

Valley Christian Jr/Sr High

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Principal's Letter

The new quarter at Valley Christian Schools is moving along at a tremendous pace, and the range of activities taking place each week demonstrates the wealth of talent with which our students have been blessed. They have been accepted to the Ivy League and other top universities, led assemblies and chapels, competed and triumphed in numerous sporting events and competitions, participated in successful fundraising ventures for the benefit of others, and rehearsed for dramatic and musical productions, to name just a few.

As we transition from the Fall season and into the season of Winter, it brings great satisfaction to see God's goodness as He has allowed us to flourish in so many areas. Our junior and senior high choir has been rehearsing diligently and will perform at Valley Christian Center this Sunday, December 13th, as part of the worship team and then again on Wednesday, December 16th, for our school. The athletics teams accomplished many successes in their season and demonstrated that our school is a force to be reckoned with—not only in our city, but also in our state. The Interact club reached out to

our community by having the Basket Brigade come to the hill and put together hundreds of baskets for families in need. The Theatre Department performed their first play production of the year and our Debate Team stands firm in its competitive success.

The excitement and "buzz" continues to build at Valley Christian Schools. Whether your student is involved in the fine arts, athletics, or academic programs, we press on to make significant strides down the Road to Excellence to help prepare each and every student for their radiant future.

Larry Lopez
Junior & Senior High Principal



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Valley Christian Schools

The Road to Excellence

JH Classes & Student Activities . . .

JH Student Activities

Valley Christian Junior High Dances are back! We had our first dance Friday, December 4th and we encourage junior high students to attend our next dance on Friday, May 14th, 2010. The purpose for dances at this age is to show students that dances can be fun and safe without any inappropriate behavior or suggestive movements. Our dances are held in the high school gym and are well lit with plenty of chaperones. The DJ encourages group participation for fun dances like the conga- line, Macarena, and swing dancing. During the last dance it was hilarious to see every student dancing to “YMCA” and the “Chicken Dance”! So stop by in May, if you wish, and see what a great time we are having. Who knows, you might even get to do the Hokey Pokey with us!!

8th Grade DC Trip Fundraisers

**Salon 4062 of Black Hawk
Plaza**

Gift Certificates Here!

Stylist Jamie Schabbing has donated her services of a haircut and color (value \$229) for only **\$100**, which goes fully to the 8th grade DC trip! Please contact Melissa Greer at MGreer@dublinvcc.org to purchase this amazing deal for you and tremendous benefit for our kids!

Save the date!

The following dinner fundraisers will be taking place for the 8th grade DC scholarship fund! We get **15-20%** of your bill for our fund! Flyers will be e-mailed the week before each date.

January 26th - Panda Express- Dublin Blvd (by the Safeway near the 680 overpass)

February 25th - Wing Stop in Livermore

March 23rd - Rigatoni's in Dublin

Time For a Family Portrait?

Renowned studio, Meritage Photography, is offering a spectacular deal to those who want to support the Washington DC trip!

Pay just \$45 for a portrait session and an 11 x 14 portrait, and \$30 comes back to us!

Contact Carol Styles at CStyles@dublinvcc.org for your certificate!

SH Classes & Student Activities . . .

VCS NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2009

Student Activities at the High School

Debate Results

On Saturday, November 14th the Debate Team took part in their second tournament at Monte Vista Christian School in Watsonville. The team showed great improvement and we should be proud of all their efforts. Several of our students received special honors. In the individual speaker award category Olivia Coackley took 10th place, Hannah Pryfogle took 9th place and Alex Buescher took 3rd place. TEAM AWARDS were earned by Kendyl Clausen and Becca Parnell with 10th place and Alex Beuscher and Hannah Pryfogle with 2nd place. Outstanding results!! For this tournament Hailey Wohlwend was partnered with James Bessolo due to original partners being unable to attend and they won half of their rounds! There are three more tournaments this year; the next being on February 27th, at Contra Costa Christian.

Interact Club News

If you were on campus on Saturday, November 21st, you would have seen a flurry of activity. Interact hosted the Tri-Valley Basket Brigade and helped gather items for 200 Thanksgiving baskets for needy families and 270 care packages for the homeless. Over 150 families embarked on our campus and made baskets, packages, and delivered them to families in our area. The junior and senior high students can be proud to know that the items they collected for the pep rally, went toward feeding over 800 people. Make your plans to join us next year.

Theatre Production

The high school theatre department presented "Cat's Cradle" on November 20th and 21st. The audience seemed to enjoy figuring out the plot of the story, discussing it in length at intermission. We would like to thank all who attended and look forward to seeing more of you attend the spring production.



Sadie Hawkins Dance

The annual Sadie Hawkins Dance will be held on Saturday, December 12th in the school gym. The theme is "If it isn't neon, it shouldn't be on", it will be from 7-11 pm. Guest passes were due on Thursday, December 10th, only one guest per student. Wear something that is neon or glows in the dark. We look forward to loads of fun.

Senior Dedications

The time to send in your senior dedications is almost here. Parents, don't forget the deadline, which is January 8th. Remember to have your dedication camera ready and send in with a check to Bethany Taylor BTaylor@dublinvcc.org or Lynn Kirksey LKirksey@dublinvcc.org.

SH Classes & Student Activities . . .

VALLEY CHRISTIAN CHOIR

Our Choir will be having several performances this week. First the choir will be singing several selections at both the 8:30 and 11:15 services at VCC this Sunday, December 13th. Also, they will be singing for both JH and SH chapels this Thursday, December 17th. Finally, a full performance of their repertoire with drama sketches will be at the Valley Christian Choir Concert on Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00 in the VCC Sanctuary. It would be a great way to celebrate the Christmas Season and commemorate the birth of our Lord. Hope to see you there!



ACADEMY OF ARTS!

Brush up on your music skills! The Academy of Arts continues to offer private lessons in voice, guitar, drums, and piano. We are also on the look-out for additional instructors and hope to offer lessons in other instruments soon. Want more info? Call the Academy of Arts office at (925) 560-6211 or email Academy Director Mike Ruybalid at mruiybalid@dublinvcc.org

Bavarian Dancing

On Wednesday, November 18th, German Students had a fun time learning Bavarian Dancing from some of the 'Almenrausch Schuhplattler', VCS parents Gary and Phoebe Schwaegerle's dance group pictured at left. Below are two pictures from the event. The first shows students dancing the Chicken Dance which originally the Swiss called "Der Ententanz" (The Duck Dance) and the second shows the boys doing the Bavarian 'Schuhplattler'. Well done! Wirklich Spitze!



From the Academic Counselors Office . . .

'My College QuickStart'

Students who took the PSAT received their score reports last week. Those students also received free access to an online program developed by the College Board. 'My College QuickStart' is an easy-to-use, online, personalized college and career planning kit available free of charge to students who have taken the PSAT/NMSQT. The information and answers students provided when they took the test are incorporated into this useful tool, and it presents their data back to them in four main parts:

- *My Online Score Report* - an enhanced score report that allows students to review each test question, the student's answer, and the correct answer with answer explanations.
- *My SAT Study Plan* - a customized SAT study plan based on student PSAT/NMSQT test performance, highlighting skills for review and practice.
- *My College Matches* - A starter list of colleges based on the student's state and indicated choice of major.
- *My Major and Career Matches* - Major and career matches that are compatible with the student's general interests and personality type.

Free access is available using the **access code printed on a student's paper score report**, and the tool can be utilized throughout high school. Using 'My College QuickStart' together with your student is a great way to introduce and guide your child through important aspects of the college-going process.

Go online to:

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/quickstart.html>



Upcoming College Seminars

VCHS sponsored two seminars this semester regarding financial planning for college for your student. We hope these events were helpful for you. A third seminar in January is specifically for parents of seniors. Dr. Paul Wrubel will return **Monday, January 11th**, to assist parents with the FAFSA - the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The seminar will be held in the VCC Sanctuary.

In the Spring, Dr. Wrubel's last seminar will cover the college search process and "The Road to College". Parents of students in grades 9-11 are encouraged to attend on **Monday, April 11th**.





VIKING ATHLETICS

From the Athletic Department...

Congratulations to the Varsity Football team for making it to the Semi-Finals of the North Coast Section, Division 4. What an amazing accomplishment for the first year of this program! Prayer was a huge part of our success.



Congratulations to the Varsity Girls Volleyball team for hosting the Semi-Final Game of the North Coast Section. They were the Bay Area-East Conference Champions. Great Job!



Winter Teams

Wrestling – New to Valley Christian, another first for this year. Coach Dan Burton is working with this great group of young men.

Aqua	Andrew	10
DeCool	Brian	12
DeSaix	Alain	12
Heal	TJ	12
Hirsch	Micah	11
Jang	Dustin	10
Lietz	Adler	10
Lokker	Derek	12
Ray	Josh	10
Slater	Logan	9
Smith	Josh	10
Van Dussen	Zach	12
Wardhana	Michael	12

Varsity Women's Basketball team – This is the team to watch, they have already brought home a very large trophy from their last tournament.

Aikenhead	Giselle	9
Bellitt	Erika	12
Cunha	Olivia	10
Eguchi	Mari	10
Hanks	Kailey	11
Lee	Jordan	10
Pilz	Rebecca	9
Smith	Brittany	12
Souza	Sara	12
Tobe	Kanami	10
Wardhana	Melanie	10



VIKING ATHLETICS

Varsity Men's Basketball team – This team has had a late start because of football, but will be up and going for our 19th Annual Basketball Invitational at Valley Christian on Dec. 10th, 11th, and 12th.

Dickinson	Adam	11
Harris	Camryn	11
Lai	Alex	12
Lee	Zach	11
Stillwell	Zach	11
Walters	Jeremiah	11
Walters	Josh	11
Williams	James	12
Wolf	Kevin	12
Wolf	Michael	12
Woodson	Demitrius	11

Bessolo	Micah	7
Dalrymple	Jared	8
Ferrero III	Robert	8
Franco	Kyle	8
Houston	Sumner	8
Olivas	Joshua	8
Scruggs	Dakota	8
Sido	TG	8
Simmons	Austin	8
Stevens	Josh	8
Valdez	Johnny	8
Taylor III	Theman	8

JV Men's Basketball team – This team is being coached by our own Dave Johnson and his assistant, Christian Kurth. They will be a winning team, don't miss seeing these very talented young men.

JH Girls' Basketball – Wow, what a great team...also currently 4-0. Next home game is December 17th, girls play first at 3:30PM, boys to follow.

Andres	Will	10
Baker	Greg	9
Bessolo	James	9
Harris	AJ	9
Kelly	Julian	10
Kurth	Max	11
Ness	Max	10
Ragheb	Meina	11
Slack	Ben	9
Wikle	Howard	9
Yates	Dakota	10

Andres	Madison	8
Arace	Alyssa	7
Bartolomucci	Francesca	8
Frierson	Kayla	7
Herbert	Shelsea	7
Howatt	Audrey	8
Mascali	Madison	7
Nowicki	Kamila	7
Umidon	Madison	8
Woodson	Tia	8

JH Boys' Basketball – Another very successful team, currently - 4-0! Next home game is December 17th. Come support your junior high boys!!!

6th Grade Boys' Basketball team- Our boys will be competing in the Hayward City League and coached by our own Josh Harper and Chris Vick. A very STRONG group of boys!

6th Grade Girls' Basketball team – This new team will be competing in the Tri-Valley League. They will begin their season in January and are being coached by James Bessolo.

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Newsletter

PTF News

*Thank you to all families who generously donated home baked desserts for the staff Christmas Luncheon. We are so blessed to have so many AWESOME parents!

*PTF is still in need of donations and volunteers to help with the Spring Auction. If interested please contact Miriam Lietz at: Lietz5@netscape.net

***PARENTS**, because of your continuous donations and fundraising efforts, PTF was able to donate **\$10,000** to help families in our school with tuition assistance. With a previous donation of **\$5,000** earlier this fall, this brings the donation total to **\$15,000** that goes to help our school families in need. Thank you so much for your continuous support of PTF fundraisers and your generous donations!!!

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Calendar of Events...

Dec. 12	HS Sadie Hawkins Dance	7:00-11:00 p.m. H. S. Gym
Dec. 16	Valley Christian Choir Concert	7:00 p.m. VCC Sanctuary
Dec. 18	Half Day Schedule	
Dec. 21-Jan. 1	Christmas Recess (No School)	
Jan. 11	College Planning with Dr. Wrubel	7:00 p.m. VCC Sanctuary
Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Day (No School)	
Jan. 19-22	Midterms (Exam Schedule)	Tuesday - Thursday 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Friday 8:30 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.
Jan. 22	End of First Semester	
Jan. 25	Teacher Workday (No School)	
Jan. 28	Spirit Week Hall Decorating	3:00-9:00 p.m. H. S. Building

VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

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