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## What's Happening Parents' Edition

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### Upcoming Events

**Monday, November 23rd - Friday, November 27th:** Thanksgiving Break

**Thursday, December 3rd:** LPAC 6:00 - 8:00 pm

**Wednesday, December 9th:** Coffee with the Principal 8:30 - 9:30 am

**Thursday, December 10th** Open Enrollment Information Virtual Event 6:30 - 7:30 pm

**Friday, December 18th:** 2nd Quarter Exhibition Day & Graduation

**Monday, December 21st - Monday, January 4th:** Winter Break NO SCHOOL

**Tuesday, January 5th:** 1st day of 3rd quarter

### A Note from Kirk

Dear New Vista Families-

Happy Thanksgiving! I hope you all stay safe and enjoy the time together. School will resume Monday, November 30th as a typical asynchronous "launch day". Classes will resume Tuesday, December 1st.

As you know we've returned to Phase 1, Home Learning for All. There were too many factors working against us to continue in person classes. We're all hoping that we can welcome students back to in person learning in January.

In good news, at the last board meeting the board gave the go-ahead for us to form a working group to look at the physical needs of New Vista High School. The board was unanimous in their support for our school and for our students to have a high quality building that support their learning. I will share more information as it becomes available as to how students and parents can participate in the group.

Progress grades were due today. Please take a moment to review Infinite Campus with your student and get a good understanding of their up to date grades. Keep up the good work if things are looking good. If grades need to change, there is still time, and Thanksgiving break is a great opportunity to work on them.

This is a challenging time for us all, and I once again want to express my deepest gratitude towards our teachers who are working tirelessly to support our students in these crazy times. One thing we've asked our students to do to help their teachers is to keep their cameras on during class time. While we're all missing the community that New Vista works so hard at creating, we can attempt to build online community through keeping our cameras on. It's very difficult to teach to a blank screen. Google Meets now has a great background feature, so kids can choose from many different virtual backgrounds. Please help us out by talking to your students about keeping their cameras on during classtime. If there is a serious concern about doing so, we ask that students speak 1:1 with their teachers.

Thank you again for your support and understanding as we make our way through the school year. Enjoy the break and be well.

Sincerely,

Kirk

Estimadas Familias de New Vista:

¡Feliz día de acción de gracias! Espero que todos estén sanos y disfruten el tiempo juntos. La escuela se reanudará el lunes 30 de noviembre como un típico "día de lanzamiento" asincrónico. Las clases se reanudarán el martes 1 de diciembre.

Como saben, hemos vuelto a la Fase 1, Aprendizaje en el hogar para todos. Había demasiados factores en nuestra contra para continuar con las clases presenciales. Todos esperamos poder dar la bienvenida a los estudiantes al aprendizaje en persona en enero.

Compartiendo buenas noticias, en la última reunión la mesa directiva de BVSD nos dio luz verde para formar un grupo de trabajo para analizar las necesidades de edificio de la escuela secundaria New Vista. La junta fue unánime en su apoyo a nuestra escuela y a que nuestros estudiantes tengan un edificio de alta calidad que apoye su aprendizaje. Compartiré más información a medida que esté disponible sobre cómo los estudiantes y los padres pueden participar en el grupo.

Las calificaciones de progreso se comparten hoy. Por favor, tómese un momento para revisar Infinite Campus con su estudiante y obtener una buena comprensión de sus calificaciones hasta hoy. Sigán con el buen trabajo si las cosas van bien. Si las calificaciones necesitan cambiar, todavía hay tiempo y las vacaciones de Acción de Gracias son una gran oportunidad para trabajar en ellas.

Este es un momento desafiante para todos nosotros, y una vez más quiero expresar mi más profundo agradecimiento a nuestros maestros que están trabajando incansablemente para apoyar a nuestros estudiantes en estos tiempos difíciles. Una cosa que les pedimos a nuestros estudiantes que hagan para ayudar a sus maestros es mantener sus cámaras encendidas durante el tiempo de clase. Si bien todos echamos de menos la comunidad en la que New Vista trabaja tan duro en crear, podemos intentar construir una comunidad en línea manteniendo nuestras cámaras encendidas. Es muy difícil enseñar a una pantalla en blanco. Google Meets ahora tiene una excelente función de fondo, por lo que los niños pueden elegir entre

muchos fondos virtuales diferentes. Por favor ayúdenos hablando con sus estudiantes acerca de mantener sus cámaras encendidas durante las clases. Si existe una preocupación seria al hacerlo, pedimos que los estudiantes hablen 1: 1 con sus maestros.

Gracias nuevamente por su apoyo y comprensión mientras avanzamos en el año escolar. Disfrute del descanso y esperamos que esté bien.

Sinceramente,

Kirk

## [Counseling Corner](#)

Here is your link to New Vista's [Counselor Corner](#). It is filled with resources, events, awards, jobs, college visits, post secondary planning info, and more.

### **Virtual College Visit Opportunities:**

Meeting with admissions representatives is a great way to learn about a variety of colleges and the unique offerings of each school. It is also an opportunity let the schools know that you are interested.

**In Naviance - Students can use the single sign-on portal ([my.bvsd.org](http://my.bvsd.org)) to sign into their Naviance account and sign up to attend virtual presentations by college admissions officers who specifically work with New Vista students through the college admissions process.** Once logged into Naviance, you can register for a virtual college rep visit, on your Naviance homepage or follow these steps: 1. click "Colleges" at the top right of your Naviance home screen, 2. click "Research Colleges", 3. click "College Visits". Make sure to register so you can receive reminder notifications. The link to the virtual visit will be available at the start of the visit time.



### **Coffee with the Principal**

Kirk will be hosting the next Coffee with the Principal on Wednesday, December 9th from 8:30 - 9:30 am. These will be virtual meetings. It is a great time to meet other parents and keep up with all of the goings on in the school and district. You may join through this [link](#).

## Yearbook



### BOOK SALES

Time is running out to be guaranteed a yearbook. We will need to make our final order shortly after the new year. Buy the book directly from Jostens' website. All online sales go through this site.

Link: <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A01018027>

### Missed picture day?

If you were unable to come to New Vista for picture day or are a Senior who has taken a portrait on your own, please submit your own portrait for use in the yearbook.

You may use this link to upload a high quality photo: <https://images.jostens.com/415463845>

For Example: 2x3 headshot with 300dpi of resolution (or around 2,400 pixels) usually works well on the page.

Please be sure to upload with the student first & last name + grade.

We need the photo uploaded by December 1 for inclusion in the yearbook.