

Salt in the 21st Century

The words “9-11, Katrina, Haiti, Al Qaida, Tsunami, BP, GM Bankruptcy” evoke very difficult images – images we probably would not have predicted 10 years ago. Yes, we live in difficult times but what about those who went before us. 100 years ago these headlines evoked their own horrible images – President McKinley Assassinated; Iroquois Theater Fire Kills 600, Frisco Earthquake Kills 3000 – Leaves 250,000 homeless, Japanese Immigration Outlawed, 174 Perish in Collinwood School Fire, 9 Million Barrels of Oil Lost in Lakeview Gusher.

Jesus calls His followers the “salt of the earth.” (Matthew 5:13) He means we are to be a preservative and as evidence by the short list of events during just two decades – there is plenty of preserving to be done. It is also noteworthy that Jesus was speaking directly to his followers – they as individuals were called to be “salt.” He was speaking to neither the Roman nor Jewish governments. He was speaking to neither the schools nor to the business community. He was calling His followers to each make their own difference.

This was the challenge offered in our final chapel. The students filed out of the gym, took one more test, and began their summer vacation. God willing they and all of God’s people will spread a little salt along

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

Class of 2010 - Honors and Awards

Class officers: **Nicholas Peake, Brittany Bartelt, Matthias Meckes, Marissa Witchger**
Valedictorians: **Kristy Brandt, Jonathan Weiss, Elizabeth Wittig**
Salutatorian: **Matthew Ringel**

VL Faculty Academic Awards -

Art: **Amanda Furtaw, Angela Furtaw, Samantha Helmreich**
English: **Emily Doyle**
Math: **Kristy Brandt, Matthew Ringel**
Music: **Jamie Helmreich, Tim Kern**
Physical Education: **John Holtrop**
Religion: **James Rogers**
Science: **Cory Cookingham, Jonathan Weiss**
Social Studies: **Matthew Pudnos**
Spanish: **Jamie Helmreich**

VL Faculty Activities Awards -

Music: **Matthias Meckes, Peter Schimm**
Drama: **Nick Mallonee, Wilson Shaner**
Library: **Rebecca Wittig**
Computer: **Devin Ortner**
Charger Chronicle: **Emily Doyle**

Academic All-State in Basketball - **James Rogers**

Army/Marine Scholar Athlete Award- **Kristy Brandt, James Rogers**

Harold Wakeman Honorary Scholarship: **Kayla Wakeman**

Key Club Service Awards - **Allison Bach, Brittany Bartelt, Kristy Brandt, Kayla Finkbinner, Jennifer Gallegos, Matthew Ringel, Austin Schriber, Jonathan Weiss, Marissa Witchger, Elizabeth Wittig, Rebecca Wittig**

Michigan Community Blood Center Donor 4 Life Award - **Jeff Brady, Cory Cookingham**

National Merit Scholarship Commended Student Recognition - **Jamie Helmreich**

President’s Award For Educational Excellence (3.5 GPA & over- in ascending order) – **Brittany Ellen, Allison Bach, Katrina Shay, Sarah Askew, Kara Grauf, Brittany Bartelt, Chelsey Bess, Michael Moore, Andrew Weber, Peter Schimm, Emily Peters, John Holtrop, Mikasa Wolverson, Rachel Rabe, Kayla Finkbeiner, Bailey Anderson, Rebecca Wittig, Wilson Shaner, Emily Doyle, Austin Schriber, James Rogers, Jamie Helmreich, Matthew Ringel, Elizabeth Wittig, Jonathan Weiss, Kristy Brandt**

President’s Award For Educational Achievement -**Matthew Bale, Terrance Kendall-Walker, Marissa Witchger**

Rotary Club of Saginaw “Student of the Month” - **Jamie Helmreich**

Saginaw Optimist Club Youth Appreciation Day honorees - **Jonathan Weiss, Elizabeth Wittig**

Senior Scholar-Athlete Finalist Award from the MHSAA - **Kristy Brandt** (1 of 120)

TVC Academic All Conference - **Jamie Helmreich, Matthew Ringel, Elizabeth Wittig**

Society of Women Engineers Certificate of Merit - **Elizabeth Wittig**

United Way Service Awards - **Allison Bach, Kayla Finkbeiner, Elizabeth Wittig**

Scholarships -

Frankenmuth Credit Union General Scholarship - **Tim Kern**

The Frankenmuth-Saginaw Korean War Veteran’s Association Scholarship - **Zachariah Schultz**

James and Mollie Wheatley Scholarship: **Jennifer Gallegos**

Jerry Boehm Scholarship: **James Rogers**

Maier & Associates Scholarship - **Amanda Furtaw, Marissa Witchger**

Michigan Community Blood Center Scholarship - **Austin Schriber**

Saginaw Community Foundation Scholarship/MSU Alumni Association - **Jonathan Weiss**

Saginaw Community Foundation Scholarship/Ron Thomas Memorial Scholarship - **Jonathan Weiss**

Saginaw Northwest Kiwanis Scholarship - **Kayla Finkbeiner**

The Class of 2010 has been awarded and has accepted scholarships and grants in the amount of \$1,366,580. Congratulations!

4th-Qtr. Dignity and Respect Awards

Chelsea Storms (Freshman) - "Always contributes 100% to her own academic learning; is a good role model for other students by having her work done; she's helpful in class, as well."

Brittany Bartelt (Senior) - "Wonderful example of a VLHS student; persistent and hard working at everything she does; treats people with respect and demonstrates the highest integrity."

Kayla Finkbeiner (Senior) - "Positive approach to teammates in track and fellow students in the hallways."

Matt Singer (Sophomore) - "Helps clean and put up chairs in the study hall without ever being asked."

VL Athletes Excel in Competition & Classroom

Softball The VL Girls' Softball team retained their **District Title** and moved on to capture the **Regional Title** by knocking off Farwell and Sanford-Meridian. Once again the Lady Chargers rode the strong arms of **Trista Brownlee** who threw a shut out and **Sarah Appold** who threw 17 strikeouts on the way to the title. The team was also selected for the **Division 3 Academic All State for 2010** with an outstanding cumulative GPA of 3.75.

Baseball Finished conference play as Co-Champions, setting a new school record for wins 26-8-1. Named to the 1st team all-TVC West were **Brandon Crosby** (catcher), **Kyle Kaufmann** (IF), **Brett Martin** (OF), and **Devon Roth** (utility). **Austin Gatz** (pitcher) was named 2nd team all-TVC West, while **Jon Weiss**, **Chris Roth** and **Jared Martlock** were honorable mention picks. All-District baseball team: **Crosby** (C), **Gatza** (P), **Kaufmann** (1B), **Martin** (OF) and **D. Roth** (utility). All District Academic Team: **Jon Weiss**.

Girls Track The Girls track team won their fourth consecutive Conference Championship. Individual conference champs include **Kayla Finkbeiner** in high jump and **Kristy Brandt** in the 100 Meter Hurdles. Regional champ was the 4X100 Relay team of **Andrea Finkbeiner**, **K. Finkbeiner**, **Brandt** and **Nicole Jackson**. **State Meet:** The **4X100 Relay team** flew to a 4th place finish, **K. Finkbeiner** soared to 6th place in the high jump, and **A. Finkbeiner** jumped to 3rd place in the long jump.

Boys Track The boys earned the TVC West title. Individual conference champs included **Terrance Walker** in the high jump setting a new school record at 6'6", 3200m Relay team of **Spencer Cabala**, **Nick Marter**, **Josh Muehlfeld** and **James Rogers**, 1600m Relay team of **Cabala**, **Marter**, **Muehlfeld**, and **Walker**, 800m Relay team of **Kelly Paron**, **Luke DeHart**, **Justin Cliff** and **Darius Taylor**, 400m Relay team of **DeHart**, **Paron**, **Nick Peake**, **Darius Taylor**, and **Rogers** in the 1600m and 3200m run. Regional Champs were **Walker** in high jump and **Rogers** in the 1600m and 3200m run. At the Saginaw County Meet **Rogers** was crowned the County Champ as he

Athletes of the Month

Kyle Kaufmann (Senior) - Varsity Baseball "had 26 hits, 5 triples, 3 HR's, and 25 RBI in May to help win the TVC West Conference title.

Brett Martin (Senior) - Varsity Baseball "had 32 hits, 3 doubles, 2 triples, 2 HR's and 26 RBI in May. He won 3 games as a pitcher."

Devon Roth (Senior) - Varsity Baseball "had 28 hits, 6 doubles, 3 triples, 7 stolen bases, and 17 RBI in May. He did not commit an error the entire month.

Trista Brownlee (Junior) - Varsity Softball, "had 140 strikeouts, 5 earned runs in 89 innings and a 14-1 record."

Sarah Appold (Sophomore) - Varsity Softball, "had 220 strike outs, 10 earned runs in 117 innings and a 17-2 record."

set a new school record in the 1600m run. **State Meet:** **Rogers** sped to a 7th place finish and broke his new school record in the 1600m and **Walker** leaped to 7th place in the high jump.

Golf **Tyler Kluck** earned 1st team all-TVC West honors. In addition, **Kluck** qualified to play in the State Golf Tournament after coming in 3rd individually at the Regional Meet by shooting 80.

Girls Soccer The girls varsity soccer team finished its season at 15-6 and 12-2 in the TVC East for second place. Three girls were selected for the all-TVC East squad. First team selections include: **Faith Palmreuter** (so), **Kaelin Martlock** (Fr.) and **Emily Morse Jr.**. Second team pick: **Maureen Yurgens** (Jr.). Honorable Mention: **Lauren Spencer** (Sr.) and **Kierra Wolverton** (Fr.). **Palmreuter**, **Martlock**, **Morse**, and **Yurgens** were also selected for the All District Team, while **Spencer** and **Wolverton** made Honorable Mention All District. **Martlock** set a single season record with 39 goals on the year and **Palmreuter** set a single season assist record with 23 assists.



Announcing the 11th annual Valley Lutheran High School Golf Scramble 2010

New
Location

Saturday, September 18, 2010
Bay Valley Golf Club, Bay City
Beginning at 7:30 a.m.
\$110 Entry Fee per person
(Call 790-1676 for entry form)

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- _____ \$750 - The carts
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- _____ \$400 - Golfer gift
- _____ \$300 - Driving Range
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Please mail this form and payment to: **VL Golf Scramble 2010**
Valley Lutheran High School
3560 McCarty Road
Saginaw, MI 48603

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