

Valley Christian Jr/Sr High

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Principal's Letter

For Future Generations

What do your students see when they look into the eyes of passers-by? Do they see men and women of the Word or of the world? It's simple. It's just the addition or deletion of one letter. Yet, in the difference lies the integrity of a man. It is discernment on the part of your students when they see the real person in spite of any façade that person may construct.

The question I continually ask myself is, "Am I portraying God's principles and truths to the upcoming generations?" Each junior high and high school student is exposed to what the world has to offer, and must evaluate the absence or presence of a "real Christ" in every person that he meets. Students today are looking for men and women that will provide consistency of thought, of actions, and of speech.

The song "For Future Generations" by 4Him frequently reminds me of the role I play as I instruct not only my children but also your students through my words and actions.

*"If we could find a way to preserve our faith
So those who follow us
See the price that was paid
Then maybe when they question
What it's gonna take to survive
They'll find the strength to carry on
In what we leave behind*

*So I won't bend and I won't break
I won't water down my faith
I won't compromise in a world of desperation
What has been I cannot change
But for tomorrow and today
I must be a light for future generations"*

It is an honor to be a part of Valley Christian Schools: an environment in which I am given daily opportunities to pour my life into those students around me. Know that I continually lift you and your students up in prayer as we travel down this twisting and turning road called "life".

Be blessed today as the journey continues...

Larry Lopez
Junior & Senior High Principal



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VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

The Road to Excellence

JH Classes & Student Activities . . .

Congratulations to our new Junior High Student Council!

President: Francesca Bartolomucci

Vice President: Madison Umidon

Secretary: Bianca Cortez

Treasurer: Larry Allen

8th Grade Boys' Chaplain: Austin Simmons

8th Grade Girls' Chaplain: Megan Mathews

7th Grade Boys' Chaplain: Ashton May

7th Grade Girls' Chaplain: Jessie Styles

Social Directors: Madison Andres & Spencer Umidon

Promotion Team: Devyn Kelly & Joe Huffman

Rally Squad: Lauren Chiu & Katie Styles

Boomers!

The Junior High had a blast Friday, September 25th at Boomers. It was the best turnout in years as 84 junior highers stormed the doors of Boomers on a balmy 93° evening. They enjoyed a night of burning rubber on the Go-Kart track, competing with classmates on the pee-wee golf course, dodging lasers of the enemy in the Laser Tag room, and squirting each other (and the teachers) while splashing around on the Bumper Boats. The students ran from attraction to attraction trying to get as much fun in before it was time to leave. As always, the Boomers staff was extremely impressed with the polite behavior exhibited by Valley Christian students. Way to go 7th and 8th graders!

Rally

Friday, October 16 will be our first Junior High Sports Rally. We will be recognizing the Girls' Cheer Squad, Girls' Softball Team and Boys' Flag Football Team. We will be having homeroom competitions to see which class has the most spirit. The first competition has already begun. We are collecting goods for the Tri-Valley Basket Brigade to help make Thanksgiving baskets for local needy families. We are also offering points for homerooms that have students attend the girls' softball game or boys' flag football game. Dressing up for spirit day on Friday the 16th and doing well in our rally games will add to homeroom points. The winning class will be the envy of all others as they enjoy a super, special surprise!

Gym Night

Gym night promises to be a fun-filled evening with tons of fun and play. It will be on **Friday, October 16** in the high school gym from 7:00-9:30. We will fill the gym with inflatables, have lots of snacks and sweets, and enjoy laughing with our friends. The student council is busy planning the final details of this terrific event.

Megascience Class

The seventh grade students in Valley Christian Junior High have been learning many basics about life in a science lab: how to use scientific equipment safely; how to write a lab report; how to employ the scientific method to find the answer to a scientific inquiry; how to organize data; how to use the metric system, and some basic chemistry. But perhaps the most important thing that we have explored so far is the things that science CANNOT do: it cannot prove that something doesn't exist; it cannot address values or moral issues; it cannot give final answers; it can only deal with the physical universe; it is fallible and prone to error; and it cannot supersede the boundaries put into place by our loving, all-knowing God. So if science has so many boundaries, why on earth do we waste so much valuable time in school studying it? Because it is a USEFUL TOOL. I want to be sure that my students do not confuse science or any other avenue devised by man, with the absolute TRUTH of the Word of God. Science, rightly taught and studied, should always point us back to our Creator, and give us a sense of joy and wonder as we explore His magnificent creative hand at work around us!

Thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered to help in the classroom, drive on field trips, or bring in items from my wish list. Thanks to those of you who have already sent in supplies for the classroom. If you would still like to volunteer or donate items, please email me at lhoward@dublinvcc.org. I appreciate you, one and all, and I am having a BLAST with your awesome kids! Thanks for the privilege of lending them to us for a few hours daily. In His Service, Leslie Howard

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DC Deadline

Tour Dates: April 30th -May 6th

Registration Due November 2nd, 2009



Hello 8th Grade Parents!

To register go to:

www.acts-tours.com

Tour Code: T102009A

Password: 372

FUNDRAISING Opportunities

We have MANY things being planned for our students this year so please stay tuned to e-mails being sent out with opportunities for your student to earn cash for their trip.

Can you help?

Please prayerfully consider if you would like to provide a donation of funds to enable this amazing experience for several of our students in need. Please contact me at MGreer@dublinvcc.org if you can give to this fund.

Do you need assistance?

Please contact me by 10/15 if finances are a significant hindrance to your student attending this trip at MGreer@dublinvcc.org.

SH Classes & Student Activities . . .

Homecoming Events

Homecoming Pep Rally: Friday Oct. 9, Come and watch our cheerleaders perform, see a video of the football team and encouraging words from Coach Parella. The rally begins at 11:26 a.m.

Homecoming Dance: Friday, Oct. 9, 8 - 10:30 p.m.. The dance is a casual dance, wear school colors and dance the night away to the music organized by a new DJ for Valley.

Homecoming Football Games: Saturday, Oct. 10, JV 5:30 p.m. and Varsity 8:00 p.m., Homecoming Court will be announced at the half time of the Varsity Game.

Interact Events

The Interact Club is sponsoring our first community service event with the Basket Brigade. Students are collecting items for Thanksgiving baskets that will be assembled in our gym on **Nov. 21**.

*Check out the website:
trivalleybasketbrigade.com.*

Basket Brigade Items due **Oct. 15:**

Seniors - Deodorant, shampoo, and soap

Juniors - Toilet paper, sock, comb, brush

Sophomore - Juice boxes, water, beef jerky

Freshmen - Food bars, canned nuts, small bag cookies, beef jerky

ASB

ASB will be attending the ACSI Leadership Conference at Mount Hermon on **November 11, 12, and 13**. The Conference will be lead by Shawn McDowell and our students always come back ready to lead our student body with new ideas and new enthusiasm.

Freshman Class Field Trip

On **Nov. 3**, the Freshman class will be going to the DeYoung Museum to view the King Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs Exhibit. This is part of the Ancient World History class' study of ancient Egypt. We will go by bus for the day. ~Cheers, Johanna Brown

Drama Class

The Drama class had a special visitor in class, Devin Gray, a professional actor. Devin was just seen on Oct. 1 on CSI Las Vegas and gave an amazing portrayal of a troubled young man. Devin is the son of Chuck Fleming, one of our teachers and brother of Colin, a sophomore. Devin answered many questions about the acting field and its ups and downs. He has promised to come back and give us an update on his career and we will enjoy following it.

Spain Trip

This summer VCHS students have a wonderful opportunity to experience Spanish culture first hand on a two week educational trip. See flyer below for details.

Choral Program 2009-2010

Mr. Fleming;
cfleming@dublinvcc.org

Objective: Establish a choral program at Valley Christian School that strives for spiritual expression, musical appreciation, and artistic excellence.

Procedure: Meet for practice three times a week during the "0" period from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. Practice sessions would include warm up exercises, and both sectional and concordant repertoire preparation. Students will be required to make a serious commitment to the Choral Program; section leaders will keep attendance records. Those who participate in the Choral Program will receive the same school credit as those who participate in the plays produced by the Drama Department.

Goals: To expose Junior and Senior High students to diverse musical repertoire. To establish an experience of collaborative effort, to perform in regional choral festivals. To perform for Valley Christian High School events.

Tuition: \$100 per semester to cover the costs of repertoire, instruction, accompaniment, and competition fees. Additional costs could include choral apparel and field trips. Scholarships would be made available on an "as needed" basis.

SH Classes & Student Activities . . .

Fall Play: "Cat's Cradle"

This mystery involves an investigation of a kidnapping. It is a true who-done-it and the audience will enjoy figuring out the outcome. The play will be held in the elementary school multi-use room on Nov. 20 & 21 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$10.00.

Senior Reminder

Your Grad Night Disneyland deposit of \$50 is due on **October 16**. Don't be left out of this incredible trip by not following this deadline.

Academy of Arts

The Academy of Arts continues to offer private lessons in voice, piano, guitar, and drums. Interested students may inquire to the Academy of Arts office at (925) 560-6211 or mrnybalid@dublinvcc.org ~Mike Ruybalid, Director, Academy of Arts

Debate Tournament

Friends and spectators are welcome to attend our first Debate tournament, to be held on **October 24**. Below you will find a schedule for the day, along with details about the tournament. We will be meeting in the Gym in the High School building on campus. Lunch and snacks will be sold by the Freshmen class.

Schedule:

8:00	Arrival and Registration
8:30	Orientation
9:00	Round 1
10:30	Round 2
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Round 3
2:30	Round 4
4:00	Awards Ceremony

From the Admissions Office:

Day on the Glen Festival

~Lori Cantrell, Admissions Director VCS

On September 19 and 20, Valley Christian Schools participated in Dublin's Day on the Glen Festival. Despite the hot weather, families from all over the Tri-Valley area came out in droves to experience Dublin's largest community event. The schools and church were well represented with a double-sized booth and carnival games that attracted young and old alike. Literally thousands of people stopped by to have a little fun, and with the help of incredible volunteers, we were able to talk with parents and provide them with information about our schools. What a blessing it was to have several students and staff members give of their time to help support VCS with this outreach opportunity.



Hola!

Best of Spain June 2010



Aproximate travel dates June 15-29.
Carefully designed activities that make history, culture and art fun combined with organized sightseeing. Cities include Madrid, Segovia, Toledo, Salamanca, Seville, Granada, San Sebastian and Barcelona.



Airfare, hotels, breakfast, dinner, entrance fees included. Tour director and local city guides.

Aproximate cost: \$3,300 depending upon enrollment.

Meeting in Room H5 Thursday October 15th during lunch.



Viva España



For more information contact
Señora Dehope at
fdehope@dublinvcc.org



From the Academic Counselors Office . . .

Congratulations, Scholars!

The following students have been recognized by the College Board for their outstanding achievements on AP exams last May. Asterisks indicate graduates, Class of 2009.

AP Scholar - Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on 3 or more AP exams:

Porter Howland*
 Jasmine Kim (current senior)
 Taylor Lack*
 Sam Razzell*
 Matt Roeschke (current senior)
 Morgan Woodward*
 Michelle Yang (current senior)

AP Scholar with Honor - Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, **and** scores of 3 or higher on 4 or more of these exams:

Heidi Dixon*
 Phil Lafreniere*
 Chris McMillan*
 Edirin Sido (current senior)

AP Scholar with Distinction - Granted to students who receive an average score of 3.5 on all exams taken, **and** scores of 3 or higher on 5 or more exams:

Minki Kwon (current senior)
 Davis Smith*
 Jon Wong*
 Scott Zellmer*

AP National Scholar - Granted to students in the United States who receive an average of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken, **and** scores of 4 or higher on 8 or more of these exams:

Minki Kwon

National Achievement Scholarship Program & National Hispanic Recognition Program Announcements

Three VCHS students have been recognized by two scholarship programs supported by The College Board. From a pool of over 200,000 students, Chris Goodnow and Katelyn Montero were recognized as "Scholars" in

the 2010 National Hispanic Recognition Program. Edirin Sido has been selected as a semifinalist in the 2010 National Achievement Scholarship Program. She is one of approximately 1600 outstanding Black American students recognized for academic achievement. Edirin is competing to become a finalist for a scholarship.

Junior Parents Night

Monday, October 12

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Valley Christian Sanctuary

Meet the class officers and hear their plans for this significant year of high school for your student!

Amanda Manashi, Junior Class President
 Christy Byrd, Junior Class Vice President

Sally Woodward, Class Advisor
 Emily O'Neil, Class Advisor

- Upcoming events
- Fundraisers

Lynn Kirksey, Director of Student Activities

- Senior Breakfast

RoseMary Tuuri, Academic Advisor

- Graduation Requirements
- College Entrance Tests
- UC and CSU Admissions

College Planning Seminars with Dr. Paul Wrubel

Back by popular demand, Dr. Wrubel will host a series of 3 seminars to help parents plan for their students entrance to college. Mark your calendars for any or all these helpful Monday night workshops:

October 26 - How to Fund College

January 11 - Completing Financial Aid Forms (FAFSA)

April 12 - The Road to College

Juniors are encouraged to attend the final seminar with their parents.

Visual & Performing Arts . . .

Vision Revision ~Shawn Matson

With the start of the school year this fall our community is seeing the Arts, in new ways, as they break new ground in creative expression on this campus. More students are taking art, drama, and art history than in years past. In addition to numerous awards in local juried competitions during the late spring and summer, new offerings are available to the students of the arts in the Junior and Senior High Schools which are expected to further build the presence of the Arts on this campus and in the surrounding area.

Digital Photography, offered for the first time at Valley, is well underway. In our first quarter, projects have ranged from using the cameras they carry daily in their phones, to art theory, to searching familiar places for extraordinary subjects. Students are finding that taking a picture entails much more than the pressing of a button: they are gaining awareness of their surroundings. Moreover, they are experiencing the empowerment of gaining knowledge, understanding, and confidence in themselves as creative people.

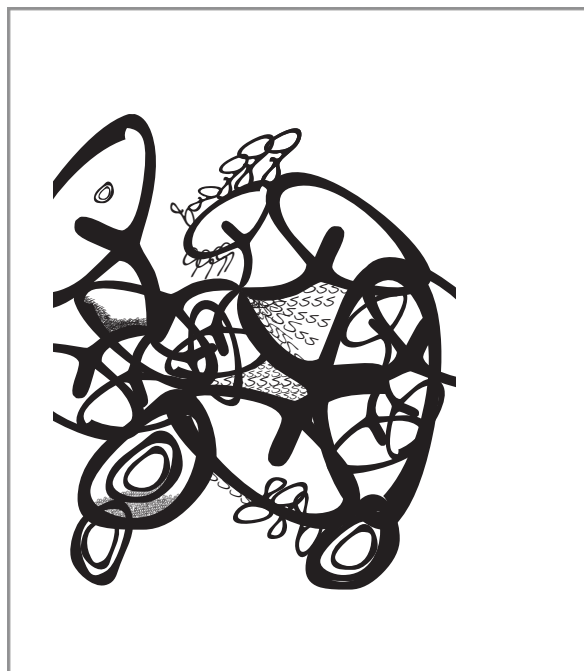
Backed by student desire, personal enthusiasm, and the drive to accomplish a goal at all costs, Chuck Fleming has a rapidly growing Choir within the last 2 weeks of practice. Mr. Fleming will give full credit for this success to no one other than his God. Early in the morning, affectionately called "Zero Hour," Mr. Fleming and his group of more than 30 young men and women gather to build strength of their individual voices, knowing that unity with others ultimately will create harmonic worship for all to enjoy.

Improvisational Theatre, or Improv, brings to mind many things to many people. During lunch on Fridays, a room filled with upwards of 30 students has begun to develop their own, personal, memories of Improv. Under the direction of Mr. Saul Drevitch, students are learning the joy, laughter, and craft of being both on stage and in the audience of Improv Theater. Plans are underway to bring performances to the Fireside room during lunch. Be sure to time your chewing and drinking with your laughter — although that would just be part of the show.

Junior High students are also walking new halls, literally and scholastically. Mrs. Tara Stevens and 2 classes, one 7th grade and one 8th grade, meet in the high school building. Each afternoon these students grow in skill, creative problem solving, and cultural awareness as they create a wide variety of 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional projects. Mrs. Stevens has also raised the level of art at the Elementary to a high level, which is sure to build a foundation for students as they progress through all grade levels toward graduation.

Students, and staff alike, can look forward to seeing more of the arts in the way of music, band, sculpture, and public displays in the days and years ahead. Coming attractions include: the Fall play directed by Mrs. Kirksey on Nov. 20th and 21st, the much anticipated Visual and Performing Arts Night on March 19th, and a large scale musical in late spring.

At the very heart of our Lord and King is a Creator. When given the opportunity to reveal the creative artist within each of us we are able to experience a joy that is unlike any other in the abundant life He promises us when we choose to live a life of active love for Him and the edification of His people — our family.





VIKING ATHLETICS

Check out our New Website!

We have a beautiful new athletic website at www.vcsathletics.com. All our sports are represented and you can even pay your fees online! Please take a moment to check it out. Also, don't forget to stop back periodically because photos and news items are being added and changed daily.

Women's Volleyball – Our women's varsity volleyball team has a perfect 6-0 league record. If you haven't been to a game yet, come on out . . . they are so much fun!

Women's Tennis – Congratulations to our own Monica Landen for being named Tri-Valley Student Athlete of the Week in all our local newspapers. Great job Monica. We are all very proud of you!

Athletic Fees – If you still have not paid your fall athletic fees, be prepared to hear from your coaches. They have just been given a list of athletes who still need to complete their registrations. Remember, you can go online and pay through our new website!

Football – Football kicks off their league play this weekend against Harker School from San Jose. All our games count now. The JV game starts at 5:30 and varsity starts at 8:00. *GO VIKINGS!!*

Wrestling Team – Yes, that's right . . . we are starting a wrestling team! Coach Dan Burton will be introducing this new school sport during the PE classes this week. We are very excited about this latest addition to our program.

Men's Basketball – We welcome our new head coach Rod Woodson and his assistants, Steven Huntley, and Theman Taylor to our team lineup. Junior varsity men's basketball welcomes Garrett Fitch as their new head coach. Valley Christian will host the 19th Annual Basketball Invitational on December 10-12th; save the date. We are looking forward to a great season! Also, watch our new website for open gym dates that will be posted soon.

Team Boosters – Stop by the table at the football game and we will let you know how to become a member of this fun group of people who love and support athletics! We also welcome Leslye Flynn as a new team member who is designed our new official membership cards. Thanks Leslye!

Vikings Apparel – If you would like to purchase Viking Apparel, but can't seem to catch the cart when it's open, please see Melanie Arace in the Athletic Department. She will be happy to assist you and some of the stock is also kept in the office. If you've been waiting for the VCHS Athletics styled sweatshirts, they have been ordered and should be here in the next week or so.

JH Softball Team ~ Coach Hansen

VC Vikings 16, SRVCA 8

Phoebe Chung went 3 for 3 with 2 runs scored
Kayla Frierson went 2 for 4 with a double and 2 runs scored

Alyssa Arace went 3 for 3 with 2 runs scored
Francesca Bartolomucci pitched 4 innings with 4 strike outs allowing 2 earned runs

The Lady Vikings played very well for the first game of the season with little preparation. There were a few errors made but nothing that can't be fixed. They played well defensively and hit very well too.

VC Vikings 12, North Creek 7

Kylee House went 2 for 3 with 2 runs scored and 2 RBI's

Madison Spina went 1 for 1 with triple and 1 run scored
Kayla Frierson went 2 for 3 with 3 RBI's

Megan Lucas went 2 for 2 with a double and 1 RBI

The Lady Vikings started off the game by scoring 5 runs in the first inning and then another 5 in the second inning. They played very well offensively and defensively, improving from Tuesday's game against SRVCA. They had a total of 10 hits and racked up 8 walks which contributed to the 12 runs scored. Overall the Lady Vikings are 2-0 and 1-0 in league play



Valley Christian Senior High Alumni Weekend

October 10 - 11 - 12

VCCHS Alumni:

Out fighting the
GOOD FIGHT

1 Timothy 6:12

You're invited to join us for a wonderful weekend of activities involving our Valley Christian High School Alumni. On this weekend we will be honoring and celebrating the 25 years of graduating classes of Valley Christian High School.

Saturday, October 10 | 11:00 AM

Men's Soccer Match. BBQ/Picnic for all Alumni and their families will follow match. Fee is \$5 per person.

**Saturday Evening, October 10 |
5:30 PM and 8:00 PM**

VC Homecoming games against The Harker School of San Jose. Varsity Game 8:00 PM, Junior Varsity 5:30 PM. Both games will be at Chabot College, 25555 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward.

Sunday, October 11 | 8:30 AM and 11:15 AM

VCCHS Alumni involvement in Sunday morning worship services. Valley Christian's own J.C. Baysinger will be our guest speaker.

For more information or to volunteer your assistance, please contact Pastor Don Dickinson at [925] 560-6245 or ddickinson@dublinvcc.org

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PTF News

Back to School Night

Thank you to all parents for your generous donations of baked goods for the JH/HS Back to School Night. We are so blessed to have such wonderful and giving parents!

Senior Parents you Rock!

Thank you to all Senior Class parents that donated and helped with the September Class Luncheon. Your help made the luncheon a big success.

Your *HELP* is needed!

PTF is looking for a parent volunteer to fill the Auction Coordinator position. If you are interested contact Miriam Lietz at Lietz5@netscape.net

Escrip

Escrip is the easiest electronic fundraising program we've ever found. By registering with **escrip.com** and listing your Safeway, Macy's, and credit and or debit cards; you are bringing needed money into 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!

Kaplan SAT Prep Classes

Kaplan is offering a series of SAT Prep Classes to interested VCHS students for a discounted rate, beginning October 31. For questions about cost and the Kaplan program, contact the Kaplan representative Juanita Sheppard at 510-364-0778.

Calendar of Events...

Oct. 9	Homecoming Dance	8:00 - 10:30
Oct. 10	Alumni Soccer Game Alumni BBQ to follow	11:00
Oct. 11	Alumni Chapels	8:30 and 11:15
Oct. 12	Junior Parent Night	7:00 - 8:30
Oct. 14	PSAT Testing	
Oct. 15	Basket Brigade Items due	
Oct. 16	Fall Sports Rally/Rally Schedule Picture Retakes Senior Disneyland deposit due JH Gym Night	7:30 - 9:30
Oct. 21-22	E.P. Schedule	
Oct. 23	End of Quarter/Half Day Schedule	
Oct. 24	Debate Tournament	8:00-4:00
Oct. 26-30	Spiritual Emphasis Week	
Nov. 3	Freshman Class DeYoung Museum Field Trip	
Nov. 5-6	Parent-Teacher Conferences	
Nov. 11-12	E.P. Schedule	
Nov. 11-13	ASB Leadership Convention	
Nov. 20-21	Fall Play	7:30
Nov. 21	Basket Brigade Assembly	
Nov. 23-27	Thanksgiving Vacation	

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