

Marianist Urban Students Program- Cleveland

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

18491 Lakeshore Blvd. Cleveland, OH 44119

Dear 8th Grade Parents/Guardians,

The Marianist Province of the United States is once again offering for six members of the future class of 2022 at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School to be accepted into the Marianist Urban Students Program (MUSP). This Program, which includes a partial scholarship (2/3 of tuition after other aid- can be as much as \$24,000 over 4 years!), is only eligible to current 8th grade students at St. Jerome, St. Thomas Aquinas, Sts. Agatha-Aloysius, and St. Francis grade schools. Your son/daughter will receive information at school regarding the process and procedures to be considered for the program. Applications can be obtained by your school's principal starting immediately after MUSP visits their school. **All applications are due on Friday, November 10th, 2017.** Further information and a link to additional applications is available on the school website: <http://www.vasj.com/marianist-urban-students-program>

The Program is run by myself and is advised by the MUSP Board of Advisors. Together we select the members of this program. The board looks at the application forms and school reports, making a first selection. After interviews and conferencing, it makes the final selection. The board is looking for students who:

1. *Currently enrolled as an 8th grader in one of the MUSP feeder schools.*
2. *Serious about their studies.*
3. *Displaying school leadership.*
4. *Active in school/community service.*
5. *Having good attendance and discipline.*
6. *Exhibiting good grades.*
7. *Willingness to be taught.*
8. *Involved in his/her Church.*
9. *Parent's/Guardian's support of them in their studies.*
10. *Desire to be an active member of a group*

Once in the Program, students immediately begin to receive mentoring, help with transition into high school, tutoring, and begin to formulate a plan for the future. Throughout the course of program students are pushed to fulfill their potential academically, spiritually and physically. Field trips, college visits, service, prayer and many other things are characteristic of the MUSProgram.

I encourage you to seriously consider applying and becoming not only part of the Marianist family but also the VASJ Viking Village family as well.

Sincerely,

Tim Neary
Director MUSP Cleveland