

Valley Vision

Neumann Named Finalist for

MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award

A newsletter for the ministry partners of Valley Lutheran

March 2024

Excerpts from Jesus' **Priestly Prayer**

John 17: 1.4-5. 11. 14-17

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

Valley Lutheran

High School's

2024 Annual Auction & Benefit Dinner MONOPOLY WAS A WONDERFUL SUCCESS!



VL Senior Claire Neumann is only the second Charger in VL history to be named among the 120 finalists for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Scholar-Athlete Awards.

Claire was selected out of a total of 1,607 applicants for the 2023-24 school year, each of whom must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.50 (on a 4.0 scale), previously have won a varsity letter in at least one sport in which the MHSAA sponsors a postseason tournament.

In addition, applicants were asked to respond to a series of short essay questions, submit two letters of recommendation, and complete a 500word essay on the importance of



sportsmanship in educational athletics.

While Claire did not advance to the scholarship round, this recognition is significant and points to the great student athlete Claire has been during her high school years.

"Claire personifies what VL is proud to see in our student athletes. She works hard in the classroom as well as on the center stage of athletic competition. In addition to striving to always put herself in a position for success, she constantly goes above and beyond to have success with her teammates," said VL Athletic Director Tyler Yahn.

Claire will head to Grand Valley State University next year to run track.

That feeling when you "land on Free Parking!"

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success: attendees, donors, sponsors, bidders, and volunteers everyone collectively made the 21st Annual VL Auction & Benefit a success.

In addition to great fun and fellowship, the event raised \$78,000 in support of the ministry of Valley Lutheran High School - wow!!!

Valley Lutheran Music Department invites you to

A LENTEN WORSHIP CONCERT featuring the SYMPHONIC BAND AND GOLDEN VOICE CHOIR

Home Concert

Sunday, March 17 Immanuel Lutheran Church Frankentrost 3 p.m.



Come take a

PEEK AT VALLEY

A one-hour guided tour for students and families that peeks into the VL experience and what sets us apart

Monday, March 25 Arrivals begin at 6:00 p.m.

Sign-up at www.vlhs.com/takeapeek

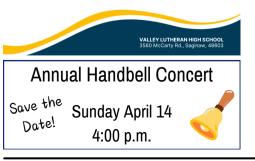




ANTIQUE SHOW by the Saginaw Valley Antique Society April 13, 2024 Quality Antiques from 40+ vendors

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 2 Free Verbal Appraisals (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.)
Bake Sale and Lunch Available



Athlete Highlights



Plamondon Places at State Wrestling Meet

VL Senior **Tim Plamondon** had a great showing at the MHSAA State Wrestling Meet, coming home with a 7th place finish in his weight class! He becomes the second wrestler in VL history to place 7th at the state wrestling meet and the fourth to make the podium.



Wolter Hits 1,000 Points Milestone

VL Senior **Elijah Wolter** is the fourth Charger in Valley history to score 1,000 career varsity points! He achieved this milestone on February 12 during the first quarter of the men's varsity basketball game.

Elijah finished his high school career with 1,123 total Varsity points.

Thrivent Choice Designations

Thank you to those who have designated Valley Lutheran to receive Thrivent Choice dollars. In 2023 we received \$3,871.00 through this program. If you are Thrivent member, consider designating Valley Lutheran to be a recipient.

Thank you in advance!

Fine Arts Highlights



'Job well done!' to the cast and crew of our Winter Play, "Who Dunit...and to Whom?" And a big 'thank you' to St. Mark's Lutheran for providing the venue for this production.

The VLHS Drama Department invites you to their upcoming spring production, "Little Women", held May 2-4 at Valley Lutheran.

> And did you catch our Golden Voice choir performing with the Concordia Choir of CU-Irvine on their recent St. Lorenz tour stop? Thanks to CUI for inviting us to be a part! To God be the glory!