

December 21, 2025

THE FOXHOLE FLYER



PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Hello VOL Families!

As we close out the first semester, I want to thank you all for an outstanding start to the 2025-2026 school year. We expect approximately 95% of our VOL students to fully complete all their first semester courses prior to break, which is a tremendous result. Great job teachers, students, and parents!

Beginning in November, we opened a mid-year application for only the second time and were overwhelmed with the response. This past fall, we redesigned our website to provide support families who are interested in learning more about virtual education and the options available through Volusia County Schools. We are excited to share that our new initiative has been a tremendous success as we will be welcoming over 60 new VOL students in the second semester. We are always looking to grow, so if you know anyone who is interested in the world of virtual education, please direct them to our website (volusiaonlinelearning.com) where they can will find loads of information and videos to help them learn more about what VVS can do for them.

Thank you for reading! I hope you are all able to spend your holiday season surrounded by the people you love, and that the new year brings you peace, joy, and hope.



Dr. Serrianni

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Here's a few reminders and suggestions that will help you and your child transition into the spring semester:

- All VCS schools and district offices will be closed for Winter Break through January 4th.
- January 5th is a **student holiday / teacher duty** day. Teachers will be entering report card grades for all work submitted through the end of the day on December 19th.
- Students and families will have access to **report cards** in Focus (My Backpack and Parent Portal) on January 8th.
- Semester 2 **schedule change requests** will be accepted through January 16th. Due to the nature of our courses, schedule change requests will not be honored after this point. To request a schedule change, please email our school counselor, Mrs. Vicki Hamlin, vhamlin@volusia.k12.fl.us.
- Secondary students enrolled in **dual enrollment** courses, should provide Mrs. Hamlin a copy of their Spring schedule and make an appointment at their zoned school to pick up their textbooks or book vouchers early.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- LEGO & Robotics Club
-  January 13th and 27th
-  LEGO Club: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
-  Robotics Club: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- Come join the fun and explore creativity and technology!
- S.A.C. Meeting
-  January 21st
-  4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
- Come see what's happening at your school!
- Your voice matters—join us and stay informed.
-  Mark Your Calendar!
- VOL is hosting another exciting STEAM Event
-  February 4th
-  5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- More details coming soon—don't miss out!

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT!

Benjamin Graham - 11th Grade

Benjamin was nominated by Mrs. Moore. She says "It is my pleasure to wholeheartedly recommend Benjamin for the Student Spotlight. I had the privilege of teaching Benjamin in World History last year, and he is currently in my US History course. He has consistently impressed me with his dedication and intellectual curiosity. He is dedicated to his own learning and understanding, making historical connections with modern-day relevance. He actively seeks out additional information beyond the required content."



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT!

Brandon Meza - Senior

Brandon is a Senior who truly shines in and out of the virtual classroom. He enjoys spending time outdoors, especially fishing and participating in activities outside. Brandon loves hanging out with his friends and family and takes great pride in his part-time job. After high school, he plans to continue his education while also continuing to work at his current job.

Brandon says that setting goals has helped him adapt and excel in virtual schooling, and he believes attending live lessons has made a big difference in his success.

A Visit from Dr. Santianni...



'Twas the night before exams, when all through the house,
Not a student was stirring, not even a mouse.
The laptops were charged by the outlets with care,
In hopes that live lessons soon would be there.

The students were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of DBAs danced in their heads.
And parents with planners, and teachers with plans,
Had just settled down for a long winter's span.

When out on the screen there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my desk to see what was the matter.
Away to the keyboard I flew like a flash,
Logged into VOL in a virtual dash.

The glow of the monitor on the new-fallen snow,
Gave a luster of midday to objects below.
When what to my wondering eyes did appear,
But a virtual sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and canny,
I knew in a moment it must be Dr. Santianni.
More rapid than foxes his courses they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:

"Now Math! Now Science! Now History and Art!
On English! On Robotics! Let's all do our part!
To the top of the class! To the top of the wall!
Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"

'As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky.
So up to VOL the courses they flew,
With the sleigh full of tools, and Dr. Santianni too.

A Visit from Dr. Santianni...



And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the call,
The prancing and pawing of each little hall.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chat Dr. Santianni came with a bound.

He was dressed all in pixels, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.

A bundle of lessons he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a teacher just opening his pack.

His eyes—how they twinkled! His dimples, how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a stylus he held tight in his teeth,
And the earbuds, they encircled his head like a wreath.

He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.

A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
As AI filled all the screens; he turned with a jerk.

And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the network he rose.
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.

But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight—
"Happy learning to all, and to all a good night!"

FALL COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY 2025

FOR VCS FAMILIES & COMMUNITY MEMBERS

WE WANT

YOUR

SCAN
ME!

FEEDBACK!



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THIS SURVEY SHOULD TAKE LESS THAN 5 MINUTES TO
COMPLETE AND WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION TO
SUPPORT EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!