

# The Vasquez Post

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## Daylight Savings

The time change is a controversial topic for many Americans. Lots of states do not have the time change, because there is no reason to have it. Originally, Daylight saving times original goal was to align waking hours with daylight hours, and to reduce energy consumption during the night. These reasons used to be important to many, but have become outdated.

In November of 2018, Californians voted for proposition 7, with 59% of voters agreeing that daylight saving should come to an end. If that was in 2018, then why are we in 2026, and still using daylight saving time? The state legislature has not passed the necessary follow-up bills to implement that. Daylight saving time isn't just annoying, it's killing people. When daylight saving time shifts, traffic accidents increase by 6% causing hundreds of fatalities annually. Overall, daylight saving time shouldn't exist in California, voters decided to eliminate the time change, yet it's still here.

Article by Ella Etheridge



## Spirit Week- Dress Up Days!

Next week's spirit week will be full of laughs and fun as each day will follow trends of the past and the present. Many students can't wait for all the exciting activities taking place at the school during spirit week. All students are encouraged to participate and are welcomed to have fun and enjoy the day.

Monday will start the first day of the spirit week and everyone will be dressing as your favorite meme/joke. It will be interesting to see everyone wear their funniest trends and memes to school. Hopefully not dragging from the class experience. Excited to see what everyone is bringing to the table for Monday.

Tuesday celebrates St. Patrick's day. Don't test your luck, everyone should wear some green or they will be pinched! If your favorite color is green, you're in luck and if it isn't, pretend it is and rock green like a pro.

Wednesday is going all tropical as students will be wearing a lot of tropical clothing. Why go on vacation when school is gonna feel like a day on the beaches of Hawaii or the beautiful waters of the Bahamas. Hopefully everyone brought their shades!

Thursday is going to be something different as we will be dressing up in the style of the late 20th century. It will definitely be fun to watch what people choose to represent from 80's retro style to the 90's and Y2k apparel as well. It will be fun and interesting to see what people are into wearing for that day.

Finally as the week will be coming to an end, Friday will be a color war! Each grade will dress in their own colors. Seniors wear blue, Juniors purple, Sophomores pink, and the Freshman orange. Let's see who wears their colors better in this color war, but we all know the seniors will knock it out of the park. Show your mustang pride and participate in our spirit weeks! This is an opportunity to make many high school memories, these four years go by faster than you think!

Article by Shane Roque and Abby Garcia

## Meet your Staff: Angela Flores

### What is something you enjoy about working at Vasquez?

I like helping the students and teacher, organizing, and putting the classroom together.

### What's a personal hobby you enjoy outside of school?

I like to go shopping and take walks.

### What did you do for work before Vasquez high school?

I used to work at Hughes Helicopters in Culver City.

### Where would you want to travel to?

Minnesota, because they have the mall of America.

### What's something you want students to know about you?

I'm always here to help and guide them till they cross the stage. All I expect is that they are respectful to everyone.

### What three words would you use to describe yourself?

Patient, joyful, and easy-going.

### If you won a million dollars, what is the first thing you're buying?

I would put a pool in and upgrade my backyard.

### How long have you worked for Vasquez ?

Almost 15 years.

### What simple things can make your day better?

Kids being on time.

### Are you a routine person or a see how things go kind of person?

I'm definitely a routine person.

### If you weren't working here, what other job would you be doing ?

Probably be at home with my family.

Interview conducted by Rebekah Bullard

## Electives: AP Human Geography

AP Human Geography, or AP HUG, is one of the easier introductory college-level courses that examines how humans interact, use, and alter the earth, taught by Mrs. Stillwell. This means that it is usually taken by freshmen or sophomores to prepare them for the college-level workload, study habits, and test preparation.

The class has seven units: Thinking Geographically, Population/Migration, Culture, Politics, Agriculture, Industry/Economic Development, and Cities/Urban Land Use. Students learn to use geographic tools like maps and data to analyze certain information and draw conclusions. The most common themes of the course are location, place, human-environment interaction, movement, and region.

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## End of Third and Start of Fourth Quarter Advice

The third quarter is coming to an end, which means the fourth quarter is starting. The fourth quarter is one of the most important quarters of the year. Last chance to improve grades and set yourself up well for the next year. Missing work from earlier in the semester can still affect your final grade, so it's important to check with your teachers and see if anything else can be turned in.

Staying organized is very important, as well as staying balanced with what other activities you may have going on.

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## End of Third and Start of Fourth Quarter Advice

The final grades for the fourth quarter will be on your final report card, and sometimes affect one's placement for the next year.

There's also the matter of finals. You can pass for most of the year, but if you fail the final, you could fail the class entirely, especially if you have a teacher who grades strictly. However, if you have written clear notes throughout the year, or have old work from that class, you can use it to help you study. Most teachers on this campus have an open note policy, so you should be able to use your notes.

Another piece of advice is to bring something to entertain yourself after you finish your final. Normally, by the time all the students finish their finals, they have at least an hour and a half left of class time. Having nothing to do in a class for an hour and a half is a pain. You could bring a personal computer, a book, or other things, as long as it's okay with your teacher.

*Article by Isabella Escobedo and Colton Todd*

## Upcoming Events

As the third quarter ends, we are entering our fourth and final quarter, and with that comes more events that are up and coming. Starting on the 16th, we are having a spring school spirit week, where students can celebrate school spirit.

As mentioned before, the quarter ended recently, so quarterly report cards will be released soon. On the 15th, a farmers market will be held in the Antelope Valley for those who would like to purchase some delicious farm-to-table foods. Also in the Valley, the weekly food truck gathering is happening every Tuesday. There is also an amateur radio operator on March 19th at the Acton Library.

None of these events would be possible without the help from the people within our community. Don't forget that there are always a lot of fun and exciting events that are going on near you.

*Article by Elijah Hernandez*

## Upcoming Sports

As the school year continues, many students and parents are looking forward to these upcoming events that are happening on campus.

To start off, Boys Varsity Baseball are preparing for this week's competitions. Tuesday, March 17, when the varsity baseball team travels to face Palmdale Academy Charter at 3:15 p.m. Later that afternoon, the boys varsity volleyball team will host Desert Christian/Lancaster at 4:00 p.m. Both teams will be looking to start the week strong as they continue their seasons.

On Wednesday, March 18, the varsity baseball team will once again take the field for a road game against University Prep at 3:15 p.m. With multiple games scheduled during the week, the Mustangs will need to stay focused and consistent as they compete against tough opponents.

Action continues on Thursday, March 19, when the varsity baseball team hosts Palmdale Academy Charter at 3:15 p.m. Shortly after, the boys varsity volleyball team will also compete at home against Palmdale Academy Charter at 4:00 p.m., giving Mustang fans the chance to support two teams in one afternoon.

Junior varsity has also been as competitive and excited for their game against Golden Valley on Saturday. Friday will feature junior varsity softball hosting Saugus at 2:00 p.m, followed by another varsity baseball game against University Prep at 3:15 p.m.

For the running folks, Track and Field boys and girls varsity have been increasing their stamina during practices to compete against Trinity Classical Academy- Desert Christian Invitational on Saturday. Events like long distance races give many athletes the chance to show off their incredible strengths.

As for the basketball boys, they have recently lost their game after having an insane winning streak throughout their whole season. Even though the loss was disappointing for all of the players and their parents, the team worked hard all year throughout this whole season and showed a lot of dedication and teamwork. Our senior, Tracy Cathey, has shown a sense of strong leadership and helped guide the team. He showed everyone what teamwork fully meant, and we will forever miss having a great player like him on the team.

Don't forget to support the swim team either, who have their next meet on the 28th at Santa Clarita Aquatic center, 3pm.

It sure does sound like an exciting week of sports for Vasquez as they continue their seasons, and we wish them the best of luck.

*Article by Justin Rocha and Sophia Gonzalez*

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Since the class focuses on concept learning and memorization, it is far more manageable when compared to some of the more intensive courses such as AP Chem or AP US History that often requires more complex problem-solving skills and deals with higher volumes of content.

It is also quite relevant to daily life, such as why certain businesses, languages, religions, etc. exist in specific areas, the origin of the food we consume and produce, or even the political factors that shape the spaces many people occupy.

Overall, the class is very useful regardless of the major or university. Taking the class can boost a student's GPA as well as save time and tuition money. This can also make a student stand out amongst the other students who are applying to a college or university.

*Article by Lina Rodriguez*

