



# VILLA VICTORIA

## ACADEMY

May 3, 2019

Dear Villa Victoria Families, Alumnae, and Friends:

Thank you for being a part of the Villa Victoria family. I want to provide you with a spring update.

### **Moving Villa Forward**

The Moving Villa Forward committee continues to meet to check things off the "to-do" list and to schedule other items for completion.

The mirrors have been installed in the Strength Training and Conditioning (STAC) Room and this room is now complete.

This spring and summer a group of Villa parents will upgrade the cross-country course. If you want to have some fun and help with this project, please email [cwhite@villavictoria.org](mailto:cwhite@villavictoria.org) and have your name added to the list of helpers.

We are preparing for the Villa Spring Photo Contest for our girls. Here is a photo of the four girls who won the Villa Winter Student Photo Contest. All grades are welcome to take part in this contest each season at Villa. It's a great opportunity for our girls to hone their photography skills and get valuable feedback from our panel of judges.



*Winter Contest Winners: Left to Right, Nicole Garruba '20, Nia Solares Martinette '21, Leia Kadelak '21, Esmeralda Bodon '22*

Work continues on the terraces that were cleared last fall by Villa dad Victor Ordonez. This area will be a beautiful place for the girls to gather outside of the dining hall.

The tennis courts will be re-surfaced once we know that spring is really here.

### **The Play and Alumnae Pre-Show Cocktail Party**

This year Villa Victoria produced *Footloose*. The performance was outstanding! Prior to the Saturday performance, Villa hosted our second annual Alumnae Cocktail Party with over 40 alums in attendance. This year's longest traveling alum traveled from her home in France. If you are thinking of reuniting with former classmates, think about attending next year. Special thanks to Board members Colleen Mooney '00, Devin Butchko '10 and Alisandra Carnevale '02 for putting this event together.



*Sr. Lillian with members of the Class of 1959 at the Alumnae Cocktail Party.*

### **Villa Family Dinner**

This year the school held a family dinner at the Trenton Country Club. It was a great time for entire families to meet each other outside of school.

### **Green Thumbs Club**

If you have been on campus lately or driven on Route 29, you have seen the fruits of the Green Thumbs' labor as the 2,000 bulbs planted last fall have bloomed. It is beautiful! We are now in our spring clean-up, mulching and planting mode. The first time you come out, you get a Green Thumbs baseball cap, and you always get hot dogs and soda. Hope to see you at our next Green Thumbs day!





*Middle School Villa girls working hard on campus to clean up and beautify!*

## **Open House**

We held our Spring Open House on April 13. Many thanks to all of the Villa Board members, alumnae, parents, faculty and students who helped out that day. If you know a family with a daughter going into 6th to 10th grade who may be interested in attending Villa Victoria, tell them why you send your daughter. You can also receive the referral tuition bonus. The form is on the [Current Families](#) page of the website.

## **Strategic Planning Committee**

The Strategic Planning Committee is finalizing the rolling three-year plan. A grateful thank you to the Filippini sisters, teachers, staff, parents, students, alumnae and committee members who donated their talents and time over the last year to this project. We will be releasing the report in the near future.

## **A Final Word**

My daughter recently celebrated her 16th birthday. For the celebration, we rented the movie theater near to our home. As our daughter's sophomore class and Villa basketball teammates were gathering outside the movie theater, I told them that the Newtown Theater was the oldest continuous running movie theater in the country. I also told them that it hosted some famous speakers--one being Frederick Douglass. I then asked the girls if they knew who he was, and, of course they did. I then returned to the theater after the girls went to lunch. I asked the manager how the girls were. Of course, she said great and commented that the theater, despite popcorn and soft drinks, was immaculate. The attendants at the restaurant had the same glowing compliments. That is what being a Villa girl is all about. Thank you Filippini sisters, teachers and

staff.

Wishing you a glorious Easter season.

Sincerely,

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Chairperson, Board of Directors  
Villa Parent '04 and '21