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Basketball

The varsity Vasquez basketball team has had a great season so far! On Friday, February 20th, they had their Semifinals game against Serra high school. It was a big game, the stands were packed full of people supporting our mustangs and cheering them on! It was a hard game, the team tried their hardest and got up to 80 points in the last quarter! At the end of the game Vasquez ended up losing, although it was extremely close with Serra high school only being up by nine points. Our mustangs tried their very absolute best and did absolutely amazing. Basketball games are a fun and energetic environment, so if you can come next season, please do! Get the stands packed!

Not to worry, Vasquez basketball isn't done yet! They will be going to compete in state! Overall their record in League is 18-0, and undefeated. The Mustangs are in first place showing their talent constantly with every team they face. On average Noah Rowley scores 16.8 points per game, this is a great advantage to the Vasquez team and we are grateful to have him, and all the other players be so skillful. Overall it was an amazing season. Go Mustangs!

Article by Ella Etheridge



Photo of the Basketball game taken by Hannah Whitmeyer

How are the Olympics Going?

The 2026 Winter Olympics concluded with an exciting competition, showcasing breathtaking performances, tight races, and record breaking results across many sports. Norway took first in the medal standings in a standout performance, topping both the total medals won and the number of golds. Norwegian athletes collected a record 18 gold medals and 41 total medals, continuing their long-standing winter sports success at the Games. A highlight was cross country skier Johannes Hosflot Klaebo, who achieved remarkable success with multiple gold medals in Nordic skiing events. The United States also delivered one of its best Winter Olympics performances ever. Team USA finished second in the medal count with 33 total medals and 12 golds, its highest gold medal total in Winter Games history, capped by a dramatic overtime victory against Canada in the men's ice hockey final.

Italy was the hosting nation, and had a few memorable Games as well, claiming its highest Winter Olympics medal total ever with 30 medals, including ten golds, which is an all time record for the country. Other nations also had notable results. Kazakhstan earned a historic gold in figure skating, and European Union countries collectively topped the combined medal tally when grouped.

The competition wasn't without its share of controversy, from officiating disputes in hockey to heated debates in other events, capturing attention beyond just the results. Overall, the 2026 Winter Olympics delivered a blend of elite athletic achievements, national firsts, and memorable moments as the world's best winter athletes came together for two weeks of intense competition.

Article by Elijah Hernandez

Meet Your Staff! Julie Covarrubias

Where did you graduate from?

"Vasquez High School."

What made you decide to work here in vasquez high school

"I graduated from this school, actually. I'm a 2016 alumni and I actually said this in front of my interview panel as well. I've lived in Acton for most of my life. I've been here for at least 22 years, or 23 years and I made my rounds and went to the elementary school middle school and high school here so when I saw this opportunity one not only is it convenient because I'm still active resident is close by, but I had a really good high school experience when I was here in our bungalows the staff was really great to me and I just wanted to give back to the students so I applied and now I'm here."

If you had to describe yourself in 3 words what would they be?

"Go-Getter, independent, and shopaholic."

What a fun fact about yourself?

"I live on a ranch, I ride horses, and I own farm animals."

How can students make your job easier?

"Use your common sense, cooperate and do what you're asked."

If you could master any skill what would it be-

"Organization if I can be more organized in all aspects of life."

Where do you see yourself 5 years from now?

"I hope I get promoted by then, get a better position in my job or career field, and definitely grow my family. I currently have a 3-year-old and another one on the way, so in 5 years I hope I'm pretty established."

Coffee or energy drinks?

"I absolutely hate energy drinks, so coffee all the way. I've never really liked the taste of energy drinks. They also make my heart go crazy. They're not the greatest for you and at least there's more health benefits with coffee than energy drinks, so coffee."

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PTSO Career Day Assembly

Last week, the incredible PTSO put together a career assembly for our students. The assembly was held here at Vasquez in the gym by the PTSO and staff to educate students on different careers.

The 11 assembly speakers were all former Vasquez students who all had a chance to tell their stories. The speakers shared about their high school experience and how they've gotten to their career now. Each speaker shares about their different careers as well as sharing the benefits and possibilities of their job.

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VAPA - Medieval Times

The Medieval Times Field trip for the VAPA club was on Sunday, February 22nd. It was a very eventful experience and was not as packed as anticipated. The club bought VIP Royalty tickets, which included its own lanyard, a dinner, priority and preferred seating access, and a photo of all the members of the party.

As soon as the party is checked, they are given 30 minutes to walk around the gift shops, bar, and observe their falcons and purebred Spanish horses. 20 minutes before the show starts, the VIP parties are the first groups to be seated. VAPA chose the color Blue and was seated in the second row, but since there was no row below them, it was much like front row seats.

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Once the party is seated, they are provided with a cheering banner, and the waiter takes the drink orders. Afterwards, the first course was given, which was tomato bisque and garlic bread, and the show began. Throughout the show, the guests are given the main course, a turkey breast with a side of corn on the cob and roasted potatoes. But there are many other dietary options, such as vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free meals for the guests. What is supposed to make the show most authentic is the fact that no utensils are given besides a bowl and a plate.

The show consists of jousting between two colors, such as black & white, red & black, red & yellow, green, and blue. Until then, the knights break into an intense sword fight, and it leads to which kingdom becomes the winner of the night. Near the very end of the show, a chocolate éclair is provided.

Article by Lina Rodriguez



Photo of event taken by Lina Rodriguez



What's your favorite thing about working here?

"I think getting to know the students and learning about how each staff member is like a resource or an outlet. There's certain circumstances that each student goes through, and I know that on campus there is help we can provide to those students. As I kind of mentioned in the previous answer, when I was a student here there were a lot of things that I went through and the staff provided me with a lot of help, so giving back and learning what we can provide for students makes me feel good."

Interview conducted by Justin Rocha

Electives: Video Production

Video Production is a thrilling and creative class that teaches students how to prepare a film. In this class, students learn the basics of different camera angles, different lighting, and storytelling. Our Video Production teacher, Mrs. Lundquist, guides us through each step of the production process. You first learn about the different shots that each camera holds for your film. Once you learn that, she shows you how to prepare a script by showing examples. On free days, she lets us stay inside her classroom and watch a bunch of different types of videos or movies, depending on what type of film we are shooting so that it can give us an idea.

On days when there isn't a free day, is when the students are in her Video Production room, where there are many computers and cameras for shooting and editing a film. Of course, she will teach us how to edit before actually shooting and editing. If you are having some trouble editing, she will always be open to help. The absolute best part of Video Production is when the whole class is done with organizing their own group film, she later presents them for us to see. The most important part of Video Production class is collaboration. When working in groups, you form a sense of creativity and teamwork that just brings happiness into the class. Video Production must be the most entertaining and exciting elective here at Vasquez, and we are truly grateful that our teacher, Mrs. Lundquist is the one taking charge of it!

Article by Sophia Gonzalez

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Most students were excited to see and hear from our construction teacher Mr. Mckelvy, as he was one of the featured speakers. Another one of the lovely speakers was also Ms. Elizabeth Ortiz, the district social worker.

Some of the speakers brought items and work supplies to show students, as well as samples or business cards while answering questions and engaging with students.

Overall this was a great opportunity and experience for the Vasquez students. Hopefully this assembly gave students some options and ideas for helping decide their future career.

Article by Rebekah Bullard

Weather

March is looking to be warmer than it was February! The temperature is being seen as up to 60 to 70 degrees, with some clouds and a few of the afternoons warming up into the low 80s. The following week, temperatures remain relatively steady, with similar, mild spring conditions. The period will feature a mix of sunny and partly cloudy days. March often has alternating dry periods with the potential for rain later in the month.

Bring layers, as the desert climate of Acton means temperatures drop significantly after sunset, and it is advisable to have a waterproof jacket available, as March can still bring occasional rain showers.

Article by Rylie Wagner



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 Blossom, Thaw, Gardening, Sun,
 March, Breeze, Storm, Drizzle,
 Rain, Blue, Hiking, Beach, Bunny,
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