

Reflections on 2008-2009

A chapel "lesson" on the nunc dimintus ...District Softball Championship – The first in a generation ...If we live, we live to the Lord ...An Englishman from the American Bible Society (really!) shares his faith...The Miracle Worker, The Nerd and Thoroughly Modern Millie 400+ take "A Peek At Valley" ... The biggest economic mess since the Great Depression ...And if we die, we die to the Lord....Serving in the Great Lakes Bay Region and the Gulf Coast...the Fans go crazy for boys and girls basketball championships...Drums, bells, horns and voices making beautiful music ... 10 Valedictorians...

So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

*John Brandt, Ed.D.
Executive Director/Principal*

Students Raise Money For African Charities

The students in Miss Bev Feldkamp's Global Issues classes collected \$860 as part of their World Hunger Unit. Donations included: \$220 for Lutheran World Relief programs in Sudan, \$30 for Woman Alliance and Children Affairs in Uganda, \$20 for two mosquito nets to fight malaria as part of the Nothing But Nets program.

For World Vision Programs, donations to buy five chickens, two soccer balls, improved drought-resistant seeds, \$500 worth of food, three sets of tools, seeds, and training for farmers, education for two children, \$490 worth of clothing, one kit for AIDS prevention and treatment, water treatment tablets for safe water for 750 children for one year.

Class of 2009 - Honors and Awards

Valedictorians: Rachel Hahn, Ryan Holcomb, Micah Huegel, Ellen Milroy, Amber Peruski, Katie Pett, Megan Stecker, Andrew Weiss, Anne Weiss, Emily Weiss

Salutatorian: Bo Anderson

Clarence and Helen Hackman/Arthur and Clara Mertz Scholarships: Quinn Roekle

James and Mollie Wheatley Scholarship: Kyle Salesky

Jerry Boehm Scholarship: Matt Deneen

Academic Awards –

"His Workmanship" awards – Crystal Bauer, Arielle Laurus

Art: Hilary Peil, Rina Yoo

English: Katie Pett, Matt Deneen

Math: Amber Peruski, Megan Stecker

Music: Jessica Miller, Megan Stecker, Annie Weiss, Keven Washburn

Physical Education: Micah Huegel, Jenna Weiss

Religion: Abigail DeHart

Science: Andy Weiss, Emily Weiss

Social Studies: Ryan Holcomb

Spanish: Nick Dexter, Katie Pett

Activities Awards –

Drama: Matt Deneen

Library: Kelsey Leppien

Retrospect: Bo Anderson

Charger Chronicle: Emily Peil

Senior Scholar-Athlete Awards from the MHSAA:

Nominees – Megan Wegener, Jackie Stone, Ryan Holcomb

Finalist – Ryan Holcomb (1 of 88)

Academic All-State in Basketball – Stephanie Faller, Aaron Meckes, Katie Pett

SCC State winning team member in Veterinary Science

FFA Skills Contest – Michelle Schultz

Korean War Veteran's Association Scholarship – Natalie Yurgens

Optimist Club District Essay Contest (3rd Place) – Ryan Holcomb

Michigan Community Blood Center Awards: Scholarship – Emily Peil; Donor 4 Life Award

– Lindsay Krohn; Excellence Awards – Anne Alderton, Matt Deneen, Kevin

Flory, Josh Kuck, Blake Ray, Keven Washburn, Kevin Whalen

MHSFCA Scholarship – Ryan Holcomb

Key Club Service Awards – Teara Baber, Matt Deneen, Nick Dexter, Helena Pett,

Katie Pett, Kevin Whalen

Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award – Aaron Meckes, Katie Pett

President's Award For Educational Excellence (3.5 GPA & over- in ascending order) – Nicole

McKenna, Kelsey Leppien, Aaron Meckes, Sarah Boening, Anne Alderton,

Michelle Schultz, Rina Yoo, Marc Winter, Josh Kuck, Stephanie Faller,

Melissa Egeler, Nick Dexter, Kate Morse, Matt Deneen, Evan Kuck, Rachel

Keinath, Darla Tessman, Megan Wegener, Jenna Hensler, Arielle Laurus,

Crystal Bauer, Hilary Peil, Jessica Miller, Amy Wuobio, Jackie Stone, Kevin

Whalen, Helena Pett, Quinn Roekle, Bo Anderson, Emily Weiss, Anne Weiss,

Andy Weiss, Megan Stecker, Katie Pett, Amber Peruski, Ellen Milroy, Micah

Huegel, Ryan Holcomb, Rachel Hahn

President's Award For Educational Achievement – Kate Grueber

United States Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award – Ryan Holcomb, Ellen Milroy

Society of Women Engineers Certificate of Merit – Melissa Egeler

Dutch & Ginger Arver Mem. Scholarship for Aircraft Electronics Assoc. – Kevin Flory

Saginaw Optimist Club Youth Appreciation Day honorees – Nick Dexter, Katie Pett

Rotary Club of Saginaw "Student of the Month" – Bo Anderson

The Class of 2009 has been awarded and has accepted scholarships and grants in the amount of \$1,719,715.00. Congratulations!

VL Teachers Honored As Crystal Apple Winner and Diamond Award Finalist

Valley Lutheran English teacher **Mrs. Bess Winter** received The Saginaw News' Crystal Apple Award in May after being nominated as an outstanding teacher by VLHS Senior **Katie Pett**. Also, our religion and science teacher **Mr. Steve Zill** was one of six finalists for The Saginaw News' Diamond Award, nominated by **Mr. Tom Roekle**. *ua*

VL Athletes Excel in Competition & Classroom

Softball The VL Girls' Softball team won their first District Title since 1985 by knocking off Carrolton and Hemlock. The Lady Chargers rode the arms of **Trista Brownlee** and **Sarah Appold** who both threw shutouts on the way to the title. Earning 1st team all-TVC West: **Kayla Engelhard**, **Trista Brownlee** and **Sarah Appold**. Earning 2nd team honors: **Natalie Yurgens**, **Jessica Miller** and **Jenna Weiss**. Honorable Mention selection was Sarah Weiss. All-District selections: **Jenna Weiss** (3rd base), **Jessica Miller** (OF), **Sarah Appold** (P) and **Kayla Engelhard** (at-large).

Baseball Finished conference play 7-7 and 4th place, going 16-18 overall. We are graduating 4 seniors including senior co-captains **Kye Sugden** and **Josh Kuck**. Three players were selected MVP for 2009: **Kyle Kaufmann**, **Devon Roth** and **Brett Martin**. Kyle set school records for most HR's in a season at 5 and RBI's at 53 and had only 1 error at firstbase. Devon hit .429 and led the team in hits with 42 and had 9 consecutive hits at one point in the season. Brett had a 6-2 pitching record, led the team in runs scored with 42. He also had 10 doubles, 3 triples, and 2 HR's. Josh Kuck tied a record with 9 sacrifices on the season.

As a team, we set season records for doubles with 63, sacrifices at 37, and RBI's with 245. Our first district game **Austin Tahash** pitched 7 innings for the Chargers.

Academic All District: **Evan Kuck** and **Jon Weiss**. **Kyle Kaufmann** was named 1st team all-TVC West, **Brett Martin** was named 2nd team all-TVC West, while **Jon Weiss** and **Devon Roth** were honorable mention picks. All-District baseball team: **Kyle Kaufmann** (1B), **Brett Martin** (OF) and **Devon Roth** (utility).

Girls Track The Girls track team won the Regional Championship in Standish. The girls finished an undefeated season at the TVC West Conference Meet. Individual conference champs include **Scarlet Fitzpatrick** in the Discus and **Kristy Brandt** in the 100 Meter Hurdles and the Long Jump. **State Meet:** **Scarlet Fitzpatrick** ended her spectacular career with a 7th place throw in the discus, **Kristy Brandt** placed 6th in the Long Jump.

Boys Track The boys earned a share of the TVC West title. Individual conference champs included **Aaron Meckes** in the Shot Put and the Discus, **Josh Muehlfeld** in the Long Jump and the 400 Meter, and **Matt Duggar** in the High Jump. **Aaron Meckes** was named MVP of the Saginaw County meet. **Aaron Meckes** earned All-State honors in both throws (3rd place in the Shot Put and 6th place in the Discus).

Golf **Tyler Kluck** earned 2nd team all-TVC West honors. In addition, Tyler was the only VL golfer to qualify for regionals as an individual from the District Meet.

Girls Soccer The girls soccer team finished its season at 17-2-1 and undefeated in the TVC East for its first Conference Championship. Coached by Doug Guenther, the Chargers spent most of the season ranked among the best in the state. They were noted for an excellent

Kiwanis Athletes of the Month

For March/April: Devon Roth (Junior) - Baseball because "he has led our team in hitting through April with a .474 average including 2 home runs, 21 RBI's, and had 9 consecutive hits over a 4 game period."

Megan Wegener (Senior) - Girls Soccer because "she leads the team in scoring for the 3rd straight year. She now has 30 or more goals the past 3 seasons and has recently broken the career scoring record for Valley Lutheran. She has scored more than 100 goals at Valley Lutheran."

For May: Kristy Brandt (Junior) - Varsity Girls Track "for setting the school record in the long jump, being All-State in this event, and being a "coach's dream" when it comes to taking direction."

Matt Duggar (Senior) - Varsity Boys Track "for being Saginaw County champ in the high jump (6'2") which is 8" taller than himself, All-Conference, and an inspiration to his teammates."

4th-Qtr. Meijer Dignity and Respect Awards

Senior **Marc Winter** for "volunteering and serving cheerfully regarding transportation, set up, and take down of the hand-bell equipment."

Freshmen **Jeff Hensler**, **Jacob Britton** and **Sam Hutchinson** for "taking out the school's lunchroom trash all year during 7th-period study hall."

defense that allowed only 5 goals all season. The girls soccer team was well represented on the all-TVC East squad. First team selections include: **Megan Wegener**, **Faith Palmreuter**, **Kate Morse**, **Katie Pett** and **Jackie Stone**. Second team picks: **Stephanie Faller** and **Hilary Peil**. Honorable Mention: **Emily Morse**.

Girls Basketball Named as Academic All-State: **Stephanie Faller** and **Katie Pett**. Coach **Tom Roekle** was named one of 5 Class C regional coach of the year for the 2008-09 season by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

Boys Basketball Receiving Academic All-State honors: **Aaron Meckes**. The team finished 6th Class C Academic All-State. **James Rogers** tied for 7th place statewide for 3-point field goals, with the team finishing 6th statewide in 3-point field goals.

Announcing the 10th annual Valley Lutheran High School Golf Scramble 2009

Saturday, September 19, 2009

The Fortress Golf Course, Frankenmuth

Sponsorship Opportunities

There are many opportunities for your corporation, small business, or family to support this charitable event. Sponsorship includes recognition in the event's program and a sign prominently displayed for the item sponsored. Please consider taking this form in to your place of business and asking your company to sponsor one of the following items. Please call Dr. John Brandt if you have questions, 790-1676.

- _____ \$1000 - The Dinner
- _____ \$750 - The carts
- _____ \$500 - Breakfast
- _____ \$500 - Refreshments
- _____ \$400 - Golfer gift
- _____ \$300 - Driving Range
- _____ \$300 - Hole-in-One Prizes
- _____ \$150 - One hole
- _____ \$550 - Special Corporate Package

(Includes a single hole sponsorship and one foursome of players)

Beginning at 7:30 a.m.

\$110 Entry Fee per person
(Call 790-1676 for entry form)



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