



Venango Region Catholic School

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

2023 FALL COMMITMENT CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Thanks to those who have contributed to our annual fund campaign! Our \$1 million goal is ambitious but do-able. Please help preserve Catholic education at the secondary level through your prayers and contributions.

Donations can be mailed directly to Venango Region Catholic School, 1505 W. First Street, Oil City, PA 16301.

We deeply appreciate your generosity!

Ray

Dr. Ray Feroz
Interim President

P.S. I would like to share with you a letter I recently received with a campaign donation. This note speaks of the value our schools have had in this region:

"Dr. Feroz --- I am trusting that you are keeping in touch with the Erie Diocese to remind them about how important our elementary and jr./sr. high schools are to this community and parishioners.

Both of our sons went to Saint Patrick's School and on to Venango Catholic. I also went to SPS. As a former educator, you can tell the character that Catholic education provides, not only academically, but socially."

P.P.S. In a recent interview with **Olivia Hartle, Ph.D.**, I heard another testimony about the positive influence VC faculty had on her life. She notes that the teachers provided *"warm and welcoming environments for students to think, explore, and create together."* What a blessing to this school community!

TAX CREDITS = FUNDING FOR VRCS



Individuals and businesses can direct their tax dollars to our school by participating in the PA Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program. VRCS will receive your entire contribution, and you will then also receive up to 90% back as a PA tax credit and/or refund. Find more information on our website at venangocatholic.org. 🇺🇸 Thank you!

THANKSGIVING HIGHLIGHTS

STATUS REPORT
FROM INTERIM-
PRESIDENT AND
BOARD

9-WEEK FREE TRIAL

TEACHER FEATURE +
ROBOTICS PROGRAM

DISTINGUISHED ALUM +
ALUMNI VOLLEYBALL
TOURNAMENT PHOTOS



Photo By: Lacy Shoenfelt

The following letter was first distributed via email to all current Venango Region Catholic School families this past month.

October 23, 2023

Dear VRCS Stakeholders,

The purpose of this letter is to provide a quick status report on our progress toward meeting our diocesan goals.

Diocesan Goal #1: Hire a permanent president.

The board is reviewing applications and will soon begin interviewing candidates.

Diocesan Goal #2: The goal for enrollment is to have 40 students enrolled in grades 9-12 and 20 students enrolled in grades 7-8 for the 2024-2025 school year. We currently project 36 in grades 9-12 and 22 in grades 7-8. The need to recruit more students remains, and we've had a couple of inquiries. A campaign to offer free enrollment for a 9-week trial period (new students must start by December 18) has begun. The word is being spread at parishes and by teachers and our Athletic Director.

The VRCS Enrollment and Recruitment Committee has several events planned for the months of November and December. [Additional information about these events can be found in this newsletter.] It is challenging to receive transfers in the middle of a semester, but we feel with this "Free Trial" offer at both campuses, we may gain some students who may want to make a change as we get closer to Christmas.

Diocesan Goal #3: Our cash on hand goal is to have \$600,000 by December 31, 2023 and to have an additional \$400,000 in pledges for the 2024-2025 school year. We currently sit at approximately \$300,000 on hand. The cash on hand allows us to meet our operating expenses for the 2023-2024 school year. \$120,712.35 in cash has been collected since August. This includes a \$40,000 Phillips Trust grant to be used for the playground construction at St. Stephen School.

We initiated a \$1 Million commitment campaign to develop revenue. Word is still getting out, and we will be making direct 1:1 phone appeals. We plan to hold a phone-a-thon event in November, and also we will be directly contacting vendors and past donors. If you know of people whom we should contact let us know. We have learned that our alumni lists are incomplete and although volunteers have worked hard to update them, it has been a serious challenge.

Bottom line: We are challenged to meet the enrollment goal. Revenue is coming in, but we need continued donations. As in all such campaigns, we would benefit from having some big donors. If we do not meet the three goals Venango Catholic High School (Grades 9-12) will finish out the spring semester and then close. Grades 7-8 would retract back to St. Stephen School.

We are working hard to achieve these goals! Thanks for your prayers and support!

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact one of us.

Sincerely,



Ray Feroz, Ph.D.

VRCS Interim President



Bob Puleo

VRCS Board Chair



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OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES FOR 6TH-GRADE FAMILIES

It is time to start thinking about becoming a VC Viking. The VRCS Enrollment/Recruitment Committee is happy to host a number of events to help welcome our 6th-grade Knights to Venango Catholic High School. All of these events are open to ANY 6th grader (all schools are welcome) who would like to learn more about our Jr./Sr. High School campus and meet other VC students. Please save the dates for the following:

November 18: Mother/Daughter Tea

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM, VCHS cafeteria

Ladies will be treated to a high tea service while making a beautiful centerpiece for fall. This event is free, and we only ask that families RSVP. (Could also involve grandmothers, aunts, sisters, etc.)

December 3: Father/Son Steelers Tailgate + Chili Cook-Off

12:30 PM - 4:00 PM, VCHS cafeteria

Please see enclosed invitation for more details. (Could also involve grandfathers, uncles, brothers, etc.)

Date TBA: Middle School Party at VC for Grades 6-8

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

All students in grades 6-8 are invited for food, fun, and a D.J. at the high school.

Special thanks to faculty member **Emily Hicks** and the VRCS Enrollment Committee for their leadership in planning and organizing these important events.

May God Bless our efforts,

*Ray +
Ms. Chandley*



A cup of tea
makes
EVERYTHING
better.



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JOIN THE VRCS FAMILY

Attn: Parents & Grandparents of K-12 Students

LIMITED TIME OFFER!

Discover Your Child's Fullest Potential at VRCS!

FREE, 9-WEEK TRIAL FOR NEW ENROLLMENTS.

Come see what makes us special. Call VRCS (St. Stephen School and Venango Catholic High School) or email hello@venangocatholic.org to **SCHEDULE A VISIT.**

Enroll by December 18, 2023, and your child can experience VRCS at no-cost for nine weeks. No obligations or risk.

LOVE IT? Stay for the spring 2024 semester and pay a pro-rated tuition. **SCHOLARSHIPS available!**

DON'T MISS OUT. Give your child the education they deserve. **This offer won't be repeated.**

Contact us today at St. Stephen 814.677.3035 or Venango Catholic 814.677.3098!



Faculty and students enjoy lunch at Venango Catholic.



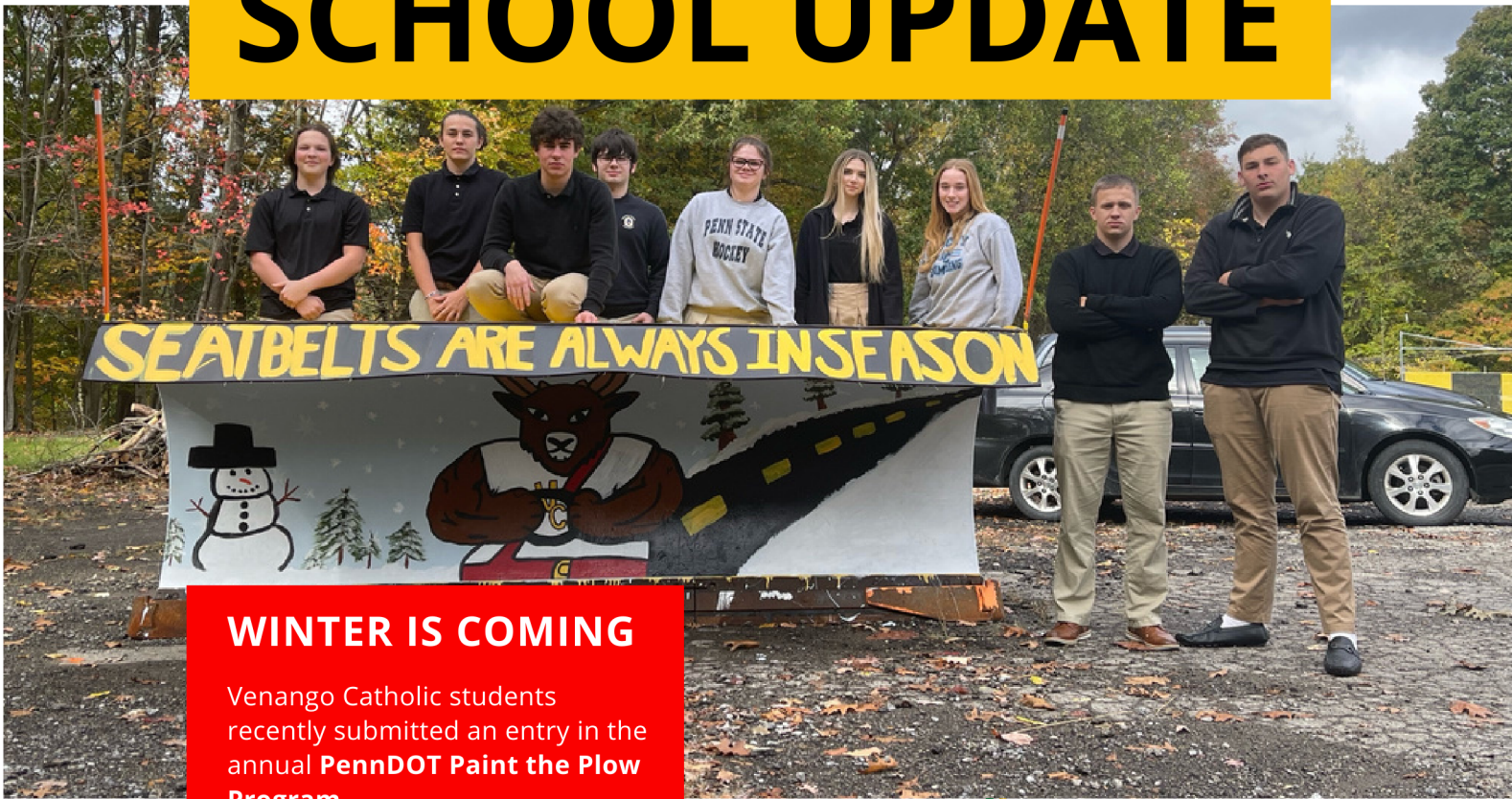
Photo by: Tiffany Photography

VC students soak up the sunny weather, before the the snow arrives.

THOUGHTS FROM DR. FEROZ

VRCS academic performance, as measured by nationwide exams, is very strong. And our students develop strong moral and community service values, which will sustain them through the trials of life. All of our graduates have great future choices, including enrollment in universities or career development programs.

SCHOOL UPDATE



WINTER IS COMING

Venango Catholic students recently submitted an entry in the annual **PennDOT Paint the Plow Program**.

PennDOT organizes this program "to raise awareness of safety and school art programs" throughout our commonwealth. According to the application, "Plows are judged on creativity and ability to incorporate the designated safety message/theme."

This year's theme is **"Seatbelts are Always in Season."**

The VRCS family can cast a vote for the VC plow through an online voting system during **Winter Driving Awareness Week** (January 21 - 27, 2024).

The PA Department of Transportation will announce the Judge's Pick and Fan Favorite winners early next year.



Congrats to our senior high student council students who took **FIRST** place at the annual Venango County Youth Retreat! The retreat was at Two-Mile County park and sponsored by Venango County Human Services.

TEACHER FEATURE

TECHNOLOGY DEPT.

NAME: Mr. Gregory Knox

TELL US ABOUT THE ROBOTICS PROGRAM AT VC / SSS

We have been using VEX Robotics for our high school robotic program for four years. VEX Robotics is an educational robotics platform and competition program designed to inspire and engage students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields. Students meet for one class period each school day to design and build robots to compete in the current year's game.

We have carried this over to the elementary school with the recent grant award. Students in Grades 4-6 can choose Robotics as an elective. These students meet twice a week and perform the same types of tasks as a high school student would, except with snap together components.

What is the best thing about teaching at VRCS?

I am grateful for being able to teach in a Christian environment. The students and staff are exceptional.



Submitted Photo

Greg Knox is our Director of Technology and the Robotics Instructor at both St. Stephen School (SSS) and Venango Catholic Jr./Sr. High School.

For 13 years, he was systems administrator for Clarion University. He has taught at Christian Life Academy, SSS (four years), and VCHS (five years).

He and his wife **Gina** have three daughters - **Emmi, Kai** and **Kiyomi**.

Greg is a U.S. Air Force veteran. 

SHARE A FUN FACT ABOUT YOURSELF:

I am a professional photographer and have taught photography for over sixteen years. I enjoy amateur radio and hold a general class operators license.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR EFFORTS TO GROW OUR VRCS ROBOTICS FOOTPRINT.

I have been successful in capturing grant money to grow our robotics program at both VC and St. Stephen. In the fall of '22, we received a grant to develop a STEAM lab (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) and received \$12,700 to buy new laptops and two 3D printers. More recently, I applied for two grants to the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania. In September 2023, we were able to purchase VEX IQ robots for St. Stephen students, as well as six robots for field and games. These work with six teams of three students, serving 18 students. Pending is a \$14,000 grant application for 65-inch flat-screen interactive smartboards and laptops for teachers in Grades 1 through 6. We will know if we receive that grant later this year.

WHAT MIGHT ROBOTICS LOOK LIKE IN FIVE YEARS?

School robotics kits and platforms may become more advanced and sophisticated, allowing students to work on more complex projects. These kits might include advanced sensors, AI capabilities, and improved programming environments. Schools may start using virtual and augmented reality technologies to enhance the robotics learning experience. This could allow students to design and interact with robots in virtual environments.

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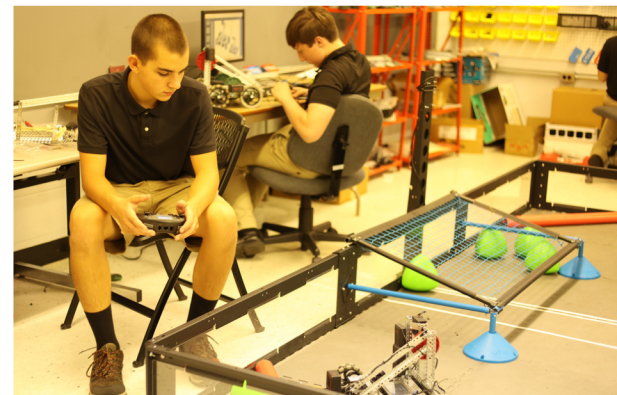
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ROBOTICS @ VRCS

According to Mr. Knox, "Robotics is an excellent way for children to gain practical experience in STEM. It can foster a deep understanding of these subjects, which are increasingly important in today's world."

We would like to extend a special thank you to the Catholic Foundation of Northwestern Pennsylvania (www.cfnwpa.org) for providing grant funding that has allowed the VRCS technology program to grow.

PHOTOS BY: GREG KNOX AND
TIFFANY WARNER

EUCCHARIST = THANKSGIVING

On Thursday October 12, St. Patrick Parish in Franklin hosted the entire student body of St. Stephen School and Venango Catholic Jr./Sr. High School for 10:30 AM Mass. **Rev. James Campbell**, pastor, was the celebrant, and our students were altar servers and readers.

Having the Franklin area students participate in the liturgy at their home parish was a great way to showcase St. Patrick as an important member of the VRCS family.

Students and parents were gratified. **Mrs. Michelle Knight**, parent of a sixth grader, said "Kids having Mass yesterday there was phenomenal!"

Special thanks to Fr. Campbell for being a regular part of our Mass schedule, too!



LIVING ROSARY TRADITION

St. Stephen students observed the anniversary of the "Miracle of the Sun" and the final appearance of Our Blessed Mother at Fatima by reciting a living rosary on October 13th.

Mrs. Andree Sporer began this tradition at St. Pat's School over 30 years ago. "Our Blessed Mother has asked us to recite the rosary daily. This prayer helps us grow closer to her son, Jesus who is our Lord and Savior," said Mrs. Sporer. She added, "The rosary is a powerful weapon against evil and can restore peace in families who pray it together. The students in Second Grade Land pray the rosary daily, and Third Grade joins them several times a week. The children are now leading this beautiful prayer."

Thank you, Mrs. Sporer! ❤️🧡🍀🖤

CAUSES FOR CELEBRATION AND GRATITUDE

The month of November is a time to give thanks, to celebrate the lives of loved ones who have passed on to eternal rest, and to remember the many saints of the church. While the majority of the month falls under Ordinary Time, this period of our liturgical year is anything but "ordinary."

The entire month is full of celebrations - Nov. 1 / All Saints' Day, Nov. 2 / All Souls Day, Nov. 3 / St. Martin

de Porres, Nov. 17 / St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Nov. 20 / The Feast of Christ the King, Nov. 22 / St. Cecilia's Feast, and Nov. 24 / Thanksgiving.

As we gather together in our homes, at school, and in our church communities for these special feasts, may we recall the many blessings that God has showered on Venango Region Catholic School.

ROAST BEEF DINNER



A THANK YOU NOTE FOR THE VRCS COMMUNITY

I wanted to send a sincere thanks to all of those who were a part of our Roast Beef dinner + craft show this past weekend. The roast beef drew rave reviews, as did the corn, coleslaw and mashed potatoes. Our cooks and kitchen staff did a marvelous job! People loved the Chinese Auction and the Student Council's bake sale went well. I talked to the vendors, and they enjoyed being part of the event.

The set up was great. The many student volunteers did a superb job with customer service, earning service hours.

Special thanks to **Marci Gonzalez** and her company, Nutrition Inc., who once again donated all the food!

I'd also like to show appreciation to **Beth Metz** for assuming the Roast Beef Dinner chair role at the last minute. She is a pro - everything went very smoothly! Preliminary data indicates more meals were served than last year, and more income received.

If I have missed anything, I apologize. So many did so much, and I wanted to get a letter of thanks out immediately.

Sincere thanks and God's blessings to all of you,

Ray

P.S. Thank you to all those who contributed raffle items, purchased tickets, or bought dinners.

ALUMNI CORNER

Venango Region Catholic School Alumni Association



**WE ARE... Building a Culture of
Engagement and Philanthropy**

Please visit www.venangocatholic.org/alumni to view past issues of the VRCS Monthly Newsletter and to share with us about your most recent adventures.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA

NAME: Olivia Hartle, Ph.D.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION:

St. John's University, B.A. in Psychology, and a minor in Theater

NYU, M.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies

Point Park University, Ph.D. in Community Engagement

FAVORITE CLASSES AT VCHS:

Mrs. Eckert's English classes and **Mrs. Frost's** art classes were always the highlights of my school day. I also really enjoyed the conversations we had in classes with **Mr. & Mrs. McNellie**, and **Sister Emilie Rose's** theater classes — that's where I first nurtured my love of theater, which has had a huge impact on my life.

BENEFITS OF A CATHOLIC EDUCATION

[At SSS and VCHS,] I learned a lot about myself and it helped shape my personal values. I learned how powerful and important it is to help create safe spaces for people to be themselves, and to lead with kindness and genuine care for the well-being of others.

WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN?

I really enjoy directing and performing in community theater in the Pittsburgh area. I also like to read, see live performances, try out new restaurants, and hang out in the outdoors with my husband and our dog.



SHARE A SUCCESS STORY:

I had such a blast directing the seventh grade play, "The Mysterious Case of the Missing Ring," at St. Stephen School a few years ago. (It brought back very fond memories from seventh grade, when I got to play Princess Aurora in Sleeping Beauty!) The kids did such a great job, and I loved having the chance to bring a little live theatre to the community where I grew up.

ANY ADVICE FOR TODAY'S VRCS STUDENTS?

Try something new — join a club, sign up for an activity, put yourself out there. This is the time to start exploring who you are and who you want to be, so take advantage of those opportunities. (It's also good for your resume!)

FAVORITE TEACHER?

I don't think I can pick a favorite! But what I can say is this: I am much more of an arts person than a science or math person. Yet I always loved the science classes that **Mrs. Cook** and **Mrs. Galey** led, and the math classes that **Mrs. Schuster**, **Mr. Yarnell**, and **Miss Hoeft** taught. **Miss Gent's** Spanish classes were also both challenging and really fun as well. These teachers (and others) took extra time to sit and work with me, providing me with the individual support I needed to succeed. It made me feel really cared for, and it gave me the confidence to try hard things. The love and dedication it takes to do that is really special — and I think all of the teachers at VC embodied that way of living and working.

Dr. Olivia Hartle (VCHS Class of 2005) started her career as a character performer at Walt Disney World before transitioning to the professional theater scene in New York City. For the past 12 years, she has worked primarily in nonprofits and higher education.

Currently, Olivia is employed with Mural, a technology company that develops learning experiences and training programs to help people collaborate better. She also serves as a consultant for a nonprofit youth development organization (Connect-Us) and annually co-leads a storytelling program for local veterans with the Pittsburgh Public Theater. 🍷

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT RECAP

Exciting things are happening at the Msgr. Lawrence J. Antoun Gymnasium! Athletic director Shannon Kluck (VC '99) and alumna Kelsey Kresinski (VC '19) planned a phenomenal alumni volleyball tournament this past month.

Nearly 35 Viking alumni turned out for the event, in addition to current VRCS students and other VC friends/family.

The "VC Fish Fryers—Red Team" captured FIRST place and can enjoy bragging rights until 2024.

Thanks to everyone who came out for the first annual VCHS Alumni Volleyball Tournament on October 21, 2023 and for those who helped organize the event!





CONTRIBUTED PHOTO: THE ROUTE 8 BAND

FRIENDS OF VC GATHERING - THIS SATURDAY

Please join us for a night of fun this coming **Saturday, November 11, 2023** from **6:00 PM - 10:00 PM** at **Venango Catholic High School**. Come for a great time, meet new people, kindle old friendships, and see the great things that are happening at our school.

Dr. Richard Sabousky and **The Route 8 Band** have graciously offered to provide our entertainment for the evening. The evening will feature: **music, dancing, a cash bar, raffles**/small games of chance, and tasty **hors d'oeuvres**. *No BYOB*. The band will begin playing at 7 PM.

This event is open to the public. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors - anyone 21 years of age or older is welcome to attend. Tickets are only **\$25/person** and **\$40/couple**. You may preorder tickets by calling the school office at 814.677.3098 or pay at the door.

The proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the 2023 VRCS \$1,000,000 Commitment Campaign.

We hope to see you there!

A "VIKING" GOOD TIME



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our December 2023 newsletter, we will be paying a **special tribute** to teachers/staff past and present who left a special imprint on the hearts of our students and their families. This will include recent retirees, as well as friends of the school, both living and deceased.

If you have a short quote/memory about a favorite teacher that you'd like to share with us, please send an email to **hello@venangocatholic.org**.

**All contributions will be subject to the editor's discretion.*

Submitting a quote does not guarantee publication.

Additionally, volunteers are helping to update our **alumni database**.

If your address has changed or if you know of a loved one or classmate who has passed away, please let us know ASAP.

Thank you for supporting our recent fund-raising efforts!

- The **12 Days of Christmas Giveaway** has just begun. Additional info enclosed.
- It has been a joy to see so many familiar faces at the monthly Home & School **Community Nights at Hoss's**. Proceeds directly benefit our students and teachers.
- Next month, VRCS Home & School is bringing back a wonderful school tradition. Join us for **Breakfast with Santa** at **Venango Catholic Jr./Sr. High School** on **Saturday, December 2, 2023** from **9 AM - 12 PM**.

Dine-in and take-out meals cost \$12. Children 2 & under eat for FREE. Discounts will apply for youth (ages 3-10) and senior citizens.

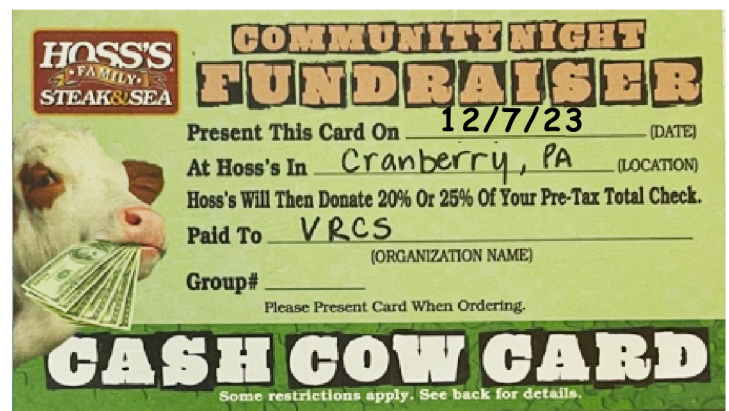


VRCS

Splash
or
Cash Raffle Winner:
Paula Hanely

DRAWING TOOK PLACE AT VENANGO CATHOLIC P.I.E. NIGHT
ON SEPTEMBER 14. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT VRCS HOME & SCHOOL



Hoss's Family Steak & Sea

COMMUNITY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Present This Card On **12/7/23** (DATE)
At Hoss's In **Cranberry, PA** (LOCATION)
Hoss's Will Then Donate 20% Or 25% Of Your Pre-Tax Total Check.
Paid To **VRCS** (ORGANIZATION NAME)
Group# _____
Please Present Card When Ordering.

CASH COW CARD
Some restrictions apply. See back for details.

PLEASE NOTE: Distribution of Community Night invitations on Hoss's property is strictly prohibited! Take-out orders do not apply to this promotion.



Venango Region Catholic School invites you to a

Father-Son Steelers

TAILGATE & CHILI COOK-OFF



Calling all 6th graders (from any school) and their dads, grandfathers, step-parents, Godfathers, and/or other father figures.

Get ready to share great food, fellowship, and fun at VCHS with fellow football enthusiasts, Lego masters, food critics, and current Venango Catholic student ambassadors.

**FREE
EVENT**

Our game plan for an unforgettable afternoon:

CHILI COMPETITION*

CORN HOLE

LEGO BUILDING STATIONS

***Be sure to let us know if you plan to enter the Chili Cook-Off!! Shredded cheese, sour cream, chopped green onion, jalapenos, lime wedges, fresh cilantro, corn bread, and tortilla chips provided to amp up your chili cup!**

When?

Sunday,
December 3, 2023
12:30 PM - 4 PM
(or when the chili runs out)

Where?

Venango Catholic
Jr./Sr. High School
1505 W. First Street
Oil City, PA 16301



Questions and/or RSVP

Contact: Emily Hicks,
emily.hicks@venangocatholic.com
Kindly RSVP by November 17th

You are invited to join us
in the joyous

Sixth Grade Mother-Daughter Tea Party

ON SATURDAY

November 18, 2023

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location

at Venango Catholic
Jr./Sr. High School

1505 W. First Street
Oil City, PA 16301

Activities

- Enjoy a standard high tea menu with elegant conversation
- Create an impressive centerpiece for your Thanksgiving table

RSVP or Questions to
emily.hicks@venangocatholic.org

CHAPLET OF OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA



Lady Star of the Sea Icon.
Artist: Pavel Tikhomirov.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

In 2016, during a **#SAVE_VCHS** rally at Venango Catholic High School, VC faculty led a prayer invoking the intercession of Our Lady Star of the Sea. Seven years later, **Mrs. Cindy Scopetti Eckert** (VC '71) continues to pray this chaplet daily and has graciously shared it with our publications team for inclusion in this newsletter.

Drawing inspiration and hope from this example, may we place our trust in Christ's hands through the loving intercession of Our Blessed Mother, Mary. May God's will be done!

Our Lady Star of the Sea is the Patroness of those who sail the seas. Our Lady, Star of the Sea, aids not only the sailors aboard ships; she also aids all those who sail the stormy seas of life.

BEGIN WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS.

THE MEDAL PRAYER:
A PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Most beautiful Flower of Mount Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity; there are none that can withstand your power.

ON THE FIRST THREE BEADS:

One Our Father, one Hail Mary, one Glory Be on each of the three beads.

ON EACH OF THE 12 BEADS, WHICH REPRESENT THE 12 STARS OF OUR LADY'S CROWN, PRAY:

One Hail Mary on each bead and the following invocations:

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, help and protect us; Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands.

END WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

**\$10 PER
TICKET**

Tickets must be returned
no later than December 5th.

Winning tickets will be
re-entered. Winner need
not be present to win.

2023 Giveaway

Tickets are on sale
NOW! You'll have
12 chances to
WIN prizes.

SGC License #1420



Great Prizes

Dec. 6 \$500 CASH
Dec. 7 \$100 Giant Eagle Gift Card
Dec. 8 \$100 CASH

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Dec. 11 \$250 Amazon Gift Card
Dec. 12 \$100 Home Depot Gift Card
Dec. 13 \$150 Sheetz Gift Card
Dec. 14 \$100 Target Gift Card
Dec. 15 \$250 Walmart Gift Card

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Dec. 18 \$150 Sheetz Gift Card
Dec. 19 \$100 CASH
Dec. 20 \$100 Amazon Gift Card
Dec. 21 \$500 CASH

Proceeds benefit all students of St. Stephen
and Venango Catholic Jr./Sr. High School.

DRAWN WEEKDAYS DEC. 6 - 21

For questions or additional tickets, contact **Misti Kresinski**
at misti.kresinski@venangocatholic.org



Venango Region
Catholic School

Your dedication to
Catholic Education has
a huge impact on our
school community.

When you join together



**50 donors
each giving \$100**

**totaling
\$5,000**



you enable five
educators to attend
the NCEA (National
Catholic Educational
Association) Annual
Convention



**2,000 donors
each giving \$50**

**totaling
\$100,000**



you fund the
construction of a
playground for the
100+ students
enrolled at
St. Stephen School



**1,000 donors
each giving \$25**

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VENANGO REGION CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Breakfast with Santa



**DECEMBER 2, 2023
9:00 AM - NOON**

**Venango Catholic Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria
1505 W. FIRST STREET OIL CITY, PA 16301**

Breakfast Includes: Sausage, Bacon, Eggs, Pancakes,
Sausage Gravy & Biscuit, Fruit, Pastry, Milk, Juice, and Coffee

Donation: \$12 / Dine-In or Take-Out Meals (\$2 Discount for Seniors)
\$6 / Children Ages 3-10 and Free / Children 2 & Under

CHINESE AUCTION | 50/50 | PHOTOS WITH SANTA
(SANTA WILL ARRIVE AT 10:15 AM)
ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS PROVIDED