

Vacaville Christian High School
Proud Home of the Falcons
January 6, 2012

“Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’” – Matthew 19:26

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First Semester Report Cards
Were distributed today in Homeroom classes.

Please ask your son/daughter for their report card.
Notes about how grades on Report cards work are included at the end of this ebuletin.

**You are Invited
To Attend our High School's First Semester
Academic Awards Ceremony
January 10th
7:55 am – 9:00 am in the VCS Gym**

**Awards to be presented:
Honor Roll, Principal's List, and Principal's Honor Roll
Subject Area Top Student Awards
CEO's Top 10 Award**

*It's Time to Submit your California Scholarship
Federation Applications
This is something to do each and every semester
you are eligible (Sophomore - Senior)*

"Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors! California Scholarship Federation is currently accepting applications for the spring semester based on your fall semester grades. CSF is an honor-based society in which students are eligible for membership by receiving a grade of an A or B in their core subject classes each semester. It looks great on resumes and college applications.

Grab an application in the HS office, from Mr. Gaudard or Mrs. Golden's class and see if you qualify!

The deadline to turn in completed applications is Friday, January 20th so don't delay."

Congratulations to our Seniors!

Class of 2012 College Acceptances and Merit Scholarships As of January 6, 2012

Senior	University	Merit Scholarship
Aarhus, James	Montana State University	
Evans, Shelby	Sacramento State University	
Evans, Shelby	San Diego State University	
Evans, Shelby	University of Colorado Colorado Springs	\$20,000
Evans, Shelby	Liberty University	
Evans, Shelby	Biola University	\$40,000
Hadley, Kendra	St. John's University	Presidential Scholarship — Approx. \$132,500
Javan, Darius	United States Military Academy	Full Scholarship – Approximately \$400,000
Johnson, Lauren	San Diego State University	
Johnson, Lauren	Cal Poly	
Johnson, Lauren	Sacramento State University	
Johnson, Lauren	California State University, Chico	
MacDonald, Marcella	Baylor University	\$34,000
Powell, Nigel	Benedict College	
Short, Joshua	Humboldt State University	
So, Aileen	Northern Arizona University	\$28,000
So, Aileen	Saint Mary's College of California	

**\$ 654,500 in Merit-based Scholarships
To date...**

Need to Remediate Geometry or Algebra II? Check out 8th Period Math Classes!

VCHS is offering a new option for students who need to raise their Geometry or Algebra II, first semester grade (if they earned a D or an F). It's called 8th period!

How it works: We will have two classes, one for Geometry and one for Algebra II.

Class times: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 – 5:00 pm

Class dates: Tuesday, January 17th – Thursday, March 29, 2012 (11 weeks)

Cost: \$150 Register in the HS Office and attach a check made payable to VCS. Minimum enrollment needed per class: 6 students

Remediating the class now will help because:

- You are not waiting to summer to boost your mastery that is needed for your second semester of the class.
- You won't have to take the class in Summer School if you complete it now.
- Classroom teaching, by VCS teachers, in a small setting where you can ask questions and get help.
- Comparable to the cost of a BYU course
- Continuity of instruction since you will be using the same textbook and our VCS teachers are providing the instruction.

For Seniors: In order to be eligible for graduation, if you need to remediate a math class, you need to either do this or BYU this semester.

Deciding Between the ACT or SAT?

Consider Taking Kaplan's ACT/ SAT Combo Test to help you decide.

Sign up for this practice test to:

- Experience each ACT and SAT section
- Receive a detailed analysis of your performance on each test
- Improve your score with our exclusive strategies

**\$10 ACT/ SAT Combo Practice Test
@ Vacaville Christian High School**

Saturday, January 14th 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Please bring a #2 pencil and calculator with you.
Please sign up in the HS Office by January 12th.
Make checks payable to VCHS.

Combo Test Results and Strategy Seminar:

Wednesday, January 25th – 6:00 – 7:00pm

in the College Resource Center (Room 202). Parents are invited and highly encouraged to attend.

Space is limited. Enroll today!

1-800-KAP-TEST kaptest.com/practicetest

Kaplan's Promise regarding their test prep class (see below): "Higher test scores guaranteed or your money back."

Upcoming SAT / ACT Prep Classes through Kaplan

No.	Name	Date	Start Time	End Time	Room No.
1	SAT Diagnostic: Practice Test 1	03/10/12	10:00 AM	2:30 PM	Will C. Wood
2	Classroom Session 1	03/14/12	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	VCS, Rm. 202
3	Classroom Session 2	03/21/12	3:30 PM	6:30 PM	VCS, Rm. 202
4	Practice Test 2	03/24/12	10:00 AM	2:00 PM	Will C. Wood
5	Classroom Session 3	03/28/12	3:30 PM	6:30 PM	VCS, Rm. 202
6	Classroom Session 4	04/04/12	3:30 PM	6:30 PM	VCS, Rm. 202
7	Practice Test 3	04/21/12	10:00 AM	2:00 PM	Will C. Wood

8	Classroom Session 5	04/25/12	3:30 PM	6:30 PM	VCS, Rm. 202
9	Practice Test 4	04/28/12	10:00 AM	2:00 PM	Will C. Wood
10	Classroom Session 6	05/02/12	3:30 PM	6:30 PM	VCS, Rm. 202

Ever thought you might like to be an ambassador?
Like to have a friend from China?

We have 3 upcoming Chinese Delegation visits where students from China will be visiting our school. We are looking for wonderful students who would like to be Student Ambassadors for these students and have them spend the time they are here with them.

Application forms will be available in the office next week. We prefer that those who apply have class beginning 1st period. These students already have host homes to stay in, but they want to shadow a VCS student and go to classes and lunch with them while they are here.

Dates of the Delegation visits:
January 23 – 27, 2012 (5 day visit)
February 2 (1 day visit)
February 6 – 10, 2012 (5 day visit)

These are the students we are looking for Student Ambassadors for during the first delegation visit – January 23 – 27, 2012.

Name	Grade
Boy	8
Girl	8
Girl	9
Girl	8
Boy	8
Girl	9
Girl	8
Boy	8
Girl	12
Boy	10

Attention Seniors

It's Time to File your FAFSA Applications
FAFSA = Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Check it out at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

CA Deadline for filing is March 2, 2012. Some colleges have their own deadlines as well. Check with your specific colleges.

Please see Mrs. Golden to submit your Senior Quote for the Yearbook. All quotes must be original and appropriate.

We want to celebrate with you!

Bring in a copy of your College Acceptance Letters and Merit based scholarship letters to the HS Office and we'll give you a Congratulatory \$5 Starbucks card! We want to celebrate your accomplishments with you!

Can you offer a ride?

We have a senior boy who lives in the Woodland area who needs a ride to and from school. They are offering a gas stipend per day.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Ahlstrom at 530-669-7224 (home) 530-902-5279 (cell) or e-mail ctahlstrom@yahoo.com.

Sports News!

WRESTLING TEAM

Congratulations to our wonderful Wrestling Team and their inaugural Home Wrestling match this week!

This year's wrestling team includes:

Cameron Botkin
Eddie Donofrio
Daniel Ewing

Gabe Harcrow
Matt Ignatieff
Cyrus Javan
Trevor Knoroski
Drake Leavell
Tyler Legoullon
Nathan Lester
Shelby Myska
Gary Nguyen
Mateo Olloqui
Josh Ryland
Amber Stewart
Ryan Toca

Tomorrow's girl's tournament is the Karen Foley Crossface Girl's Tournament being held at St. Patrick - St. Vincent High School in Vallejo. The tournament begins at 9:00AM. Come and cheer on your Falcons! 😊

We also have the following league meets next week.

- Wednesday, January 11th VCS @ Bradshaw Christian. Wrestling begins at 6:00PM
- Thursday, January 12th VCS @ West Campus where we compete against West Campus and Capital Christian. Wrestling begins at 6:00PM

TRACK TEAM

Track season is upon us once again. Official season begins February 6th so dust off the spikes and be ready. If you are interested in joining the track and field team please sign your name, grade, and sport on the interest list in the high school office. Keep your eyes open for kick off meeting and event schedules.

Hope to see you! Coach Allen

SOFTBALL SEASON IS HERE!!

Start conditioning on your own now to prepare for tryouts and season! Tryouts will be Monday, February 6th at 3pm sharp! Tuesday, February 7th the final roster will be posted; Practice and player meeting at 3pm Practice will be Monday-Friday 3-5:30ish. MANDATORY Parent meeting, Wednesday, February 8th 5pm in the student lounge. Any questions call Coach Allen 707-249-5306 or email laurarallen@sbcglobal.net

SAFETY is our GOAL!

A friendly reminder to be extra safe and careful when driving on our campus. We have lots of wonderful students we want to keep safe. Please never use your cell phone when driving on campus.

For student drivers: Your driving privileges for school may be suspended or revoked if you are driving carelessly or not following safe driving practices.

Next Weekend is a Long Weekend

We have a minimum day on Friday, January 13th – (11:30 am dismissal)

**There is no school on Monday, January 16th
in honor of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.'s Birthday.**

HIS Club Opportunity

The HS Boys' Basketball team is looking for a parent or two who would be interesting in helping in either of these ways:

1. Keeping Stats for the Boys' teams
2. Shooting video for the Boys' teams

If you are interested in serving in one of these capacities, please contact Coach McLaughlin at tracy.mclaughlin@yahoo.com . Thank you!

GRAD NIGHT
FUNDRAISER

2 SOUTHWEST
TICKETS

GRAD NIGHT
FUNDRAISER

Parents, Students, Friends and Neighbors

The **Senior Class** is selling RAFFLE tickets for **\$5.00**
in the **high school office**

FOR ONLY 2 WEEKS

January 17- 31,

A drawing will be held January 31!!!

The winner will receive 2 Southwest tickets to

ANYWHERE

Southwest flies

Welcome
Crustacean
Lovers



ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT
Fresh Dungeness Crab
Saturday, Feb 25, 2012
5:30pm

An Annual Celebration of All-You-Can-Eat Crab, Prizes & Fun!

This is a culinary event you don't want to miss! The VCS Annual Crab Feed sells out every year! It's no wonder with all-you-can-eat fresh Dungeness Crab, pasta, salad and bread! Not to mention the dessert silent auction, spectacular raffle baskets and an outstanding live auction.

Join us for this special event, have a great time eating and celebrating with friends and family all night long! Hopefully, you will win a wonderful dessert or prize too! Shell-Appetit!

Tickets are on sale now in the Business Office!

General Seating: \$40 per person

Reserved Full Table (10): \$450

Reserved Half Table (5): \$225

For event or ticket information: 707-446-1776 ext. 1069

Super Saturday, AP Prep Days are Coming Soon!

This is an opportunity for teachers to offer special AP Prep times to their students. Students in these classes are Highly Encouraged to attend and take advantage of

these great opportunities.

Saturday, February 4th

AP Bio will be meeting from 12pm-3pm

Saturday, March 3rd

Saturday, March 17th

Saturday, April 21st

AP Teachers who will be participating will be publishing their schedules.

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View current retailers and download an order forms [here](#)

Thank you for your support!

For questions or to sign up for volunteer hours,
contact Monica Wilson:
mwilson@go-vcs.com
707-446-1776 ext. 1060

Save the Date!

The Alameda County Office of Education, Chabot College,
Hayward Chamber of Commerce, and California State University, East Bay invites African
American and Latino students, parents and educators to:

The Annual Education Summit

For African American and Latino Youth: Pathways to College Access,

Success and Graduation

**Saturday, February 25, 2012
8:30 am to 1:00 pm**

Cal State East Bay • 25800 Carlos Bee Blvd • Hayward CA

University Gymnasium

Event Highlights Include:

- Inspirational Speakers
- Educational, College and Career related Workshops for Middle and High School Students and their families
- College and Resource Fair, including representatives from Northern CSU campuses, community colleges and community vendors
 - Cash for College Event
 - Lunch and Free Parking Provided
- Bus scholarships available to school/outreach groups

Please visit our website to register online, to receive more information about the bus scholarship and to print event flyers in English and Spanish:

www.csueastbay.edu/EducationSummit

For questions, please call the Summit Hotline at [510-885-3516](tel:510-885-3516)

**Invitation to follow in the mail. To ensure that you are on our postal mailing list, please e-mail admissioncounseling@csueastbay.edu*

Asia Pacific Fund

\$1000-\$20,000 Scholarships

**For high school seniors attending a four-year college
14 programs, 30 scholarships
...Many Renewable...**

Awards available for students of any ethnic background

Application Deadline:

Thursday, March 15, 2012

www.asianpacificfund.org

Questions? Contact (415) 433-6859 x13 or
scholarships@asianpacificfund.org

Notes about Grades on Report Cards

There are three columns on the report card of note regarding grades:

S1 The grade earned in all work during the first semester prior to taking the first semester final

E1 The grade earned on the first semester final exam

F1 The semester grade that is transcribed for the 1st semester for the class and used to determine GPA. The formula for calculating F1 is as follows: $F1 = (S1 \times .8) + (E1 \times .2)$

Important Notes regarding grades (please see the school handbook for additional information):

- **AP classes** have a grade point advantage so if a student earns an A in an AP class, they receive 5 grade points instead of the normal 4 for a grade of A. Similarly, a B in an AP class earns 4 grade points, instead of the 3 normally awarded for earning a B.
- **Math and Foreign Language Classes** - Students are expected to earn a minimum of a C- in order to show mastery and readiness for the next school year class.
- **A - G Requirements for CSU and UC's** - The CSUs and UCs will not award credit for completion of one of the A-G prerequisite classes (English, Math, Social Science, Science, World Language, and Fine Arts) unless a grade of at least a C- is earned.
- If you / your son or daughter, earned a grade of less than a C- in a first semester class, please schedule an appointment with either Mr. Rowland (College Counselor) or Mrs. Fogh to discuss remediation options, timing, and keeping on track for graduation. Please call the office at (707) 446-1776, ext. 3054 or 3025 to schedule an appointment.

For Your Calendar

January 10th: First Semester Academic Awards Ceremony 8:00 am in the gym

January 13th: Minimum day

Saturday, January 14th Kaplan's ACT/ SAT Combo Practice Test (VCS)

January 16th: No School for Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Day

January 17th: 6:30 pm - Freshmen's College Information Night (HS Computer Lab)

January 20 - 21st - All Northern High School Honor Band

January 25th - 8th - 9th grade Visitation Day (daytime) and Parent Open House for 8th graders that night

January 25th Kaplan's Combo Test Results and Strategy Seminar

January 26th - Annual State of the School Address (gym)

February 1st - Quarter 3 Progress Reports close out

February 4th - Super Saturday AP Prep Day

February 10th (ending the morning of the 11th) - HS Lock-in

February 17th - Pres. Abraham Lincoln's Birthday - No School

February 20th - President's Day - No School - Campus closed

February 24th - ACSI Honor Symphony (Oakland)

February 25th - Annual Crab Feed