



April 2019

Fix Our Eyes

Spring is coming. They tell me it's true.

This time of year I love to look out the window and discover a beautiful blue sky and a world saturated with sunshine. After a cold gray winter my mind declares, "It's a glorious day! You should take a walk." And who am I to contradict the voices in my head? So, I throw on my Steelers hoodie and reasonable walking shoes. Then I proceed to open the door, ready to immerse myself in golden rays... only to be disappointed by the dark rain clouds that have just blotted out the sun. There were no clouds when I looked out the window! What happened? Truthfully, nothing happened. The clouds were there all along. I just couldn't see them. The limitations of the window frame altered my perception of reality.

I think we are unbelievably blessed to have a God who sees all and is over all. Our God says, "Look to me! Allow the image of my Son on a cross to alter your perceptions of this world." And really, who are we to contradict our Lord when he speaks? It doesn't matter if we can't see the rain clouds headed our way. Our God is bigger than any storm. We are too insignificant to see and understand the big picture, and I'm OK with that. It means that I just have to keep my eyes focused on God.

"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."

~2 Corinthians 4:18

**- Barbara Doyle,
Math Dept.**



The 16th annual dinner-auction raised \$58,000 for Valley Lutheran High School. Of that, \$22,000 is going towards new lockers throughout the school with the rest going towards student aid.

Benefit auction nets \$58,000 for Valley

The idea for bringing a Lutheran high school to Saginaw, Michigan was first tossed around in the 1950s.

This made the 2019 dinner-auction theme of Fabulous Fifties an apt one as Valley Lutheran High School enters the final stages of a GROWING campaign that will provide future generations of students with the facilities they need to continue to receive an exceptional education.

"The proceeds from the auction really do have a direct impact on the students at Valley Lutheran - mostly in the form of student aid. That could be the difference from a student attending Valley or not," Valley's Director of Development Kyle

DeWees said.

More than 325 people were in attendance for the 16th annual event that raises funds typically for student financial aid. However, this year's auction had the added benefit of contributing to the construction currently underway at Valley's McCarty Rd. campus.

All told, the event raised \$86,000, which provided a net gain of \$58,000 after expenses.

Of that, \$22,000 is ear marked towards the installation of new lockers throughout Valley Lutheran. The old half lockers will be replaced with 400 new, full-size lockers, in addition to

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Valley Post Prom

Post Prom is a safe, fun event at SVSU Ryder Center following Prom where the kids play basketball, volleyball, swim, play inflatable bubble soccer, enter a cash machine, food and drink, and lots more!

This event is funded by the Post Prom Committee's fundraising and volunteer hours, as well as many generous businesses in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

The committee is still in need of volunteers the night of prom and donations -- both monetary and merchandise. Volunteers arrive at the Saginaw Valley State University Ryder Center at 10:30 p.m. and are done by 4 a.m.

Please contact Christian Wilke at 989-790-1676 or cwilke@vlhs.com, or Jenny Frank at 989-652-0187 or jlcfrank@yahoo.com with any questions.

Handbell Concert

Sunday, April 7 at 4pm
VLHS Gymnasium



Featuring choirs from: Good Shepherd, Immanuel Bay City, Resurrection Saginaw, Valley Lutheran

VLHS Drama Presents...

Title: Radium Girls

By: D.W. Gregory

When: May 2-4

Time: 7 p.m. at VLHS

Note: In 1926, radium was a miracle cure... until it wasn't. Grace Fryer is a dial painter who fights for her day in court after painters begin falling ill to a mysterious disease. Follow along as Grace battles with the U.S. Radium Corporation, and her family and friends, who fear her campaign for justice will backfire.

16th Annual Dinner-Auction

four new types of lockers in the new locker rooms and more than 30 new lockers in the new music department.

The remaining \$38,000 will go towards student aid.

"There is no other time that people come together with the sole purpose of fun and fellowship with one main thing in common: VLHS - a school with Christ as its foundation. There is an energy in the room unlike any other event I've attended," DeWees said.

Valley staff, alumni, donors, and supporters were all decked out in the Fonz's leather jackets and poodle skirts at Apple Mountain's Conference Center in Freeland, which was colorfully adorned in 50's memorabilia for the event.

The planning committee went all out, even purchasing a soft serve ice cream machine for the root beer float station.

Students even took part in the evening's entertainment performing old musical hits for the benefit of the attendees.

"There were even a couple of performances from the main stage featuring some talented individuals who looked strikingly similar to Patsy Cline, Frank Sinatra, Peggy Lee, and a young Elvis," DeWees said "The 'Side Stage' singers were an absolute hit,"

Eleven Valley students took turns singing classic '50s songs, while others helped out with the auction, and staffed various aspects of the event, such as running the ice cream station and coat check.

DeWees said the silent auction raised more than it ever has before. Other auction items such as the Torch Lake vacation home rental, wine barrel furniture set, and Mackinac Bridge tour received a lot of attention, as well.



The Valley Lutheran boys basketball team went 18-4 this season, including a 13-1 mark in league play to win the Tri-Valley West Conference championship for the first time since 2013.

Host Families Needed for International Students

Host families are needed for future international students at VLHS. These students are attracted to our school because of its academic reputation, but they also give us, as Christians, a unique opportunity to share the Gospel. Host families receive a monthly stipend.

If you are interested in hosting an international student for the 2019-20 school year, contact **Debbie Davis** at 989-790-1676.