



VCMS E Bulletin Friday Edition

December 9, 2011

*“For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord,
plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me and I will listen to you.
You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”
Jeremiah 29:11-13*

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Shop/ Support/ Simple



Spread the word about holiday grocery shopping on December 15th from 4pm – 8pm at Fresh and Easy Market at 615 Elmira, Vacaville, CA. VCS will receive 5% of all sales on this night. No flier or coupon needed, so tell everyone you know to stop in and support the VCS shopping night at Fresh and Easy!

Do you shop at Fresh and Easy or would you consider shopping there for the month of December? 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!



Only 16 days of Christmas shopping left! Running out of ideas for that hard to please someone? Purchase a gift card to their favorite retailer or restaurant through VCS SCRIP program! Order on Monday and we will have your gift cards to you on Friday! No crowds, no lines, no hassle, no worry! Shop, support, SIMPLE!

Scrip is gift cards from local retailers and restaurants. It doesn't cost you anything extra. Simply select the places you already shop, select the amount you would like to spend, and a gift card is issued to you. Does a weekly trip to Target usually cost you \$100? Purchase a scrip card for that amount and 2% of that \$100 comes back to VCS!

Order forms are due every Monday and scrip cards are available for pick-up every Friday! [Download order form here.](#)

Win Your Own VIP Admiral's Table at the VCS Annual Crab Feed!

It's time to get crabbin'! VCS Annual Crab Feed is back for the 4th year!

Tickets will go on sale in January for General and Reserved seating.

But why wait?! A VCS family has generously offered to donate a WHOLE TABLE for the Crab Feed to be raffled off!

Not only will you enjoy a VIP reserved table for you and 9 of your best mates, but you will also

receive VIP services and pampering for the event!



Raffle Tickets: \$10 each



On Sale Dec 1st - Dec 15th

in each school office and Business Office

Drawing for winner will be Dec 16th

TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT!!

MS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2011

5:00 – 8:00 PM

\$15.00 UP TO 3:00 PM

\$17.00 @ THE DOOR

THIS IS A VCMS STUDENT ONLY PARTY!!
NO GUESTS OR SIBLINGS ARE PERMITTED



Middle School Finals Exams Are Here!! December 13-16!

This is it!! We have come to that important week in the semester known as finals!! The students have been preparing, the teachers have been lecturing and now we are down to the wire!! We are very confident in your children's capabilities. ☺

Encourage your student to get a good night's sleep. In the morning have them eat a well balanced breakfast and pack them a healthy snack for break time. Jamba Juice smoothies will be available for purchase during break time as well (\$3).

It's going to be a great week. Don't stress! Encourage your student to study, stay on task, read each questions, and most important TO NOT RUSH through the test.

Below please find our finals schedule. **Monday, December 12th is a regular school day, 7:45 am to 2:50 pm.** The most important thing to remember about Monday is that **Bible Service hours are due!** We have the service hour forms here in the office and the Bible teachers have them in their classrooms. Bible service hour forms are due to the Bible teachers.

If you have any questions...we are here to help, call, email, stop by, we are here for you.

The MS Finals Schedule is as follows:

Monday, Dec 12 is a regular schedule school day

Tuesday, Dec. 13	1st Period Final 7:45 – 9:30 am	*Break time 9:30 – 10:00 am	2nd Period Final 10:00 – 11:30 am
Wednesday, Dec. 14	3rd Period Final 7:45 – 9:30 am	*Break Time 9:30 – 10:00 am	4th Period Final 10:00 – 11:30 am
Thursday, Dec 15	5th Period Final 7:45 – 9:30 am	*Break Time 9:30 – 10:00 am	6th Period Final 10:00 – 11:30 am
Friday, Dec 16	7th Period Final 7:45 – 9:30 am	MS Christmas Rally 9:30 – 10:30 am	MS Christmas Party 10:30 – 11:30

*Jamba Juice will be available for purchase Tuesday – Thursday during break time at the bargain basement price of \$3.00!

We still need Parent Help!

Friday, December 16 - After we complete the last final we will be having our annual Christmas Rally/Party. At the party we would like to serve Hot Chocolate and cookies. If at all possible we could use donations of cups and napkins, hot chocolate, cans of whipped cream, cookies or brownies. Also, if anyone has any of those large 30 cup coffee makers for the purpose of warming up the water for the hot chocolate that we could borrow we would appreciate it. ☺ Thank you to all of our parents you truly are some of the most generous people we have had the pleasure of partnering with. If you can assist with any of these items please drop Mrs. Kunde an email at Carolyn.kunde@go-vcs.com.

Please note: Tuesday – Friday are minimum days. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 am. Extended care is available Tuesday – Friday. Hot lunch is available Tuesday and Wednesday. **There is no lunch service Thursday and Friday.**

Parent Teacher Fellowship Christmas Potluck

Christmas Luncheon for Teachers and Staff

PTF is organizing a luncheon for our wonderful teachers and staff to celebrate two events. Christmas and Final Exams!

The luncheon is
Wednesday December 14
in the MS staff lounge
after the 11:30 dismissal

Please help bless our teachers and staff by bringing an item (or two) to the luncheon:

- 6 crock pots of soup
- 6 salads – any kind – pasta, chicken, tossed green, fruit, etc.
- 6 platters of sandwiches
- Paper plates, bowls, napkins and cutlery
- Cases of bottled water – flavored water is also OK
- Plastic containers with lids for leftovers and zipper type bags for leftovers
- 2 people to set up at 11:00am
- 2 people to clean up at 12:30pm

All items should be dropped off at the school office by 10:30 am on Wednesday December 14, 2011.

Please contact Sheri Lester at lesterdome@yahoo.com to sign up.



Sporting News

2011 VCHS Winter Baseball Camp
December 26-30
Rain or Shine
VCHS Sports Complex

For Boys and Girls
Ages 7 -14

Ages 7 – 10: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Ages 11 – 14: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Presented by:
Vacaville Christian High School Baseball

Questions?

Email:
VCHSBASEBALLCAMP@YAHOO.COM

Informational flyers are available in the MS Office

We are pleased to announce that our very own 6th grader, **Kendrick White** won the **2011 Elks National, Northwest District "HOOP SHOOT" Free Throw Contest** Saturday, December 3. Kendrick will now represent VCS, the City of Vacaville, and the California Northwest District at the State Annual "HOOP SHOOT" Free Throw Contest, February 11, 2012 in Sacramento, California. Way to go Kendrick. By the way he won the contest making 21 out of 25 free throws!! Just sayin...

MS Cheer takes 1st place AGAIN!!

Our Incredible cheerleaders competed on Saturday, December 3rd in another 2011-2012 Jamz Cheer and Dance Competition at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. They finished **1st** in their Division!! We are so very proud of this incredible group of young women and 1 boy☺. The routine they performed is a brand new routine. They have been practicing it for just 3 weeks and they nailed it! Stop by and check out the collection of trophies our squad is acquiring; it's very impressive!!

Save the Day!

Won't you please join us for a very special assembly celebrating

*Middle School Academic Excellence
1st Semester Academic Awards*

*Tuesday, January 10, 2011
10:15 – 11:15 am
VCS Gym*

Middle School After School Enrichment classes!!

Parents, I am sure you all wonder from time to time about the 'what and the why' of our MS enrichment classes. Mrs. Hill, our extended care director has been working so incredibly hard this school year to ensure that our brilliant students have the best of what we can offer. Two of the classes offered this fall session were MS Robotics taught by Mr. Mapili, VCHS graduate class of 2008, and our Forensics Science class instructed by retired Lieutenant Mike Ashford, father of VCHS graduate Taylor Ashford class of 2009.

Our robotics team meets 3 days a week from 3:30 – 5:00 pm. They recently competed in a Vacaville School District Robotics competition held at Will C. Wood High School November 19. They competed in the Junior High Division. Only two young men made up this team, two 6th graders, Alex Foley and Jack Gardener. **They finished 1st!!!** What an incredible accomplishment. We are so very proud of these two young men. **Congratulations, Alex and Jack** and thank you Mr. Mapili and Mrs. Hill.

**Northern California Qualifying Tournament
FIRST LEGO League
1st Place
Robot Performance**



FORENSIC SCIENCE ENRICHMENT COURSE

On Wednesdays, our Forensic Science Enrichment course meets in the M-1 Science Lab. To date, they have learned proper technique for obtaining fingerprints, collecting and logging evidence, witness identification, ballistics, and today's class centered on the police force's canine unit. Officer Bailey, of the Vacaville Police Department brought in her canine, Cir, to show students how dogs search for illegal substances. She talked about the extensive training that dogs and officers go through and she demonstrated obedience training exercises. It was fascinating! We have been incredibly fortunate to have retired Lieutenant Mike Ashford as our forensics instructor. Next week students are off they are touring the City of Vacaville police department. When asked if they would recommend this class to others, students said "Absolutely yes! We'd give it a 10 out of 10!!!"



If you didn't enroll in one of our amazing enrichment classes this semester, consider taking one during the spring.

MS Calendar of Events

Upcoming Dates and Events

- 12/01 - 12/15 Purchase Crab Feed Raffle Tickets
- 12/09 - Middle School Christmas Party 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- 12/13 - 12/16 - MS Finals / Minimum Days / **No Pre-planned Absences will be issued and/or approved**
- 12/13 - 12/16 - Minimum Days
- 12/16 - Crab Feed Raffle Drawing
- 12/19 - 01/02 - Christmas Break / **No School**
- 01/03 - School resumes / 2nd semester begins
- 01/10 - MS 1st Semester Academic Awards Chapel
- 01/16 - Martin Luther King Holiday
- 01/25 - 8th grade to visit HS for the day
- 01/25 - 8th to 9th grade Open House 6:00 - 8:00 @ the HS
- 01/26 - Annual State of the School Address
- 01/27 - Re-enrollment packets distributed
- 02/01 - Q3 Progress Reports
- 02/25 - 4th Annual VCS Crab Feed

3 months are still open!!

February, March, and April!!!



Thank you to the volunteers who have already braved the elements of MS Morning Carpool. Your willingness to serve allows our teachers the opportunity to attend morning devotions and grade level meetings. They start their days refreshed and inspired. Thank you. To those parents and a grandmother who are about to serve. We thank you and we have hot coffee in the office. ☺

How does this benefit you, the volunteer you ask, well with just a one month commitment every morning from 7:20 am to 7:45 am, Mrs. Ripley will **SIGN OFF ON ALL 20 HOURS of your required H.I.S. CLUB HOURS?** 20 minutes every morning for one month not a bad deal.

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

For planning purposes

Extended care is available during the Christmas Holiday break on the following day:

December 19 – 22

December 27 – 30

Please Note School Resumes

Tuesday, January 3rd

Merry Christmas and God Bless all of you.