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Family Services Program

Opportunity

Don't forget to keep checking on different opportunities that come up at different times to meet each families obligations for the Family Service Program. Contact the school office at 336-8422 any time to see what the needs are.

1st Mid-Quarter Ends Soon

Believe it or not, 1st Mid-Quarter ends next Wednesday, October 3rd. Interim Reports will go home the following Wednesday, October 10th to all students in 1st – 12th grades. If you will be attending the PT Conferences on Oct. 15th, we suggest you keep your copy and bring it with you to your conference time.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser

Thanks

Thank you to all those who participated in the Yankee Candle Fundraiser! We will announce those who will be awarded based on sales once all the online orders have been counted. All the orders will be sent in later this week and we anticipate receiving all the merchandise within the next couple of weeks.

Online Grades on Engrade

Instructions and codes are being sent home with this newsletter for every student in 1st – 12th grades on how to access our online grade system www.engagepro.com.

(Kindergarten does not participate in the online grading program.)

Engrade allows you to see your child's grades weekly throughout the entire school year. It is important that you login and input the Student ID # and Access Code to see all their grades. Please call the school if you have any questions.

Fall Picture Day

Mark your calendar!! Individual and Class Pictures will be taken on **Thursday, October 25th**. Order sheets will be sent home when the date gets closer.



HOME MEMO

September 25, 2017

Valley Heights Christian Academy

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Student Council is Back!

It's been a few years since we have had a Student Council. There was a meeting held on Wednesday, Sept. 12th for anyone on 9th – 12th grade who was interested in participating. This group of students will work together to develop leadership by organizing and coordinating school activities and service projects. These students will also contribute to school spirit and be a voice for the student body.

Officers were chosen with Jimmy DuVall, President; Meghan Van Althuis, Vice President; Jenea Evans, Treasurer; and Paige Proskine, Secretary.



Pictured L to R: Emily Davis, Alley Frayer, Madison Van Althuis, Ryan Brooks, Jenea Evans, Meghan Van Althuis, Paige Proskine, Jimmy DuVall, Jared Graham, Morgan Hodge, and Macey Montgomery.

Snack Time Milk

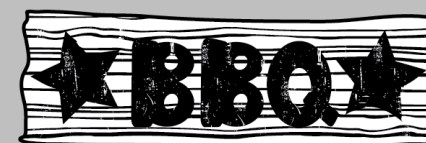
All of our classes have a snack time built into their schedule every day. We are going to start offering milk for those who would like to purchase milk during this time as well as during lunchtime. The cost is 25¢ each and we are offering white or chocolate whole milk. Please let us know if you would like to limit the number of milks your child is allowed to purchase each day.



VHCA will be closed Oct. 4th & 5th for Staff Development and Oct. 8th for Columbus Day.

The school office will also be closed.

Enjoy your long weekend!



**VHCA SPORTS BOOSTER
CHICKEN BBQ
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9TH
AT WEILER PARK, NORWICH
STARTING AT 4:30 P.M.
HALVES - \$6.75 EACH
BAKED POTATOES - 75¢ EACH
OTHER ITEMS ALSO AVAILABLE**

**COME SUPPORT OUR TEAMS
AS THEY PLAY SYRACUSE!**

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences are currently being scheduled for **Monday, October 15th** for all grades. The slips are being sent home with this newsletter. If you received a Teacher Initiated Conference Request, please select your preferred appointment time. If you, as a parent, would like to request a meeting, please do the same. All requests should be sent in by **Monday, October 8th**.

Online Payments Accepted

We take tuition payments right on our website. Click on the **"Parents"** Tab and go down to **"Make a Payment."** You just have to put in your child's name and enter your credit card information. We can also take payments over the phone or in person.

We accept cash, checks, or credit/debit card payments.

Remember, payments are due on the **10th of each month** from August thru June. There is a \$25 fee if late payments are made.

Just a
THOUGHT
...from the Administrator's Office

Change...

If you haven't been in and around school yet this year, you may not be familiar with all the different changes that have occurred. Many of you are aware that we made some major classroom changes and have adjusted the breakdown of grades to include a middle level academy here at VHCA. The elementary school (K4-4th grade) is completely contained in the Family Center / Gym building. The middle school (5th-8th grades) are in the south corridor of the main building while the high school (9th-12th grades) make up the rest of the hallway downstairs. There are many other changes that have taken place as well as some that will be ongoing as we move through the school year. Like all change, there can be a sense of anticipation and excitement. However change can also bring about feelings of anxiety, concern, and the fear of the unknown.

We all have changes in our lives. Some days, we may shout "Praise God!" while other times we cry out, "What's happening?" Whatever your circumstance, changes will come and we need to be reminded to remain focused on God in order to handle them properly.

As I was thinking through some of the changes that I am going through in my own life, I began to evaluate how I handle each one. Sometimes I deal with changes much better than others. A change in my regular routine for a family vacation is much easier to deal with than a change in the family dynamic due to the loss of a loved one. In either case, we are to handle changes in a way that pleases God.

Despite all of the swirling and sometimes overwhelming changes in our lives, there is one promise that we can, and should always be on our minds. God reminds us in Malachi that He is the Lord, and he does not ever change. Isn't that comforting? In the midst of all the change in this world, there is one thing that stays the same forever – GOD! Hebrews 6:18 also gives us a firm foundation to stand on when the winds of change beat against us:

"God has given us both His promise and His oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can take new courage, for we can hold on to his promise with confidence."

So let the changes come. In fact, welcome them. Walk in faith instead of fear and trust God through all the changes. He is more than able to help us and He has great plans to bless us. Changes can be our friend, so long as we look for God in them and recognize what He is doing!

Welcome back, everyone. Along with each one of you, I look forward with great anticipation to an enjoyable and successful school year.

Not a sermon...just a thought.

Mr. Hodge

Thank you!

Thank you for all those who came out to our Back-To-School Celebration on Thursday, September 13th!

Thank you to our Parents & Teachers Group who planned and coordinate the event.

There was a great turnout from our long-term families as well as our brand new families. It was a nice time to fellowship together and get to know each other better.

There was a nice time set aside during the evening to go to the classrooms to pray together. There was a prayer card distributed with the students' names and different things we could pray about throughout the year. We included one of these prayer cards in with this newsletter for those who couldn't be there. We hope everyone can find a spot to put it in a place where you will see it regularly to keep VHCA in your prayers.



L to R: Owen Adams, K4; Calista Beers, 2nd; Abigail Weck, 2nd; and Adrienne Hodge, 6th.



L to R: Taylor Hodge, 4th; Elijah Weck, 4th; and Zachary Brooks, 3rd.



THE SR. CLASS INVITES ALL TO SUPPORT THEIR FUNDRAISER ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND WITH DOUG'S FISH FRY

(LOCATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED WHEN THE DATE IS CLOSER)

Important Dates:

September

- 25 Away game at Finger Lakes Boys only at 4:30 p.m.
- Krispy Kreme Donut Fundraiser Starts
- 28 Home game vs. Oswego Girls only at 4:30 p.m.

October

- 2 5th – 8th grade fieldtrip to Fenimore Art Museum
- Away games at Corning starting at 3:30 p.m.
- 3 K4 – 4th grade fieldtrip to Peila View Corn Maze
- Casual Dress Day
- Ice Cream Floats at Lunch
- End of 1st Mid-Quarter
- 4 No School & Office Closed – Staff Develop.
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- 8 No School & Office Closed – Columbus Day
- 9 Home games vs. Syracuse starting at 4:30 p.m.
- VHCA Booster Club Chicken BBQ starting at 4:30 p.m.
- 10 1st Quarter Interim Reports Go Home
- 12 Krispy Kreme Fundraiser Ends
- Home games vs. Tyburn starting at 5:00 p.m. ****Sr. Night Recognition****
- 15 Parent-Teacher Conferences in the evening
- 19 Grandparents Day
- Krispy Kreme Donut Pick-up
- Home games vs. Baldwinsville starting at 5:00 p.m.
- 25 Picture Day (Info will be sent home when available)

Remember to keep checking our online calendar for the most up-to-date calendar of activities!

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