



VCMS E Bulletin Tuesday Edition

October 25, 2011

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day - and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.
2 Timothy 4:7-8

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Country Faire!!

Oh what a night!! Thank you to the countless volunteers who gave so willingly of their time and thank you to all who donated to our Middle School booths. Your generosity is very much appreciated. We couldn't pull off any of these events with out you.

VCMS has something to brag about!!!!

Last school year, thanks to the dedication and encouragement of our very own Mrs. Marchione, several students submitted literary work for a writing contest conducted by Creative Communications.

The work of our students was just so outstanding Mrs. Marchione was encouraged by Creative Communications to apply for one of their Creative Communication's Language Arts Grants. Well, we just received word. VCMS has been chosen to receive one of their grants and we couldn't be more proud or honored.

Thank you to Mrs. Marchione for taking on this wonderful and rewarding task and thank you for always inspiring our students to do their best. What you do does matter. And to all of our published authors... Congratulations and keep up the great work. You have helped your school earn this grant.

End of the 1st Quarter

PARENTS~

We are putting the final touches on your students Quarter 1 Report Cards. The much anticipated Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for the beginning of November. **Power school has been turned back on. It currently reflects just Quarter 2. This was done so you and your student would be able to access your student's homework.** Thank you for giving us the opportunity to partner with you in your students education and we look forward to seeing you at Parent Teacher Conferences.

MS Quarter 1 Parent/Teacher Conferences Thursday, 11/03 and Friday, 11/04

Thursday, 11/03

**1:00 – 5:00 pm
5:00 – 6:00 pm teacher dinner break
6:00 – 8:00 pm**

Friday, 11/04

1:00 – 4:00 pm

The conferences will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room. Report Cards will be distributed at the time of the conferences. Parent's may pick up their child's report card and visit as many of their children's teachers as they wish. The teachers will be at tables with grade check sheets ready to discuss your child progress. Most conferences are only about five minutes long. We will have one evening session to accommodate the parent's who can not attend the daytime sessions and we encourage you to bring your child to the conference. If you have any questions we can be reached at 446-1776 ext 4056. We look forward to seeing you next Thursday and Friday.

**Please note these are minimum days for our students.
Students will be dismissed at 11:30 am
Extended care will be available!!**

Grandparents Day 2011

Thank you to all the grandparents who spent Wednesday, October 19th with us. It was a great morning. Grandparents are such a gift. Their love is so wonderfully unconditional. It is truly a pleasure to be able to have them here with us and we hope that they enjoyed their day just as much as we enjoyed having them here with us.

A huge thank you to Amber McHugh of Unique Photography and Cindy Ruffner of Cindy Ruffner Photography. These two ladies spent the morning with us taking photos of our students and their grandparents. We thank you and appreciate you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to help us capture these precious memories. And of course, last but not least we would like to thank Mrs. Stacy Long for helping us coordinate all of this. You are all so very much appreciated.

National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony

Last Wednesday was a great day and Wednesday evening was a great night. We spent the evening celebrating the accomplishments of several of our students with the fall induction into the NJHS for the 2011-2012 school year.

Membership in the Vacaville Christian Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Society has been earned by the effective demonstration of the five qualities held in high esteem by the National Junior Honor Society. They are Scholarship, Leadership, Service, Citizenship, and Character. The candle lit in the center signifies these values and ultimately that as Christians we are called to a higher calling, one of giving testimony, through our lives, to the glory of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This light represents Truth – the truth we find in God's Word and Jesus – the ultimate Truth.

The pledge taken by members of the Vacaville Christian Middle School National Junior Honor Society is as follows:

“I pledge myself always to seek the Light of Truth in God's Word, to hold scholarly habits, to engage in worthy service, to walk in Godly character, and to lead forward in all things that shall advance the welfare of the school, the well being of my community, and the honor of my country:”

Congratulations to the following students and well done!!

**Nolan Nadasdy
Will Jones
Braydon Altofer
Cooper Jane Johnson**

MS in house field trip!

Tuesday, October 18, was a great day. Ancient Artifacts was on campus and presented a historical, informational and come to life presentation for our students.

There were 4 presentations. 3 of the presentation were directly related to the grade level curriculum that your student is learning about in their History class.

The final presentation was in the sports complex and the students witnessed a Medieval Tournament between 3 fully armored Knights. It was a great day and we thank Mrs. Marchione for putting together this field trip in our own back yard. ☺

Middle School Spirit Week

School guidelines apply.

Wednesday - Superhero Day

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Wednesday is the day to grab your superhero gear. Bring capes, masks, etc.

Thursday - Workout Day

Wear sweats, basketball shorts, or anything you want that applies to the theme.

Friday – Spirit Colors

Show your spirit in your class colors

We will end the week with a spirit rally in the sports complex at 2:00 pm. Who will bragging rights belong to??

Make up Picture Day

**Wednesday, October 26, 2011
7:45 am**

**All students who will be retaking pictures please report to the MS Office @ 7:45 am.
Please have your student bring the original picture packet with them.**

A Message from our PTF President, Mrs. Sheri Lester

Parents please save your large boxes for VCS Missions Week! PTF will be decorating the boxes on **Thursday October 27, 2011 at 6:30pm** in the High School Student Lounge. Boxes can be dropped off in the HS office anytime between now and the 27th. Donations of wrapping paper and ribbon would also be appreciated.

All parents are invited to help decorate the Missions Week Collection Boxes on October 27. The

decorated boxes will be placed in the Middle School and High School classrooms for collection of items for Missions Week.

Thank you!
Sheri Lester

Early Bird Special

Just a few days left to buy your
2011/2012 VCMS Yearbook for
\$50.00

Buy your yearbook today!!

Prices go up November 1st!!

To order your yearbook please visit
www.jostensyearbooks.com

October 31st – November 4th Missions Week

This is a week where the school joins together and focuses upon helping to meet the needs of others. There are many needs in our community and as always, we are trying to help in as many areas as possible. Please look below for ways that you and your family can help as the holidays draw near.

Opportunity 1: Food Drive for families in Solano County

There will be a theme for each day of the week. Students are encouraged to match the item of the day.

Monday, October 31 st	Breakfast Foods
Tuesday, November 1 st	Fruits and Vegetables
Wednesday, November 2 nd	Main dish / Meats
Thursday, November 3 rd	Side Dishes / Beverages
Friday, November 4 th	Desserts / Paper products

Opportunity 2: Toiletries Drive for individuals served by Mission Solano

Ideas: shampoo, soap, shaving cream, lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, deodorant, toilet paper, and feminine products.

Opportunity 3: Clothing Drive for students at our adopted sister school, the San Francisco City Academy

Ideas: Socks, Jackets, Gloves, Scarves, and Hats

Opportunity 4: Baby Items Drive to help those ministered to by the Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center

Ideas: Diapers, baby toiletries (powder/ shampoo / cream), pacifiers, bottles, baby blankets, baby clothing, and maternity clothing for expecting moms

Sporting News

Hello Parents ~

We have so many great things to report about MS Sports. Just a few things to highlight and if we have missed anything we apologize but the information is coming so quickly it's hard to stay on top of it all. So here we go:

Our **MS A Volleyball Team** played in the 1st Inaugural Norte Dame Classic Volleyball Tournament at Norte Dame Catholic School the weekend of October 15 – 16 and **won the entire tournament.**

Our **MS Cheer Team** competed in the 2011-2012 Jamz Cheer and Dance Competition at Marine World Sunday, October 16 and finished **1st. That's right we said 1st.**

Our **MS Cross Country Team** had a meet on Wednesday, October 16 against Vaca Pena. Our lady Falcons finished an impressive:

1st – 8th grader Hannah Stine, 2nd – 7th grader Cassidy Aberson, 3rd – 6th grader Madeleine Malone.

Also, a huge shout out to our **VCJF Football program. All 4 teams are playoff bound** this season. The first playoff game is Sunday, October 30.

And finally, all though it isn't a MS sport... our very own **7th grader, Mara Redican** is an ice dancer and she recently competed in 2 competitions. Her 1st competition was at the 2011 Pacific Region Pre-Bronze Solo Dance Competition where she finished **1st.** That finish advanced her to the 2011 National Pre-Bronze Solo Dance Championship in Colorado Springs. She placed **6th** in this highly competitive event and she was also one of the youngest competitors in her category.

Well done to all of our student athletes! Your dedication to your academics and to your sports is very impressive.

Solar Project

The first piece of equipment has landed!!!

Starting this Friday construction begins and will start at the Davis street parking lot moving its way through the campus over the next few days. Completion of this "Foundation" phase of construction will conclude in the Middle School staff parking area the week of the 24th. As 99% of this project takes place in our campuses parking lots, Parking will be affected from time to time during the estimated three month construction schedule. Students and staff will be directed to parking lot alternatives by their respective administrators as construction requires. Construction updates will be sent via e bulletins during the course of construction to "you" our Families. Changes or delays will be communicated in a timely fashion to help plan your trips to campus and prayerfully minimize the confusion...

Current Update 10-12-2011

Parking lot closure will be as follows:

1. Davis Street Parking lot October 14th- 18th
2. High School Lot October 18th-21st (two phase)
- 3. Middle School Staff October 24th-26th**

Your cooperation and understanding during construction will be greatly appreciated! Please make every effort to observe construction signage, temp fencing, caution tape, etc... during this process. Safety of our students, staff, and families are most important and will be at the top of our "to do" list! Giving the contractors room to operate is appreciated by them and assures their safety as well. Please feel free to contact me should a question or concern arise at:

<http://www.go-vcs.com/contact/contact.aspx?ref=5900>

Blessings,

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MS Calendar of Events

Upcoming Dates and Events

10/24 – 10/28 MS Spirit Week

10/31 – 11/4 All VCS Canned Food Drive

11/03 – 11/04 – MS Parent Teacher Conferences

11/11 – Veteran's Day / No School

11/15 – Fall Band Concert at VPAT

11/16 - Quarter 2 Progress Reporting period ends
11/18 - Progress Reports sent home
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.