

Virgin Valley High School

Parent Newsletter

Sept /Oct 2015



"LIKE US!"

Virgin Valley High School would like to encourage each of you to like us on Facebook "**vvhsdawgs**" and Twitter **@vvhsdawgs**. These social media sites provide information regarding activities, classes, and athletic events happening at our high school. Our students are involved in many great activities inside and outside of the classroom. These sites give us the opportunity to showcase their many talents.

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Monday Oct 19

'merica Monday Dress-up Day

Nutrition Break Activity: Corn Hole

After School: Volleyball games

Tuesday Oct 20

Twinkle Toes Tuesday Dress-up Day

(Crazy shoes, socks, ect.)

Nutrition Break Activity: Apple Bobbing

After School: Taco Bell after the game

Wednesday Oct 21

Western Wednesday Dress-up Day

Nutrition Break Activity: Swing Dancing

After School Fresh & JV football games

Thursday Oct 22

Throwback Thursday Dress-up Day

Nutrition Break Activity: Donuts on a String

After School: Parade 6:00 & "Pack the Gym" Pep Rally 7:30

Friday Oct 23

Bulldog Spirit Dress-up Day

Nutrition Break Activity: Just Dance

*After School: face painting and music before "**GREEN OUT**" game*

Tailgate party 5:30 in Quad

Royalty announced @ V. Football game 7pm

Saturday Oct 24

Dance @ VV Historical Gym 7-9pm

HOMECOMING 2015

Homecoming week 2015 will be October 19-24. There will be athletic contests each night as well as after school activities being held for the students. On Thursday October 23, there will be a community parade sponsored by the City of Mesquite. This will begin at 6:00 pm on Mesquite Boulevard, running from Arrowhead to Willow St. If our organization or group would like to participate in the parade, please contact the front desk at VVHS, 346-2780, or the Mesquite Rec Center.

After the parade, at 7:30 pm, there will be a community pep rally held in the VVHS gymnasium. There are many great activities planned for this pep assembly. We would like to pack the gym with Bulldogs this evening.

On Friday night, the Bulldogs will play Boulder City in the Homecoming Football game. There will be a tailgate party before the game in the quad area of the high school beginning at 5:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend the tailgate party as well as stay for the football game that evening.

Saturday evening will be the Homecoming Dance held in Mesquite Historical Gym with the theme of "Footloose".

We are halfway through the first quarter. Students should have progress reports at this time. Please take time to review your child's progress not only on the progress report, but also using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. If you do not have your password, please contact the Registrar at VVHS who can help you set up your account. It is important that we work together to ensure the success of each student at VVHS. If you have specific questions, please contact the counseling office.

Thank you,
Jaydel Wilson
Assistant Principal

Week of Respect

The week of Sept. 28-Oct. 2 was the "WEEK OF RESPECT" at Virgin Valley High School. Students gathered in the gymnasium to kick off the week with an assembly. Teacher Yori Ludvigson spoke and then a video was shown. Mr. Hughes ended the assembly encouraging students to treat each other with kindness. Student Council posted encouraging notes throughout the school during the day. Some of the activities that happened during the rest of the week were:

- Writing activities using Respect as a topic
- High Five Day
- Step up your standards day



The VVHS Student Council would like to thank all those that participated and would encourage each student to be their best BULLDOG.

DID YOU KNOW???

VVHS offers several classes in which students can earn college credits. Junior and Senior students that enroll can earn as many as 24 college credits before graduation, and sometimes more. Students that earn at least 15 credits from CSN can enroll at Dixie State University for in state tuition prices. We are continually looking to provide our students with course offerings that will help prepare them for post secondary educational opportunities. If you have any questions regarding these courses, please contact the counseling office.

Classes include:

Comp I Honors-Dual Credit English (6 CSN Credits)

Marketing-Bus. 1010, Bus. 1600 (6 Snow College Credits)

Numerous online course offerings from CSN
(College of Southern Nevada)

Dual Credit US History (6 CSN Credits)-
Coming in 2016

AP Statistics

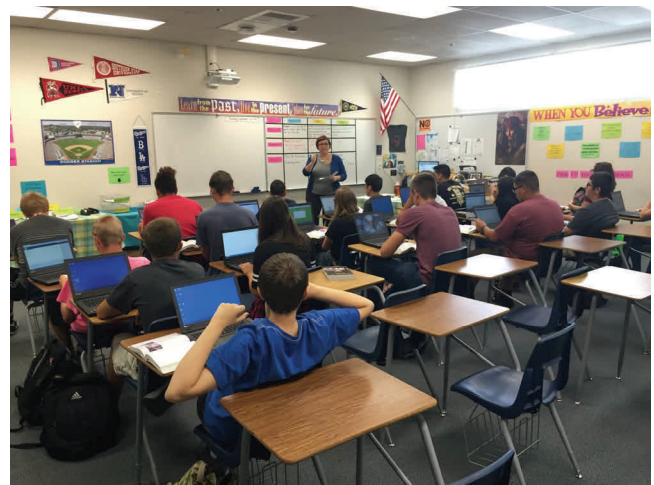
AP classes receive college credit after passing the examination in May. Students can receive from 3-8 credits, depending upon the university, by passing the AP test with a score of 3 or higher.

AP Calculus

AP US History

AP Literature

AP Chemistry



CTE (Career and Technical Education CSN Credit)

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Counselors' Corner



September was Suicide Prevention Month. As counselors, we work to ensure that students receive the services they need when faced with difficulties. We train students to tell us when other students are exhibiting signs of depression and possible suicidal ideations. One of the more common ways students tell their peers they are planning on harming themselves is through social media. Although many adults are fans of Facebook, students have mostly stopped using this platform to communicate with one another. Twitter is the place to be. Students demonstrate great creativity in their tweets, their comments, and their retweets. If you haven't been on your student's account, check it out. There is much to be learned.

Counseling for mental health is available for all at Mesquite Behavioral Clinic and through other local therapists. If your student needs to be evaluated, the clinic will clear their schedule to ensure an immediate appointment is available. If you feel that the situation is imminent, call 911.

If your student tells us they are thinking of harming themselves, our protocol requires us to do an assessment. Regardless of the outcome, you will be notified that an assessment was done.

Our primary objective is to keep your student safe. Please notify us of major life events (deaths, divorces, etc) which would assist us in helping your student. Confidentiality will be respected.

We are here to assist students and their families. Let's keep each other safe.

All juniors and seniors are invited to attend the College Fair at Cashman Center on October 20th. Sign up for the bus is located outside Davis's office. The first 50 students to reserve their seat will be given preference. The bus will leave at 4:00 p.m. and return at approximately 10:00 p.m. Students

I receive information from colleges and other post-secondary institutions.

Senior Notes:

Seniors should be working to determine what they will be doing after high school.

- 1). If your student is considering playing a sport, registration through the NCAA Eligibility Center is mandatory. Most college and university coaches are unaware of your student until the registration through http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.jsp is complete.
- 2). Early admission deadlines are anywhere from late October to early December. Many of the universities give out their scholarship money during this time. Log in to the university website to determine if early admission should be considered. (SUU is a prime example of this!)
- 3). Scholarships deadlines are approaching. Our best advice is to apply for as many scholarships as possible. Write essays and be proactive in your searches. Local scholarships are available in April but they are not the “BIG MONEY” awards. We post scholarships as we are made aware of them in the Counseling office and on the school website under the “Scholarships” tab.
- 4). Consider a different university or college. UNLV and NSC are both nearby colleges giving out THOUSANDS of dollars to students. It’s possible to make money by attending one of these institutions.
- 5). Every senior has been assigned a “Dream Team” mentor for assistance with post-secondary planning. Every senior will meet with their assigned mentor three times a quarter. If you would like to be involved in this process, please call Mrs. Davis.
- 6). GPA and ACT scores matter. Spend the next few months raising those numbers!
- 7). The senior year is stressful but it should be fun. Get involved. Go to games and events. Attend school dances and other functions. This is the last year for high school memories. Take pictures to capture the memories.

NOTICE: ACT registration is available now for the December 12th test. All seniors planning on attending a university in the Fall should take this test. DO NOT TAKE THIS TEST WITHOUT STUDYING. See Vicki or Christy Davis for a fee waiver (available to those on FRL.)

ACT NATIONAL TEST DATES

2015 - 2016

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration</u>	<u>Late Registration</u>
	<i>Postmark Deadline</i>	<i>Postmark Deadline</i>
Sept. 12, 2015	August 7 , 2015	August 8 - 21
October 24, 2015	September 18, 2015	Sept. 19 - Oct. 2
December 12, 2015	November 6, 2015	November 7 - 20
February 6, 2016	January 8, 2016	January 9 - 15
April 9, 2016	March 4, 2016	March 5 - 18
June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016	May 7 - 20

You can register online at act.org.

ACT (No Writing) \$38.00 ACT (Plus Writing) \$54.50

SAT Test Dates 2015 - 2016

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Regular Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Closes</u>
October 3, 2015	September 3, 2015	September 22, 2015
November 7, 2015	October 9, 2015	October 27, 2015
December 5, 2015	November 5, 2015	November 23, 2015
January 23, 2016	December 28, 2015	January 12, 2016
March 5, 2016	February 5, 2016	February 23, 2016

Regular Registration SAT Fees \$54.50



VVHS THEATER ~ FALL PRODUCTION

WILL OPEN NOVEMBER 12~14 CURTIAN GOES UP AT 8:30_{PM}

October Testing

PSAT Testing

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

All 10th Grade Students

11th Grade students that have sign up and paid

12th Grade non-proficient /non tested students

Monday, October 19, 2015 - Reading Proficiency

Tuesday, October 20, 2015 – Math Proficiency Testing

Wednesday, October 21, 2015 - Writing Proficiency Testing

Thursday, October 22, 2015 – Science Proficiency Testing

End of 1st Quarter - October 23, 2015

Virgin Valley High School's Attendance Incentive Program continues for 2015-2016 School year ! Congratulations September Students!



Back Row L-R: Brayton Hampsten, Oscar Prazen-Padilla, Mikian Musser, Francisco Gasca

Front Row L-R: Miguel Escobedo, April Celestino, Deysy Godoy-Carillo

Not Pictured: Rafael DeSantiago

VVHS 2-2-4 Attendance Incentive

- Two or fewer tardies in class (excused or unexcused) in any class
- Two or fewer MINOR referrals to the Dean's Office (this is accumulative),
** yes this includes two or fewer confiscated phones being turned in*
- Four or fewer absences in any class

**IF THE STUDENTS IS IN THE DEAN'S OFFICE FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWIN OFFENSES THE
STUDENT WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR THE 2-2-4 PROGRAM.**

Arson, Assault/Battery, Drugs/Alcohol, Weapons

If the student meets the 2-2-4 requirements and has an A, B, or C in their class both quarters, they do not take final exams, and the grade is computed with the final being added as the second quarter grade.

Students with a B or C may have the option of taking the final exam to improve their grade.

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Attendance Incentive Plan

2015 - 2016



Virgin Valley High School's incentive programs are designed to promote and enforce the good attendance of students, which results in academic achievement. Virgin Valley High School students will have the opportunity to develop socially and intellectually through the development of the following programs.

Student Of The Month – Target groups are all Virgin Valley High School Students grades 9-12. Each month students will be selected from each course of study as representative students of the month. Teachers will select most improved student which will be featured at a luncheon and in the school's newsletter. Criteria may be determined by academics, citizenship, and attendance. As a culminating activity, those with 90% attendance and a 3.0 grade point average will be eligible for a Disneyland trip. Administration will fund a portion of the trip and students will be responsible for the remainder of the cost.

Perfect Attendance Student Of The Month – Target groups are all Virgin Valley High School Students grades 9-12. Each month the top two students will be selected from each grade level as representative students of the month. Students will receive movie passes and be featured in the school's newsletter. Criteria may be determined by daily attendance.

VVHS 2-2-4 Attendance Incentive – Target groups are all Virgin Valley High School Students grades 9-12. Students with two or fewer tardies in any class, 2 or fewer minor referrals to the Dean's Office and four or fewer absences in any class can qualify to be exempt from semester exams if they have an A or B in the class. Students who qualify with the above criteria and have a C in the class can opt not to take the exam to improve their grade. Students who qualify will be extended the opportunity to participate in a school sponsored field trip. Administration will fund a portion of the trip and students will be responsible for the remainder of the cost.

Math Camp – Target groups are Virgin Valley High School 12th grade students. Math Camp will be held prior to proficiency testing for math students. During camp, student deficiencies in math will be identified and students will work academically to improve their knowledge of math. Students will show an increase in passing proficiencies.

Science Camp – Target groups are Virgin Valley High School 12th grade students. Science Camp will be held prior to proficiency testing for science students. During camp, student deficiencies will be identified and students will work academically to improve their knowledge of science. Students will show an increase in passing proficiencies.

Straight A/O Luncheon - Target groups are all Virgin Valley High School Students grades 9-12. Each quarter students who meet the all A/O designation will be awarded a luncheon in the library and recognition in the school's newsletter and community newspaper. As a culminating activity, those with 90% attendance and a 3.0 grade point average will be eligible for a Disneyland trip. Administration will fund a portion of the trip and students will be responsible for the remainder of the cost.

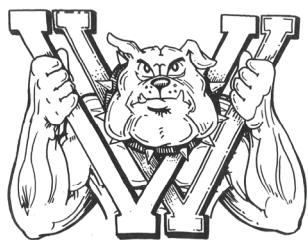
Tailgate Parties - Target groups are all Virgin Valley High School Students grades 9-12, as well as community members. Prior to each home football game a tailgate party will be held in the lower parking lot. Community and students are encouraged to attend to connect with school and build school spirit.

"Themed" Luncheons - Target groups are all Virgin Valley High School Students grades 9-12. During various times throughout the school year, "themed" luncheons will be held to encourage participation in school activities, and to promote the understanding of other cultures

Student Council Activities - Target groups are Virgin Valley High School Students grades 9-12. During various times throughout the school year, "themed" activities will be held to encourage participation in school activities to promote social awareness and encourage community participation

Bulldog Pride - Target groups are Virgin Valley High School Students grades 9-12 with a student activity card. Students with activity cards will be in a drawing for prizes at various activities such as Pep Assemblies, Home games, weekly on any given week day names will be drawn, and during Homecoming Week.





Bulldog

Athletes of the Month

CONGRATULATIONS

to the

SEPTEMBER ATHLETES-OF-THE-MONTH

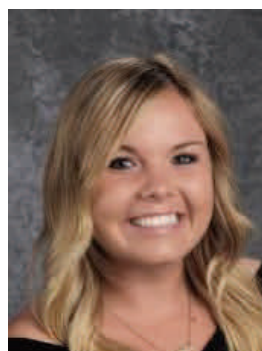
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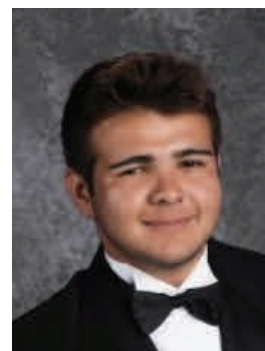
Marlene Quirarte
Girls' Soccer



Ulises Flores
Boys' Soccer



Natilyn Faught
Girls' Tennis



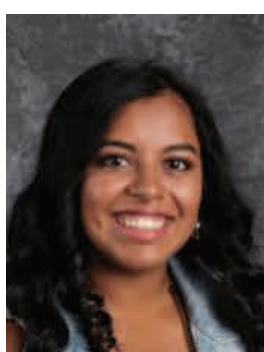
Eric Luna
Boys' Tennis



Kaydee Bingham
Volleyball



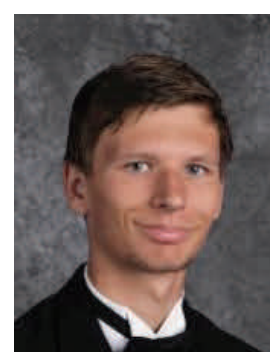
Cody Jones
Football



Eileen Navarro
Girls' Golf



Ana Tehuitzil Nunez
Girls' Cross Country



Jacob Zinsky
Boys' Cross Country

KIA KAHHA !

~FOREVER STRONG~



Bullying and Cyberbullying are **PROHIBITED!**

WHAT IS BULLYING AND CYBERBULLYING?

Under NRS 388.122, "bullying" means written, verbal or electronic expressions or physical acts or gestures, or any combination thereof, that are directed at a person or group of persons, or a single severe and willful act or expression that is directed at a person or group of persons, and:

a) Have the effect of:

1. Physically harming a person or damaging the property of a person; or
2. Placing a person in reasonable fear of physical harm to the person or damage to the property of the person; or

b) Interfere with the rights of a person by:

1. Creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment for the person; or
2. Substantially interfering with the academic performance of a student or the ability of the person to participate in or benefit from services, activities or privileges provided by a school; or

c) Are acts or conduct described in paragraph (a) or (b) and are based upon the:

1. Actual or perceived age, race, color, national origin, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, physical attributes, physical or mental disability of a person, sex, or any other distinguishing characteristic or background of a person; or
2. Association of a person with another person having one or more of those actual or perceived characteristics.

The term bullying includes, without limitation:

- a. Repeated or pervasive taunting, name-calling, belittling, mocking or use of put-downs or demeaning humor regarding the actual or perceived age, race, color, national origin, ethnicity, ancestry, religion, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, physical attributes, physical or mental disability of a person, sex, or any other distinguishing characteristic or background of a person;
- b. Behavior that is intended to harm another person by damaging or manipulating his or her relationships with others by conduct that includes, without limitation, spreading false rumors;
- c. Repeated or pervasive nonverbal threats or intimidation such as the use of aggressive, menacing, or disrespectful gestures;
- d. Threats of harm to a person, to his or her possessions, or to other persons, whether such threats are transmitted verbally, electronically, or in writing;
- e. Blackmail, extortion, or demands for protection money or involuntary loans or donations;
- f. Blocking access to any property or facility of a school;
- g. Stalking; and
- h. Physically harmful contact with or without injury to another person or his or her property.

Under NRS 388.123, "cyberbullying" means bullying through the use of electronic communication. The term includes the use of electronic communication to transmit or distribute a sexual image of a minor. As used in this section, "sexual image" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 200.737 which is any visual depiction, including, without limitation, any photograph or video of a minor simulating or engaging in sexual conduct, or of a minor as the subject of a sexual portrayal.

Under NRS 388.124, "electronic communication" means the communication of any written, verbal or pictorial information through the use of an electronic device, including, without limitation, a telephone, a cellular phone, a computer or any similar means of communication.

Parents/students are encouraged to report knowledge of bullying and/or cyberbullying via the CCSD "Say No to Bullying" website that allows individuals to anonymously report unlawful activities at <http://www.ccsd.net/reportbullying>.

Please be advised that the CCSD "Say No to Bullying" website is not monitored after school hours, weekends, or holidays.

There are also procedures for complaints regarding harassment in CCSD Regulation 5141.2.

CCSD
CLARK COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Adult Education

Earn Your G.E.D or High School Diploma

Location: Portable 4 (Back Parking Lot)

Contact: 346-2780 (Virgin Valley High School)

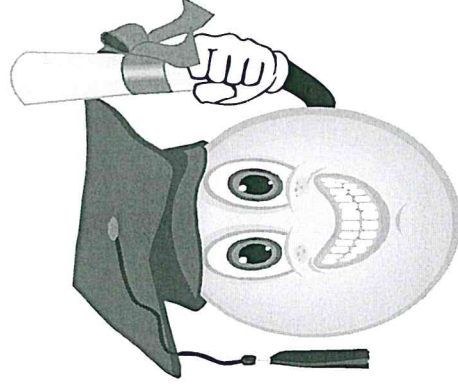


Monday: 2:30 – 5:30

Wednesday: 2:30 – 5:30

*Classes will run in summer also:

*ALL Major Holidays are observed



YES I CAN!

Teacher: Mr. Waite