Welcome to fall and the beauty of the changing seasons. Much is happening at Villa in all areas: academics, athletics and the arts. I hope that you and your family are energized by the school year and are finding ways to connect with the Villa community.

At its September 18th meeting, the Villa Madonna Academy Board of Directors welcomed two new members, Jacque Van Houten and Jerry Bressler. We wish the very best to departing Board members J. David Bender and Robin Huller and, on behalf of the Villa community, thank them for their significant contributions.

Janet Baugh, Recruitment Director, provided the Board with an overview of her strategies for new K-12 student recruitment through communication of Villa’s history, philosophy and curriculum. She also reported on plans for a renewed emphasis on student retention. The October 20th Open House was very successful. Many thanks to all in the school community who worked so hard to showcase our special school on this important day.

Prior to the meeting, Board members received administrative reports prepared by principals Soshana Bosley and Pamela McQueen. The reports, based on information gathered from parents and faculty over the past several months, provided Board members with information on new programs and initiatives for faculty and students as well as recent successes of our students.

Many of these are outlined in this newsletter. Both principals commented on the positive and energetic morale within the school community and expressed their gratitude for the large number of parent volunteers.

The Finance Committee presented financial and investment information for school year 2012-13, including financial results and investment performance through June 30, 2013. An annual financial report and the list of donors for school year 2012-13 are major features of this newsletter. The investment portfolios of the endowment and scholarship funds continue to perform as anticipated according to their benchmarks.

The Board established an ad-hoc committee to coordinate the hiring process to replace Chief Advancement Officer Denny Sketch, who recently resigned. Board members Sr. Deborah Harmeling, Jayne Klosterman and Tom Lux comprise the committee. The hiring process will include school administration, advancement staff, parent, and alumni participation.

The Board was also informed of the resignation of Neena Volk, Director of Communications and Alumni Relations. In the interim, her duties have been assigned to other staff and volunteers. The Board recognizes and appreciates the significant contributions of Denny Sketch and Neena Volk during their tenure and thanks those stepping up to help with the important work of the Advancement Office.

Villa Madonna Academy and this newsletter are full of life and energy. Good things are happening at Villa, and we hope you will enjoy reading about them.

Mary Paula Schuh
Chair, Villa Madonna Academy Board of Directors
At the end of the 2012-13 school year Neena Volk, Director of Communications and Alumni Relationships, sent out RFPs for the redesign of Villa’s webpage. Nicholas Boucher, an incoming junior, submitted a proposal and received the contract to redesign the page. Nicholas’ proposal met and exceeded Villa’s expectations for a new website. He rebuilt the website from the ground up to establish Villa’s web presence with a new, more technologically-advanced site. Since the best person to introduce the new website is Nicholas, he shares with us the following:

The prior website was created years ago with technology that was new then but is now outdated. The goal of the website redesign was to create a completely new and unique website. Using the latest in web technology (including HTML5 and CSS3), the new website exceeds the previous in look, feel, and functionality. The updated style of the site is reflective of trending webpage styles and conveys a more modern point of view to the user.

One major focus of the website redesign project was to make the “backend” of the site (i.e. the interface used to add/edit content) easy and intuitive to use. The designer built the website framework around a Content Management System (CMS) called Concrete5. This system is state-of-the-art in terms of capabilities and user experience. Faculty/administrative feedback has shown that the new website is indeed simple and intuitive to edit, making it easy to keep future content up to date.

Security and consolidation of information were also priorities for this project. The new website features significant security upgrades that restrict valuable content only for the eyes of authorized students and parents through distributed login credentials. Furthermore, hundreds of extraneous pages from the old website were consolidated into an accessible and well-organized interface.

Other key features of the new website include:

1. Tablet and Mobile optimized versions of the website;
2. A comprehensive calendar system that can be synced with devices including personal calendars, phones, and tablets;
3. A current News system that allows stories to be placed on the website and featured on the homepage;
4. A new “MyVillaLife” tool that shows the users links and information only relevant to them personally;
5. A reliable tool used to search the website for any content able to viewed by the user’s security level;
6. An e-commerce system used to make the VMA Spirit Shop available online.

Finally, the new website is available both at villamadonna.net and villamadonna.org. The project was completed in August, 2013, prior to the start of the 2013-14 school year.

Pamela McQueen, junior high and high school principal, nominated Nicholas Boucher for the Secondary Student Technology Award based on his design of the VMA website. ConnectKentucky, a public-private partnership that leads technology-based initiatives in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, gives this award to a Kentucky secondary student who recognizes the benefits of using broadband technology and promotes and implements its use in creative and inspiring ways. Nicholas received the award at Tech Day in Kentucky on November 7, 2013, at Northern Kentucky University College of Informatics. ConnectKentucky has held Tech Days once a year since 2006, and Nicholas will be the fourth secondary student to win a Tech Day award. Congratulations, Nicholas.
iPads Give Villa Madonna Students 21st Century Advantages

by Debbie Young, Villa Madonna Academy iPad Program Coordinator

Villa Madonna Academy’s iPad program has put one-to-one iPad access into the hands of all 9th through 12th grade students and has put iPad sets of various sizes into all K through 8 classrooms. The program’s goal is to integrate guided access to technology into Villa’s daily curriculum so that students can routinely use technological tools to enhance learning and/or facilitate completion of schoolwork. The iPad initiative is an important component of Villa Madonna’s commitment to its mission of educating K-12 students for full Christian participation in 21st century life following the Benedictine traditions of peace, reverence, scholarship, service, and community.

Easy access to iPads allows Villa Madonna students to combine new information with established skills and knowledge and to enjoy deeper, broader, and more effective learning experiences. The iPads are versatile machines which serve Villa’s learners as cameras, video recorders, research libraries, word processors, calculators, and presentation creation tools. Students can utilize some of their textbooks online and can download electronic books and access research databases through Kentucky public libraries and the VMA school library. This increases access to quality information, decreases weight in backpacks, and saves time – both parent time in driving back and forth to libraries and student time in information seeking and project completion. With easy access to iPads, students can write papers and create multimedia presentations much more efficiently than they could when they had to arrange time in the computer lab or library in order to work on their projects. The library and computer labs at Villa Madonna are still heavily utilized for library classes, teaching information literacy and skills, broadcast and yearbook journalism, and advanced technology subjects; the iPads, however, make day-to-day assignment completion easier.

A typical day at Villa Madonna might see kindergartners using iPads in centers to practice math or reading skills, first graders using a digital storytelling app to script and create original animated puppet shows on their iPads, high school students taking photos with their iPads for a 2-D design project in Art, and much more. Most VMA high school students use their iPads for note-taking and as planners for keeping track of assignments, tests, and projects. High school Spanish students used their iPads to do research for a presentation and then to create and show their projects. Sixth graders recently completed a Language Arts unit during which they wrote “I am...” poems. Using their iPads, they made movies which incorporated images related to their poetry with a soundtrack of themselves reading their poems.
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They then created posters which can be scanned by iPads to play the movies when people view the posters. The "I am" posters and movies were displayed at Villa's October 20th open house. Biology students took their iPads when they went on a field trip to the Cincinnati Zoo. They used them to take photographs demonstrating various animal traits and adaptations and to complete their zoo worksheets paperlessly.

Villa Madonna High School principal Mrs. Pamela McQueen is enthusiastic about the school’s iPad initiative. “The iPad is unique in advancing student connectivity,” she states. “Our high school students utilize the iPads for discussion of history topics and collaboration with students in other classes (and ultimately, in other schools). Safely monitored discussions involving teachers, students, and others can take place via Edmodo and class blogs.”

Editor’s note: Edmodo is an online networking application for teachers and students. It helps teachers build an online conversation about classes, encourages peer learning and a peer support environment and is free. Over 500,000 students are using Edmodo worldwide.

Do Villa Madonna students feel that the iPads are improving their educational experience? Here are a few quotes from the first quarter survey of Villa 9th through 12th graders. "I really like being able to have all my notes in a small, organized manner and being able to take pictures of text books helps take the weight from my backpack." (Senior) "History class has been greatly enhanced by the use of iPads. As a student, I have been able to follow along with online notes, take notes on my iPad, do research during class, and create presentations." (Junior) "In Scriptures we use the Bible a lot, so the [Bible] app makes it quicker to locate things in the Bible." (Sophomore) "Yes, I can do homework wherever [I am] and I can have everything in one spot. Also, taking notes is much easier." (Sophomore) "It has been VERY helpful in Art because we have access to research drawing techniques and pictures to give us ideas." (Freshman)

The OECD (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) recently conducted a Survey of Adult Skills in 34 OECD countries. Their analysis of the data they collected identifies skills needed for economic success in the 21st century. The OECD report states “the demand for information processing skills and other high level cognitive and interpersonal skills is growing. In addition to mastering occupation-specific skills, workers in the 21st century must also have a stock of information processing skills, including literacy, numeracy, and problem solving, and generic skills such as interpersonal communications, self-management, and the ability to learn, to help them weather the uncertainties of a rapidly changing labour market.” (OECD Skills Outlook 2013, pg. 46)

Villa Madonna’s program of studies addresses all of the skills recommended by the OECD. We believe that our school’s iPad initiative is playing a vital role in helping Villa students achieve the competencies that will help them to be successful, contributing 21st century citizens.
Welcome to the Class of 2017!

Our new high school students participated in activities over the summer so they could begin their high school career with an established sense of community. The school year officially began on August 14th as we extended a Benedictine welcome to the Class of 2017! This year’s freshman class comes from eight different parishes and nine area elementary schools. We also welcome our scholarship winners from both St. Thomas and Villa Madonna Academy. Faculty, staff and students are excited to have the freshmen and their families join the Villa Madonna community. This freshman class is a part of history as the first freshman class with the 1:1 iPad program, involvement in the Magnified Giving Program, and countless opportunities for extracurricular and athletic involvement. Over the next four years the freshmen will engage in challenging academics, participate in a variety of service projects, and contribute to athletics all while building friendships and establishing fond memories. The faculty and staff look forward to not only teaching and guiding our newest class, but also to witnessing what wonderful contributions they will make to our academy. Welcome, Class of 2017, to our Catholic, Benedictine high school!

Over Four Decades

For over four decades, Villa Madonna Academy teacher Don Shields has dedicated his life to education. On September 19, 2013, he was one of four teachers recognized with the Thomas More College-Diocesan Excellence in Teaching Award.

Mr. Shields teaches in the high school and junior high, serves as Dean of Students, Athletic Director, and Varsity Girls Basketball Coach. Mr. Shields has been teaching for over 40 years, and he is enjoying his 25th year as a coach.

The Diocesan Excellence in Teaching Award is presented to a distinguished teacher in the Diocese of Covington who exhibits many traits, including the following:

- Has devoted many years of service to education;
- Challenges and inspires students with his or her personal enthusiasm for learning;
- Exhibits professional integrity;
- Engages proactively with students, faculty members, parents, and community members;
- Demonstrates effective time-management skills and instructional-planning skills while using a variety of pedagogical methods to effectively support a range of learning styles;
- Devotes time and energy to his/her professional growth as well as to strengthening leadership skills;
- Engages in reflective discourse with colleagues to improve instruction; and
- Serves as an exemplar of honorable character.

“Mr. Shields is one of the most deserving educators with whom I’ve ever had the privilege to work,” said Pamela McQueen, Villa Madonna Academy High School/Jr. High principal. “We salute Mr. Shields, and we thank him for his dedication to our students and families at Villa Madonna Academy.”
National Merit Semifinalists Named

Two students, Gabrielle Notorgiacomo and Nicole Zatorski, have been named by the National Merit Scholarship Program as National Merit Semifinalists.

The two senior students are part of the 16,000 Semifinalists across the nation. Approximately 1.5 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools entered the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2013 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, which represents less than 1% of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. Nicole and Gabrielle will compete to become Finalists based upon their academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, and honors and awards received. In addition, they must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student’s performance on the qualifying test.

“We are so proud of Nicole and Gabrielle’s tremendous accomplishment,” said Villa Madonna Academy High School/Junior High Principal, Pamela McQueen. “Our students’ success is truly a testament to the dedicated Villa faculty, staff and supportive parent community who work together every day to ensure student success.”

Villa Spanish Teachers Present Sessions at the Kentucky World Language Association Conference.

On September 20th and 21st, Villa Madonna Elementary Spanish teachers Andrea Suárez and Patty Bachman represented VMA at the Kentucky World Language Association Conference in Lexington. The teachers presented two conference sessions together.

The Friday session, entitled “Parents are Learners, Too,” dealt with advocating for a world language program and explaining a proficiency-based, communicative world-language classroom to parents who are not familiar with this approach in teaching. The Saturday session, “Making Your Materials Work for You,” was about adapting materials so that they could be used across ability and grade levels.

Señora Suárez also presented a half-day workshop on Saturday afternoon, entitled “Languages and the Arts: How to Incorporate Rich Cultural Lessons into your Curriculum.” She co-presented this workshop along with Alicia Vinson, World Languages Coordinator of Fayette County Public Schools. Workshop participants learned how to dance the Argentine folk dance “Chacarera,” and reviewed the Kentucky Department of Education standards for both World Language and Humanities that would apply to the activity. This is the third time that the teachers have presented together at the conference, as well as the sixth time that Señora Suárez has presented at KWLA. The pair also presented last spring at the Central States Conference for the Teaching of Foreign Language, held in Columbus, Ohio.

Six Villa Madonna Academy Students Recognized for the 2014 “Why I Love America” Calendar Contest.

Tenth grader Grace Giordano, and first grader Ciara Carroll, won first place in their age categories in the Kenton County contest. High school students Kylie Sharp, Catherine Martini, Neha Yousuf and Ryan Timm each received honorable mentions for their entries.

Grace and Ciara and their families will be recognized at the December 3rd ceremony at the Carnegie Visual and Performing Arts Centers. They will also receive a $100 gift card to the Crestview Hills Town Center, and their artwork and picture will appear in the calendar. Jan Herrman, Grace’s art teacher, and Janet Pemberton, Ciara’s art teacher, will both receive a prize as well.

Pictured: Front row - Ciara Carroll and Ryan Timm; Back row - Catherine Martini, Grace Giordano, Kylie Sharp and Neha Yousuf.
2013 Open House A Success

The school buildings and grounds were alive on Sunday, October 20th at Villa Madonna Academy. Students, parents, faculty, coaches, administrators, board members, and most importantly, guests, enjoyed hot dogs (on Klosterman buns), baked goods and beverages while experiencing all that is special about the VMA community.

Personalized tours were given to each visiting family interested in grades K-12. While touring, prospective students and their parents saw clubs in action, art projects, athletic teams practicing and examples of learning in the classrooms. Current Villa students, the school’s best ambassadors, introduced teachers to prospective families. Visitors left with a good sense of the Villa community, a VMA gym bag and enough information to help them make the right choice for their educational needs.

Since the Open House, Janet Baugh, Director of Admissions, has fielded calls requesting shadow days at Villa. A student shadowed the 6th grade with hopes to enroll ASAP. On October 25th, six students shadowed the high school and five students shadowed on November 5th. Shadows continue to take place. Contact Janet Baugh at 859-331-6333 ext. 139 to schedule a shadow day or to inquire about the Academy.

3, 2, 1...Blast Off!

Did you know that Kentucky had a space program? During the month of October, the third and fourth grade students worked with a representative from KY Space on a STEM program. The students were visited by Mr. Twyman Clements. During his visit he told the students about the KY Space program, what it was like working at the International Space Station, and he shared information about the Dropzone program. The students were shown pictures and videos from space and near space. Then, the students created “pong sats”. These are ping pong balls the students decorated and filled with a material of their choice that were then launched into near space. The students explored what happened to their chosen material as it traveled through the atmosphere. The students were able to track the balloon using GPS. After the balloon was retrieved, the students received their pong stats and were able to investigate if/how their material changed.

For more information about KY Space and Dropzone, you can visit: www.kentuckyspace.com, www.dropzone.com

Thomas More College President David A. Armstrong met with Villa Madonna Academy seniors on October 3rd. President Armstrong spoke with the seniors about the importance of their college-choice decision. Along with TMC admissions director Billy Sarge, President Armstrong shared information with the seniors about Thomas More College. He stopped to talk with TMC alum and Villa Madonna Academy social studies teacher Mr. Joe Cordonnier before touring the school and learning more about the history between Thomas More College and Villa Madonna Academy.
VMA Students Chosen for All-State Choir and Treble Honor Choir

For twelve years in a row, Villa Madonna Elementary School has had students who have auditioned successfully for one of the coveted spaces in the American Choral Directors Association’s 5th and 6th Grade All-State Choir. Students across the entire state of Kentucky audition for this select group. This year there are a total of 201 students in the choir and 12 VMA students are among them. VMA has the second most students in the choir even though it is a small school. The dates for All-State Choir are November 1st and 2nd in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The students selected are Grant Forester, Lyla Graf, Reese Holtzman, Sophie Holtzman, Lauren Janzarek, Jenna Lusk, Teagan Mead, Aidan Poole, Emily Richardson, Jon-Michael Schulte, Mark Schutzman and Lizzie Thomas. Among the selections they will be performing are a song in Latin, one in Hebrew, and a song in a 4-part canon. Each student will receive a professionally recorded CD of the November 2nd concert at the new prestigious Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center in Bowling Green.

Another 10 students have been awarded a spot in the Northern Kentucky Treble Honor Choir. They are Elizabeth Acuff, Ella Bailey, Matt Davis, Paige Graf, Nina Izquierdo, Isaac Kennedy, Caroline McDonald, Emma Meyer, Sophia Olivia, and Kendall Voelker. They will be doing a variety of selections including Et in Terra Pax, Funga Alafia, and Splish! Splash!.

Congratulations to all involved in the music program at VMA.

Destination ImagiNation

Family Challenge Day

Imaginations ran wild at Villa Madonna Academy on Sunday, September 22, 2013. Villa Madonna Elementary School held a Family Challenge Day for families and students in grades K-6. The Challenge Day was an introduction to a program called Destination ImagiNation where students work in teams to solve, take risks, collaborate and finally create a solution presented to them.

On our Challenge Day, Mr. and Mrs. Broomhead transported our teams, consisting of both the students and their parents, to a royal kingdom where they had to solve five instant challenges. The challenges consisted of creating a Throne, a Kingdom, a Bridge, a Chariot, and finally a Sailing Vessel for their Royal Family.

Each challenge was timed and they had 10 minutes to create each part of their kingdom using simple supplies such as pipe cleaners, egg cartons, rubber bands, etc. The collaboration and ingenuity from each team was amazing to watch.

Destination ImagiNation is a program that encourages students to work together while having fun, take risks and incorporate STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), the arts and service learning.

This program showcases not only our student’s strengths in the Benedictine Values, but also their individual strengths in applying their knowledge to problem-solving.

We have teams ranging from Kindergarten to 6th grade run by the parents. This is a wonderful opportunity for Villa to impress and shine as they continue to the Global Finals in Knoxville, TN to present their Challenge solutions.
Duke TIP Program

Invites 24 VMA Students to Participate

This year 24 VMA students are invited to participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP). This program seeks to locate academically gifted 4th grade students. To be eligible, a student needs to score in the top 5% in the nation on a grade level standardized test.

The students who are eligible for the 2013-2014 TIP are fourth graders:


Also qualifying are Lauren Janzaruk and Liam Wall, new 5th grade students, and Madilyn Adamchik, Maddie Dickman, Lyla Graf, Mansi Mamidi, and Laney Ratterman, new 6th grade students.

Tip for Year-End Giving to VMA

The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 extends the IRA Charitable Rollover for 2013. The extension allows individuals 70.5 and older to donate up to $100,000 from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) to Villa Madonna Academy. These donors do not receive an income tax charitable deduction, but because the money is transferred (or “rolled-over”) directly from their IRAs to a tax-exempt charitable organization, it is not recognized as taxable income. IRA rollovers to charity count toward the donor’s required annual minimum IRA distribution. To qualify, the gift must be made by December 31, 2013. For more information, contact your tax advisor or financial planner.

Girls Varsity Golf Team Earns Conference Title

On September 23rd, the Villa Girls Varsity Golf Team comprised of senior Nicole Zatorski, junior Shanna Doumont, junior Monica Spritzky, junior Madison Trenkamp and freshman Natalie Boucher traveled to The Pioneer Golf Course at Kenton County to participate in The Northern Kentucky Athletic Conference Tournament. The Villa Team was crowned The 2013 Division II Conference Champions. Through a focused effort, they posted their best team score of the season, 350. Their margin of victory was 35 strokes over their nearest competitor.

Competitors in Division II were Holy Cross, St. Henry, Beechwood, Newport Central Catholic, Highlands and Bishop Brossart. The Villa team score was the 2nd best in all divisions combined. The trio of Nicole Zatorski, Madison Trenkamp and Natalie Boucher, all with rounds of 87, led the way for Blue Lightening. Monica Spritzky shot an 89 and Shanna Doumont shot a 93. Congratulations to the Varsity Team.
The Class of 2013 Portrait

The 50 students in the Class of 2013 graduated with many honors, leaving a legacy of spirit, determination, and commitment. Their completed service hours surpassed any other class in recent history, and they were dedicated participants in the Catholic, Benedictine activities of our school and community. Working in Guatemala or the Parish Kitchen, mentoring in inner city schools and tutorial programs, our graduates lived the Benedictine values. Their athletic abilities resulted in regional and conference championships, and they always proudly represented Villa Madonna Academy. With a composite ACT score of 27.64, they finished their high school years prepared for careers that span medicine to engineering, education to law. Two students enlisted in the military, one was accepted into the Navy Seals and one into the Air Force. Ninety eight percent qualified for and received the KEES award (Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship), and 85% of the graduates received scholarships in addition to the KEES award. With these awards, our students earned $6.5 million dollars in scholarship money. We congratulate the following students who received offers of full-tuition scholarships:

- Megan Barton: Thomas More College, Northern Ky. University, University of Kentucky, and the University of Louisville with Guaranteed Admission to Law School (attending TMC);
- Meggie Lund: University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, and University of Cincinnati with Guaranteed Admission to Med School (attending Duke University)
- Randy Lund: University of Kentucky (attending the University of Notre Dame)
- Bahar Pahlavani: University of Kentucky, University of Cincinnati (attending University of Cincinnati)

In addition, six of our graduates are college athletes:
- Megan Barton: Soccer and Track - Thomas More College (D-III)
- Lauren Dumaine: Track - Springfield College (D-III)
- Deuce Gibson: Tennis – Asbury University
- Meggie Lund: Rowing – Duke University (D-I)
- Kelsey McQueen: Rowing – University of Louisville (D-I)
- Ray Moehlman: Golf – Eastern Kentucky University (D-I)
- Glenn Rice: Baseball – Thomas More College (D-III)

Our graduates were accepted into universities that span the country, including (bold indicates universities selected to attend): Asbury, Bellarmine, Berry, Binghampton, Boston, Bucknell, Butler, Case Western, Centre, College of Charleston, College of Mt. St. Joseph, College of Wooster, Columbia College, DePaul, Duke, Eastern Ky, University, Emerson, Franklin, George Washington University, Georgetown, Georgia Institute of Technology, Hanover, High Point, Indiana, Lehigh, Loyola, Marietta, Miami, Milligan, Morehead, Murray, New York, Northern Ky. University, Ohio Dominion, Ohio Wesleyan, Pepperdine, Purdue, Rose-Hulman, Springfield, St. Louis, The Ohio State, Thomas More, Transylvania, Trine, and the following additional universities: Notre Dame, California (UCLA, Berkley, Irvine, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz), Cincinnati, Dayton, Eastern Kentucky, Kentucky, Louisville, Miami, Rhode Island, Rochester, South Carolina, Southern California (Film School), Tampa, Tennessee, Virginia, Valparaiso, Western Kentucky, Wittenberg and Xavier.

Congratulations to this outstanding Class of 2013!

The high school production of Godspell drew rave reviews and standing ovations as students gave award-winning performances in a sell-out weekend. Godspell is a musical written by Stephen Schwarz, based on a book by John-Michael Telebak. The story centers around a series of Gospel parables as a group of young people come together and tell parables throughout the play. As they act out the parables, they experience friendship, love, pain and, ultimately, they carry the message of the parables with them in their hearts together – forever a community wherever they are. Director Jodie Meyn created a circus theme where the actors portrayed Jesus and John the Baptist, Jean Paul Sartre and Martin Luther, and every day people who longed to hear the story of Jesus. In his riveting performance as Jesus, senior Danny Hillenmeyer brought tears to the eyes of the audience as all were mesmerized by his voice – and his message. Every actor on the stage, every crew member behind the scenes, created a performance that has been hailed as the “best ever.” Congratulations, cast and crew, of Godspell!
Dear Alumni,

Our new school year has begun with much enthusiasm. The high school students are using their iPads daily as we all work to integrate this tool in our teaching and learning. The junior high and elementary students are using the iPads available to them in class sets and shared sets as well. It is amazing what is being done with this technology. We are so happy to have them for the students to use. (See article on pgs. 4 & 5)

I hope you will be able to join us for two events in the coming school year. The first is the Alumni Homecoming Night on January 3, 2014. You will have the chance to watch our basketball team in action, as well as connect with other alumni. This is our third such event, and the past two were great evenings. Come and see how Villa has changed and how Villa has remained the same—a school committed to excellence in our Benedictine tradition.

The second major event is the annual spring luncheon on May 18, 2014 when we welcome the class of 2014 and honor the classes celebrating milestone reunions—the classes celebrating 60, 50, 40, 30, 25, 20, 15, and 10 years. We hope you will join us. Of course, you will receive a formal invitation in April. If you cannot attend either of these events please feel free to stop by. You are always welcome.

You, our alumni, continue to support the school in so many ways. We are especially grateful for your participation in the annual appeal. We are aware that each of us is drawn in many directions to support worthy causes and know that you will choose to do what works best for you. Our goal is to continue to offer partial scholarships to alumni family members in the high school. Alumni dues of $20.00 a year support these scholarships.

Most of all, we cherish each of you as a vital part of the Villa community. We encourage all of you to visit the Alumni section of the Villa web site, Facebook and You Tube. News is updated often. Send us your news; we love to hear from you!

May the coming Christmas season be peace-filled for each of you.

Sincerely yours,

Sr. Nancy Kordenbrock

PS. Check out the alumni soccer game picture on this page.
VillaRama 2013

$75,713.77 was raised at VillaRama 2013
Mr. & Mrs. Joe & Carolyn Spille were the honorary chairs.

Thank you to all the donors—parents, alum, businesses, VMA classes—who came together to raise funds for school programs and need-based tuition assistance. The success of this event was made possible by hundreds of volunteers who gave their time and talents.

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