

Villa Middle School at a Glance

Villa Maria Elementary School is dedicated to helping young people in middle school grow and prosper intellectually, morally, physically spiritually and emotionally. These qualities enable them to advance their education with the skill, and self- confidence necessary to excel at the high school level.

Villa celebrates its values, diversity and excellence in the following ways...

Academic Excellence

- VME's standardized test scores are consistently above the national, state and local school scores.
- 80% of graduates enter 9th grade eligible for honor classes.
- 90% of 8th grade students complete Algebra 1.
- 7th and 8th grade students placed first in the 2006-2007 Quiz Bowl competition.
- Five VME graduates participate in the Fresh Ink Editorial Board of the Erie Times News.

Leadership Academy at Villa Maria Academy

Eighth-grade students from VME are experiencing high school one year early through Villa Maria Academy's Leadership Program. Every 8th student goes to Villa Maria Academy for the first period of each day to take classes in language, theater, speech and forensics, cooking, creative writing, journalism and other electives. The students then return to VME for the rest of the school day.

This program provides a wonderful opportunity for the 8th graders to prepare for the high school scene. Villa Elementary students are mixed with the high school students for many of the classes.

Technology Difference

- Two complete computer labs and "smart boards"
- Full-time computer instructor
- VME website: www.vmelementary.com
- Network computers with Internet access in every classroom. Daily homework assignments are listed on the VME website.
- Technology Club

Community Service and Awareness Programs

- Student Council
- No Bullying Program
- Self-esteem education
- In-school Big Buddy Program
- EarthForce
- Involvement with Second Harvest Food Bank
- Villa Volunteers – Student Community Service Club
- Celebration of students from a variety of ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds

Music and Performing Arts

Villa believes that enrichment in the arts, helps to complete the student's education, therefore the following are offered as extracurricular activities:

- Beginning and Advanced Band led by a professional musician
- Co-ed Choir
- On-site piano, harp, and voice instruction
- After-School Theater Club
- Art Enrichment Classes

Sports Program

Located within the Villa 40 acre campus are a running track, soccer field and an athletic center with a pool and gymnasium. Villa offers a complete Junior Varsity and Varsity Athletic Program with a 'no cut' policy, fostering excellence and good sportsmanship in the following sports:

- Cross-country
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Golf
- Basketball
- Ski Club
- Swimming

Wrestling and football are available to students who wish to participate, through a cooperative Diocesan program.

