05 Girls Volleyball Senior Night Dinner 4:30 p.m. SC
- 07 Academic Awards Assembly
- 09 AWC Wrestling Tournament - gym
- 10 Alumni Association Meeting 7 p.m.
- 11 Parents' Club After Prom Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Parents' Club Meeting 7 p.m.
- 12 NO CLASSES SENIORS
PSAT Test Honors Fresh, all Soph & Jrs.
- 14 Books for Bahamas Drive ends
SHOWCASE DRESS DOWN DAY - \$2
- 15 Scholarship/Placement Test for 8th Graders, 8:15 a.m.
- 16 Open House for interested families 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 18 Showcase set-up - gym 3 p.m.
- 19 Showcase set-up - gym 11 a.m.
- 20 Showcase set-up - gym 8 a.m.
End of 1st Quarter
- 21 NO CLASSES - SHOWCASE SET-UP
- 22 SHOWCASE 2011 - *The Best is Yet to Come!*
- 24 *Kairos 14 leaves 3 p.m.*
OGT Make-ups
- 25 *Kairos 14*
OGT Make-ups
- 26 *Kairos 14*
OGT Make-ups
- 27 *Kairos closing 5 p.m.*
OGT Make-ups
- 28 OGT Make-ups
- 31 *Sophomore Retreat*

NEWS FROM THE BOOKSTORE!

Get ready for the cooler weather. Gear up with new spirit wear to keep you warm and dry. We have new green ponchos, umbrellas, Irish all-weather jackets, woolly jackets and warm hoodies. Show your support for all our outdoor sporting events this fall. Many STVM Teams are headed to State!

Start your Christmas shopping early for the best selection and correct sizes.

BOOKSTORE HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday- 8:30-1:00
 Tuesday, Thursday- 10:30-3:00

The Bookstore Lady
 Nancy Bennett
 330-996-0002
nbennett@stvm.com

