



What's coming up?!

- Senior walk- May 6th @ 9am.
- VHS Field day May 6th.
- Spring Concert - May 6th @7pm at Valdez Civic Center
- State Solo Ensemble - May 9-10.
- Track Meet - Colony Invite- May 9-10th.
- Senior's Final Exam - May 13-15th.
- VCS Art Show - May 14th @ VHS Library.
- Track Meet - Region Preview May 16-17th.
- Senior Potluck & Scholarship Night - May 19th.

A Note from Mr. Baksis

Valdez is the greatest town in Alaska! With stunning landscapes, breathtaking ocean and sky views, and countless opportunities to nourish the body, heart, and mind, it's a place unlike any other. It may be a few miles from the hustle and bustle of big city life, but honestly, I wouldn't want it any other way. Our little slice of paradise has its imperfections, but the occasional rumor, distant relationships, or Facebook complaints are easily brushed aside—like applying a little makeup I like to call “reality.”

If you're reading this, will you do me one favor?

Take a moment to think about the one thing that brings you happiness right now. Is it a friend? A video game? Your boat, your music, your significant other? It might be any of those. But what matters more is how it makes you feel. Just thinking about what makes you happy is a “100%er”—a guaranteed way to lift your spirit. It brightens your world. Suddenly, the color blue seems more vivid, the smell of fish from the harbor stirs your appetite more deeply, and the sound of children laughing rings louder and clearer in your ears. You're happy—and you notice.

Of course, happiness can sometimes feel out of reach. In those moments, especially as you go through your journey at Valdez High School, please remember three things:

1. We care about you.
2. We care about your success.
3. We have high expectations of you.

And finally, remember what makes you happy—because sometimes, you are that person for someone else.

—Mr. Baksis

HELL Summer

Summer is just around the corner!

Let's make sure we're finishing strong! Be sure to check in with your teachers and get all your work turned in on time.

If you have excess absences, Flex Fridays are your opportunity to come in and make up that time, don't wait until the last minute!

Also, start cleaning out your lockers, and make sure any books or textbooks are returned to the library and any tech items go back to the tech department.

Let's end the year on a high note!

Please be sure to also pay any lunch bills and any outstanding fees.



What's Going on at VHS?!

Valdez High School Music presents



***A Showcase
of Solos and
Ensembles***

***Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 7 pm
Valdez Civic Center***

Reminders!



Yearbooks are in! They are \$50 each, cash or check (made out to VHS Yearbook). Yearbooks can only be given out before or after school and during lunch. No yearbooks will be given during class or passing periods. It is too disruptive. If you pre-ordered a yearbook, please come in at those same times to get checked off on the pre-order list to receive your yearbook. Please note that April 28th - May 2nd, Yearbooks will only be available to purchase before school and during lunch as Ms. Gilson will be at the Civic Center with her theatre kids for tech week. After school yearbook sales will resume from May 5th onwards.

VHS Spring Final Bell Schedule

VHS Final Exam Schedule Spring 2025

Please note the bell schedule is different from a normal week.

Please tell your students they will need parent permission to leave school early if they have no final or are finished with their final project.

Monday, May 19, 2025	
Awards Assembly in Gym (P1 & P2)	8:15 a.m.- 10:15 a.m.
Breakfast Break	10:15 a.m. - 10:26 a.m.
Period 1	10:30 a.m. - 10:46 a.m.
Period 2	10:47 a.m. - 11:03 a.m.
Period 3	11:04 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.
Period 4	11:21 a.m. - 11:37 a.m.
Period 5	11:38 a.m. - 11:54 a.m.
Period 6	11:55 a.m. - 12:11 p.m.
Period 7	12:12 p.m. - 12:28 p.m.
Lunch	12:34 p.m. - 1:14 p.m.
7th Period Review/ Final Exam	1:19 p.m. - 3:19 p.m.

Tuesday, May 20, 2025	
2nd Period Review/ Final Exam	8:15 a.m.- 10:15 a.m.
Breakfast Break	10:15 a.m. - 10:26 a.m.
4th Period Review/ Final Exam	10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
Lunch	12:34 p.m. - 1:14 p.m.
6th Period Review/ Final Exam	1:19 p.m. - 3:19 p.m.

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 - Graduation Day

1st Period Review/ <u>Final Exam</u>	8:15 a.m.- 10:15 a.m.
Breakfast Break	10:15 a.m. - 10:26 a.m.
3th Period Review/ <u>Final Exam</u>	10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
Lunch	12:34 p.m. - 1:14 p.m.
5th Period Review/ <u>Final Exam</u>	1:19 p.m. - 3:19 p.m.

Thursday, May 22, 2025 - Last Day of School - Track Team Traveling to Regionals @ Noon

<u>Final Exam Make Up</u>	8:15 a.m.- 10:15 a.m.
Breakfast Break	10:15 a.m. - 10:26 a.m.
<u>Final Exam Make Up</u>	10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
Lunch	12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Dismissal	1:00 p.m.

Counselor's Corner

- Senior Walk takes place Tuesday morning at 9am starting at HHES, moving to GMS, and ending at VHS. If you are going to join us, please be at HHES well in time to check in at the office prior to our 9am start.
- Senior Check out starts next week. Make sure all fees are paid (lunch/tech/library) and all materials are returned.



Seniors Helping Seniors

A handful of the senior class joined a handful of seniors at the senior center to help get the greenhouse and garden ready for spring planting last Friday.

Buc Senior Spotlight



Kassidy Ferguson

College?

Probably UAF for a bachelors in music. Might try for a minor in a foreign language;.

Career Goals?

No idea, probably either a music teacher, a truck driver, or something really cool.

Favorite High School Memory?

All of the ski trips and just hanging out with my friends in general.

Love about VHS?

Most of the staff are super cool and awesome.

Teacher/Staff that had the biggest impact on you?

Mrs. Norris definitely. She's helped me grow as a person and fueled my love of music so much.

Career Goals?

A therapist or counselor.

Favorite High School Memory?

Hanging out with friends.

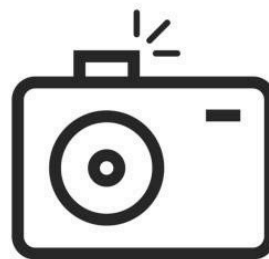
Love about VHS?

The Staff!

Teacher/Staff that had the biggest impact on you?

CT.

Savannah Henderson



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Buc Senior Spotlight



Mariah Dunning

Career Goals?

Attending PWSC for my AA then going to UAF to study wildlife Bio.

Favorite High School Memory?

Accomplish college, and work with all sorts of animals.

Love about VHS?

The staff being kind.

Teacher/Staff that had the biggest impact on you?

Mrs. Addler, She taught me a lot of science and life lessons.

College?

PWSC finishing my AA then UAF for a double major in Geotechnical Engineering and Biology.

Career Goals?

Travel and own companies and real-estate and progress in the city.

Favorite High School Memory?

My very short Junior year at Valdez High School.

Love about VHS?

Dual credit classes.

Tristen Arnberg

