

Villa Maria Academy Parent Association (VMAPA)

2021-2022 Activities and Events

All events and more details can be found on the school website at vmahs.org on the *Calendar*.

REGISTER ONLINE

Registration for many events are required/requested and can be done on the *Calendar*. Please be courteous when registering for an event and be aware of RSVP deadlines.

VOLUNTEER ONLINE

Many volunteers are needed to run so many wonderful events. We encourage you to get involved by donating your time and talent to help enrich your daughters' experience at VMA.

<https://www.vmahs.org/parents/parents-association/parent-volunteer-form/>

New Parent Welcome

Thursday, August 26th, 5:45 pm

This event kicks off our school year. All new parents are invited to a light reception and information session held at VMA. New parents get to meet and mingle with the parents of their daughter's classmates. A formal invitation will be sent out with an agenda for the evening.

Attendance is expected. *(Free Event)*

Upper class parent volunteers needed.

Chairs: MJ Dougherty at mdougherty@oldgloryam.com and Crista Ford at cristaford@effconsulting.com

Back to School Social

Sunday, September 12th, 10:00 am. Informational sessions and classroom visits.

Welcome back to school parents! This is your opportunity to walk in your daughters' shoes, meet teachers, visit classrooms, and learn about the VMA curriculum. Meet new friends and catch up with old.

Attendance is expected and adult only event. *(Free Event)*

Volunteers needed.

*Chairs: Kara O'Connell at saltairandcrickets@icloud.com and **co-chair needed***

Fall Campus Decorating

Week of September 20th

Anne Powers will be decorating the campus for Fall Ball and Homecoming. Consider volunteering your time and talents!

Chair: Anne Powers at annepowers@verizon.net

Homecoming 2021

Saturday, October 9th, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

A reunion for the entire Villa family—students, alumnae, parents, and past parents! The day's events begin with sporting events—field hockey, soccer, tennis, and volleyball. Enjoy a barbecue and beer garden (21 and older), and music. Games and fun-filled activities will be provided for all the kids.

Registration online is required. *(Sponsored Event, tickets sold for beer garden)*

Volunteers needed to help decorate the campus the week prior to the event, setup, take down, and parking.

Chair: Monica Meilinger at mmeilinger@vmahs.org

Decorating Chair: Anne Powers at annepowers@verizon.net

Grandparents Day

Saturday, September 18th, 4 pm

All freshman and sophomore grandparents are invited to campus for a Mass, light refreshments, and a tour of the campus with their granddaughters. It is a fun day to welcome our grandparents to the Villa campus and the Villa family. Our students take pride in showing their grandparents around campus!

Registration online is required. (*Free Event*)

Register Grandparents to receive invitations at <https://www.vmahs.org/parents/grandparent-relations/>

Freshman parent volunteers needed as greeters and to serve lunch.

Chair: Jenn Oschell at joschell@vmahs.org

Fashion Show

Sunday, October 24th, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

The Fashion Show is a long-standing tradition at VMA. This year's event will be held at White Manor Country Club and will highlight the upcoming fashions modeled by our senior parents and students. There will be an auction and many vendors available for a quick shopping spree. Lunch included. Many volunteers are needed to make this event spectacular!

Registration online is required. (*Ticketed Event*)

Volunteers needed to gather gifts, model, check in guests, sell raffles, set up, and take down.

Chairs: Judy Wolfe at judelinewolfe@gmail.com and Stephanie McCollum at stephmccollum@yahoo.com

Sneaker Collection

Week of November 8th, Before School

Donate your sneakers for a worthy cause! Students are asked to drop off donated sneakers in the collection bins the week of November 8th. In exchange, they can wear their sneakers to school. Sneakers 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.

Volunteers needed to collect, sort, and distribute the collected sneakers.

Chairs: Cindy Chirillo at puccini@verizon.net and volunteers needed

The Shoppes at Villa

Saturday, November 13, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Return to Green Tree for a shopping extravaganza or as a vendor. In its 11th year, the Shoppes offer beautiful gifts for your family and friends. Maybe you'll find a little something for yourself! This year there will be many new vendors as well as vendors you have loved in the past. The Shoppes is open to the public with FREE admission and is run by our Alumnae. Proceeds benefit the *Sister Mary Kelly Scholarship Fund*.

Chair: Jenn Oschell at joschell@vmahs.org

Christmas Campus Decorating

Week of November 22nd

Anne Powers 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!

Chair: Anne Powers at annepowers@verizon.net

Tree Lighting

Sunday, November 28th, 7:00 pm

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.

Chairs: Anna Drummey at abdrummey@yahoo.com and Jen Bauhaus at Jbretz2001@yahoo.com

Faculty Christmas Dinner

Tuesday, December 21st

To show our appreciation for their dedication and commitment to our daughters and Villa Maria Academy, the VMAPA hosts a relaxing dinner for our faculty and staff.

Volunteers needed.

Chairs: Tara Elinski at stelinski@comcast.net and **co-chair needed**

Painting with a Villa Twist

Thursday, January 20th, 7:00 pm

All parents are welcome to attend Painting with a Villa 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. No painting experience necessary.

Registration required so supplies can be ordered in advance. *(Ticketed Event)*

Chairs: Cheryl Arpa at cmackey77@gmail.com and Jennifer Brutsche at jando1@verizon.net

FEST 2021 (Fostering Educational Support Together)

Saturday, March 12th, 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm

FEST is Villa Maria Academy's largest event fundraiser of the year. This is an annual dinner dance and auction. 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!

Registration required. *(Ticketed Event)*

Volunteers needed.

Chairs: Laurie Falcon and co-chair Maria Yacovelli at mariay2746@gmail.com and **co-chairs needed**

Mother-Daughter Communion Breakfast

Sunday, May 1st, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Mark your 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 with Mass beginning 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.

Registration is required. *(Ticketed Event)*

Volunteers needed.

Chairs: Anna Drummey at abdrummey@yahoo.com and MJ Dougherty at mdougherty@oldgloryam.com

Class of 2026 Information Night

May 19, 2022, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

The VMAPA welcomes the incoming freshman to Villa Maria Academy and offers them assistance in navigating VMAHS. 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.

Chairs: Jennifer Gentleman Rose (Admissions Office) at jrose@vmahs.org and Maria Yacovelli at maria2746@gmail.com

Uniform Sale

June 2022, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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.

Volunteers needed to collect, sort, and distribute the collected uniforms.

Chair and co-chair needed

OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

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 can also place online orders with *B&E Sportswear* (our online store).

Monday – Friday mornings: 7:20 am - 8:15 am

Monday – Thursday afternoons: 2:40 pm - 4:00 pm

Friday afternoon: 2:40 pm - 3:30 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.

Wednesday Morning Rosary

The VMAPA invites you to join with other parents to pray the Rosary on Wednesday mornings at 8:15 am in the Chapel. We pray for our daughters, the faculty, staff, administration, and all the families in the Villa Maria community. No experience necessary! We will provide the rosaries and the “How to”

Chairs: Jeannine Peters at lifewiththepeters@mac.com

VMA Class Parent Night Outs

Take advantage of a chance to meet and get to know other parents from your daughter’s class in a fun and social setting! These will be advertised over the summer so that you can save the date!

Senior Class, Date TBD *Contact: Volunteers needed*

Junior Class, Date TBD *Contact: Cathy Moore at patcathymoore@gmail.com & Gina Nugent at gianna829@comcast.net*

Sophomore Class, Date TBD *Contacts: MJ Dougherty at mdougherty@oldgloryam.com & Heather Trebelev at trebelev@comcast.net*

Freshman Class, Date TBD *Contacts: Volunteers needed*

Villa Maria Academy Outreach Ministry

VMA has a wonderful program in place to help families that need assistance due to unforeseen circumstances anytime throughout the year. 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 requests can be found under *Parents/Outreach Request* on our website.