



Visitation Athletic Club

Meeting Agenda

Date: September 3rd 2025

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Our Lady of Visitation

- Opening Prayer by Erin Baird
- Meeting opened by Evan Priestle including the reading of a letter from new principal Dr. Mathieson. (*see appendix*).

BOARD REPORTS

Board President Evan Priestle

Representative for: Baseball, Softball and Old Timers

Current Responsibilities: Parish & School Contact for parent relations

Board Vice President Erin Baird

Representative for: Football

Current Responsibilities: Concessions / Master Calendar

Board Treasurer Mike Bollin

Representative for: Cheer, Golf, Track and Field

Current Responsibilities: Treasurer

Board Secretary Maggie Rauch

Representative for: Girls and Boys Volleyball

Current Responsibilities: Parish Contact / Safe Parish / After school rosters / Communications

Board Member Jennifer Leisgang

Representative for: Girls and Boys Basketball

Current Responsibilities: Fundraising, Sponsorships, Social events

Board Member Andrew Sullivan

Board Member Dan Ritter

Additional responsibilities: shared by all board members include but are NOT limited to:
Facilities, Spirit wear, Registrations

SPRING SPORTS REPORTS

Baseball	Commissioner: Todd Zureick/Andrew Curtis
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All key dates for the 2025 season are now on vacsports.com All equipment has been stored. Winter dirt field drop scheduled around Nov. 1. Registration opens around Nov. 16 Discussion on replacing the backstop on Field 2 at VAC expense. Commissioner noted issues with perimeter fencing (a parish safety issue more than athletics). Future fencing priority; Field 6 (corner of Werk and South Road). Offered Field 6 for soccer use three nights a week. Exploring potential use of Sayler Park fields. 	

Softball	Commissioner: Jodi Zureick
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates included with Baseball. 	

Track	Commissioner: Lee Reynolds
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not present. 	

Boys Volleyball	Commissioner: Keith Nienhaus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not present. 	

FALL SPORTS REPORTS

Soccer (K-8)	Commissioner: Laura Miller, Stephanie Campbell & Amy Zimmerman
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All six 8th grade games scheduled for Oct. 4 (morning/afternoon). Concern raised about 3:05pm game conflicting with by-laws prohibiting games after 3:30pm (due to 4:00pm Mass). Angie Parton provided updates on 8th grade celebrations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 58 total 8th graders (boys & girls) Plans include banners (like indoor sports) displayed on Field 1 fencing Banners to include 8th grade football players. Commissioners requested help with equipment for anchoring goals (to coordinate with Todd Zureick). Concerns raised about weekend bathroom maintenance and supplies; Board will contact the parish office. 	

Soccer (Lollipop)	Commissioner:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not present. 	

Football	Commissioner: Bob Lyons/Kenny Lambers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not present. 	

Golf	Commissioner: Matt Stock
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update provided via email. • League experiencing score-entry issues. • Shirt ordering problems through Blue Sombrero for the 2nd year in a row. • Varsity & JV remain undefeated; one Instructional team undefeated, the other with one loss (to the other Visi team). 	

Cheerleading	Commissioner: Lorin Youngblood
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75 participants this Fall (over 40 girls in K-2). • Discussions underway regarding new uniforms and approach for 2026. 	

WINTER SPORTS REPORTS

Girls Volleyball	Commissioner: Tony Coors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Coors not present; updates provided by Dana Elsworth • GWAC league meeting on 9/7 GWAW to submit teams. • Season begins first week of November; practices mid-October. • 7/8 & 5/6: 1 A, 2 B1 teams – open gyms continue until practices begin. • 3rd & 4th: Both will play triple ball. • Proposal for a 2nd grade clinic in spring. 	

Boys Basketball	Commissioners: Johnny Bovard, Collin Carey, Matt Volkerding, Frank Scigliulo
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All A & B1 coaches returning; still seeking B-level coaches • Tryout planning for a 3-night format (tentatively 9/27, 9/30 & 10/5, pending gym availability). • Tournament will be Visi-hosted only this year. Looking to form a tournament committee; Jen Leisgang to assist with fundraising efforts. 	

Girls Basketball	Commissioner: David Kneflin
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8th grade A team moving to compete in Eastside League; challenges noted with gym and game times. • Exploring options with Seton and Thomas More. • Discussion of coordinating schedules with volleyball to manage player conflicts. • Tournament dates TBD. 	

Wrestling	Commissioner: Adam May
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update provided via email. Reviewing registration fees for this season and will contact Betsi when ready to open sign-ups. 	

Committee Updates

- Merchandise/Gear
 - Lauryn Thompson discussed plans for athletic gear to be available through the Spirit Shop (one-stop-shop for parents).
 - Parish office approved sales, school distribution, and allocation of funds back to VAC.
 - Committee to meet separately on details/timeline.
- Facilities – see *VACATIONS* section.
- Service
 - Committee chair needed; will promote in upcoming school newsletter.
 - Thanks to Jodi & Todd Zureick for organizing Elder ball collection.
- Fundraising/social
 - See *Save the Date* section.
 - Board still requesting meeting with parish office to clarify fundraising for larger capital projects.

Board Elections:

- Interested candidates should introduce themselves at the next meeting on Oct. 15.
- A vote will be held at that meeting if needed.
- Three positions are up for reelection.

Reminder:

- Per VAC by-laws, quotes are required for any purchases over \$5,000.

Save the Dates:

Oct. 4, 2025 – Soccer 8th Grade Celebrations & Night Football Games

April 17, 2026 – Annual Pickleball Event

May 1, 2026 – VAC Golf Outing at Aston Oaks

VACATIONS

- Pavilion AED relocated (thanks to PTO & Principal Mathieson).
- Gym floor refinished (Aug. 2025)
 - Meeting to be scheduled with Ohio Floor for full assessment; Board & basketball commissioners to attend.
- Field 2 backstop replacement approved; scheduling needed ASAP.
- Wireless scoreboard approved; Erin Baird to coordinate with Griffin.
- Fence trimming; Board approved quotes for clean-up; monthly maintenance to begin in spring. Additional quote for brush along Werk Road will be submitted to parish office.
- Irrigation system upgrades completed (Aug. 2025).
- New Auditorium lights installed (June 2025).

Open Discussion

- Oct. 4 – Soccer Games & Night Football
 - Soccer scheduling adjustments are needed to finish six games before 4:00pm Mass.
 - Night game considerations:
 - Adequate lighting
 - Restroom cleaning and supply stocking
 - Extra trash collection and dumpster pick-up
 - Follow-up with Bob Lyons on logistics and support.
- Concession – Credit Card Machine
 - Pavilion credit card machine not used in recent weekends; Mike Bollin to follow-up.

VAC MEETING SCHEDULE
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• October 15, 2025• December 3, 2025

APPENDIX



Dear Visi Athletic Committee and Coaches,

I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt respect and gratitude.

At a principal's meeting in July, I raised my hand to ask a question (I've forgotten the topic) and introduced myself by saying, "I'm new at Our Lady of the Visitation School, and I think we have a strong athletics department..." The room turned toward me, and an Eastside high school principal chuckled and said, "You think?" Everyone laughed and told me to wait and see—I'd be amazed. And they were right. I am amazed.

In various meetings, I've learned that our athletic department is not only known for excellence in sports, but also for its leadership in service and stewardship—especially in maintaining our facilities and grounds. I've had the pleasure of attending two "blue and orange" evenings and meeting several of you in person. It's clear that your dedication plays a vital role in Visi's strong reputation, and more importantly, in shaping students into well-rounded individuals.

From my experience, I've seen how coaches can be profoundly influential in forming student mindsets, discipline, and being team players. Students naturally test boundaries and sometimes imitate behaviors they perceive as admirable—even when those behaviors, like intimidation or inappropriate language, miss the mark. I've heard that you consistently use these moments to teach and redirect, and I'm grateful for that.

I understand that your roles are volunteer-based and, as the Catholic Schools Office reminds us, technically an extension of the parish rather than the school. Still, we know that the lessons you impart and the culture you help shape are deeply felt within our classrooms and hallways. For that reason, I may occasionally reach out for context or clarification, and I wanted to begin our relationship by acknowledging the tremendous time and care you invest in our students and in the spirit of Visi.

A few concerns have been brought to me regarding unkind behavior among students. While this is not unexpected, we remain committed to guiding them toward better choices. At school, you'll begin to hear more about our emphasis on "virtue" and our efforts to reframe anti-bullying initiatives into a broader "Be Kind Culture."

Some athletic programs have found inspiration in virtuestrength.org, which teaches that virtue—rooted in the Latin word for strength—can be a powerful framework for character development. I share this not as a recommendation to use, per se, but simply as a resource that may resonate with those seeking to cultivate strong character within their teams.

Thank you again for the many hours you give. Though I'm far from athletic myself, I deeply value the community and formation that sports bring to our students and families. I look forward to working alongside you in the year ahead.

In Christ,
Jo Mathieson