Valley Christian Junior High and High School

JUNE NEWSLETTER

Journal Entry - Day 170…another overcast day with a chance of rain. Students scurry about the campus as they attempt to enter their classroom prior to the ringing of the passing bell. The school day begins.

All the calculations have been completed and now the awards are ready for distribution. The Valedictorians and Salutatorian have been notified. Speeches for baccalaureate and graduation are being written in preparation for final words to be spoken as a new journey begins. The gymnasium is set for athletic celebrations of victories and defeats that occurred on the battlefield of honor. There is anticipation for the end of the year and trepidation for the finals that are about to be taken. So swiftly the year began and so swiftly the year ends. How will the race be finished? Was the fight a good fight (2 Tim. 4:7)? Choir, wrestling, *Cat's Cradle*, *Cheaper by the Dozen*, first year of Varsity Football, Debate Team, and Junior High Golf, players of the week, LN-4, Junior/Senior prom, Washington D.C., Bavarian dancing, Salsa dancing, 3-on-3 Basketball, dodge-ball, powder puff football, Spirit Weeks, Harper in his wrestling outfit, 47 baptisms, …the end of the school year is upon us. We have been blessed!

~Larry Lopez
Principal, Valley Christian Junior High and High School

Last Events of the 2009-2010 School Year

June 2	Varsity Senior High Dinner Banquet	6:00 PM Gym
June 6	HS Baccalaureate	4:00 PM Sanc.
June 7-10	Semester II Finals	8:30-12:00
June 10	End of Second Semester (Last Day of School) 8th Grade Promotion	6:30 PM Gym
June 12	HS Graduation	6:30 PM Fairgrounds

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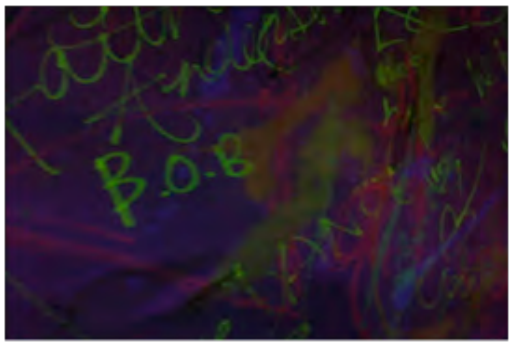
Junior High News

Glow in the Dark Dance

May was an action-packed month for the junior high at Valley Christian! Friday, May 14th was our "Glow in the Dark" dance in the high school gym. The student council worked for two hours and decorated the walls, tables and doors with balloons and bright decorations. Students dressed in their fluorescent colors and wore glow-necklaces and bracelets. One of the favorite things to do (besides dancing and snacking, of course) was writing on the walls. Yes, that's right – students wrote on the walls that were covered with white bulletin board paper using bright highlighter markers.

The black lights shining on the paper made the artists' work pop off the paper. It was almost as if the paper were alive. When the kids weren't writing and drawing on the "glow wall" they could be found munching on the candy and freshly popped popcorn or slurping on one of the ice-cold sodas.



DJ David Jr. worked the sound and played favorites all night long. It is surprising how many kids knew the dance to Michael Jackson's "Thriller". And of course, a dance is not complete without a conga line….especially when it is made up of two thirds of the junior high student body! Thanks to our faithful chaperones, Mrs. Greer, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Lee and Mr. Babinat.

Spring Rally

"Get your Hula On" was the theme at the 4th quarter spirit rally on Friday, May 18th. The junior high students were decked out in Hawaiian themed shirts, leis and hula skirts . Even the hallways teemed with fishing nets, inflatable toys and pictures of surfers and hula dancers. The rally was held to honor our spring athletes. Congratulations to the girls' soccer team for their 3rd place win in our league and a HORRAY to our boys' volleyball team for their first place season finish! Great job, teams.

After the teams were recognized, competition for homeroom points began with 2 crazy games performed at the rally. "Alligator Alley" was the first game played in the fashion of dodge ball combined with the game, "sharks and minnows". All seven homeroom teams hard pressed to finish before the others. The second game was the "Lei Toss" where one student was supposed to toss a lei over the top of the head of their teammate. The partner was not allowed to use their hands to help the positioning of the lei. Bodies moved

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in unnatural ways in order to move the lei into positions. It was a funny sight to watch! Homeroom points are a secret until we continued the competitions at our picnic on May 28th.

Little Hills Ranch

On Friday the 28th the 7th and 8th graders enjoyed hanging out with each other in a relaxing and fun atmosphere. We headed off to Little Hills Ranch in San Ramon right after first period. Considering it had been a rather rainy and gloomy week, the students were thrilled to have a day of warm sunshine!

The students lost no time getting busy on the ping-pong tables and basketball courts. The junior high student council planned a variety of games in which the homerooms competed. The games began with a three-legged race. The students learned the importance of communication and coordination as some sailed to the finish line while others struggled just to stand together. It was quite a sight to see!

Other games included the tug-o-war pairing ten students for each homeroom to tug against another ten from a competing homeroom. There are some pretty big boys in the 8th grade but the smaller 7th graders really gave them a difficult time. The javelin throw was a bit challenging as the throwers worked against gravity and a tough breeze to throw their "javelin" (a swimming noodle) the farthest. We have some strong arms in the junior high! A picnic would not be complete without a water balloon toss! Students backed further and further away from one another as they carefully tossed and caught the balloons. The winning students were the only dry kids left in the game!

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After a delicious lunch of barbequed hamburgers and hotdogs, the winning homeroom was announced. Congratulations to Mrs. Greer's homeroom class. They accumulated the most points from both the rally and games played at the picnic to be able to take home the 4th quarter spirit trophy. This was their second time winning it this semester. Love their school spirit! Since they were the winning homeroom, they were able to be the first junior high kids to receive their yearbooks. After the yearbook students distributed all of the books to the rest of the student body, the kids spent the rest of the afternoon signing one another's books. They enjoyed looking at all of the creative pages and comical pictures in this year's yearbook. Great job yearbook staff on the most artistic and imaginative yearbook ever!

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DC Funding

This year we had quite a task raising funds for kids who needed scholarship help to attend, and those who wanted or needed their kids to earn money to contribute toward the cost. We were able to provide 15 partial scholarships for students who would not have been able to attend otherwise. We also offered a great number of fundraisers for kids to raise their own funds!

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Special thanks to the following parents who
assisted in the raising of over $25,000!

Mrs. Woodson: Facilitated the Christmas Wreath Fundraiser

Mrs. Styles: Facilitated the scholarship snack cart DAILY after school!

Mrs. Allen: Provided goods for the snack cart regularly!

Mrs. Green: Secured the dinner fundraiser locations

Mrs. Greer: Coordinated the See's Candy fundraiser, Magazine/Cookie Dough fundraiser, and ran the finances and payments for each fundraiser.

Mrs. House: Secured the mall Christmas greeting fundraiser

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We also had a number of parents help their students earn quite a few hours as they worked the lunch sales, break sales, snack cart, Homecoming alumni BBQ, bracelet sales, mall greeting, and other opportunities. Thank you for your involvement!

Special thanks to the following individuals & companies who donated their products toward our scholarship fund:

Sabina James: Donated baby quilt to be bid upon

Jamie Schabbing: Donated Salon 4062 Gift Certificates

Meritage Photography: Donated Sitting Fee certificates

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Another big THANK YOU to the families who donated back their 6th grade funds to the scholarship fund! Collectively we were able to give back $6,500 to help our kids attend!!

ATTENTION 7th GRADE PARENTS!- DC 2011 is Coming!

The 7th grade class needs parents to join a committee to help raise funds for next year's trip. If you would like to be a part of the process, please get involved so we leave no child behind due to finances!
Your kids need YOU to make it happen!!!

Please contact Carol Styles at CStyles@dublinvcc.org to join!
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8th Grade DC Report . . .

8th Grade Washington DC Expedition Excitement

We all made it home in one piece thanks to God's incredible blessing and provision, in the meantime creating many fabulous friendships and memories for a lifetime! I think the picture record from one student's camera was 1,300 shots, which I am sure made it fun to narrow down for the ever-famous scrapbook assignment assigned by Mr. B. The workers at the craft and scrapbook stores said Valley Christian had already been there when I arrived to emptied shelves, so I guess we've made our mark!

The top votes for the DC experience were the Washington Monument, Mount Vernon, and the many war memorials. Watching the kids respond to the intense sacrifice that has positioned them for their free lives as Americans, was rewarding for teacher and parent alike. The kids were also emotionally touched by the Holocaust Museum and demonstrated tremendous maturity that garnered much praise by staff there and at many venues.

The Smithsonian Museums proved to also be an educational experience for many, particularly as a group of our girls respectfully debated the expert at the new evolution exhibit. Adults stood around being educated by our students in the Intelligent Design Theory, as they highlighted the assumptions the theory of evolution requires in the field of science. This was a proud moment as these girls, mistaken by the scientist as graduating from high school, won the discussion hands down!

Another proud moment we were fortunate enough to experience was our Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Teachers selected four students based upon the following criteria:

1. Respect for authority and peers evident in daily actions
2. Respect for our country and the godly principles upon which it was founded evident in actions and speech
3. Personal responsibility evident in academic work and personal relationships
4. Demonstrated leadership qualities evident in school activities or other organizations, such as scouting, youth group, etc.
5. Respect for the time of others evident in attendance/tardies record
6. Commitment to academic responsibilities evident in grade point average (minimum 3.0)
7. Commitment to school standards for behavior evident in discipline record

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This year's wreath layers were:

Calvin Borneman,
Elyse Codiroli,
Noah Petero, and
Mickele Schmitt.

We added several new venues this year; the most talked about being the dinner dance cruise on the Odyssey along the Potomac River. The kids finally had some uninterrupted time to dress up and socialize, while dancing the night away or putting their sore feet up to chat after a long day! The parents and teachers also joined the fun, notably Mr. Lopez who is quite nimble on those long legs! And I know no one will ever forget Mr. Scanlon's "worm", thanks to YouTube!

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The morning after the cruise we moved out early to participate in the Bible Reading Marathon leading up to the National Day of Prayer. Students and adults were invited to read a verse on the steps of our nation's Capitol, which was being broadcast live on the Internet. Go to: http://www.internationalbiblereadingassociation.org/DCBRM2010/20100503.html for the May 3rd slideshow is on their site! We are famous!

We chose the trip date with this opportunity in mind and were incredibly fortunate to get an appointment to read the Bible, that worked with our existing itinerary. Our group read through the chapters of Deuteronomy 8-12, which had appropriate applications both for the individual reader and for our group. We were so blessed to partake in an event that one day may not be possible.

Those who participated received a certificate from the International Bible Reading Association, and a picture attached, thanks to Mrs. Styles!

8th GRade DC Report. . .

Washington DC this year was fast paced like always, and the weather quite steamy with record highs and rain on the same day! Fortunately spirits were so high we didn't realize the depth of that challenge until we were on to the next destination: Gettysburg! This year we were able to experience the new $12 million visitor center along with the Cyclorama, Gettysburg battlefield tour, and Hollywood quality motion picture, "A New Birth of Freedom" demonstrating exactly how our country was divided during the Civil War. Much was cemented in the students' minds about the importance of this Civil War and the impact it had on every citizen, as well as how it shaped our nation to what it is today.

Our next stop was another notable addition this year: our visit to Amish country in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Amish country was gorgeous, peaceful, and fascinating, with plentiful food and handmade goods to supply our wants and needs! We saw the interactive movie, Jacob's Choice, with automated props and a dramatic storyline that drew us into the Amish culture and transitions that youth make as they decide whether or not to become adults remaining in the Amish community. This was followed by our ten course homemade meal, which was abundantly satisfying for the drive into New York that evening.

(Sorry, no pictures allowed of the Amish!)

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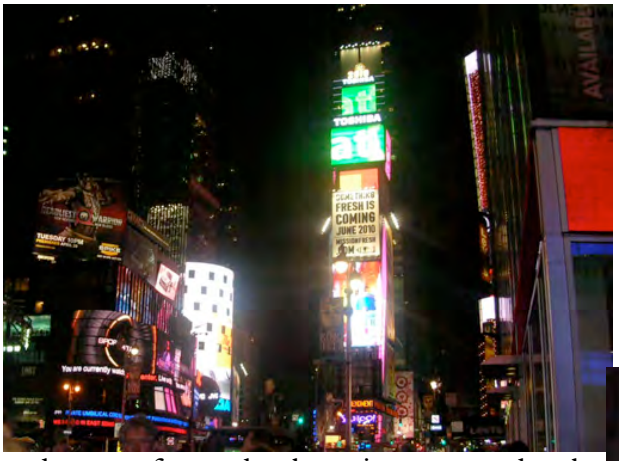
5TH AVENUE

BROADWAY



Broadway was another highlight of the trip! The kids were fresh off their day of fun shopping, and the boys and girls alike made the most of 5th Avenue and its surroundings. However, they were ecstatic to return to our hotel, Embassy Suites, to ready themselves for dinner and Broadway. This year we saw Lion King, which had some "interesting" changes from the last time our school experienced the play. However, Broadway did not disappoint as the show displayed spectacular talent and creative theatrical effects. We were also able to walk through Time Square after the performance and got a view of the dazzling nightlights and excitement of New York City!

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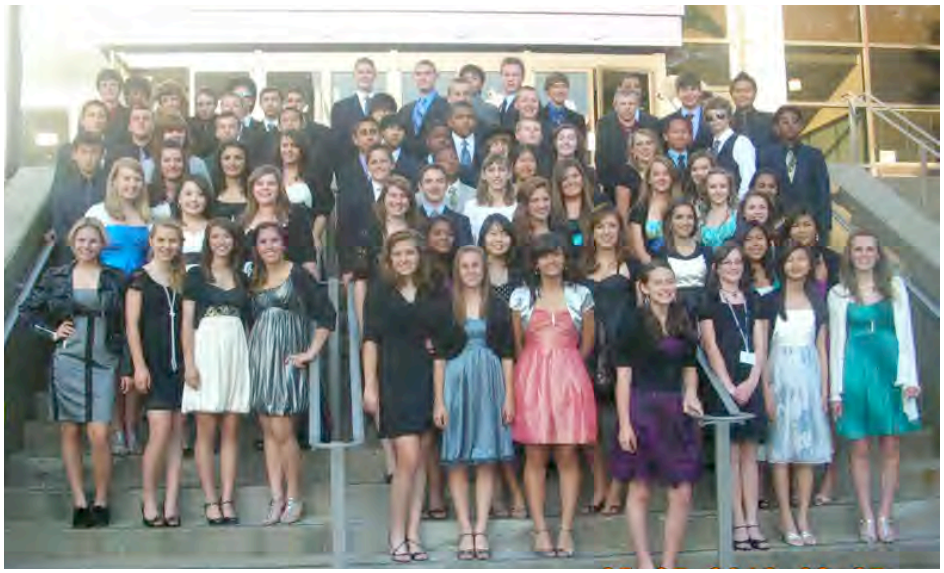
Staff chaperones (left to right): Mr. Merrell, Mr. Babinat, Mrs. Greer, Mr. Lopez, Mrs. House, Mrs. Styles, and Mr. Parrella



2010 8th Grade Class Valley Christian Junior High
Heading to Broadway!

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Another notable addition to the trip was our tour of the World Trade Center Museum, which left not a dry eye. The experience was especially heart wrenching as the father of a firefighter victim that fateful day led our group to understand the far reaching emotional and political impact of that murderous event as well as sharing the concerns about extremist terrorism in America and the world. We were particularly attuned to this as that failed bomb found at Times Square just outside our Broadway theater door a mere four days before we attended.

Our final morning of the trip we took a ferry cruise of the New York waterway, viewing the sights of the city and the favorite vantage point of The Statue of Liberty. The educational and inspirational value of this 8th grade trip was summed up in the view of Lady Liberty, as throughout the week we came to recognize the true sacrifice that has gone before us to experience the freedoms we experience in this nation. May we all live up to the challenge of our tour guides; let us each live a life worth the sacrifice of our forefathers who risked everything to design this nation under God, and the sacrifice of our soldiers who have defended to the death our belief in freedom, and who continue to provide for our incredible luxury of freedom each day!

Thank you to the many parents, staff & students who made this such a remarkable experience!

God Bless America!
~ Mrs. Greer

HS Classes & Student Activities . . .

National Honor Society 2010

"To create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools." - from the NHS Constitution

The National Honor Society was founded in 1921 by the National Association of Secondary School Principals in order to create an organization that would recognize and encourage academic achievement while also developing the characteristics essential to citizens in a democracy. These ideals of scholarship, character, service, and leadership remain just as imperative today, and represent what we here at VCHS seek for our students to embody.

Through NHS chapter service activities, members maintain and extend the qualities that won them selection. Membership is both an honor awarded by the faculty and a commitment to the community.

Candidacy begins by meeting our Scholarship criterion of placing in the top 25% of their year academically. Eligible students are then nominated by the faculty for membership in the school chapter of NHS based upon demonstrated outstanding achievement in Service, Leadership, Character, and Citizenship. The faculty is pleased to welcome the following students to membership in NHS:

Elisha Clerigo
James Kaune
Matthew Kaune
Ethan Lew
Sara Peterson
Andrew Tai

Please see below for the full list of this year's National Honor Society, as well as the criteria for selection. Principal Larry Lopez recognized all members of NHS at the Awards Assembly on June 1st. Congratulations to all our honored students!

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NHS Criteria for Selection

Scholarship

Students who rank in the top 25% of their class meet the scholarship requirement for membership. These students are then eligible for consideration on the basis of service, leadership, character, and citizenship.

Service

This quality is defined through the voluntary contributions made by a student to the school or community, done without compensation and with a positive, courteous, and enthusiastic spirit.

Leadership

Student leaders are those who are resourceful, good problem solvers, promoters of school activities, idea-contributors, dependable, and persons who exemplify positive attitudes about life. Leadership experiences can be drawn from school or community activities while working with or for others.

Character

The student of good character upholds principles of morality and ethics, is cooperative, demonstrates high standards of honesty and reliability, shows courtesy, concern, and respect for others, is routinely punctual, and generally maintains a good and clean lifestyle.

Citizenship

The student who demonstrates citizenship understands the importance of civic involvement, has a high regard for freedom, justice, and democracy, and demonstrates mature participation and responsibility through involvement with such activities as scouting, community organizations, and school clubs.

National Honor Society
2009-2010

Bae, Sung	12
Chiu, Christal	12
Dack, Alexa	12
Dickinson, Adam	11
Dickson, Chloe	12
Dykes, Julie	12
Fountain, Brett	12
Goodnow, Christopher	12
Gray, Brianna	12
Hanks, Kailey	11
Kazberuk, Adam	12
Kurth, Christian	12
Kwon, Minki	12
Lemmer, Jake	11
Lokker, Derek	12
Manashi, Amanda	11
Marco, Phoebe	11
Montero, Katie	12
Pickering, Joshua	11
Richwood, Alex	11
Sanchez, Jennifer	12
Sido, Edirin E.	12
Silva, Rebecca	11
Wong, Alicia	12
Yang, Michelle	12

Academy of Art

The Academy of Arts will continue to offer private lessons in piano, voice, guitar, drums, and trumpet throughout the summer. In addition, we will offer group classes in piano and guitar this summer. For more information, please contact the Academy office at (925) 560-6211 or Mike Ruybalid, Academy Director, at mruybalid@dublinvcc.org

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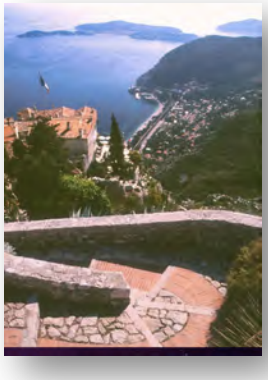

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NEWS FROM YOUR PTF

Attention All Parents and Students!!! Come preview our new lunch program on Thursday, June 3rd. You will be able to purchase one entrée from a selection of three types of hot entrées and two types of cold entrées. Along with your choice entrée you will receive a side of fresh vegetables, a side of fresh fruit, a snack, and a beverage all for $5.00. Don't miss this opportunity to preview our new lunches that will be served next school year!!

Thank you to all 7th. grade parents who volunteered for the May Staff Luncheon from Rigatonis. Our school is truly blessed to have so many caring and giving parents who faithfully help when asked, we appreciate you!!

PTF is looking for two new board members to fill open positions for the 2010-2011 school year. This is a wonderful way to serve the school, teachers, and our children. If you are interested in the Vice President or Special Events positions, email Miriam Lietz at Lietz5@netscape.net

Come and get them while they last!!

2010 Entertainment Books are available for a new discounted price of $10. There is over $18,000 in everyday savings in each book! There are discounts to save on local family dining, fast food restaurants, family entertainment, movie tickets, travel, and hotels and much more. Books are valid thru October 2010 and can be purchased at the HS office.

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