

2017-2018

Villa Maria Academy Parent Association (VMAPA)

Activities and Events

Tuesday, August 29, 5:45pm to 8:30 pm

New Parent Welcome

This event kicks off our school year. All new parents are invited to a light reception and a new parent information session held at VMA. New parents get to meet and mingle with the parents of their daughter's classmates. Upperclass Parent volunteers needed for setup. Contact Dianne Haley at diannehaley913@gmail.com. Registration online is required and attendance is expected. (Free Event)

Sunday, September 10, 12:15 pm to 5:30 pm

Back to School Social

Welcome back to school parents! Tradition remains that this is an attendance expected, adult only event. This is your opportunity to walk in your daughter's shoes, meet her teachers, visit the classrooms, and be informed about the curriculum that your daughters will be learning this school year. There will be information sessions posted for senior parents only and underclassmen parents only. Following your afternoon of classes, the VMAPA will host a Welcome Back to School Social on the lawn of the campus. Meet new friends and catch up with old. Faculty and staff will also be there to mingle with parents. Bring your appetite. Volunteers are needed for setup. Contact Millie Slifer at mill601@verizon.net or Colleen Crossed ccrossed@gmail.com. Registration online is required and attendance is expected. (Free Event)

Tuesday, September 19, 8:30 am

VMAPA Prayer Service & Breakfast

All parents are invited to start off the school year together in prayer. The VMAPA will host a prayer service and a light breakfast. This is an opportunity to meet other parents and meet the VMAPA Board. It is also an opportunity to learn about upcoming events and volunteer your time and talents. Registration online is requested. (Free Event)

Saturday, October 7

Homecoming 2017

A reunion for the entire Villa family, students, alumnae, parents and past parents! The day's events will start off with sporting events, field hockey, soccer, tennis and volleyball. This year we honor our Swimming State Champion Teams. There will be a ticketed barbecue and beer garden (21 and older). Registration is requested. Music will be provided by "The Three Sheets" Games and fun filled activities will be provided for all the kids. There are many ways to get involved. Help decorate the campus the week prior to the event, work with our decorating chair, Maria Yacovelli at maria2746@aol.com to help with setup, take down, parking or just come out and enjoy the day. Registration online is required. (Ticketed Event)

Wednesday, October 11, 12:00 pm

Grandparent Day

Freshman Grandparents Only

All our freshman grandparents are invited to campus for a prayer service, light lunch, musical entertainment from our music department and a tour of the campus with their granddaughters. It is a fun day to welcome our grandparents to the Villa campus and welcome them to the Villa family. Our students take pride in showing their grandparents around campus. Freshman Parent volunteers needed to serve lunch at the event. Contact Diane Zwaan at dzwaan@vmahs.org. Registration online is required. (Free Event)

Sunday, October 22, 11:30 am to 3:00 pm Mother Daughter Fashion Show

The Mother Daughter Fashion Show is a long standing tradition at Villa Maria. It is also the largest fundraiser for the VMAPA. This year's event will be held at White Manor Country Club and will showcase the upcoming fashions modeled by our senior parents and students. There will be a Chinese auction and many vendors available for a quick shopping spree. Lunch is served. Many volunteers are needed to make this event spectacular. This year's event chairs are BillyJo Salkowski at billyjosalkowski@gmail.com and Annette MacLachlan at annettemac@comcast.net. The ladies need your help to gather gifts, model, check in guests, sell raffles, set up and take down. Registration online is required. (Ticketed Event)

Sunday, November 5, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Father Daughter Tailgate

The Father Daughter Tailgate follows the Powder Puff Games which are run by Mrs. Harkins in Activities. The Powder Puff Games are a ticketed event and proceeds benefit a charity that the students have chosen in the beginning of the school year. Games start at 11:00 am. The Tailgate is hosted by the VMAPA and follows the Powder Puff Games. The chairs of this event Lisa Kennedy at lapkennedy@msn.com and Natalie Romeo at nnromeo@comcast.net will need your help for set up, check in and take down. Registration online is required. (Ticketed Event)

Thursday, November 9, Before School Sneaker Collection

Students are asked to drop off donated sneakers in the collection bins the morning of November 9th for a good cause, in exchange they can wear their new sneakers to school. Donate your sneakers for a good cause! This year sneakers that are in good condition will go to [Amigos de Jesus](#). Sneakers that have been really "loved" will be used to create playgrounds for needy schools under the direction of the [Nike Grind](#) initiative. Contact event chairs Judy O'Leary at judyoleary@comcast.net or Kathy Ayers at kathyayers1@comcast.net if you'd like to help collect, sort and distribute the collected sneakers.

Saturday, November 11, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm The Shoppes at Villa

Return to Green Tree for a shopping extravaganza or as a vendor. In its 6th year, the Shoppes offer beautiful Christmas gifts for your family and friends. Maybe you will find a little something for you. This year there will be many new vendors as well as vendors you've loved at past events. The Shoppes is open to the public with FREE admission. This event is run by our Alumnae and benefits the Sister Mary Kelly Scholarship Fund.

Week of November 22 - 27 Decorate the Campus for Christmas

Maria Yacovelli at maria2746@aol.com will be decorating the campus for Christmas and will need the help of many Christmas elves to transform the school to brighten the halls for the holidays. Consider volunteering your time and talents

Sunday, December 3, 7:00 pm Tree Lighting

Villa Maria opens the school's celebration of the Christmas season with the annual tree lighting. Students, staff and family meet in the cafeteria with traditional carols. After hanging ornaments on the tree to represent each class, and lighting the first candle on the Advent wreath, the group will process out to the parking lot and gather around the evergreen tree out front. Girls read several brief reflections on the meaning of the Christmas tree and its lights before flipping the switch to light the tree for the first time. All adjourn to the cafeteria for refreshments. All are welcome and this is a free event.

Wednesday, January 10

Faculty Christmas Dinner

To show our appreciation for their dedication and commitment to our daughters and Villa Maria Academy the VMAPA host a relaxing dinner at Waynesborough Country Club for our faculty and staff. Clara Tiburcia-Brogan at ctbfp@comcast.net and Pauline Heater at cornhusker3@comcast.net may need assistance with setup for the event.

Tuesday, January 30 at 7:00 pm

VMAPA Social and Service

All parents are welcome to attend Painting with a Twist on the campus of VMA! We will also be collecting for a local charity. Come out during Catholic Schools week to catch up with friends, enjoy wine and cheese and work on your artistic expression. Registration online is requested so supplies can be ordered in advance. (Ticketed Event)

Saturday, February 24, 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm **FEST**

FEST (Fostering Educational Support Together) is Villa Maria Academy's largest event fundraiser of the year. This is an annual dinner dance and auction. The chairs for this year's event are Annette MacLachlan at annettemac@comcast and Terri McDonald at terrid.mcdonald@ametek.com. Many hands are needed to make this a successful event. The FEST committee will be reaching out to local businesses, friends of Villa and current parents for gifts and sponsorships/ads. Villa Maria Academy thanks you for your support and participation in advance of this event. Come out and join the fun. (Ticketed Event)

TBD March 2018

Villa Goes to Broadway

Join Villa moms and friends (adults only) on a bus trip to NYC to see a popular play or musical. This event is planned by Pauline Heater at cornhusker3@comcast.net. Gather some friends or meet some new ones on this great day in NYC. Details to follow.

Tuesday, March 20 at 8:30 am

VMAPA Social/Informational Meeting

All parents are welcome to attend a VMAPA social and a fun health and wellness informational meeting. Presentation will be given by our very own Alumnae and Director of Constituent Relations, Dee Person. More details to follow. Registration online is requested. (Free event)

Sunday, April 29, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Mother Daughter
Communion Brunch**

Mark you Calendars to attend the Mother Daughter Communion Mass and Breakfast. Mothers, daughters, aunts, sisters and grandmothers come together to share a lovely tradition, celebrating Mass and enjoying a bountiful Sunday breakfast together. The event takes place on campus Mass begins at 10:00 am followed by breakfast and festivities. Senior Mothers and their daughters will be honored at this year's event and wished a fond farewell as the seniors set off on their new adventure in their life's journey. Chair for this year's event is Karen D'Ascenzo at Karendascenzo@comcast.net and Carolyn Sollecito at sollecito5@msn.com. Volunteers are asked to contact the chairs. Registration online is required. (Ticketed Event)

Tuesday, May 22

Class of 2022 Information night

Help the VMAPA welcome the incoming freshman to Villa Maria Academy. This is an informational night for the incoming class of freshman students and their parents. We need a few volunteers to introduce the

Villa Maria Academy Parent Association and our role here at Villa. We would like to welcome them and offer any assistance in navigating VMAHS.

Wednesday, May 30, 7:00 pm

Honors Social

The junior parents set up a small social to follow the Seniors' Honors Convocation. This is a small farewell to our seniors and their parents. This year's chair is Patty Heppelmann at pattyhepp@me.com. Junior parents please contact Patty to volunteer your time.

Monday, June 11, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Uniform Sale

All departing seniors are asked to donate their gently used uniforms back to Villa. They are cleaned and resold to the underclassmen at a discounted price. The sale takes place in the school cafeteria. Jen Pizzi at jharlacher@harmelin.com, Karen.raubenheimer@gsit.com and Peggy Doran at pdoran@prahs.com are chairing this sale.

Website

All events and more detail can be found on the school website at vmahs.org, Events drop down/Calendar. Registrations for events are also found on the Events Calendar. Please be courteous when registering for an event. Please be aware of RSVP deadlines.

The VMA Book Store

The Villa Maria School Store is open for business in the Marian Center, offering Villa spirit wear, school supplies, balloons, snacks, and other fun Villa items like blankets and bags. Shoppers may also continue to place online orders with B&E Sportswear (our online store). Regular Hours are every weekday morning from 7:15 to 8:00 am, Monday to Thursday from 2:15 to 4:00 pm, Friday from 2:15 to 3:00 pm. The store will also be open during special events on campus. If you would like to volunteer for the Book Store please contact Debbie Smith at dsmith@vmahs.org.

Villa Maria Academy Outreach Ministry

Just a reminder that we have a wonderful program in place to help families that are in need of assistance anytime throughout the year. Your family may need help because of unforeseen circumstances. We are here to help with meals, carpools, and above all, prayer. All correspondence is private. Private submissions or requests can be made online. God's Peace. Online Outreach Request can be found under Parents/Outreach Request on our website.