



THE Spartan Syndicate



Syndicate: A group of people or organization combined to promote a common interest.

Spartan Syndicate: A group of people or organization, coming together to promote the growth, success, and well being of the Spartan Nation.

Upcoming Events

- MONDAY, MARCH 2ND TO FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH - CURRENT FRESHMAN REGISTER FOR THEIR SOPHOMORE CLASSES
- TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD - INCOMING 9TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT (PAC 6-9PM)
- THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH CV/MCPHERSON ASSEMBLY IN GYM, PAC, AMPHITHEATER
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH - DANCING WITH THE TEACHERS
- FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH - SPRING ASSEMBLY
- MONDAY, MARCH 16TH - EARLY RELEASE, CV/MCPHERSON STUDENTS @ VPHS
- TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH - CV/MCPHERSON @ VPHS, SPRING CONCERT @ FUMCO 5:30-8:30PM
- THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH - STUDENT OF THE MONTH
- FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH - MINIMUM DAY, END OF 3RD QUARTER; THEATER PERFORMANCE IN PAC ALL DAY - HERCULES
- MONDAY, MARCH 30TH TO FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD - SPRING BREAK!!!!



Principal's Message:



Amazing News

We, at Villa Park High School, continue to strive for excellence in academics, performing arts, and athletics. By doing so, we fulfill the vision and mission of the Orange USD EDGE!

I am delighted to see how our Spartan students continue to grow and thrive. We have much to celebrate and appreciate as of recent.

Our Spartan Wrestlers are currently titled BACK-TO-BACK CIF Champs, our school has been recognized by College Board with the AP Computer Science - Female Diversity Award, and many of our students have begun to receive college acceptances and scholarships.

Additionally, we are excited to host our Inaugural VPHS Showcase event on Feb. 27th, and take a peek into the brilliant scientific Spartan minds at Science Fair on Feb. 25th. Last, but not least, the VPHS SuperBand blessed the

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hearts and ears of many when they performed for Project Lead The Way in January.

Let's continue to encourage and foster personal and academic growth within our staff and student body. The results have been astounding, and I can't wait to see what's to come!

Ken

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**3 Cheers
For Cheer:**

Comp Cheer is both
CIF and State
Champions! JV Comp
Cheer is Back-To-
Back National Champs!!!



Following up on both their CIF and State Championships, Villa Park High School Varsity Comp Cheer earned **Runner-Up National Champions**. The team competed last weekend in Las Vegas, Nevada. This amazing accomplishment is the culmination of a season of hard work and focus. We are so proud of you all!

Also, the Junior Varsity Comp Team repeated as **Back-To-Back National Championships** in Anaheim at Nationals on February 15. Again, we are so proud of our team and what a phenomenal accomplishment this is for our school!

**As we like to say around here
#WinnersWin!**



**WRESTLING
TITLED BACK-
TO-BACK CIF
CHAMPS!!!**

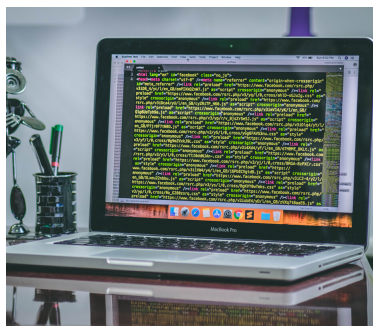
Congrats to Coach Cross and his team of Super Spartans! The VPHS Wrestling Team just finished another magical season by earning our second CIF Championship **IN A ROW!**

The Spartans crushed runner-up team, Esperanza High School, by nearly **50 points**. This season's team boasts **13** point scorers, **10** CIF scorers, **9** qualifying wrestlers for the CIF Masters' Meet in late February, **5** finalists, **4** CIF Champions (including two returning finalists), and **1** returning Champion! Congratulations on a stellar season and earning **BACK-TO-BACK CIF rings!**

**Inaugural VPHS
Showcase**



Our first annual Showcase event is to be held on Thursday, February 27th @ 6pm in the GYM. We plan to highlight all of our academic programs including, AP, Research and Capstone, Science Faire Hypothesis Testing, Project Lead the Way, CTE Pathways, Robotics, our award winning Performing Arts Program, and our Championship Athletics! We encourage everyone to visit and experience firsthand all the best that VPHS has to offer - where **WinnersWin!**



VPHS HONORED WITH AP COMPUTER SCIENCE FEMALE DIVERSITY AWARD

Villa Park High School is incredibly proud to be the recipient of the "AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award" from College Board, as we attained female student representation in AP Computer Science Principles for 2019. Out of 20,000 institutions, we are **1 of 639** recognized for this achievement. According to College Board, "This honor acknowledges the outstanding work your school is doing to close the gender equity gap in Computer Science."

WE'd like to recognize our staff, particularly, Mr. Cody Hutchings, for leading our students toward excellence, discovery, and our school toward reception of this award.



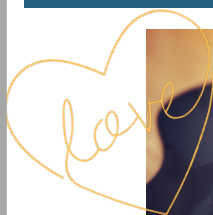
SCHOLARSHIP WINNER!

Let's celebrate **Ms. Sophie Nadel!** We are happy to report that Sophie has earned a \$500 scholarship from College Board! These scholarships recognize students for their efforts to plan and prepare for college. Congratulations Sophie!



National Merit Scholar Finalists

Folks, if you happen to see either one of these remarkable students - give them a handshake and congratulate them! **Caitlyn Baxter** and **Ryan Vu** have advanced to FINALIST standing in the National Merit Scholarship Program! These stellar students are included in the 15,000 Finalists from across the country. What an accomplishment! Way to represent the Spartan Nation!!
WinnersWin!



VPHS SuperBand Performs at the Project Lead the Way Conference

Students from the **VPHS SuperBand** of Instrumental Music opened the PLTW Convention held at the Anaheim Hilton on Friday, January 31st, imparting their brand of musical genius with the crowd. The **VPHS Superband** featuring Angela Garcia on vocals, expertly performed music from greats such as **The Beatles** and **Journey**.

The crowd-filled room went wild when the **SuperBand** kicked off an up-tempo version of

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Cant' Buy Me Love. All eyes were focused on Angela as she smoothly made her way through the crowd. Guests burst into boisterous applause at the close of the song. Next, Roderick Bahena opened the Journey hit ***Don't Stop Believin'*** with an epic solo on an Electronic Wind Instrument (EWI). The use of an EWI by a student performer demonstrates the ensembles adoption and integration of current STEM related advances in instrumental music. Roderick too, moved through the crowd, giving guests a close up view of this wondrous blend of musical and STEM advancement.

As a result of the **VPHS Superband's** opening presentation, the energy level of the room shot through the roof and the crowd was fully engaged for the opening speaker. The **SuperBand** is one of the premiere ensembles at the Academy of Performing Arts at Villa Park High School.

Logistically, the ensemble demonstrates an impressive adoption of technology within the Performing Arts umbrella through the incorporation of tablet sheet music readers (replacing paper sheet music), an "up front" solo performance, featuring a newly developed Electronic Wind Instrument, as well as a digitized rhythm section (digital keyboard, electric guitar, and electric "stick" bass). The **SuperBand** also assimilates an electronic drum set, the latest in software music notation systems, and is the Beta tester for a newly developed sheet music scanning and management system developed by one of the program's alumni.

The **SuperBand** ensemble is an example of what we strive for at this school - excellence, integration of technology, continual growth, and teamwork. We are so proud to have them at our school and representing us through their various performances in the community.