

Valley Christian Jr/Sr High

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Principal's Letter

Happy New Year! As the Christmas holiday recedes and the New Year gets underway our thoughts naturally turn to the future. This time provides us with an important opportunity for the stock-taking, reflection, and planning that will drive lasting success. I am excited about the changes initiated this year at VCS and look forward with anticipation to more as we continue to see God's path revealed as we journey down the road to excellence.

We have finished two weeks of school since Christmas break and the first semester is drawing quickly to a close. The end of January and the beginning of February are packed with academic, athletic and extra-curricular activities. Specifically, I want to bring to your attention the following:

- Midterm Week - January 19th-23rd the high school has midterms and both schools will maintain the exam schedule, finishing at noon Tuesday through Thursday and at 10:30 on Friday.
- Internet Safety Assembly – January 26 from 10:00-11:00 AM we will have a special assembly for the 6th- 8th grades in the Sanctuary. This assembly is to equip and inform students about internet safety as we partner with you to meet this important need for your student.
- Junior High Parent Information Night – January 28 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary, I will lead an evening to welcome new junior high parents and explain the new 6th-8th grade format that will be implemented next year. Mr. Moran, junior high teachers, academic advisors, department heads and the Director of Curriculum and Instruction will be involved in the presentation.
- Junior High and High School Spirit Week – February 1-5 promises to be jam-packed with rallies, skits, spirit points, banners, spirit week attire and much, much more
- High School Winter Ball – February 6, 7:00-11:30 PM at the San Ramon Community Center.

A special note is that we have changed the EP days previously scheduled on February 3-4 to April 14-15 as shown on the updated calendar on page 18. We also have made some phone number changes in the front office of which you should be aware:

- Junior/Senior High School please dial (925) 560 -6250 (same).
- Monica Anthony, Administrative Assistant to the Principal - (925) 560-6240 (changed).
- Becky Little, Administrative Assistant - (925) 560-6256 (changed).
- Diana Knutson, Attendance and Assistant to the Dean of Students (925) 560-6261 (same).

As the new semester begins, so do new classes, Spring sports and numerous choices for student involvement in activities. May 2010 bring joy, challenge, passion, and growth to all. With every blessing for a bright new year.

Larry Lopez,
Junior High & High School Principal



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The Road to Excellence

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Junior High News



It's P, P, P, & M!!!

January is the beginning of a busy year for the Junior High at Valley Christian. We are kicking off the year with a Pizza, Popcorn, PJ, and Movie Night! We will meet in the gym on **Friday, January 29th at 7:30** for lots of food and fun. The students will vote to determine what movie will be shown that night (from G or PG choices). We will have a huge screen and show the film in the gym. Some may choose to sit in the bleachers while others might like to bring a blanket and pillow to make the floor more comfortable. Speaking of comfort, kids may wear their jammies to the event too. (Please remind your student that they still need to abide by dress code – no bare shoulders or midriffs). Cost will be \$5 at the door. This covers soda, popcorn and candy and one piece of pizza. It will be a delicious time!



Spirit Week is coming!

Monday, February 1st kicks off Junior High Spirit Week. This is a time of fun where the students get to show off their school spirit. They will dress up according to various themes each day, which will be counted as “spirit points” for the homeroom competition at our next quarterly rally. We will attend the high school Spirit Rallies in the gym each day Monday thru Thursday and enjoy watching the classes battle for the title of “Most Spirited Class”. While we are celebrating our spirit week the same week as the high school, we will have our own rally concluding spirit week. On Friday, February 5th, Instead of meeting in the gym we will meet in the Fireside to play games and announce the winner of the week. Points awarded will be added to points earned at our next rally.

Here are the Dress Up Categories:

Monday – Favorite Animal
 Tuesday – Twin Day
 Wednesday – Movie Day (favorite character)
 Thursday – Crazy Head Day (crazy hat or hair)
 Friday – Sports Day (favorite sporting attire or team)

OPEN HEART KITCHEN

Our 3rd quarter Outreach Project is collecting canned foods for Open Heart Kitchen. This ministry reaches out to the 6,229 people that are living below the poverty line in the Tri-Valley area. Open Heart Kitchen is an inter-faith effort to provide nutritious meals free of charge to the needy people in Dublin, Pleasanton, and Livermore. The collection will take place from **Tuesday, January 26th through Thursday, February 4th**. The following is a list of items students are being asked to donate to their homeroom teachers:

Mrs. Greer: Cream of Mushroom Soup, Fruit Cocktail

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Mrs. Hayhurst: Cream of Celery Soup, Canned Green Beans

Mrs. Howard: V8 or other Veggie Juice (individual), Canned Tuna Fish

Mr. Merrell: Miscellaneous Juices (individual), Canned Tuna Fish

Mrs. Taylor: Granola and Nutri-Grain Bars, Canned Garbanzo Beans

Mrs. Styles: Single serving Fruit Cups or Apple Sauce, Canned Corn

Mrs. Romero/Mrs. Lee: Canned Fruit, Canned Red Kidney Beans

Note: All items can be purchased at Costco, Smart and Final, and Walmart

Please Help!



The 8th grade students are in desperate need of donated items to sell at their after school DC Fundraising Snack Cart. We have the potential of making up to \$100 or more per day but due to the limited quantities of donated items, we are not selling the amount we need. If items are donated, we make 100% profit. Please consider donating. Below is a list of the more popular foods. Thank you to all that have made donations this month.

Soda (our #1 seller) – all flavors
Full-sized Candy Bars
Full-sized Bagged Chips
Full-sized packs of Cookies



Your donations are truly appreciated!

DC Dinner Fundraiser!

January 26th

Panda Express @ Safeway Shopping Center on Dublin Blvd @ 580 overpass

We earn 20% of your purchases from **4-8 p.m.**

Please use attached flyer for yourself and one for a friend.

JH News: DC Trip

Attention parents! If you or your student are not signed up yet, you may not be able to sit with our group for Broadway. We have 105 enrolled and we have 5 spots left, but venue tickets are being purchased and reserved based upon our current number enrolled. Please contact Mrs. Greer at mgreer@dublinvcc.org as soon as possible if you have questions.

DC Fundraiser Checks are Coming!

If you or your 8th grade student have earned money this semester through working hours or selling wreaths or See's, checks for these items will be given to students the week of January 26th.

Academy of Arts

The Academy of Arts will soon be offering private lessons in trumpet. This is in addition to the private lessons we already offer in piano, guitar, drums, and voice. Those students interested in taking lessons in any of these areas should contact the Academy of Arts office at (925) 560-6211 or email Academy director Mike Ruybalid at mruybalid@dublinvcc.org

Help Raise Money for our VC 8th Grade DC Trip!

Date: Tuesday, Jan 26, 2010

Time: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Amador Plaza Panda Express

Present this flyer from 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM and **20% of your purchase will be donated** to Valley Christian School.

Dublin & Amador
6851 Amador Plaza Rd, Dublin
(925)- 556-1982

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Student Activities in the High School

February is a busy month for our student body: **it's Spirit Week!** Our first activity is hall decorations on **Thursday, January 28th from 3-9**. The rest of the week is as follows:

Sunday, January 31st: Freshmen practice in gym 2-5 pm

Monday, February 1st: Joint Rally Schedule (rallies start at 11:26 each day)

Dress up: "Houston, we have a dress day"
(Planets, Aliens, Spacemen)
Freshman Skit
Sophomore practice in gym 6-9

Tuesday, February 2nd: Joint Rally Schedule

Dress up: Old Day
(Break out the cane, spectacles and flour for your hair!)
Sophomore Skit
Juniors practice in gym 8-11

Wednesday, February 3rd: Joint Rally Schedule

Dress up: Energy Drink Day
Junior Skit
Seniors practice in gym 8:00-11pm

Thursday, February 4th: Joint Rally Schedule

Dress up: Dress up like a teacher Day
Senior Skit

Friday, February 5th: Joint Rally Schedule

Dress up: School colors
Games this night
Spirit week winner announced

Saturday, February 6th: Winter Ball

San Ramon Community Center "I'm Yours"
7-11:30 PM---\$70 with validation \$75 without

Winter Ball 2010

Winter Ball is a new semi-formal event with dinner and dancing. Women need to dress modestly (no low-cut, bare midriffs, backless dresses and, none shorter than 3" above the knees). Men may wear suits or dinner jackets, shirt and tie, sweater, vests etc. tuxedos are not necessary.

Community Service Collection for Next Rally

Interact will be organizing our third community service competition for the **Feb. 11th** rally. We will be collecting food items for a local charity, Open Heart Kitchen. Collection starts on **January 26** and will run through **February 4th**. There are 6,229 people living below the poverty line in Livermore, Dublin, and Pleasanton. This is a great opportunity for us to help families in our local communities.

Here is the list of collections:

Teachers: Cream of mushroom soup, Canned fruit
Seniors: Canned fruit, canned tuna fish
Juniors: Canned corn, canned red kidney beans
Sophomores: Canned Garbanzo beans, Fruit Cocktail
Freshmen: Canned green beans, Cream of mushroom soup

Collection boxes will be in advisors' rooms.

Note: All items can be purchased at Costco, Smart and Final, and Walmart

2010 Spain Trip

The 2010 Spain trip is from June 13th to June 25th. Interested students and parents should contact Señora DeHope or Señora Romero for information. Visit the **NETC website:** www.educationaltravel.com

username: Europe2010

password: dublin

Registration is available on-line.

Attached is the itinerary and cost cover sheet. A \$200 discount on tour with registration by February 8th.

Deadline for registration is March 12th.

Please note: The date extension from February 1st to the 8th and before registering online, *please contact Señora DeHope* to confirm we have enough people

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Conceptual Physics at Valley Christian High School

As a university-preparatory school, Valley Christian strives to offer its students a competitive curriculum which will set the foundation for future success. A look into one of Valley's signature science courses—9th grade Conceptual Physics—reveals that a strong background of investigation and inquiry paves the way for a more complete understanding of the core principles and process which shape our world.

The study of science branches into the study of living things and nonliving things—the life sciences and the physical sciences. The life sciences branch into areas such as Biology, Anatomy, Zoology, and Botany. The physical sciences extend into areas including Geology, Astronomy, Chemistry, and Physics.

Physics is more than a part of the physical sciences; it is the most basic of ALL the sciences. Physics delves into the nature of such basic properties as motion, energy, matter, heat, sound, light, and the composition of atoms. As the ideas of physics are fundamental to Chemistry and Biology, students can understand these other sciences much better if they first understand Physics.

In 1998, the Science Department, along with support from administration, made a very innovative and insightful decision to require all in-coming freshmen to take a new course called Conceptual Physics. Originally the course was taught on a fairly simplified level, using a curriculum that is sometimes taught at middle schools. In 2000, the Science Department made a major change in the course, upgrading to a program of study that applies fairly rigorous algebraic skills and in general ensured the course was of high school level. In fact, as UC gave approval for this unique course they granted it laboratory status.

So, what is Conceptual Physics? We treat Physics conceptually, which means concepts are presented in familiar English, with equations as 'guides to thinking.' Comprehension of concepts before calculation is the key to understanding. The course includes a multitude of labs, demonstrations, and other hands-on experiences to illustrate the concepts of Physics, which

are especially appreciated by kinesthetic learners. By minimizing advanced mathematical problem solving strategies, such as those involved in senior level Physics, students have the time to learn classical Physics through modern Physics—conceptually. They learn to articulate theories, to distinguish between closely related ideas, and to see where hypotheses do and do not apply to empirical examples in the everyday world. An early physics-concepts course has proven to be so beneficial for our students that we have seen a steady increase in preparation for advanced science classes. This can be measured in AP Physics results where this year over 50% scored in the 80th percentile or above. Students who succeed in AP Physics have gone on to major in and complete postgraduate work in all areas of science.

Some students have wondered if they could skip Conceptual Physics as freshmen, and take Biology instead, to get ahead in their science sequence. As an institution striving for excellence, we understand the desire to advance, so we have provided a pathway for advanced students to do so. This track involves taking Conceptual Physics in the 9th grade, Honors Chemistry in the 10th grade, AP Biology in the 11th grade, and AP Physics in the 12th grade. While it is very challenging to skip Biology and go straight into AP (university-level) Biology, we feel that this track is more beneficial to students than to omit Conceptual Physics because it is in this course that students gain the foundation upon which to build their science aptitude.

By making Conceptual Physics a required science course for all 9th grade students, we ensure that all students entering Valley Christian High School are exposed to the core facets of nature and the incredible design of the Creator.

Spain Tour 2010

Tour Itinerary: 12 Days

DAY 1 DEPARTURE DAY. Take off for Europe on an overnight flight at the start of your educational trip.

DAY 2 SEVILLE. Arrive in Seville the warmest city in Europe. Upon arrival in Seville you will be welcomed by an exclusive NETC Tour Director who will be with the group all day every day until your departure back to the USA. A bus will be waiting at the airport to take you to your centrally located Hotel in Seville. After checking in you will then be free to explore the city with your Tour Director. NETC Tour Directors are renowned for being of the highest caliber. Not only are they extremely well versed in all areas of history and culture but they are trained to deal with every aspect of travel abroad. Dinner is provided this evening and you will eat at a fabulous Spanish restaurant enjoying a 3 course delight!

DAY 3 SEVILLE. Capital of the Andalucía region, Seville has an abundance of art and architecture, which it has inherited from its many centuries of history, beginning with the Romans in 250 BC. It is a charming city, with a reputation for gaiety and theatricality, which is well deserved, being the scene of Bizet's "Carmen" and Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro" and "Don Giovanni."

Begin today with a morning sightseeing tour. A local guide shows you the highlights starting with Pedro the Cruel's romantic Alcázar, which stands on the southeast side of the Plaza del Triunfo and is testimony to Seville's very strong Moorish rule. As you wander through the striking main palace, the Patio de las Doncellas and the Salon de Embajadores, imagine centuries before when the ruthless leader al-Mu'tadid held a harem of 800 women here, or when Pedro the Cruel lived and ruled from the Alcázar with his mistress Maria de Padilla. Also see the gothic cathedral, which was built after the Christian re-conquest of Seville as an unrivaled monument to Christian glory. You will also be able to climb to the top of la Giralda (the cathedral's famous bell tower) for an amazing view of city. The local guide will also show you the porcelain Plaza de España, the Church of La Macarena and more. This afternoon perhaps you would like to visit

the "barrios", Seville's small neighborhoods. The best known of these is the Barrio de Santa Cruz, the city's old Jewish quarter which consists of a maze of alleys, balconied apartment buildings and appealing streets and plazas.

This afternoon is the perfect time to continue learning with the Tour Director. Find little alleys, explore the shadows or even relax in a café and enjoy the Spanish way of life. Rest well for tonight there will be Flamenco! Get an insider's look at the Palacio Andaluz, where professional dancers will instruct you on the basics of flamenco. Learn about the history of this gypsy tradition, and how it has become an integral part of Spanish culture. Then, sit back and relax, as you enjoy a show put on by your dance instructors with "Ay Flamenco!" Watch the show and enjoy a typical 3 course Spanish banquet at the same time.

DAY 4 MADRID. Wake up in your sumptuous hotel and leave Seville behind you. You are heading to the Spanish capital, Madrid! A private NETC bus will take you to the train station and the super modern AVE fast train will whisk you through the beautiful countryside to Madrid. Upon arriving at the station in Madrid another private NETC bus will take you to your hotel. Madrid is now your oyster. The NETC Tour Director will show you the Royal Palace, the Spanish Royal Family's official residence until 1931. This vast palace, which has over 2000 rooms and is still used for state receptions, combines monumental buildings with panoramic views. After marveling at this delightful edifice continue exploring Madrid. The Retiro Park is a great place to meander and people watch. Gran Vía hosts many famous shops and restaurants and the Western side of Madrid in the area known as Moncloa boasts a wonderful revolving observation tower from which you can see all of Madrid.



Tonight enjoy a local 3 course meal at a top NETC restaurant. Culturally representative food will be served in full portions giving you a full stomach on which to explore Madrid by night. The NETC Tour Director will walk you around Plaza Mayor and the many streets leading off it. Full historical and culturally knowledge will be relayed in modern techniques.

DAY 5 MADRID. This morning accompany an expert local guide on a sightseeing tour of the city. Your first stop this morning will be a visit inside the Prado Museum, which has one of the oldest and greatest collections of art in the world. The museum wings include many works by Spanish Masters such as Murillo, Goya, El Greco, Zurbarán and the incredible painting "Las Meninas" by Velázquez. Later this morning continue your panoramic tour of the city. Pass by the Retiro Park towards the fountain and statue of the mythical goddess Cibele, which survived the bombardments of the Civil War, and the gargantuan Post Office, believed to incorporate every architectural style in history. Also see the Puerta de Toledo, where citizens chased Napoleon's troops out of Madrid, the Plaza de España with its bronze figure of Don Quixote, and the Plaza Colon, where you can view the statue of Columbus, and a megalithic monument to the discoverer of the Americas.

This afternoon your tour director will take you to the Reina Sofia Gallery to see Picasso's famous Guernica. This moving work was painted during the Spanish civil war and depicts the scene of a bombing on the Basque town of Guernica, in northern Spain. You will also see works by other modern artists such as Dalí and Miró.



NETC Cost Worksheet Specially Prepared for Fran Dehove

Trip Overview

Itinerary	Customized
	12 days
Departure date	13, June, 2010
Departure city	San Francisco
Overnights:	
	(2) Seville (1) San Sebastian
	(3) Madrid (2) Barcelona
	(1) Salamanca
	(1) Burgos Area
Rooming	Doubles, Triples & Quads
Meals	Breakfasts & Dinners

Basic Fees:

Participants enrolling by February 1, 2010 will receive a \$200 Discount off the fees below:

Program Fee for 40-44 paying participants	\$3449
Program Fee for 35-39 paying participants	\$3499
Program Fee for 30-34 paying participants	\$3549
Program Fee for 25-29 paying participants	\$3649
Program Fee for 20-24 paying participants	\$3849
Program Fee for 15-19 paying participants	\$4149
Registration Fee	\$115
Departure Fees *	\$450
Weekend supplement (For departing or returning flights on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday)	\$55

Insurance and Protection Plan:

Basic Insurance	Included
Total Surety Plan (Total cancellation protection, peace of mind, upgraded coverage overseas and extends final payment deadline.)	\$300

Adult Supplement:

Adult Supplement for Passengers over 24 years of age	\$600
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Deadlines:

Minimum deposit of \$315	February 1, 2010
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Program fees for 2010 are fixed for participants enrolling by February 1, 2010. Should you enroll more than 44 paying participants, NETC can create a waitlist or request a larger bus to hold more participants. With more than 55 paying participants we can provide you with two coaches and your participants will maintain the 40-44 paying participant program fee level.

***Subject to change. Please refer to NETC Enrollment Guide for terms and conditions**

From the Academic Counselors Office . . .

PLAN Ahead!

The **PLAN** test will be administered **Tuesday, February 9th**, in the gym for all sophomores.

The **PLAN** tests of educational development are designed to measure skills developed through early high school in four curriculum areas: English, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning. **PLAN** also includes an interest inventory to assist in career and educational planning.

· English Test items	30 minutes	50
· Mathematics Test items	40 minutes	40
· Reading Test items	20 minutes	25
· Science Reasoning Test items	25 minutes	30

Scale scores for the four subject tests and the composite score range from a low of 1 to a high of 32.

As a "pre-ACT" test, PLAN is a powerful predictor of success on the ACT. At the same time, many schools recognize the importance of PLAN testing for all students, as it focuses attention on both career preparation and improving academic achievement.

* All Sophomores at VCHS are expected to take this test.

* Students report as usual to their homeroom classes at 7:50 AM to take attendance. Teachers will dismiss students to go to the gym.

* All math problems can be solved without a calculator. However, if students regularly use a calculator in their math work, they may choose to use one as they take the Mathematics Test.

* Students must bring two sharpened #2 pencils, and may also bring a calculator if desired.

College Admission Letters

Seniors are receiving letters from colleges containing those wonderful words, "you have been accepted". We applaud the success of our seniors and pray for the important decisions they will be making. It is critical to keep in mind that offers of admission are *conditional*. Colleges do not make final decisions until they receive a student's final high school transcript. Seniors should not change their academic plans (that is, drop classes) without seriously considering the possible affect on admission to their selected college. An offer of admission can be rescinded! Seniors are advised to stick to your plan and make this your most successful year of high school.

College Admission Testing for Juniors

Juniors should register online now for either the ACT or SAT tests this spring. SAT Subject tests should be scheduled for June. For ACT, go to www.actstudent.org. For SAT tests, go to www.collegeboard.com. Students should register early in order to get the best choice of dates and test locations.



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Winter Sports

Varsity Men's Basketball - Alex Lai and Camryn Harris were selected to the Rincon Valley 2009 All-Tournament Team and the team came in 3rd over-all.

Junior Varsity Men's Basketball - This is a building team with lots of enthusiasm.

Varsity Women's Basketball - "Brittany Smith made the all-tournament team and the girls placed 4th out of 8 in the tournament. This is the second all-tournament team Brittany has made."

Wrestling - The inaugural Valley Christian Wrestling Team got off to a great start in December. The eight members of the team are embracing this new sport on our campus with all the heart we know so well in our Viking athletes. None of these wrestlers had previous experience going into this season. They have been facing competition with much more experience and are sending a message to the East Bay wrestling community that they have come ready to wrestle.

At each the four tournaments last month, the wrestlers' technique and conditioning showed improvement. Dustin Jang had the first pin and first win ever for Viking Wrestling at the Hayward Haystack tournament. Derek Lokker took first place (3 wins, no losses) in the DVAL Novice tournament, at which we were guests of the other coaches. Derek also earned a second place medal (4 wins, 1 loss) in a JV tournament at College Park High School. All other wrestlers are racking up wins, many on the first day of competition in their wrestling careers. Other members include TJ Heal, Logan Slater, Brian DeCool, Alain DeSaix, and Michael Wardana. For the latest news and photos for Viking Wrestling, see http://www.vcsathletics.com/_wrestling-mv/index.html.

As we head into the busy wrestling month of January, the athletes are practiced and in condition to give it their all. The coaches and athletic department are proud to see these wrestlers setting a tradition of dedication and character for this new program, putting

into practice to their team scripture: "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us." (2 Corinthians 5:20)

Junior High Boys' Basketball - This very successful team is currently undefeated.

Junior High Girls' Basketball - The girl's team is not far behind the boy's team with only one loss in league. Both of these team are very fun to watch.

Cheerleaders - Congratulations to the VCHS Varsity Cheerleaders for their outstanding performance during the United Spirit Association Regional Competition on January 9th, 2010 at Bear Creek High in Stockton, Ca! The Varsity Cheerleaders competed in the Small Varsity Intermediate Show Cheer Division and brought home 2nd Place along with their second bid to the USA Nationals in Anaheim, CA. Way to go Ladies!

"Team Boosters"- Contact our "Team Boosters" president John Rouch at valleychristianboosters@yahoo.com and join this fun and motivated group of parents and supporters. Be a part of what makes Valley Christian sports great! We are looking for volunteers to help with our yearly fundraiser (Crab Feed) March 5th. Next Booster/Crab Feed meeting is January 21, 7PM in HS room H17 ALL are welcome – we need all the help we can get.

Save the Dates!!

February 5th Valley Christian Varsity Basketball teams take on Bentley High School, Women's game at 4 PM and Men at 5:30. Snack Bar will be open and making a special treat! Admission to all High School sporting events: Adults \$5.00, Seniors \$3.00, Students w/o validation sticker \$3.00, with sticker \$2.00. Kids 6 and under free.

March 5th will be our annual Athletic Boosters Crab Feed. This is the only major athletic fundraiser for the year. Come and be a part of this fun evening. Tickets will be sold online or in the Athletic Department soon. We also need student and parent volunteers for this



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event. Please call Melanie Arace at (925) 560-6257 for information.

March 13th is the big Dublin St. Patrick's Day Parade. Valley Christian will have a big part in this again on several different levels, including: Pre-School, Elementary, Junior High, High School, and the Church. We will all participate together but a different planner will coordinate each category. Please watch for details and if you can not participate, please plan to meet at a spot downtown that we will designate for our families so we can cheer our procession on together!

Spring Sports

Our spring sports season is just around the corner!

Junior High Sports:

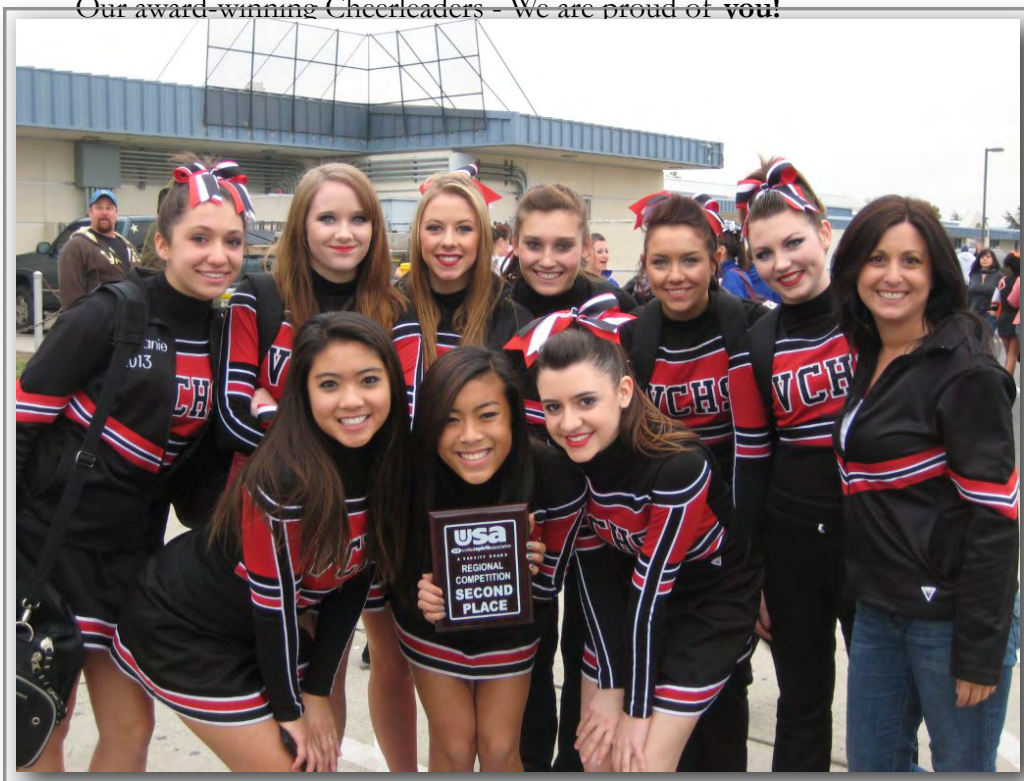
JH Boy's Soccer (6-8th grade) tryouts are Monday, February 1st and 2nd from 3:15-5:00 on the soccer field.

JH Girl's Volleyball (6-8th grade) tryouts are February 3rd and 4th from 3:15-5:00 in the gym.

High School Spring Sports:

The new season starts on February 8 and tryout information will be on the vcsathletics.com website very soon. Varsity and JV Men's Baseball, Varsity Women's Soccer, Student Golf, Swimming, Varsity Men's Volleyball, Varsity Women's Softball and Varsity Men's Tennis.

Our award-winning Cheerleaders - We are proud of you!



What's New - Junior Tennis Clinic



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JUNIORS - AGES 10-18

BEGINNER – INTERMEDIATE – ADVANCED PLAYERS

SPRING PROGRAM AT
MUIRWOOD PARK TENNIS COURTS

STARTING 1/18/10 through 2/6/10

Hours: 3:30 p.m. till 5:30 p.m.
Monday through Friday

THE COST TO JOIN WILL BE \$15/Hr. (\$30/per day)

The new Varsity Tennis Coach, Dejan, who is originally from Belgrade, Serbia, is teaching this program. Dejan is now residing in Marin County where he has his own Professional Tennis Academy. After retiring from professional tennis, Dejan worked with Tennis in Marin. His goal is to promote, and help build stronger and better players from the Juniors of Northern California.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

CALL

Valley Christian Athletics 925-560-6257 or Dejan 415-310-1011

Go Vikings!

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PTF News

VC JR/SR HIGH STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK FEBRUARY 8TH - 12TH THEME: "WE'RE JUST WILD ABOUT YOU"



Staff Appreciation Week is a special time set aside to honor our teachers and administrators with some special treats. One of the best gifts we could give is to let them know how much they mean to us! The week prior to Staff Appreciation (January 26th-29th), there will be tables in the foyer during the lunch hour with cards for our students to write notes of appreciation to their teachers and the administrative staff. If there is a special staff member that you as a parent would like to acknowledge, please respond to Susie Pryfogle at pryfogle@comcast.net <<mailto:pryfogle@comcast.net>> and we will print them out and deliver them during Staff Appreciation Week.

If you would like to be involved with Staff Appreciation Week in any way, or are able to donate any items for this event, please respond to Susie Pryfogle. Thank you for your participation!

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Parents in Prayer



We love praying for our students! Join us Wednesday mornings 8:10 - 10:00 AM for worship, sharing, and most of all praying. We lift up Valley Christian School to the throne of grace. If you are looking for a place to make a difference in the lives of the students, staff, and families of VCS, stop by and join us. We make every effort to hear God's voice on how to pray and what to pray. Holy Spirit is our enabler and we covet His Presence.

Call or email for location! We'd love to see you.

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Calendar of Events...

Jan. 19-22	Midterms (Exam Schedule)	Tues.-Thurs. 8:30 AM -12:00 PM. Fri. 8:30-10:10AM.
Jan. 22	End of First Semester	
Jan. 25	Teacher Workday (No School)	
Jan. 26	JH Internet Safety Assembly	10:00-11:00 Sanctuary
Jan. 26	DC Fundraising Dinner	4:00-8:00 PM Panda Express Dublin
Jan. 28	HS Spirit Week Hall Decorating	3:00-9:00 PM H. S. Building
Jan 29	JH Pizza, Popcorn, PJs and Movie Night	7:30 PM Gym
Feb. 1-5	JH and HS Spirit Week Dress-Up Days	
Feb. 4	Open Heart Contributions Deadline	
Feb. 5	VCHS Spirit Week Varsity Games	4:00 PM Women and 5:30 Men
Feb. 6	SH Winter Ball	7:00-11:00 PM San Ramon Community Center
Feb. 8-12	Staff Appreciation Week	
Feb. 9	Sophomore PLAN Testing	8:00 AM Gym
Feb. 12	Staff Development Day (No School)	
Feb. 15	President's Day (No School)	
Feb. 17/18	Extended Period Schedule	
March 5	Annual Athletic Boosters Crab Feed	
March 13	Dublin St. Patrick Day Parade	

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Student Calendar January - June

January 2010

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- 1 Christmas Recess (No Schol)
- 4 Student Re-Enrollment Begins
- 4 Open House (9-10AM)
- 6 Extended Period Day (Periods 1,3,5,7)
- 7 Extended Period Day (Periods 2,4,Chapel,6)
- 14 JH Campus Day (9:00-11:30 AM)
- 18 Martin Luther King Day (No School)
- 19-22 Student Mid Term Exams (Tu-Th 8:30-12:00 PM, Fri. 8:30-10:10)
- 22 End of First Semester
- 25 Teacher Workday (No School)
- 28 Spirit Week Hallway Decorating (3-9PM)

February 2010

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- 1-5 Spirit Week
- 1 Open House (9-10AM)
- 5 Student Re-Enrollment Priority Deadline
- 6 Winter Ball
- 8 Open Enrollment Begins
- 8-12 Staff Appreciation Week
- 9 PLAN Test, Sophomores (Gym, 8 AM)
- 12 Staff Development Day (No School)
- 17 Extended Period Day (Periods 1,3,5,7)
- 18 Extended Period Day (Periods 2,4,Chapel,6)
- 15 President's Day (No School)

March 2010

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- 1 Open House (9-10AM)
- 2 AP Information Night (Sanctuary, 7 PM)
- 5 Athletics Crab Feed (Gym)
- 3, 17 Extended Period Day (Periods 1,3,5,7)
- 4, 18 Extended Period Day (Periods 2,4,Chapel,6)
- 8-12 Spiritual Emphasis Week (Special Chapel Schedule)
- 26 End of Third Quarter (Half Day Schedule)

April 2010

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- 2-9 Easter Break (No School)
- 12 Open House (9-10AM)
- 16,17 Spring Play (Fri-7PM, Sat-4PM, Sanc)
- 19-21 Stanford Achievement Tests, 8th grade only
- 14, 28 Extended Period Day (Periods 1,3,5,7)
- 15, 29 Extended Period Day (Periods 2,4,Chapel,6)
- 30 8th Grade Washington DC Trip

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- 1 Jr/Sr Prom
- 1-6 8th Grade Washington DC Trip
- 3 Open House (9-10AM)
- 3-14 AP Exams (Fireside)
- 6 National Day of Prayer
- 19 Extended Period Day (Periods 1,3,5,7)
- 20 Extended Period Day (Periods 2,4,Chapel,6)
- 31 Memorial Day (No School)

June 2010

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- 1 JH & HS Awards (Sanctuary)
- 3 Senior Farewell Chapel (Chapel Schedule)
- 6 HS Baccalaureate (4 PM, Sanctuary)
- 7-10 Final Exam Week (M-W 8:30 AM-12:00 PM, Th. 8:30-10:10 AM)
- 10 End of Second Semester (Last Day of School)
- 10 8th Grade Promotion Practice (Gym, 10:30 AM-12 PM)
- 10 8th Grade Promotion (Gym, 6:30 PM)
- 12 Graduation Practice & Breakfast (Pleasanton Fairgrounds, 9 AM-12 PM)
- 12 HS Graduation (Pleasanton Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM)