

Date: January 13th, 2025

THE BUCCANEER

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What's coming up?!

- January 15-18th Girls&Boys Varsity Basketball will be traveling to Sitka.
- January 18th Nordic Ski will be traveling to Glennallen.
- January 20th is no longer an inservice day. This is a mandatory attendance day.
- February 1st will be the Sadie Hawkins Semi-Formal Cost \$10.

A message from Mr. Baksis

This year has been everything I hoped it would be for My family and I. We have found the Buccaneer way to be our kind of living. The hard things we face on a daily basis are made easier with people we find as our crew! This School has a strong backbone of Educators who are at the top of their game, Staff who cares about the students and a principal that loves to be here. (By the way, I'm still here!)

I see so much capacity in our reality and in what we can be. We are not far from Excellence. My definition of Excellence is being a better person than you were yesterday. If we are moving forward to make our reality better, we are making this situation we call life that much easier and better. Do we have things that we don't like about our reality? Sure! Do we have the power to change it? Most of the time, yes! It could just simply mean that we take a view from the Crow's Nest to see the Crew at work.

For those that know the reference from the proclaimed movie "The Pirates of the Caribbean", we have the fastest ship in Alaska, the smartest Crew in Alaska, and the strongest Fight in Alaska! Let's become what we know we can be; The Best!

Mr. Baksis
VHS Principal

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Parking Notice!

Students! Please do not park in the GMS/VHS shared parking lot or the front row parking lot in the back of the school.

Those are reserved for teachers, staff, and visitors. If you are parked in those areas you will be asked to move your vehicle.

Also, please be sure if you are driving to school to visit our VHS office for a parking permit.

Thank you!



The T3 club at the VHS is organizing a community clothing swap that will be open to middle school and high school students from 9-12 am and the community from 1-3 on February 7. Any leftover clothes will be upcycled to create weaving kits (designing looms and 3D printing or laser cutting) which we would like to give to the elementary school. We will also be donating remaining clothing. Donations can be dropped off at the high school or middle school office.

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We Want You To Upload Yearbook Photos!



For questions, concerns, or help please contact Ms. Gilson at kgilson@valdezcityschools.org

You take great photos every day! Send us your best photos for consideration in the Valdez High School Yearbook.

Two ways to submit:
Download the Yearbook Snap mobile app from the App Store or Google Play, and enter our access code:

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OR

Go to yearbookforever.com, enter our school name, click on Yearbook Snap and enter our access code:

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WE NEED PHOTOS FOR THE FOLLOWING PAGES

- Dances
- Siblings (high school siblings only)
- You and your pet
- Family photos
- You and your mom
- You and your dad
- School Spirit (spirit days included)
- Holidays (halloween, christmas, etc)
- Winter Fun (anything outdoors in winter)
- Summer Fun (Summer travel, hikes, fishing, etc)
- You and your car/vehicle
- Wrestling (sport)
- Swimming (sport)

Happy Birthday January!!

Oliver, O. 1/1
Kaitlyn, M. 1/2
Logan, B. 1/5
Cirque C. 1/6
Destiny D. 1/7
Jarret G. 1/8
Mathious T. 1/9
Hunter S. 1/12
Rylen C. 1/13
Sawyer S. 1/13
Ezekiel J. 1/16
Patricia C. 1/19
Hannah G. 1/25

BUC STORE MENU

Cash Only

- 16oz Lotus** : \$5
- Candy** : \$2
- Big Snacks** : \$2
- Small Snacks** : \$1
- Tootsie Pops** : \$.50

Open 20 minutes before school, during lunch, and on Fridays when available

VHS Buc Store

The Buc store is finally up and running!
Come check out what yummy treats they are offering!

A huge Thank You to Mr. Runion and student council for making it happen.



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Sadie-Hawkins Semi-Formal

Be sure to stop by our VHS office for a dance pledge and guest sign up.

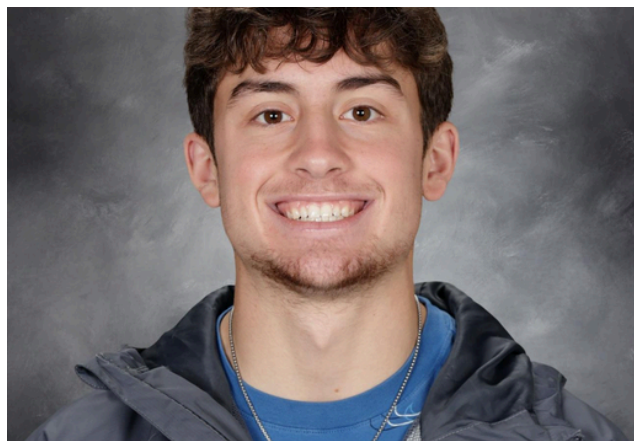
Just a reminder guest must be signed up no later than January 27th, They must be 19yrs or younger. NO middle school allowed.



Counselor's Corner

- The schedule change period is now closed. The classes students are enrolled in will remain for second semester.
- Second semester starts a new grading period and a fresh start for grades. Encourage students to stay on top of their work and get assignments completed and turned in on time right from the beginning! Flex Fridays are a great opportunity to designate time to finish the week's work.
- MAP testing will take place for all 9th & 10th graders, and students in math classes through Algebra II beginning January 20th.

Buc Senior Spotlight



Andrew Baczuk

College?

Brigham Young University(BYU)

Career Goals?

Anything I could do with my hands. Maybe welding or construction but my mom really wants me to be a dentist.

Favorite High School Memory?

Freshman year, Track season was the best but mostly because it was my brothers senior year so we hung out a lot and we got to both place at state for pole-vault.

Love about VHS?

The Opportunities. They offer a lot like the DC Close Up Trip and with sports I was able to visit places like Ketchikan, Seward, and Nikiski.

Teacher/Staff that had the biggest impact on you?

Mr. Deaton. I took 3 years of welding and he's a super fun guy and a great coach just an all around great person!

Anything you like to add?

Thank you to my parents for everything you have allowed me to do. Especially with sports and travel it can be so expensive and for you allowing me to participate means a lot.

Thank you to Mrs.Walker, you were a big example for me for track and field.

Alexander Aldrich

College?

Trade School, I'm going to AVTEC.

Career Goals?

Electrician

Favorite High School Memory?

The crazy conversations.

Love about VHS?

The opportunities. Bringing in speakers and trade schools to talk to. That is how I found out about AVTEC.

Teacher/Staff that had the biggest impact on you?

CT. He gave me a lot of advice and was kinda like a second dad to me.

Anything you like to add?

Thank you to Mr. Runion for helping me make a resume and learn about money management. Its was because of you I was able to get my job at Stan Steven's.

