

# Valley Christian Jr/Sr High

## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

### Principal's Letter

Did I keep the matter confidential? Did I keep the circle small? Was I straightforward with my concerns? Was I forgiving? These are all questions I ask myself as I communicate with people regarding my personal concerns.

Communication is also extremely important in a school setting regardless of whether it is teacher-to-student or parent-to-teacher. The goal is to be heard and to hear others. Of course, there are times when there is a level of disconnect that can cause frustration between individuals. At Valley Christian Schools, we utilize the biblical principle established in Matthew 18:15-17 regarding effective communication and resolution. I have used this for many years in my leadership and have seen the benefits when the process is followed.

#### 1. Student and Teacher

Our desire is to partner with you to grow and develop students to be empowered and to advocate for themselves. The first step is for the student to be encouraged to ask questions of their teacher regarding a concern they may have with classroom procedures or an assignment.

#### 2. Parent and Teacher

Once the student has communicated their concern with the teacher, the parent may need to become involved to provide the necessary support for their student and to receive further clarification. Research has shown that 80% of all educational concerns are resolved either with student/teacher or parent/teacher communication.

#### 3. Parent, Teacher, and Department Head

If the parent needs further clarification of procedures or needs help in communicating with their child's teacher, the Department Head is then notified to help in addressing the concern of the student/parent. The Department Head structure at Valley Christian Schools is a significant resource for all students and parents. An additional 18% of all educational concerns are resolved with the aid of the Department Head.

#### 4. Parent, Teacher, Department Head, and Principal

Occasionally, some concerns are brought to the Principal who will moderate the discussion and bring resolution to the issue. Most concerns are resolved through effective communication utilizing the teacher and Department Head, but approximately 1.5% requires the attention of the Principal.

#### 5. Parent, Teacher, Department Head, Principal, and Superintendent

If an issue needs further clarification, the Principal will bring it to the attention of the Superintendent who will then provide the necessary clarification. This accounts for 0.4% of all issues concerning the classroom.

This biblical approach to communication provides consistency throughout Valley Christian Schools. Many of you have had the opportunity to use this step-by-step process over your student's academic career and have experienced its benefits first-hand.

Larry Lopez  
Junior & Senior High Principal

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# *JH Classes & Student Activities . . .*

## Junior High Happenings

November is already upon us and boy, does the Junior High Student Council (JHSC) have some fun planned for the junior high! During the week of November 16<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup>, the junior high will have a “Week of Fun” at lunchtime. We will sponsor events such as tug-o-war, silly balloon games and other “surprise” events. Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, will be the best of all as we have a Thanksgiving Feast. Be on the lookout for what each student needs to bring. This awesome feast will not be possible unless everyone does his or her part. We will give thanks and break bread together in either the gym or the Fireside room (to be determined) during our lunch. We are in need of parents on Thursday to help set up before the feast and clean up afterwards. If you can help with this super fun event, please email Carol Styles at [cstyles@dublinvcc.org](mailto:cstyles@dublinvcc.org). Thank you in advance for your support.

Much progress is being made by our 8th Grade fundraising efforts. See the attached flyer regarding 8th Grade fundraising for upcoming opportunities.

## JH and SH Chapel Leadership

Valley Christian Junior/Senior High School Principal Mr. Larry Lopez will be preaching at Valley Christian Center Church on **Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup>**. The High School Chapel Leadership class will be directing, ushering, and leading worship for both the 8:30 & 11:15 services. The Junior High Christian Leadership class will also contribute by performing a “music drama,” and scripture reading. All families and students are invited to attend. We would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the following students in preparing for this Sunday:

Paolo Coronel	8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Music Drama
Megan Matthews	8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Music Drama (J.H. Chaplain)
Max McConville	8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Music Drama
Francesca Bartolomucci	8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Music Drama
Katey Styles	8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Music Drama
Shannon Hus	8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Music Drama
Austin Simmons	8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Music Drama (J.H. Chaplain)
Kylee House	8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Scripture Reading
Berkley Skillicorn	9 <sup>th</sup> grade	Asst. Program Director
Spencer Garvis	9 <sup>th</sup> grade	Asst. Audio Tech
Hannah Pryfogle	10 <sup>th</sup> grade	Vocals
Cliff Woodward	10 <sup>th</sup> grade	Drums
Adam Dickinson	11 <sup>th</sup> grade	Asst. Program Director
Jake Lemmer	11 <sup>th</sup> grade	Guitar
Josh Pickering	11 <sup>th</sup> grade	Lead Audio Tech
Rebecca Hansen	11 <sup>th</sup> grade	Vocals
Christian Kurth	12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Keyboard
Derek Lokker	12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Bass (H.S. Chaplain)
Jennifer Sanchez	12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Program Director
Jessica Leano	12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Vocals
Julie Klosterman	12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Piano
Sarah Souza	12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Creative Arts



# 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DC TRIP

DC Trip registration was due November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please sign your child or yourself up at [www.acts-tours.com](http://www.acts-tours.com) by November 10<sup>th</sup> so that we may finalize our airfare! **Tour T102009A Password 372**

## Remaining Opportunities

The following are available for parents/students to earn toward the trip.

### Daily Opportunities

1. After school snack cart
2. Work sports snack bar: \$20 per game shift:  
Students will be contacted Sundays for openings of weekday shifts

### December

Giftwrapping/Babysitting Event @ VCE  
(coordinator and student workers needed)

7-11<sup>th</sup>: Break Muffins sales: student workers

### February 19<sup>th</sup>

**Lunch Fundraiser: Student workers**

**ALL SIGN-UPS:  
ROOM J-2 or J-4 @ 3-3:30**

## Individual Fundraising

### Taking place Nov. to Dec.



Fresh  
Christmas  
Wreaths



See's Candy

### Taking place January 2010



Magazines &



Cookie Dough

### Mall Greeters:

Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 6AM-2PM

Dec. 12,13,19,20,

21, 22, 23: 12-4 PM

\*\*\*2 hour shifts\*\*\*



This year we have several students who are in need of scholarships in order to attend the trip.

Parents and students may volunteer to work at events or sell fundraising items and donate back their proceeds toward the scholarship fund.

If you can assist by donating funds for those in need, please contact me ASAP.

Thank you for your help, and I'm looking forward to a great trip! ~Mrs. Greer

## JUNIOR HIGH VISUAL & CULTURAL ARTS

by Mrs. Tara Stevens

The students in the Junior High Visual Arts class have dove right in this year. This is the first year this class has been taught. It is a new class with a new curriculum. So far this year, the students have done an awesome job with their assignments. Some of the assignments included an Abstract Project, an assignment based on an action and an object, and the shoe project. These are just some of the assignments the students have completed. By the end of the semester the students in the class will get an overall feel of the arts. The students will experiment with many different mediums while incorporated the elements and principles of art. I am looking forward to seeing the outcomes of each project from these talented students.

This quarter one student in particular has really stood out to me, Hyun Hye (Helen) Lee. She is new our to school, coming to us as a foreign exchange student. She has really excelled in this class, going above and beyond the requirements of each assignment. She is a very talented artist. The pictures shown are examples of Helen's artwork thus far.

The first project shown is an abstract project. The students were required to come up with an abstract project using only 7 triangles, 8 circles, and 9 rectangles. They were to come up with a solution that created interest and balance. Helen was very successful in creating both of these.

The second project shown, the students were given a random action and object. They had to come up with a piece that expressed the action doing the object. Helen's words were flying whale. She successfully came up with a solution that was well thought out.

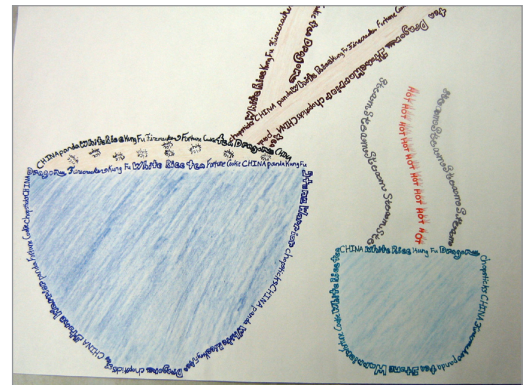
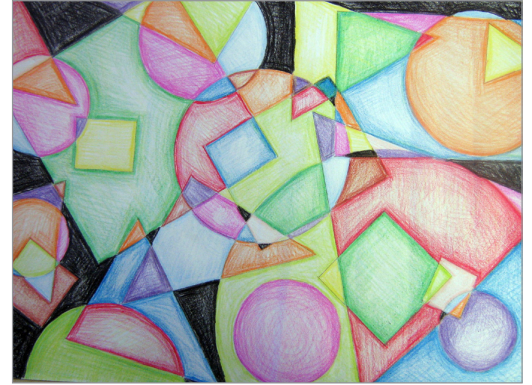
I have really enjoyed this class, and look forward to seeing more successful pieces from each of the students.

This year is the second year that Cultural Arts has been offered here at Valley Christian. This class provides students with instruction and experiences that are designed to develop appreciation and knowledge of the integral aesthetic values in the visual arts, music, dance, theater, and architecture. The students are learning about many different cultures throughout the world and expressing them through art. This quarter the students have been focusing on art as human expression as it reflects values of culture. The students have begun to create a fictional culture, in which they are to include every aspect of a culture. The students have really taken off with this assignment. They are still in the process of completing every part of it, and I am excited to see the final outcome.

In this class the students have done a few projects up to this point. The student that has really stood out to me this quarter is Beracach Chan. She has really excelled in this class, bringing a lot of good ideas to the table in our discussions. The artwork she has produced thus far is excellent as well. One project the students did this quarter was a word drawing. The students chose a culture and had to express that culture in drawing but the drawing was only to include words about the culture, no lines. Her project was based on the Japanese culture, her artwork which is shown below expresses her culture well.

The second project shown is a culture collage. The students were to choose a culture and express that culture in a collage. The collage had to have both magazine pictures as well as drawn pictures. Her collage was very successful.

I have really enjoyed working with this group of kids, and am excited to see the result of these fictional cultures.



# *SF Classes & Student Activities . . .*

## **Student Activities at the High School**

This is a busy month for some of our students. The ASB takes their annual trip to Mount Hermon for the ACSI leadership retreat. They will leave at 1 PM on **Wednesday, Nov. 11th** and return around 3 on **Friday, Nov. 13th**. They will meet with several other Christian schools and learn some great skills from the speaker, Sean McDowell. His topic for the three days will be "Equipping Students as Godly Leaders".

## **Interact Club**

The Interact Club is sponsoring the Tri-Valley Basket Brigade on **November 21st** at 9:00 a.m. If you and your family want to help out some families in the Tri-Valley area, check out their website: [www.trivalleybasketbrigade.com](http://www.trivalleybasketbrigade.com), and register to see what you can do. The gathering of goods will happen at our very own gym. We can still use items; please send them into the school office marked with basket brigade on them.

## **Fall Theatre**

Valley Christian High School presents its 27<sup>th</sup> production, "Cat's Cradle" by Leslie Sands. If you like to figure out a good mystery, you will love this performance. Set in a small town in England, we follow characters who are not who they say they are and their relationships to each other are revealed throughout the play. The characters are full of vices and

some are quite evil, come and watch how the story unfolds. Performances are **November 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>** in the elementary multi use room at **7:30 p.m.** Tickets are \$10.00 and can be bought at the door.

## **Sadie Hawkins**

Our annual Sadie Hawkins dance is almost ready to go! Girls, mark your calendars for **December 12<sup>th</sup>, 7-11 p.m.** and ask your favorite guy. The theme for this year's dance is "If it isn't Neon, it shouldn't be on". Don't forget, all guest passes are due on Thursday, December 10. Remember there are no in and out privileges, once you leave you may not return. Parents will be notified of all students that leave more than 30 minutes before the dance is over. All students are encouraged to attend, dates are not necessary.

## **Debate Tournament by Katie Philpot**

Saturday, October 24th, Valley Christian School hosted their first debate tournament. Over 50 students debated at this competition, representing 5 different schools in Northern California. We are very proud of our debaters here at Valley Christian who worked hard in preparing to host this tournament and compete for their very first time in team policy debate. Everyone indicated that they thoroughly enjoyed the tournament, and all our debaters are working hard in preparation for the next one!

All of our debaters did very well. Notably, in the category of Individual Debater awards, Skylar Burt placed 9th, followed by Alex Buescher at 11th. Alex Buescher and his partner Hannah Pryfogle placed 10th in team awards, with Olivia Coackley & Claire Zasso in 14th, and James Bessolo & Christina Tong 15th. A special thank you to all the Freshman parents and students that worked, baked, and BBQed to provide food for the debaters all day!

## **Bavarian Dancing**

On Wednesday, November 18th, all students in HS German and 6th grade will have the fun opportunity to watch members of 'Almenrausch Schuhplattler', an authentic German dance group perform and learn to dance from them. VCS parents, Gary and Phoebe Schwaegerle under the direction of James Zimmermann have performed at numerous Oktoberfests including the Squaw Valley Resort Oktoberfest, private parties, and SF Giants Tail Gate Party. Thank you for providing our students with this wonderful learning opportunity. Tanzen wir! (Let's dance!)



# *From the Academic Counselors Office . . .*

## **Memo to Seniors**

Now that you have applied to CSU college...

### **WHAT'S NEXT?**

- MyCSU\_\_ (set-up & monitor account)
- Turn in transcripts when requested (wait until Fall grades are posted)
- Watch for deadline dates (FAFSA, orientations, intent to enroll, etc.)
- If you haven't heard from the schools you applied to...contact them!
- Apply to multiple schools including the CSU closest to you

### **SAT Score Choice and CSU Colleges**

CSU campuses use the best score(s) (together or in combination). There is no advantage via "hiding" any scores. There may be a disadvantage in not sending scores in a timely fashion.

Watch your deadlines! Last date to register for the December SAT was October 30. You may register "Late" during October 31-November 12, however, you will spend more money and have fewer options for test locations.

### **UC Applications**

Applications for any of the 10 **University of California** colleges must be submitted between **November 1 – 30**. Apply early and select more than one UC campus.

Your "personal statement" should be written and edited by now. Simply "cut and paste" your document into the online application. Do not attempt to compose your statement by typing into the application itself. You will likely be timed out and your essay will be lost.

UC colleges do not accept letters of recommendation and do not require transcripts at this time. Be sure that you enter courses and grades accurately and completely! You should report Bible classes using exact course titles, but you will not include grades for those classes.

If you need assistance with the application help is online, or you may meet with Mrs. Tuuri in H 20.

This is the time to be EARLY. Waiting till Thanksgiving break may mean a rejection notice from the campus of your preference.

## **Memo to Juniors**

Score reports for the PSAT are expected in December. Mrs. Tuuri will distribute reports and discuss testing strategies with juniors in their Bible classes.

## **Memo to All Classes**

Please see attached flyer about the FREE workshop for parents of college-bound high school students.

# College Financial Aid Workshop

Parents...You're Invited!

Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Free Parent/Student Workshop

7:00 - 8:30 PM



*“How to get financial aid for college-bound students, even if you think you make too much money to qualify!”*

**Valley Christian High School**  
**7500 Inspiration Dr.**  
**Dublin CA 94568**

## **Valley Christian High School**

will host this FREE workshop for parents of college-bound high school students.

Speakers will be members of **Bay Area College Planners** who will focus on ways of getting money for college, how to increase your eligibility for free grant money, how to save money in your first year in school, and the single biggest mistake that 9 out of 10 parents make when planning for college.

Even parents who think that they “make too much money” to be eligible for financial aid have come to us to discover that they, too, can save thousands of dollars a year by using a number of our college funding strategies.

Space is limited, so please arrive early to reserve your seat!

**VCCHS is located near the intersection of 580 and 680 in Dublin.**  
**Inspiration Drive intersects Dublin Blvd.**

**School Office: 925-560-6250**



# VIKING ATHLETICS

## November – Athletic Newsletter

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT OUR NEW SPORTS WEBSITE: [vcsathletics.com](http://vcsathletics.com)

### Fall Sports

*Varsity Men's Soccer* completed their season last week. It was a bit tough for this team competing for players with our large football team. They did have some exciting games. Thank you Coach Walker for all you brought to this team.

*Varsity Women's Tennis* completed their season on October 29 after making it to the first round of playoffs. Thank you to Coach Silva for all your hard work and dedication to the team.

#### *Women's Volleyball*

Our first freshman team has had a very successful season with an overall record of 9-4. They have brought back two trophies to the school after participating in several tournaments. Great job Coach House for making this team so fun.

Women's JV volleyball has one game left. They are currently undefeated in league and our volleyball future looks very bright! Many thanks go out to our new coach, Big Bob for all his knowledge of the sport! He is a wonderful addition to our coaching staff!

Women's Varsity plays our last league game tomorrow. Currently, we are 1<sup>st</sup> in our league and set for the playoffs next week - November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Athenian School in Danville.

#### *Football*

JV football has a 6-1 record and continues to win by big numbers!

Varsity football has a 4-3 record and plays their toughest game tomorrow against Salesian.

*JH Girls' Softball and Flag Football* rocked it this year and are both going to playoffs next week. Thanks to our girls' Coach Hansen and the boys' Coach House, assisted by Coach Hanks and Coach Umidon. Congratulations to all!!

#### *"Team Boosters"*

We are very excited to report about our first "Team Booster Rally" on **Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7PM**. This was our first meeting as a club and we were glad that so many people were able to come. Our first group event will be our "Booster breakfast for the fall sports", **Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, 9AM** in the high school gym and invite all parents and friends of our athletes to become a part of this great group of supporters. We will celebrate along with our athletes how God is working in our lives through sports.

Also, our official Booster membership cards are being mailed out this week. If you've joined Boosters in the past and don't receive your membership card by the middle of November, please contact Leslye Flynn at [meflynn@pacbell.net](mailto:meflynn@pacbell.net). All VCS parents will be receiving an email that will ask them if they are interested in getting emails from our Booster Club. This will keep families (all campuses) informed about our team competitions, upcoming festivities, and our summer activities. If you prefer not to receive these messages on our regular distribution list, you may opt out when you receive your first message.



# VIKING ATHLETICS

## *Wrestling*

We have a new team being led by Coach Dan Burton and will begin practice in early November. Many of the boys are already taking part in “open mats” at the local high schools. With every new program there are a host of new expenses. If you want to donate to this program (we need our own mat!) please contact the athletic office.

## *Cheerleaders*

Our varsity cheer team will be participating in their first official competition in November and another in December. We will keep everyone posted on their progress.

*New “Girls’ Locker Room”* – is now underway! It will be located next to the women’s bathroom in the sports hallway next to the gym. The boys’ locker room will begin an expansion as well as renovation as soon as the girls’ locker room is complete.

## **Winter Sports**

Our Basketball season is just around the corner!

The *Women’s Varsity Basketball* team is looking forward to a bigger team this year with the new freshman. Tryouts are November 9 from 5:00-7:00 and November 10 from 7:00-9:00, both in the high school gym.

The *JV and Varsity Men’s Basketball* team have new coaches this year. All bring with them a very impressive resume. JV and Varsity tryouts are November 9 from 7:00-9:00 and November 10 from 5:00-7:00.

*JH Boy’s Basketball* (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade) tryouts are November 12 and 13 from 3:15-5:00.

*JH Girls’ Basketball* (6-8<sup>th</sup> grade) tryouts are November 9 and 10 from 3:15-5:00.

## *Fundraising Opportunity*

We have a terrific fundraising opportunity coming out for Thanksgiving that will be run through our athletes. It’s called “Gobbler and Cobbler.” Watch for the details, which will be posted soon on our [vcsathletics.com](http://vcsathletics.com) website.

## *Pro Shop*

The Pro Shop will be open for Viking gear on November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> during parent/teacher conferences in the high school gym. It will also be open at the elementary school during the Arts, Crafts, and Gifts Faire on November 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in the multi-use room of the elementary school.

*GO VIKINGS!!!!*

## PTF Board Members

Miriam Lietz  
*Chairperson*

Susie Pryfogle  
*Special Events*

Lynn Kirksey  
*HS Teacher  
Representative*

Karen Parnell  
*Vice Chairperson*

Shelley Parker  
*Special Events*

Jimi Merrell  
*JH Teacher  
Representative*

Lori Umidom  
*Secretary*

Dona Spough  
*Special Events*

Melissa Greer  
*JH Teacher  
Representative*

Jill Dykes  
*Treasurer*

Danielle Toney  
*Newsletter*

## News from your PTF

### Holiday Dessert Contest

Are you famous for your desserts? The PTF is having a Holiday Dessert Contest and the winners will be served at the JH/HS Staff Christmas party. If interested please contact Susie Pryfogle at: [pryfogle@comcast.net](mailto:pryfogle@comcast.net)

\*Home Baked Desserts Only\* First 25 desserts entered to be considered.

### Your Help is Needed!

\*PTF is looking for a volunteer to fill the Auction Committee Rep. position for the JH/HS.

\*We are also looking for festive party planners and host homes to help with the upcoming Spring Auction Dinner Events. Host homes need to have the capacity to fit 50 people.

\*If interested in any of the above items, contact Miriam Lietz at: [Lietz5@netscape.net](mailto:Lietz5@netscape.net)

### College Seminar

Road to College Seminar hosted by Dr. Paul Wrubel was a great success. Mark your calendars for another seminar to be offered in January.

**January 11** - Completing Financial Aid Forms (FAFSA)

### Lunch Meal Deals

A complete sack lunch with drink is now offered during the JH/SH lunch for \$3.50. This is a great way to get a healthy lunch for a great price!

### Escrip

By registering with **escrip.com** and listing your Safeway, Macy's and credit/debit cards, you are bringing needed money to VC. Each time you make a qualifying purchase, a percentage comes back to the school. In order to encourage all parents and friends of VC to register their cards, we will be running a contest between homerooms with great prizes for students and teachers. Look for details coming soon!

## *Calendar of Events...*

Nov. 5-6	Parent-Teacher Conferences	8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. HS Gym
Nov. 9	College Financial Aid Workshop	7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Nov. 11-12	E.P. Schedule	
Nov. 11-13	ASB Leadership Convention	
Nov. 14	“Booster breakfast for the fall sports”	9:00 a.m. HS Gym
Nov. 18	Bavarian Dancing	11:00-2:30
Nov. 19	JH Thanksgiving Feast	Noon
Nov. 20-21	Fall Theatre Production	7:30 p.m. VCES Multi Use Room
Nov. 21	Interact Basket Brigade Assembly	9:00 a.m.
Nov. 23-27	Thanksgiving Vacation	
Dec. 9-10	E.P. Schedule	
Dec. 12	Sadie Hawkins Dance	7:00-11:00 p.m. HS Gym
Dec. 18	Half Day Schedule	
Dec. 18-Jan. 3	Christmas Recess (No School)	

# *VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS*

The Road to Excellence