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Successful Milk and Cookies with Mrs. Claus Henn Mansion Event

by Amy Steigerwald

The spirit of Christmas was alive and well at Euclid's Historic Henn Mansion December 22, as the annual Milk and Cookies with Mrs. Claus event took place. Over twenty children enjoyed making crafts, decorating cookies, and hearing Christmas stories from none other than Mrs. Claus.

Henn Mansion supporter Karen Steigerwald and her family hosted the event and have hosted many other events at the Henn. "I love putting together these types of events that give families and young children the opportunity to see what Euclid has to offer," says Steigerwald. "The Henn is a great place to host an event and low-cost, fun events such as these help people experience the environment while having a good time," she says.

Mrs. Claus was played by Euclid resident Dolly Saurman. Saurman said she looks forward to this event every year as she loves putting a smile on the children's faces. All of the proceeds from this event went to the Friends of the Henn Mansion. However the main purpose of the Steigerwald family hosting events such as these is to build awareness of the facility and to provide a fun family event for kids in the community.

Ask An Officer

by Kate McLaughlin

Question: On cold mornings, I heat up my car by letting it run while parked in the driveway, and I'm inside my house staying warm. Is this illegal?

Answer: This is actually a very good question and of course, this time of year, a timely one. The short and legal answer to it is "yes." Euclid Codified Ordinance 351.06(a) titled, "Unattended vehicles; Duty to lock ignition, Remove key, Set Brake, Etc." reads, "No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, removing the key from the ignition, effectively setting the parking brake, and, when the motor vehicle is standing upon any grade, turning the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway. The intent of the law when placed on the books was to prevent anyone not privileged to have control over the vehicle to take/steal the car. Even to this day, the City of Euclid does experience cars being taken in this scenario. Crime prevention good behavior would suggest that you take your morning beverage with you to your car, bundle up very warmly and sit in your auto while warming it up. The extra couple of minutes you take will assure that your vehicle will be right where you left it when you started/parked it.

Ralph J. Doles, Jr., Executive Officer, Traffic Division Commander

Question: During storms and cold weather, sometimes my electricity goes out. Should I call 911?

Answer: You should only call 9-1-1 if you're experiencing an emergency. If you're dependent on electricity to provide power for home oxygen or other medical devices – dial 9-1-1. If lines are down and a fire is present, dial 9-1-1. Should you need to report a general outage, contact 888-LIGHTSS (888-544-4877). This number is automated so please listen carefully to the selections. You may also report power outages at www.firstenergycorp.com; downloading the First Energy app (Android™ and Apple™) or text 544487 with OUT (report power outage). Please have your account number readily available or register your cellular phone to be associated with your billing address if you do not have a functioning landline phone.

Always use caution around low hanging or downed power lines – NEVER touch lines connected to home-to-pole, home-to-home or pole-to-pole as for they could be live and/or cause serious injuries or death.

Kelly A. Parton, Supervisor, Communications and Records

If you would like to submit a question to "Ask An Officer," contact Community Policing at the Euclid Police Department: email kmclaughlin@cityofeuclid.com or call (216) 289-8449.

Mrs. Claus loves putting smiles on children's faces.

Girl Scouts deliver "Socks of Love" for the Homeless

All the donations collected by the Girl Scouts. Thank you to Drs. Richard and Elizabeth Kozan DDS on E. 185th, Dr. Joseph Chrzanowski DDS on E. 185th, Dr. Howard Allen DDS in Willoughby and Eastlake Walmart.

by Jamie Zagar

This past holiday season, the Girl Scout Troops from Ss. Robert and William School collected enough donations to fill 86 "Socks of Love." These sock bundles included a new pair of socks, one stuffed into the other, and filled with toiletries such as shampoo, soap, a toothbrush and toothpaste. These 86 Socks of Love will be donated to the Shower Program at St. Malachi Center in Cleveland. All the excess toiletries were donated to Forbes House in Lake County.

A big thank-you to our business donors, Drs. Richard and Elizabeth Kozan DDS on E. 185th, Dr. Joseph Chrzanowski DDS on E. 185th, Dr. Howard Allen DDS in Willoughby and Eastlake Walmart.

Pictured are girls from Troops: Daisies 71022 Brownies 70493 Juniors 71570 Cadettes 70987

Jamie Zagar is Co-Leader of Daisy Troop 71022 from Ss. Robert and William School.

Early detection and life saving treatment saves local man

by Angela Smith

Chris McGrath, 63, of Cleveland, was having a normal day when he showed up at his alma mater, Villa Angela-St. Joseph, to volunteer at a high school sports banquet.

Within minutes of arriving and getting ready to serve refreshments to students and parents, he felt a strange tingling sensation in his fingers and needed to sit down. "I dropped my bottle of water and couldn't pick it back up," said McGrath.

His friend and fellow alum, Jim Tobin, a retired Willowick fireman and EMT, quickly realized McGrath wasn't himself and could be having a stroke. "I just remember Jim saying we have to go now," said McGrath. Tobin rushed him across the street to Euclid Hospital where a Stroke Team of at least 10 doctors, nurses and specialists were ready to assess his condition.

Euclid Hospital is an Advanced Primary Stroke Center certified by The Joint Commission. According to Barbara Jordan, DO, leader of Euclid Hospital's Stroke Team, "this means we use advanced technology and innovative treatment options to diagnose and treat stroke patients quickly–significantly improving their health and recovery time."

This fall, Euclid Hospital also received the American Heart Association's Get With the Guidelines - Stroke Silver Plus Quality Achievement Award and was named a Target: Stroke Honor Roll recipient.

McGrath's doctors quickly determined he had a blockage in his brain and needed the life-saving tPA drug to dissolve the

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Jim Tobin and Chris McGrath returned to Euclid Hospital to thank Dr. Jordan for saving McGrath's life.

Lakeshore Intergenerational School

will have an information session for interested community members and prospective parents on

Tuesday, February 25
from 5:30 to 7:00 PM

at the Collinwood Rec Center located at 16300 Lake Shore Blvd.
Attendance can count toward enrollment requirements.

For more information, contact **Tiarrah Kent** at (216) 721-0120.

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S.A.V.E.

Strategies Against Violent Encounters

by Kate McLaughlin

Euclid Police Department presents this one night self-defense program offered by the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Office. Instructors are sheriff's deputies and martial arts experts. This program provides tools to assist in protecting yourself, teaches skills to prepare yourself, focuses on awareness and actions, and will teach you how not to appear helpless while developing trust in your intuition. This self-defense program is FREE and open to women, men and children over ten years old. Please call the Community Policing Unit at 289-8449 if you or your family plan to attend.

S.A.V.E. Program
Thursday, February 27
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Shore Cultural Centre
291 E. 222 Street

Kate McLaughlin is the Community Policing Specialist at the Euclid Police Department.

Euclid Art Association Activities

by Nancy Daly

Euclid Art Association will be having a Patchwork Quilt Workshop at the North Street Gallery on March 1 taught by artist Kerry Remp.

Meetings are Feb. 3 with Kerry Remp for an Origami demo and March 3 with Paul St. Denis for a Watercolor demo.

Both at 7 p.m. at East Shore Methodist Church in Fellowship Hall, 23002 Lake Shore Blvd. Euclid, Ohio 44123

Go to EuclidArt.com for more information.

From the desk of Mayor Bill Cervenik

by Mayor Bill Cervenik

It has been a long, cold winter and it's only February! I am proud to say that our city crews have done an excellent job in keeping the streets clear. I appreciate the numerous phone calls and emails I have received from residents and businesses commenting on the great job our Service Department has done this winter with the frequent snow and frigid temperatures.

The main streets along with the hills, curves, bridges and school zones are the crew's first priority. The secondary roads, followed by side streets are then cleared. Please remember not to park cars in the street when 2 or more inches of new snow has fallen until the street has been plowed. Keeping cars off the street will allow crews to clear the roads safely and completely. Cars parked on the street during a Parking Ban are subject to being ticketed.

There have been occasions when we feel that we must inform residents of current situations with our garbage and recycling collection. We also like to update residents on certain issues that may be occurring in their specific neighborhood, such as a water main break, hydrant flushing, power outages, etc. During these times we use our Euclid Connect System. This system is a reverse 911 system where we place calls to you to inform you of these situations. If you DO NOT already receive calls from City Hall, please go to the City website at www.cityofeuclid.com and click on the "Register to Euclid Connect box" in the left-hand corner to register. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact my office at (216) 289-2751 and we can get you registered.

Winters such as this year can be very hard on the elderly and disabled. Please be certain to check in on your family members, neighbors and friends, especially during harsh weather conditions. Taking their trash and recycling containers to and from the curb is a great help. When you go out to the grocery store, ask if you can pick up a few items for them or perhaps offer to take them with you so they are not out in the elements alone.

Please remember that Euclid is one of only a few communities with indoor ice skating. The C.E. Orr Ice Arena has public skating session and hosts numerous hockey tournaments and other activities. Go to www.cityofeuclid.com or call (216) 289-8649 for more information.

I am hopeful that spring will come early and before we know it, you will be experiencing the exciting new programs and outdoor events we have planned for the warmer weather months. But for now, wishing you warmth and good health.

Your Mayor, Bill Cervenik

Euclid resident hosts Mother-Daughter Tea fundraiser for "Operation Shower"

by Deanna Nwosu

The Mother-Daughter Tea Social is a fun occasion for women and girls to celebrate Valentine's Day in a family-friendly environment. Guests will enjoy gourmet teas, a light lunch, favors and activities for all ages. The Tea wil take place at 2pm on February 9th at the Willoughby Hills Community Center located at 35400 Chardon Rd, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094. Tickets for the event can be purchased at: http://motherdaughterteasocial.eventbrite.com. Adult tickets are $25, and tickets for children 12 and under are $15. All proceeds from this event will benefit Operation Shower.

Operation Shower is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and their mission is to provide joyful baby showers for military families to ease the stress of deployment. As of September 2013, the Operation Shower team has, through the generous donations of individuals and corporations and through volunteer-power, hosted showers for over 1600 women and families. Operation Shower feels blessed and honored to be able to join with these women for a special celebration during what is otherwise an often stressful time. The showers provide wonderful items for new babies and moms, and help bring women together to celebrate with others in the same situation. See http://operationshower.org/.

This event is being hosted by a Euclid resident, Deanna Nwosu.

Community

St. John of the Cross Parish and Ss. Robert & William parish create a new partnership for Catholic school in the 2014-2015 school year

by Ellen Ivory

In June of 2014, St. John of the Cross Parish (SJOC) will close its school and enter into a partnership with Ss. Robert & William Parish (SRW) to support one school, commencing in the 2014-2015 school year.

The school will be located at the current Ss. Robert & William site, 351 East 260th St., Euclid, and will now serve both parishes. Declining enrollment at SJOC has been cited as the reason for this new endeavor. In general, Catholic school enrollment throughout the country has been on the decline and, in Euclid, it is no exception.

A leadership team has been formed to oversee the transition and future of the school. It is comprised of Fr. Sal Ruggeri (Pastor SJOC), Fr. John Betters (Pastor SRW), Mrs. Martha Dodd (Current Principal of SJOC) and Ms. Meg Cosgriff (Current Principal of SRW).

According to Fr. John D. Betters, Pastor of SRW, the partnership is welcomed. "Fr. Ruggeri (Pastor of SJOC) and I agree that it is of utmost importance to offer quality, Catholic education, and we feel that we can best accomplish this by pooling our resources," he states. He continues, "Bishop Richard Lennon has given us his blessing on the partnership and has asked us to first, and foremost, see that excellent Catholic education is available to children in the community; furthermore, he acknowledged that this arrangement seemed to be what is best for those in both parish communities."

For additional information regarding this partnership or enrollment information, please contact Fr. Sal Ruggeri at 216.289.0770 or Fr. John Betters at (216) 731.1515.

Save the Date: Hospice of the Western Reserve Warehouse Sale March 14-15

by Laurie Henrichsen

Stylish furniture is available at bargain prices at the Hospice of the Wetsern Reserve Warehouse Sale.

Collinwood residents with an eye for a bargain and a taste for style have a new place to treasure hunt. Hospice of the Western Reserve is hosting periodic warehouse sales. The next sale is scheduled for March 14, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and March 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Hospice of the Western Reserve Headquarters, 17876 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland. The sale features high quality, gently used furniture, accessory pieces, antiques and collectibles, garden/patio decor, pottery and glass and decorative accessories -- all at rock-bottom prices. The proceeds not only support seriously ill patients and their families, but veterans in need of specialized care, grief, trauma and bereavement counseling in schools and other community-based programs.

Cash and major credit cards (VISA, MasterCard, and Discover) are accepted for payment (no checks). Ample parking is available in the Hospice of the Western Reserve parking lot. (Follow the "Warehouse Sale" signs upon arrival at the agency's site.)

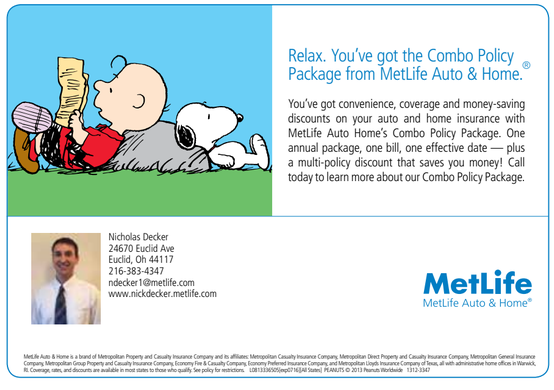
Donations of Furniture and Household Goods Sought for Sale

Donations of furniture and household goods are still actively being sought. Furniture items will be previewed prior to acceptance for donation; tax receipts will be provided. Arrangements can be made to pick up large furniture or fragile donations from anywhere in Northeast Ohio at no cost to the donor. Those interested in contributing items for the sale should contact the Warehouse Sale Team at (216) 486-6881. NOTE: The agency is unable to accept bedding, books, clothing, cribs and car seats, small electronics, small and major appliances, medical supplies, sporting goods, children's toys and games, computers and related hardware, mattresses and box springs, televisions and stuffed animals.

Hospice of the Western Reserve warehouse sales will be held periodically throughout the year. To receive notice of upcoming sales, send an email to: warehousesale@hospicewr.org, or visit hospicewr.org/warehousesale for a schedule. For a list of upcoming sales, visit www.hospicewr.org/cleveland-resale-shop.

About Hospice of the Western Reserve

Hospice of the Western Reserve is a nationally acclaimed non-profit agency providing comfort and emotional support to patients and their families. The agency provides palliative end-of-life care, caregiver support and bereavement services throughout the region, and cares for people in a variety of settings, including private residences, assisted living and retirement communities, nursing homes, at Ames Family Hospice House in Westlake and David Simpson Hospice House on Cleveland's east side. For more information, visit hospicewr.org, or call 800.707.8922.



Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

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Over $250,000 awarded to VASJ students

"This is my favorite event of the year," said VA alumnae Ann (Iffarth) Hirsch '64 during a reception after Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School's annual Founders Day Celebration on Thursday, January 23. She isn't the only one who feels this way.

Each year, VASJ's Founders Day is a well-attended event. Parents, alums, friends, board members and representatives of both the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland and The Society of Mary gather in the VASJ gym to celebrate its founding orders.

In addition to celebrating the school's co-sponsorship by the Ursulines and Marianists, Founders Day also celebrates the lives of Ursuline foundress St. Angela Merici and Marianist founder Blessed William Joseph Chaminade.

It is also a time to recognize and honor student scholars. "It's a great day to be in the Viking Village," VASJ Chaplain Fr. Jim Bartlett, SM, said.

And it certainly was. Some 100 VASJ students received more than $250,000 in scholarships.

During Mass, Fr. Jim's homily focused on the need for a new perspective and the fact that no one is entitled to anything in life. "Everything in our life is a gift," he said. "God cares. God is love. He is compassionate and, like a good parent, God never gives up on you."

VASJ's faithful donors likewise never give up on supporting the school and its students. Founders Day wouldn't be possible without their generosity and commitment to helping students have the gift of a VASJ education.

VASJ senior Connor Gail shakes hands with Principal David Csank after being named the recipient of the Sr. Naomi Schreiner Scholarship. VASJ President Richard Osborne and President of the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland Sr. Susan Durkin, OSU, look on.

VASJ Chaplain Fr. Jim Bartlett, SM, celebrates Mass at the annual Founders Day celebration.

Brittany Shumar '14 and John Henry Posey '16 were recipients of the Tim Misny '73 scholarship.

VASJ Teen Leadership Corps wins video contest

The members of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School's Teen Leadership Corps (TLC), a class devoted to teaching students the importance of service leadership, recently won first place in a video contest among 20 schools.

The contest charged TLC students to produce a video demonstrating service in action, highlighting a service initiative, or showcasing how the program is impacting the community.

"Our kids took the creative route," says VASJ Campus Minister and TLC teacher Jill Latkovich. "They used the video to market the Toys for Tots drive that they were involved with in conjunction with the Cleveland Cavs and Lake Erie Monsters." The video was student-written, directed and produced.

Daesha Cook '14, Sierra Blackmon '15 and Jaelyn Rogers '14 will be featured on a billboard in Sandusky, Ohio, headquarters of the Teen Leadership Corps organization for VASJ's first place win in the program's video contest.

The students in VASJ's TLC class were pleasantly surprised when they found out they had received first place in the contest. "Our focus was more on the toy drive than winning the contest," said Sierra Blackmon '15.

Teen Leadership Corps Executive Director Mary Ann Creamer has been impressed with the implementation of VASJ's program. "I think it's important to note that the positive enthusiasm, spirit and passion to make a difference has been an incredible contribution to not only the VASJ community but the Teen Leadership Corps program as a whole," Creamer says.

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Storey named 2013 Coach of the Year

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School's spectacular turnaround from one win in 2012 to a 9-2 campaign this past fall came to an end in early November after qualifying for an appearance in the Division VI playoffs.

In January, the honors for Vikings Coach John Storey '59 continued.

The Liberty Ford High School Coach of the Year program, presented by ESPN Cleveland and Time Warner Cable, honored 10 Cleveland-area high school football coaches at a banquet at Fleming's Prime Steakhouse, and awarded Storey the Liberty Ford Coach of the Year.

Determined from an online vote via Liberty Ford's Facebook page, Storey was presented with $10,000 for his school and also received a television from Time Warner Cable.

The nine other finalists for the Liberty Ford Coach of the Year:

- Jeff Fox (Nordonia High School)
- Ted Ginn Sr. (Glenville High School)
- Tiger LaVerde (Kirtland High School)
- Al Martin (Cuyahoga Heights High School)
- Doug Miller (Richmond Heights High School)
- Joe Schaefer (Benedictine High School)
- John Tanksley (Norton High School)
- Sean Williams (Bedford)
- Joe Yost (Ellet High School)

VASJ Athletic Director Nate Zavorek '94 and football Coach John Storey '59 display the $10,000 check awarded to the school after Storey won Liberty Ford Coach of the Year.

It was the latest of many postseason honors for Storey, who guided the Vikings to a 9-2 record and a spot in the postseason one season after finishing 1-9 in 2012.

He was also named one of four Associated Press co-coaches of the year in Division VI, the D-VI Northeast Lakes District Coach of the Year, and a finalist for the *News-Herald* Coach of the Year award.

VASJ started the season with eight straight wins and finished the regular season at 9-1 to qualify for the D-VI playoffs.

It was a major turnaround for a junior-laden team from a one-win campaign the previous fall. The Vikings were unbeaten in six home games at Sparky DiBiasio Stadium in Euclid and lost once on the road at Cleveland Central Catholic in Week 9 before qualifying for the postseason as the No. 6 seed and falling to No. 3 seed Mogadore in the first round of the playoffs.

This is Storey's second stint as head coach at his alma mater. He coached the Vikings from 1991-1993 after serving as a longtime assistant under legendary Coach Bill Gutbrod.

He returned to lead VASJ in 2009 and just completed his fifth season since coming back to E. 185th and Lakeshore. Storey also led the Vikings to the playoffs in 2011.

VASJ receives $100,000 grant from Diocese

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School has been awarded a $100,000 grant from the "Rooted in Faith – Forward in Hope" campaign of the Diocese of Cleveland. The grant was made through the "Expanding the Educational Landscape with Innovation" component of the campaign.

"We are very grateful to the diocese for its commitment to keep us ahead of the curve," said VASJ President Richard Osborne '69. "The funds will be used to continue our ongoing facility enhancements, all focused on maintaining the highest-quality and most modern, safe and secure environment for our students."

VASJ is one of 59 schools that received awards totaling $1.9 million through the diocesan grant program this year. Last year, the school received $41,500 for facility and technology upgrades that are now complete.

VASJ's impressive campus gives testimony to both its long history and recent past. Situated on the shores of Lake Erie in the historic Collinwood/Euclid neighborhood, the school's main buildings were built in 1950. In 1990, the all-boys St. Joseph High School merged with the all-girls Villa Angela Academy, which was established in 1878 near Euclid Beach Park.

"When we reach the quarter-century mark as VASJ next year, it will be a celebration not only of our proud past but of our 21st century leadership in education," Osborne said. For the past two years, 100 percent of the school's graduates moved on to college. The school's enrollment has steadily risen during the same period, making it the fastest-growing private high school in Ohio.

"It is important that our facility reflects our growth, vitality and tradition of academic excellence," Osborne said. "The generous support of our donors as well as donors throughout the diocese makes this possible."

Rooted in Faith Forward in Hope

Strengthening the Catholic Church in Northeast Ohio

Viking Views

by Richard Osborne

Those of us who grew up in Cleveland (and are of a certain vintage) fondly remember the Smythe, Cramer real estate company's popular "Take Another Look" television advertising campaign. The memorable series was designed to give Clevelanders a fresh perspective on the city they knew and loved – and too often took for granted.

Visitors to VASJ are having the same reaction those ads conjured so long ago. Some recent changes and upgrades at our school are providing a new sense of enthusiasm and excitement to match the thrills provided by our student scholars and athletes.

Elsewhere on these pages are stories about our Founders Day celebration and a grant we received from the Rooted in Faith – Forward in Hope campaign of the Diocese of Cleveland. The Founders Day story reports that we recently awarded some $250,000 in scholarships. The story about our $100,000 grant explains how the funds will allow us to make more improvements to our physical plant.

The two stories are parallel. We continually refurbish and refresh our physical surroundings in order to keep pace with the academic environment that has been the incubator for our students' success. Our latest grant enables us to maintain the tradition of progress that keeps us vibrant.

In everything from restroom upgrades to technological advances, we seek to make our physical environment reflect and enhance our 21st century standards of quality education. Gym improvements this summer will echo our academic success. We also continually emphasize the spiritual underpinnings of our school, hence the restoration of our school chapel.

Even as we celebrate the present and future, we give honor to our past. Evidence of this dual mission is found in the Villa Angela Heritage Room, our transformed second-floor library. We salute and thank the "VA girls" of years past who are gathering items to fill the room with reminders of the former VA.

Visitors who attended school here often remark that VASJ is a beautiful blend of old and new. There is no mistaking the traditions the school represents. At the same time, however, VASJ is clearly a facility designed to bring the best in modern education to the students of today and tomorrow.

So if you haven't visited VASJ lately, it's time to "take another look."

Richard Osborne '69 is president of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.

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School Open House successful start to Catholic Schools Week

Our Lady of the Lake School kicked off Catholic Schools Week with an open house on January 26 that drew school families, friends and visitors interested in learning more about the many good things that are happening here. Newcomers got tours from student ambassadors, who enjoyed showing off their school. Parents and families got the opportunity to see some of the wonderful work their students are doing. And parishioners got to show their support for this important parish school, which has been an anchor in the community for more than 80 years.

Highlights of the tour included the state-of-the-art computer lab, classroom technology, quality gym facilities, music and arts rooms, and of course creative and interesting projects by Our Lady of the Lake students. Principal Rita Kingsbury shared plans for the new Pre-K program that will begin in fall 2014. And the PTO set up a table to offer free popcorn and a friendly greeting, along with information about the dozens of fun events they organize each year. All the visitors also got to take part in a raffle and silent auction, with enthusiastic bidding.

With a packed house and lots of exciting new programs and offerings to showcase, Our Lady of the Lake School started off Catholic Schools Week with a bang. All of our families extend a warm welcome to our new visitors, and we look forward to lots more good developments in the year to come.

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Our Lady of the Lake Town Hall Meeting focuses on School News

by Sarah Gyorki

Our Lady of the Lake held a town hall meeting on January 22 to answer questions from parishioners and school families about recent school closings in the community. A sizable crowd of parents and community members came seeking information about the future of St John of the Cross School, and how its closing might affect other area schools. What began as a conversation focused on deep community concerns ended with a positive note as attendees got a clear message of Our Lady of the Lake's strong position.

Father Joe Fortuna shared a chronology of events leading up to the announced closing of St John of the Cross, and expressed his commitment to maintaining a strong school in Our Lady of the Lake parish both now and in the future. While rumors had apparently circulated that St John of the Cross school was merging with Ss. Robert and Williams school, and Our Lady of the Lake was in some risk of closing, both rumors were soundly refuted. A parishioner with students at St John of the Cross emphasized that, while that school has formed a partnership with Ss. Robert and William that addresses issues such as tuition, families there are free to send their students to any school of their choosing. Our Lady of the Lake is similarly offering in-parish tuition rates to St John of the Cross families.

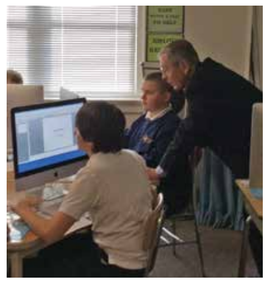
Further, Finance Council Chair Frank Dempsey strongly rebutted any suggestion that Our Lady of the Lake School is at risk. In fact, he reported, finances are stronger, the reserve for school support has exceeded funds required, and the parish has the resources and commitment to both sustain and invest in the school going forward. Statements by both Father Fortuna and Principal Rita Kingsbury clearly demonstrated that the school is not only stable, but growing, with new investments in technology, enrichment and academic programs, and additional innovative curriculum offerings already in process.

Principal Kingsbury ended the evening with a slide show of Our Lady of the Lake students and staff that brought applause from attendees. As one participant said after listening to the updates and watching the show: "our school is on the right track and our families are so awesome."

Senator Voinovich inspires students

by Sarah Gyorki

Former Senator George Voinovich visited Our Lady of the Lake School recently, to learn about some of the school's new initiatives. Visiting classrooms and computer labs, observing school election posters lining the main floor, seeing the halls come to life with enthusiastic young students, he got to see first-hand a thriving community school of active, engaged learners.



Senator Voinovich checks out seventh grade students working in the new computer lab.

The students of Mrs. Patterson's fourth grade class were delighted to tell the Senator everything they've been learning about anthropological science (it turns out the Senator has quite a fossil collection himself!). And the seventh grade students working in the new computer lab were eager to share their current projects researching and creating videos to document important environmental issues. While the Senator was impressed with the cutting edge technology and the students' advanced applications, they in turn were impressed to learn of the Senator's own commitment to environmental stewardship.

The project closest to the Senator's heart, however, may have been the newly announced eighth grade trip to Washington, DC. Senator Voinovich recalled his own first trip to Washington as a youth, and the ways in which that experience formed his personal commitment to public service. Given the long and esteemed career that resulted from that early adventure, it is exciting to think that we may be nurturing one of our next great leaders right here. The students look forward to the Senator's advice and guidance as they plan the details of their trip.

Our Lady of the Lake School is very fortunate to have tremendous resources like Senator Voinovich available in the community, helping to further the commitment to Faith, Academics and Community. We know that educating the whole child, to be positive contributors to our society, successful scholars and future leaders, takes a strong team working together. Thank you, Senator Voinovich, for being a role model and mentor and part of our community's team!

Chili Cook-Off heats things up!

by Dana Heil

What could be better than a bowl of hot, spicy chili on a cold day? How about a tasty dessert to go with it! The third annual Chili Cook-Off at Our Lady of the Lake was bigger and better than ever, with 19 chili competitors and 12 dessert entries. Competition was tough, but our seasoned judges enjoyed their work as they sampled the full range of offerings. The church hall was busy and full, with visitors coming and going between the cook-off and open house. All the visitors enjoyed great eats, good fellowship and live music provided by the newly formed "Lakers" – a band of parish musicians who enjoy coming out for community events. The mood was festive and fun, and everyone left a winner.

With 19 chili competitors, there were lots of good choices.

The church hall was busy for the Chili Cook-Off.

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No, I am not my hair!

by Tiyana Miller

As children growing up we are taught that our hair is our crown and glory, but it seems that in this era of life, the teachings of that time are slowly evolving into non-existence. The idea that life should be so consumed with the outer impression that the inner-being is lacking in a sense of self-development.

Being in the Cosmology Industry for twenty years, I have stood behind many chairs and listened to stories of mental abuse, starting at childhood. With parents using hot combs and chemicals on their children's beautiful tightly coiled hair; because they feel it's too "nappy" for the society we live in. Everything starts with learned behaviors. Parents not knowing the physiological effects caused by a generational curse of low self-esteem. No, I am not my hair!

As a child I asked to have my hair locked but was told "people will stereotype you by the style of your hair." Over the years I have been bald, blonde, kinky, even straight. Using styles as expressions in that moment of my life. A representation of one's self, not living in a mind-set of justification and seeking acceptance.

We have beautiful multicultural arrays of colors and textures that enhance this era of life we are in. No, I am not my hair! With people in a mental states where priorities have become shifted into false illusions, intertwined with an illusionary world of make-believe; while so many are receiving government assistance and putting hair on a layaway plan, at the same time not understanding the term "welfare reform." Even after the addition of 36 inches of someone else's Brazilian hair. No I am not my hair!

Is this the image that we want to present to the next generation who are still developing character and esteem, which needs building of strong will and integrity? No, I am not my hair!... Are you?

My look, my appearance, doesn't define who I am. Why allow it to define who you are? Find your own stage, and do you, be you, feel beautiful. No I am not my hair!!!

Tiyana Miller is the owner of Alwaysbeautiful hair salon at 323 East 200th Street and a former educator at Euclid Beauty College.

Something old, something new: Stevenson's & The Standard

by Will McCulloch

Two new eateries have been added to the neighborhood's dining menu. Something old and something new. Stevenson's, which had been Euclid's Lakeshore Boulevard mainstay for close to eighty years, has recently relocated in a joint venture to 800 East 200th Street, just northwest of the Home Depot.

Bruce Cerne, has owned and run Stevenson's for the past 24 years, and continues to man the grill serving up their renowned burgers. Paula Morales, who grew up on Grovewood Avenue and owns the building, runs the bar with the help of her family. Some may recall that it had been Hokavars as well as Frank's Café. They have reduced price martini nights on Monday's and Tuesday's starting in February and have started a bowling machine league.

The Standard, which opened December 9, is operated by Matt Quinn, St. Joe's '88, and Chris Hammer, who both also own the Paragon restaurant on Lake Shore Boulevard in Euclid. In the location that was formerly the Harland Pub, they spent close to a year gutting and remodeling the space. They've made quite an investment and it is well worth stopping in next time you're on East 185th Street.

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Now that's a burger.

Local gem Joe's Home of the Blues welcomes old and new friends alike

by Nicole Musgrave

Joe's proves certain communalities are required among patrons while drinking socially.

That being said, if a bar is a small city with shared values, owner-operator Joe Harper is the Mayor and his priority is safety. Maybe that is not exactly how he explained his approach to bar management, but you get the drift.

Having said that, if you are a 30-something (strictly 30 and over only, please) and consider keeping your hands to yourself a priority, prepare to sit back and enjoy all that Joe's has to offer.

Peering over the bar with his iconic dark glasses and a faux-fur ushanka cap, Joe is king and you are lucky to be a pawn in his kingdom.

With drinks this cheap, you will probably be ordering two at a time. In case you didn't know, you are having the bar's signature drink, a Long Island iced tea, but find yourself another driver. Otherwise, the RTA stop is right out front. You will need it.

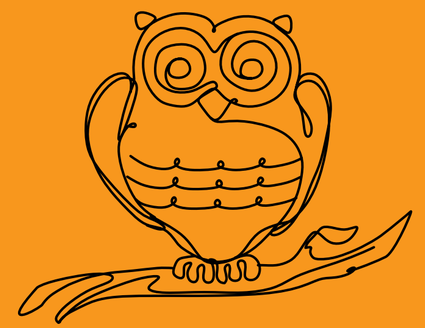
Entertainment changes daily, ranging from karaoke to live jazz music to deejays to oldies. Either way, no matter the night or the occasion (Joe's also has a steal of a party room downstairs at $125/night), you are in for a long night with good friends.

Indeed, Joe's is definitely the kind of place you can become a regular, afford to do so and get the level of face recognition that makes you want to check back in with your old friends at that spot down the road.

All said, having been in the bar business since 1972, Joe Harper is a practiced hand and patrons benefit from his experience.

Joe's Home of the Blues is located at 26191 Euclid Avenue. For questions please call (216) 261-9330.

Owner/Operator Joe Harper from Joe's Home of the Blues and his iconic look.



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January was national School Board Recognition Month! We are truly grateful for the dedication of our board members.

Tisha Thomas, Angela Lisy, and Donna Sudar were sworn in at the Regular Meeting of the Board.

Central Students that participated in the MLK Jr. speech contest.

Central students honor Dr. King with Hilltop Community Center

The Hilltop Community Center sponsored a speech contest to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Eleven Central Middle School students memorized parts of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous "I Have A Dream Speech," to compete for "best speaker." The top three students were Corbin Gray (1st place), Chamarra Ingram (2nd Place), and Luke Johnson (3rd Place). Hilltop Village Apartments celebrated the winners on Tuesday, January 21st, with the help of Mayor Cervenik.

Dr. Smialek, Samantha Lisy and Mr. Bell

Lisy signs with Indiana

Surrounded by family, coaches, and administration, Samantha Lisy became the first female swimmer from Euclid High School to sign with a Big Ten school. Next fall, Lisy will be making waves as a Hooiser, swimming for Indiana University. Lisy is exceptional both in and out of the pool, her outstanding academic performance at EHS earned her acceptance into the Hutton Honors College, as well as the Dean's Scholarship in the amount of $40,000 over four years ($10,000 per academic year). Congratulations Sam, We are Panther Proud!

Samantha signs her letter of intent with Indiana University.

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Former Panther now Bearcat

Linden Stephens was a standout cornerback as well as kick return for the Euclid Panthers from 2009-2013. Last April, Stephens was one of 55 players chosen to play post-grad football at Fork Union Military Academy in Fork Union, Virginia. For the past six months, Stephens focused on growing stronger mentally and physically in hopes of playing college football. Offers came flooding in from Penn State, Purdue, Georgetown and Cincinnati, to name a few. After an NCAA visit on December 12th, Linden decided to call Cincinnati his new "home." Now on a full athletic scholarship, Stephens begins his journey as the Bearcats' newest cornerback. We wish Linden the best of luck in all of his future endeavors.

Linden Stephens during his visit to Cincinnati.

Shoreview hosts Potluck Dinner to kick off Black History Month

Shoreview Families in line at the Black History Month Potluck Kick-off

H.A.T.'s off to Chardon Hills students

No missing **homework**, perfect **attendance**, and no **tardies** can earn students the "H.A.T." award. At Chardon Hills Magnet School students who earned the "H.A.T." award were recognized by Superintendent Bell and his Senior Leadership Team. The 24 Chardon Hills Students who received this award also earned hot chocolate, cookies and craft time with Mr. Papouras and Mrs. Sturm.

The craft was a snow globe!

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clot and improve blood flow to the part of his brain being deprived of blood flow. tPA made recent news when a Texas football coach suffered a stroke on the field and later received the same treatment.

While laying in Euclid Hospital's intensive care unit, McGrath couldn't help but think of his father who had suffered a stroke nearly 30 years ago, at the very same age. "I remembered how my father had clenched fists and needed a cane in order to walk after his stroke," said McGrath. He wondered what his own quality of life would be now. "tPA stopped that from happening to me too," he said. "Everyone at the hospital took great care of me, the nurses even checked on me every 30 minutes throughout that first night to make sure I didn't have another stroke like my dad did. I'm so grateful for everything they did for me."

According to Dr. Jordan, "it is really important for us to educate our community on the symptoms of stroke. Getting to the hospital quickly is of the utmost importance in order to limit disability and prevent death due to stroke. In this case, Mr. McGrath was fortunate to have a friend with him who recognized his symptoms and took immediate action."

The American Stroke Association recommends the acronym FAST - an easy way to remember the signs of stroke and what to do if you think a stroke has occurred. The most important is to immediately call 911 for emergency assistance.

FAST stands for:

- **(F)ACE.** Ask the person to smile. Check to see if one side of the face droops.
- **(A)RMS.** Ask the person to raise both arms. See if one arm drifts downward.
- **(S)PEECH.** Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Check to see if words are slurred and if the sentence is repeated correctly.
- **(T)IME.** If a person shows any of these symptoms, time is essential. It is important to get to the hospital as quickly as possible. Call 911. Act FAST.

Just two days after his stroke, McGrath was able to leave the hospital. After some therapy sessions and encouragement from his doctors to take his blood pressure medicine as prescribed, McGrath is back to enjoying life. He loves volunteering with his high school, parish council, Eucharistic ministry and community block watch. "My main reason for wanting to be healthy is to spend time with my two grandchildren. My wife and I enjoy every minute of them," he said.

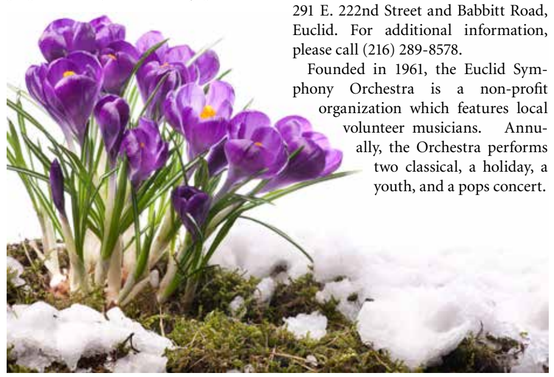
Now McGrath and Tobin hope to spread the message of educating others on the importance of knowing the risk factors and warning signs of stroke, and how crucial it is to seek medical treatment immediately.

Euclid Symphony Orchestra Spring Concert

by Ellen Ivory

Are you looking for a reprieve from the polar vortex and wintry weather while patiently waiting for spring? Come refresh your soul at the Euclid Symphony Orchestra's third concert of the season on Sunday, March 9, 2014, 3pm in the cozy auditorium of Shore Cultural Centre.

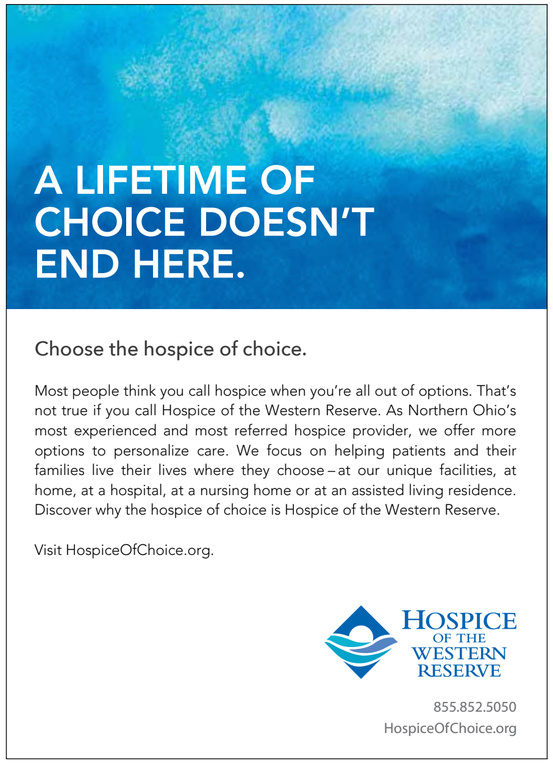
The following program, under the direction of J.D. Goddard, has been prepared for your listening pleasure:



Coriolanus Overture by Ludwig van Beethoven, *Concerto per il Clarino* (Joseph Haydn) with guest soloist, Kenneth Piatt, *Lyrisches Andante (Liebestraum) for strings* (Max Reger) and Finlandia (Op. 26) Symphonic Poem (Jean Sibelius).

Tickets are $8 pre-sale and $10 at the door (cash only); children under 12 are free when accompanied by a paying adult. They can be procured at Shore Cultural Centre which is located at 291 E. 222nd Street and Babbitt Road, Euclid. For additional information, please call (216) 289-8578.

Founded in 1961, the Euclid Symphony Orchestra is a non-profit organization which features local volunteer musicians. Annually, the Orchestra performs two classical, a holiday, a youth, and a pops concert.



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Come to Shore to see a show, or be part of one! The Euclid Symphony Orchestra will be holding concerts in March and May in the historic Shore Auditorium. The 900-seat venue will also be the site of theatrical, musical, and artistic performances throughout the year.

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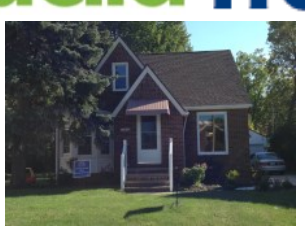

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