

VCMS E Bulletin Monday Edition

October 10, 2011

*I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart.
I will tell of all your wonders.
I will be glad and rejoice in you:
I will sing praise to your name,
O Most High.
Psalm 9:1-2*

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Family to Family

On behalf of Family to Family I want to thank each and every one of our families, friends, students, staff, and community members for a wonderful evening. I want to comment that in just three short weeks we as a group were able to raise just over \$5000.00 which has been deposited in our tuition assistance account. Blessing families in need will soon begin! All Glory to our Father in Heaven!

It was refreshing to have so many folks in one place simply to just have fun. Entertainment was outstanding. Food was great, and I am still enjoying snicker doodles as I type this message!

I look forward to more times such as these, times that remind me why VCS is so special!

I Pad Raffle

I Pad tickets are still on sale at the business office, \$1.00 each or 25 for \$20.00. The drawing will be held December 1st. Keep your eyes open for upcoming announcements as we race toward the drawing date!

*A brother in Christ,
George*

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End of the 1st Quarter

Friday, October 14, marks the end of the 1st quarter. We can hardly believe it ourselves. Please encourage your children to attend any workshops for any classes that they could use extra help in. All workshop times are included in the syllabi your student received from their teachers and a complete workshop schedule is available in the MS Office. The syllabi are also on Moodle.

Powerschool is current and is a great tool to help you help your child be successful with their academics.

Parent Teacher Conferences Coming Soon!

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for November 3rd and 4th. We look forward to meeting with all of you. Should you need anything before then you can call us in the MS Office at 446-1776 ext. 4056, our teachers are always available via their email which was also included on your student's syllabus.

After School Fall Enrichment Classes begin Monday, October 17, 2011.

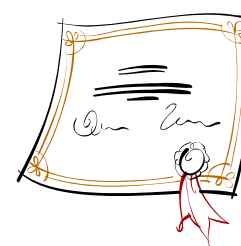
A complete enrichment program class description packet is available in the MS Office. Mrs. Hill has prepared 9 classes for our MS students. Please stop by and take a look at what we have planned.

National Junior Honor Society

Inductees have been notified and emails have been sent.

The NJHS induction Ceremony is the evening of Wednesday, October 19, Grandparents Day. We are hoping grandparents will be able to attend the ceremony with their grandchildren.

A dessert social immediately follows the ceremony. All inductees and members in good standing are encouraged to attend.



The "Who is Otis" Coloring Sheet is due tomorrow October 11.
The "Where is Otis" Guessing Form is due Friday, October 14th.

Cookie Sales are from October 1st to the 16th.
All order forms are due back to VCS no later than Monday, October 17th.

If your child did not make it home with a sales packet or if you need extra order forms, please contact Christine Botkin, in the Business Office at 707-446-1776 ext. 1069 or cbotkin@go-vcs.com.

Good luck to everyone! Here's to another record breaking year!!

Here's a sweet opportunity to earn your Hearts in Service Hours...

Volunteers are still needed for Monday, October 10th beginning at 2:00 to bake cookies and Wednesday, October 19th 8:30 – 12:00 to process orders. Please contact Christine Botkin at cbotkin@go-vcs.com or 446.1776 ext.1069



CLUE # 1:

Catch me, find me, because you riddle,
I'm not high enough,
but in the middle.

Please Note: These are only "imaginary" clues to play the Where's Otis Spunkmeyer Guessing Game, there is not an actual Otis or physical character on campus for the students to search for. So they should not be looking around trying to find Otis, it's all brain power!

Have the students write down each one of the 5 clues on their Clue Worksheet to help them guess exactly where Otis may be. Their final answer must match exactly. Official Guessing Forms are due on Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011 in the student's homeroom.

WHERE'S Otis Spunkmeyer?

OFFICIAL CLUE: 2011

A Chance to Win a \$100



Gift Card!

CLUE # 2:

Catch me, find me, or I'll pass you by,
I'm being watched,
by an occasional eye.

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CLUE # 3:

Catch me, find me, at the tail end,
seeing the same classmates,
is certainly the trend.

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CLUE # 4:

Catch me, see me, at certain hours,
it's a school day routine,
and sheltered from showers.

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VCS is partnering with Fresh & Easy Neighborhood Markets through their Shop for Schools program. If you shop at the new Fresh & Easy Market at 615 Elmira Road in Vacaville **SAVE YOUR RECEIPTS!** For every \$20 receipt turned in to VCS, VCS earns \$1. It is very easy, simply shop at Fresh & Easy, save your receipts, stop by your school office and drop the receipts in the box **OR** send the receipts with your child and their teacher will get the receipts in the box for you. The Shop for Schools receipt program runs now through December 31st. If VCS brings in the most money through the receipt program VCS will receive an additional \$5,000 towards helping with our Annual Fund (i.e. tuition assistance, curriculum, maintenance, etc.). This is one of those fundraisers where you can partner with VCS while you are doing your normal routine. No extra money from your pocket just support in the form of a receipt. Thank you in advance for participating!

"From Pharaohs to Franklin"

an In-House VCMS History Field Trip presented by Ancient Artifacts

Date: October 18, 2011

VCMS students will participate in an all day history event in their classrooms and at an all school assembly. Each history class will experience a presentation by Ancient Artifacts related to their current grade level history studies. After lunch all students will attend a Medieval Tournament at the VCS Sports Complex. We are looking forward to a great day of fun and active learning!

Student accounts will be billed **\$10** to cover the cost of the presentations. Classroom space is limited but parents are welcome to join us at the Sports Complex for the Medieval Tournament.

8th Grade: "The American Revolution"

This 60 minute presentation is a lively mixture of historic fact, storytelling and humor which brings to life the birth of our nation. During this offering, students will be given demonstrations of some of the everyday skills that colonial soldiers used in the fight for independence. Authentic artifacts from the revolutionary period will be handled by the students and they will come away from the presentation with a better understanding of the conflict that spawned our nation.

7th Grade: "The Knight in History"

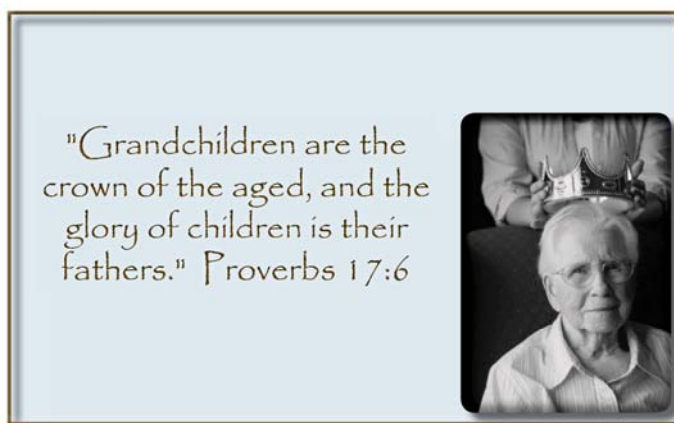
This 60 minute presentation follows the evolution of the Knight in Medieval Europe, from ancient Rome to the knight in shining armor of the high middle ages. Students get to handle real items from the period as well as museum quality replicas of the knight's equipment. Some lucky volunteers will even get to try on some of the armor that would have kept the knight safe while plying his trade.

6th Grade: The Egyptian Afterlife"

Our Egyptian presentation utilizes genuine artifacts and Egyptian mythology to demonstrate the perception of life and death held by the ancient Egyptians. This hands -on enrichment program helps the students appreciate the ancient Egyptians' outlook on natural phenomena, art, architecture, monotheism vs. polytheism, as well as the role of women in society.

Medieval Tournament: All School Assembly

The "Medieval Tournament" is definitely a most dramatic offering, featuring choreographed "combat" between three fully armored "Knights" from different periods of the era. These visiting "Knights" offer an explanation of the medieval arms race between the development of weapons and armor. They will also demonstrate how the tournaments evolved from their origin in judicial duels, to the full-on sporting events that they ended up becoming.



*Middle School Grandparents Day
October 19, 2011
10:00 am - 12:25 pm*

Please come and spend some time with your grandchild in their class room. There will be an opportunity for the student and their grandparents to have their picture professionally taken. For \$5.00 you will receive 2 - 5 x 7 prints.

At 12:25 pm the students are released for lunch. The grandparents can either join their grandchildren in our cafeteria or take their grandchildren for lunch. Stay tuned.

Country Faire 2011

We need your help!!
Won't you please consider joining us for fun and fellowship!!

Mark your Calendar
Thursday, October 20, 2011 (please note change of date)

5:00 – 8:00 pm

The MS has many fun booths to offer this year.

We are going to need parent help

If you are willing to help please contact the MS Office, mripley@go-vcs.com.

Café Italia

Bartsch's Bakery

Charbucks Hot Beverages

Glorious Goo

Rocknasium

Ginormous Candy Drawing

October 21st – No School/Campus Closed

VCS BAND!

Fall Concert ~ November 15

ES & MS perform at 6:30 pm

Radio Symphony perform at 7:30 pm

More information is coming so stay tuned. As always, parents can view the upcoming performance calendar and all other information for the Instrumental Music Department/VCS Radio Broadcast at www.vcsrudio.com

Sporting News

This past Tuesday, 10/04/11 our MS Cross Country Team had a meet against Vaca Pena. As usual our runners were outstanding! Coached by Mr. Bartsch there finishes were as follows:

Top VCS Girl finishers:

Cassidy Aberson - 1st

Hannah Stine - 2nd

Madeleine Malone - 5th

Cecilia Valdez - 6th

Julia Kimbel - 9th

Top VCS Boy finishers:

Cody Myers - 2nd

Alex Benson - 4th

David Perez - 9th

Eddie Melgar - 12th

Piercen Gaborko - 13th

Also, we had 2 MS Volleyball teams play. Our Volleyball B team defeated CCL rival Victory Christian and our Volleyball A team defeated cross town rival Vaca Pena.

It was a great day for MS athletics!!

Early Bird Special

2011-2012

VCMS Falcons

Yearbook

\$50.00

Buy your yearbook today!!!

Price goes up on November 1st!

To order your yearbook please visit
www.jostensyearbboks.com

MS Calendar of Events

Upcoming Dates and Events

10/14 - All School Spirit Rally (HS Homecoming)
10/17 - Otis Spunkmeyer Order Forms due back
10/18 - In House Field Trip - Pharaohs' to Franklin
10/19 - Grandparent's Day
10/19 - NJHS Induction Ceremony
10/20 - Country Faire / Minimum Day
10/21 - End of Quarter 1
10/21 - **Campus Closed / No School**
10/24 - 10/28 MS Spirit Week
10/31 - 11/4 All VCS Canned Food Drive
11/03 - 11/04 - MS Parent Teacher Conferences
11/21 - 11/25 - Thanksgiving Break / **No School**
12/13 - 12/16 - MS Finals / Minimum Days / **No Pre-planned Absences will be issued and/or approved**
12/19 - 01/02 - Christmas Break / **No School**
01/03 - School resumes / 2nd semester begins

Volunteering Is So Much Fun!

Parents if you are interested in earning HIS Club hours, we need some help with the following:

- **Morning Carpool:** 7:20 am – 7:45 am one month service commitment earns you all **20 HIS Club hours**. Months currently available: January – May.

We still have slots available! Won't you please consider joining us in the morning? The commitment is just 25 minutes a day for 1 month. That averages out to you having to only have to work about 10 hours and we are willing to sign off on all 20 hours of the HIS Club Hours requirement.

If you are able to assist us with any of these, please email Mrs. Kunde at Carolyn.kunde@go-vcs.com.

Baby News!!!!!!

Congratulations to Mrs. Marchione on the arrival of her 1st grandchild!!

**Parker William Holgerson
was born Tuesday, September 20
he weighed in at 5 lbs 7 ounces
and 19 inches long!!**

Mrs. Marchione is currently in Colorado being a Grandma!!