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A Message from the High School Principal

Dear Villa Parents and Friends,

The learning environment here at Villa High School has gone digital!! The new school year at Villa opened to a new era for our students in which all their text books were issued to them electronically.

“Villa is one of five schools in the New York State and one of eight schools in the nation with this unique comprehensive platform e text learning environment from Pearson Education.”
- Lisa Alfasi Pearson Education representative

At Villa we strive to always be at the forefront of educational innovations to provide students with the tools they need to maximize their learning experience.

This platform environment allows students to explore their subject disciplines in a revolutionary way. Students learn and explore in a way that is both engaging and individualized. Whether a student is in need of additional help or able to work independently beyond the mandated standard, at a college level, the digital library is designed to maximize each student's individual learning experiences. Frequent electronic updated texts are at their disposal as new developments take place in the world and in academic content areas.

When a student enters Villa they have at their disposal our entire e text digital library that they will be utilizing throughout their four years here at Villa including Advanced Placement and College course texts. This accessibility allows students to explore subjects of interest to them and can help them choose which elective courses they will take as upperclassmen.

In addition to electronically accessing their textbooks using their own I Pads, students have access to embedded videos, tutorials, note taking and highlighting capabilities, text to speech, language labs, and an extensive array of research and resource materials.

This program is a precursor to their college experience where every student takes ownership for their own education. Here at Villa the reality of this ownership for every student is easier than ever before.

Our 2014 June graduates received $14,000,000 in academic scholarships to college. We all share in the joy to see these young adults so well prepared academically and with solid Catholic values ready for the challenges of the 21st century as they enter college.

Last year, our students received many awards and recognitions. Our performing arts department received awards at the annual Minty Awards. Villa won for Outstanding Choreography and Outstanding Production Number for our production of “Anything Goes”. The Minty Organization awarded our performing arts department a $1,000 award to be used in a future production.

In sports, Dorothy O’Neill scored her 1,000th point in basketball putting her in an elite group of athletes.

The Founder’s dream of educating young people continues today in new and exciting ways.

Sincerely,

Barbara Ann Logan

Barbara Ann Logan
A Message from the Elementary School Principal

Dear Villa Parents and Friends,

Another exciting and challenging school year came to a close and a new school year is continuing to unfold. First and foremost, I thank God for His never ending love and generosity. I thank you parents, students, staff and friends for your support and prayers.

Over the past few years, the staff and administrators at Villa have seen the dramatic shifts in how students learn. The signs were all around us. Kindergarteners could navigate a tablet and third graders could text on their cell phones better than many of us. It became more evident that technology integration for the 21st century learner was a must in any educational institution. We came to know that for these students, simply watching videos or images during class was no longer enough. St. John Villa Elementary School made it a priority to improve technology in and around the school to meet the needs of our 21st century learners. All classrooms at Villa from Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth grade including special classrooms, are now equipped with a Smart Board. The computer lab was moved to a bigger location and more access points were added throughout the building. This made internet access possible for the students and staff anywhere in the building. In addition, teachers and staff participated in multiple professional developments on technology innovation.

In order for our students to succeed in secondary and postsecondary institutions, as well as in the workplace, it is insufficient for students to have less access to technological tools than the teacher. Consequently, four years ago, we initiated a program to investigate the use of mobile learning devices in the school with our fourth grade classroom. This initiative involved the use of the Apple iPad. The program has been very successful. Each year we have added a grade or two to use iPads in the classroom. Now, we have iPads for classroom use in grades three through seven, and our grade eight students are participating in the bring-your-own device program.

Our technology goals include:

• To increase student productivity in the classroom when completing assignments, projects, and other activities assigned.
• To capitalize on the convergence of academic resources such as books, content rich media, and more efficient practices.
• To promote each student's own learning by establishing access to educational resources and providing a host of tools to craft information in ways that support specific curricular areas.

As we continue to infuse technology in the classroom and to meet the goals set forth for our students, this year, we partnered with Educate LLC to provide our teachers and our administrator with coaching and guidance in the area of instructional technology. A coach will work one day a week and will work hand in hand with each classroom teacher and students to ensure the effective execution of our plans in order to meet the goals.

In closing, thank you parents, past and present for your cooperation and continued support. I ask that you continue to partner with us in the education of our students, so that, their learning here at Villa will truly be a rewarding experience for them. Let us pray for each other and let us make this 2014-2015 our best year ever!

Sincerely in Christ,

Sr. Lucita Bacat, C.S.JB., Principal

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High School Highlights
Here at St. John Villa Academy we know that the Providence of God comes to us through the concern and generosity of others. We are deeply grateful to our parents (past and present); our alumni; our families, friends, and benefactors who, for 90 years, have faithfully supported our Baptistine educational mission at Villa.

Looking forward, we proudly invested money and energies in preparing our students, faculties and school facilities for a future glimpsed, but not fully known. Both the Elementary School and High School now have full access to the Internet and to Wi-Fi. Both are utilizing Smart Boards throughout the schools. And our High School now has changed from a textbook to an all E-environment.

Another major and ongoing goal is the safety and security of all here at Villa. Additional locks, lights and security cameras are now in place as a result of a phased upgrade of our security measures.

The above are critical expenses that had to be undertaken. We give extra “thanks” to those who help us bridge the “gap” between tuition revenues and operational expenses through servicing and/or participating in Villa’s fund-raising events. With your continued support we will continue to make Villa a secure and academically challenging environment for your daughters and sons. May God’s blessings be with you.

Sr. Lois Darold, C.S.J.B.
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Statement of Activities • Pre-Audited

Actual 7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014

REVENUE
Apostolate.................................................................$537,723
Scholastic.................................................................$4,394,506
Auxiliary.................................................................$912,495
Student Activities.......................................................$342,631
Other Sources...........................................................$192,201
Development............................................................$257,220

TOTAL REVENUE.............................................$6,636,776

EXPENSES
Administrative..........................................................$218,137
Scholarship and Financial Aid.......................................$115,140
Student Activities.......................................................$405,556
Auxiliary.................................................................$288,379
Fringe Benefits and Salaries........................................$4,065,762
Instructional Support..................................................$35,579
Plant Operations.........................................................$1,203,966
Personal Expenses- Members......................................$199,580

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