

Closing Announcements

School closings and delays due to inclement weather or other emergencies are broadcast through the following:

- **Radio:** WCDO (100.9 FM), WCHN (970AM) /WKXZ(94/93.9/95.3 FM)
- **TV:** WBNG Channel 12
- **Websites:** vhcaonline.com; www.wbng.com; www.evesun.com
- **E-mail:** The school administration sends to those families who have e-mail addresses provided to the school.
- **Phone:** If you call the main line of the school, the message will state the closure.

If Norwich City School District is **CLOSED** or **DELAYED** due to bad weather, VHCA will also be closed or delayed.

Healthy Reminders

This is the time of year for many health related concerns: Common Colds, Flu Bugs, Head Lice, etc. We cannot stress enough good hygiene along with the **“Don't Share”** Rule. Students should not share drink containers, silverware, food, hats, etc.

If you child does miss a day of school, please remember to contact the school first thing in the morning to let us know your child will be out along with the symptoms your child is showing. Also, students coming in tardy or missing a day of school are required to bring in a note explaining their tardiness or absence when they are well enough to return.

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.

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

THANK YOU to all those who supported our recent doughnut fundraiser. We sold **324 dozen** which was a record number for us. We made over **\$1,200.00** which goes toward the fundraising budget for the year. Thank you to **Michele Evans and her Dad** who drove to Clarks Summit to pick-up the fresh doughnuts.



Soccer Awards Night

Soccer Awards Night will be held in the VHCA gymnasium on **Tuesday, November 6th** starting at **7:00 p.m.**



Please bring a dessert to share. All soccer uniforms should be turned in by Awards Night.

There will be a **Sports Booster Meeting** immediately following.

“No School” Days

VHCA School will be closed on **Friday, November 9th** for a **Staff Development Day** and **Monday, November 12th** for **Veteran’s Day**. The office will also be closed on Veteran’s Day. Please mark your calendar accordingly.

Come support the Valley Heights Christian Academy Class of 2019!

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HOME MEMO

Valley Heights Christian Academy

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Fall Family Fun Night

Thursday, November 8 will be an evening that you simply won’t want to miss. The VHCA Fall Family Fun Night and Cooking Competition is being planned and we could use your help! This special evening will provide an opportunity for the entire school family to come together for fun, fellowship, and some friendly competition!

We are looking for a number of individuals to enter our **1st Annual Cooking Contest**. For our first year, we are having two categories of culinary competition. The main category will be for your best chili. The second category will be for your best pumpkin dessert. And for those of you who can’t choose between your best chili, and your best pumpkin dessert, fear not! You can enter BOTH categories!



We need enough people to participate in the contest to feed everyone, so please contact the school office to enter by calling **607-336-8422** or email to **office@vhcaonline.com** With so many tremendous cooks and bakers as a part of our school family, it is certain to be a highly competitive contest and one that the judges are already looking forward to!



CONTEST RULES:

- Locate your best recipe(s)
- Prepare chili in a crock-pot or warmer that is portable and can hold heat
- Bring chili and/or pumpkin desserts to the VHCA Gymnasium at 6:00 pm
- You will choose one random number for your chili and one for your pumpkin dessert that will correspond with your item.
- Chili and pumpkin dessert will be judged by a special panel of judges from 6:00 - 6:30
- Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the conclusion of the event.

If you are unable to provide a chili dish and/or a pumpkin dessert for the contest, we ask that you bring some sort of cornbread or other side dish to pass.

A fun indoor family activity, prizes, a presentation from the school board chairman, and an introduction to the new parent-teacher group “Helping Hands” will also be a part of this exciting evening of fun, food, and fellowship. So plan to cook, compete, or just come out as we continue to build community here at Valley Heights!

Event: Fall Family Fun Night and Chili & Pumpkin Dessert Competition

Date: November 8, 2018

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: VHCA Gymnasium

What to Bring: Bring your favorite chili and/or pumpkin dessert to be entered into our contest. Or, bring some cornbread or other side dish to pass.

Just a THOUGHT

...from the Administrator's Office

It is so hard to believe that October is winding down and we are knocking on the door of November already. How quickly time seems to go by, and the more activities we get involved in, the less time we have to do other things... oftentimes the things that are most important.

I had the opportunity last week to interact with an individual who God strategically put in my way. I had not planned on this encounter, yet God insisted that I have this interaction. This individual was delivering some items to our school. He was a new delivery driver for this company. I introduced myself, and he proceeded to tell me a bit about himself and how he got to the company he currently is working for. Then, without allowing me to speak, this man opened up about some personal struggles, and asked me if we could be praying for him.

All too often, you and I have such a tight schedule that it seems we don't have time to interact with the people of this world who need us the most. Every day we rub shoulder with individuals who desperately need to know Jesus. We are commanded to "make disciples of all nations." We can't make disciples by merely "behaving" or "refraining from" certain activities. These people need to hear about what God has done and is doing in our lives. How's your "making disciples" going these days?

I can't help but think about whether or not I would have noticed the man's need if he hadn't told me. God brought him to our school...God had him specifically ask for prayer. It was my opportunity to seize, and this time, I succeeded. I even had a chance to follow up with him a few days later. But I am reminded of all the times that I failed to see who God put in my path. All I know is that I recognized this opportunity and took it the best I knew how.

So how about you? Have you been able to share Jesus with someone who needs to hear? Or have your days been, like so many of us, too busy to notice the opportunities right in front of you? Be encouraged...God's not done. He will continue to provide opportunities for you to share Him with others. Then, when we notice the opportunity, take it. If we're too busy for others, we're too busy for God.

Not a sermon...just a thought.

Mr. Hodge



Please make note of the enclosed flier with some of the details regarding our **Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon**.

Be sure to let us know if you can help by cooking a turkey, peeling potatoes, making pumpkin or banana bread, preparing food in our kitchen and/or serving and cleanup. Remember, your time volunteering counts toward the **Family Services Program** requirements. The money is due by Monday, November 5th.

We are looking forward to the Luncheon on November 16th. We encourage staff & students to **dress up for the day as either a Pilgrim or Native American**. This adds some extra excitement to the festivities. Students who come to school dressed as a Pilgrim or Native American will be judged on their dress and have the opportunity to be recognized and win a prize.

Please keep in mind for those who do choose to dress up: **No War Paint** or **Weapons** will be permitted and should **not** be part of costumes.

Contact the office with any questions.

1st Quarter Ends Soon

1st Quarter ends **Thursday, November 8th**. Report Cards will go home Wednesday, November 14th to all students.

Remember to use **www.engagepro.com** during the school year to access grades anytime. If you have any questions about the website, please call the school office.



VHCA Student Council & Calvary Baptist Church are teaming up to have a float in the Parade of Lights on November 24th. They are looking for some donated items to help with the decorations. It would be greatly appreciated if you would be willing help out by sending in any of the following items to the school office.

- **Red, green, white, & brown acrylic or tempera paint**
- **Silver Garland**
- **Rolls of colored or clear cellophane (found at Dollar Tree)**
- **New or nearly new Pool Noodles**

Please send in
by Friday,
November 9th.

Forgot Your Lunch?

We sometimes have students who forget to bring a lunch to school. As a courtesy, the school helps out by having some ramen or canned soup on hand to help when these times arise.



If a student does not have their lunch and a parent cannot be reached in time, the student will be able to take from the "soup pantry." To keep the pantry open, a donation of a can of soup will need to be made by the student who uses the service.

If you have any questions or would like to make a soup donation, please contact the school office at 607-336-8422.

YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISING

Thank you all for participating in the Yankee Candle fundraiser held in September. VHCA made a little over **\$3,000 in profit** from the sale to help with our general fundraising budget.

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded with the top prizes meeting the goal for selling the most over \$600.



1st Place Winner selling over \$600: **Jessup Ross** sold **\$861.50!** Jessup received a \$50 Walmart Gift Card; Homework, Ice Cream, and 9 Casual Day passes

2nd Place selling over \$600: **Alexis & Owen Adams** combined sold **\$664.50!** They received a \$30 Walmart Gift Card; Homework, Ice Cream, and 5 Casual Day passes

3rd Place selling over \$600: **Trinity Gillingham & Landon Boise** combined sold **\$662.50!** They received a \$20 Walmart Gift Card; Homework, Ice Cream, and 5 Casual Day passes

Mark Your Calendar:

OCTOBER

29 – 8 **Unbaked Apple Pie Fundraiser**

NOVEMBER

2	Doug's Fish Fry
5 – 20	Wreath & Poinsettia Fundraiser
6	Soccer Awards & Booster Meeting
7	Casual Dress Day
8	End of 1st Quarter
8	Family Night Event
9	No School - Staff Dev. Day
12	No School - Veterans' Day
14	1st Qtr. Report Cards Go Home
16	Thanksgiving Luncheon
20	Apple Pie Pickup
21-23	No School - Thanksgiving Recess
29	Picture Retake Day