

Date: May 19th, 2025

THE BUCCANEER

BI-WEEKLY

A Note from Mr. Baksis



What's coming up?!

- May 19th - Potluck & Scholarship Night @ 6pm in VHS Cafeteria.
- May 20th NYO Awards Banquet @6pm followed by Music/AcaDeca Awards at 7:30pm in the VHS Library.
- May 21st @7pm in VHS Gymnasium - VHS Graduation.
- May 22nd - Last day of school!
- May 22nd-24th - Track & Field Region Championships.
- May 28th-30th - Track and Field State.

"Summertime, and the living's easy"—but getting to this point hasn't exactly been a walk in the park. Finals, competitions, trips, grades—it's been a lot. So here's a parting gift from the VHS administration: a reminder that life in high school is pretty amazing when you look back. Each year gets better, and then we send you off into the world prepared for greatness.

This past weekend, I caught up with a former student named Summer—fitting, right? She was surprised (and maybe a little amused) to see I was still in education, and now decked out in Buccaneer blue! We talked about her goals from high school and whether she achieved them. For the most part, the answer was yes. It was refreshing to hear. The future isn't all doom and gloom—yes, things like homeownership and running a business can wait, but many of you are moving towards being ready for that at this time. And some of you may not feel ready at all—and that's okay too. It's all part of the realm of possibility! I also spoke with the mother of a former student I taught in both his freshman and junior years. Chance was a vibrant young man—gifted athletically, a servant to many, and a leader on the track team. He truly had it all. Tragically, while in college, he found himself in the wrong place at the wrong time. His future was cut short when a troubled youth chose violence in search of answers. We laughed about all the good things Chance was and did, and we felt the weight of the opportunities lost. But one theme remained strong: Possibility.

You all have it.

When you get older, possibility becomes reality. So make tomorrow the best day it can be by finishing what you've been putting off today. Make amends with someone, even just to "bury the hatchet" and free your heart. Remember a good time with a friend or family member—just to feel the joy of connection again.

School is only a brief moment in your journey through life. Make it count by opening doors of opportunity—while you're young, it's much easier to keep them open.

Wishing you all the best,

Mr. Baksis (not baxter, baczuk, basilisk, baskiss...)



What's Going on at VHS?!



Ceramics class making imaginary dreams come true!



2025



Congratulations!

Awards Night

MUSIC

ACADECA

Celebrate the successes of VHS Academic Decathlon and
Music students for 2024-2025.

Bring a finger food to share if you are able.

Tuesday, May 20

7:30 PM

VHS LIBRARY





HOMECOMING

The date for the 2025 Homecoming is set- Saturday, September 20th and the theme is Fantasy. Think fairy tales, dragons, Harry Potter, Alice in Wonderland, or whatever magical world you like. This is early in the school year, so plan ahead to make sure you have your dress or suit here in time for the dance.

Reminders!



YEARBOOKS ARE IN!

**COME GET
THEM BEFORE
THEY FLOAT OFF
INTO SPACE!**

Yearbooks are \$50 each. Please bring cash or check (made out to VHS Yearbook) to Ms. Gilson in order to get one. Yearbooks can only be picked up before/after school and during lunch.

Counselor's Corner

This week concludes another whirlwind school year. We say goodbye to an amazing group of seniors, and prepare to welcome in a new group of freshman to learn the ropes of high school. Final grades will be available the week after school concludes, and transcripts will be available to update and view in Parchment by June 1st.

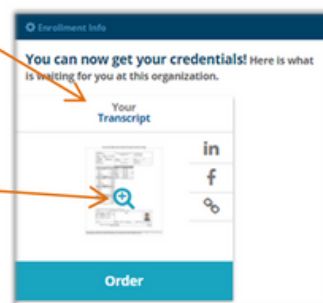
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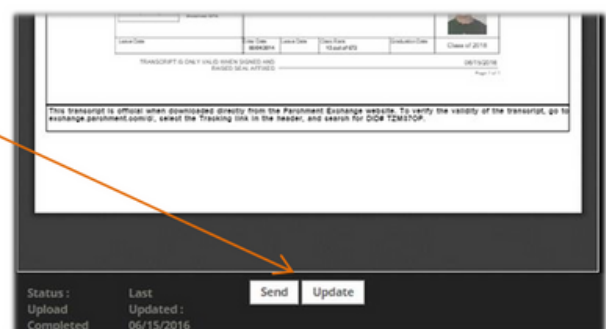
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Buc Senior Spotlight



Donovan Day

College?

No, I'm going to be working at
HD Marine.

Career Goals?

Short term...fishing and working at HD
Marine.

Favorite High School Memory?

Building a boat in marine fab and getting
to take it out in the port.

Love about VHS?

Hanging with friends.

**Teachers/staff that had the biggest
impact on you?**

Mr. Deaton

College?

Maybe welding trade school.

Career Goals?

To work on the slope.

Favorite High school Memory?

Wrestling bus.

Love about VHS?

Staff care.

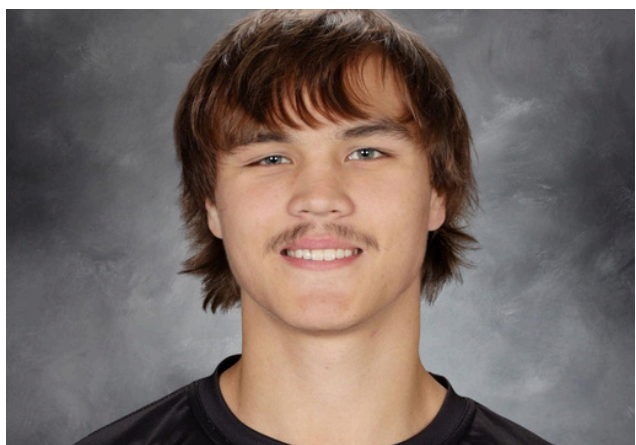
**Teacher/staff that had the biggest
impact on you?**

Mr. Deaton

James (Pirate) Garcia



Buc Senior Spotlight



Dalen Beck

College?

Trade school/ Hilcorp internship

College Goals?

Somewhere in the trades.

Favorite High School Memory?

Spanish class with Landon and Andrew.

Also Landon and Warren fighting

Mr. Deaton on wrestling trips.

Love about VHS?

Wrestling/Shop class.

Teachers/Staff that had the biggest impact on you?

Mr. Deaton.

College?

Fort Lewis College and if not find other options and career paths I can do.

Career Goals?

Become an Actuary.

Favorite High School Memory?

The trips for sports and having a blast with teammates at all the different meets.

Love about VHS?

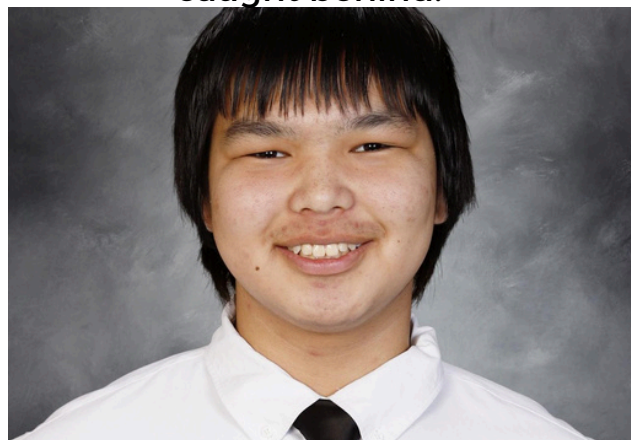
Love the fact its not a huge school with lots of students and I'm able to get all the help I need.

Teacher/staff that the biggest impact on me?

I'd say Mrs. Ham and Mr. Chadwick.

Anything you like to add?

Keep at it everyone and don't get caught behind.



Ezekiel James

A wire mesh pencil holder filled with colorful pencils, a stack of books, and a red apple on a wooden desk.

Schools out for the Summer!!

We hope you all
have a wonderful
Summer and we
will see you in
August!
VHS Staff