

Welcome to VVMS!!!



August 4,
2026

Valley View Middle
School

New Parent
Evening



“Strive for **excellence**, and **do the right thing.**”

Meet me, Dr. Crowther!

VVMS

Principal



- *27th year in education and 17th year in school leadership
- *10th year as a principal (ES, MS, HS)
- *Former special education teacher
- *Former baseball coach
- *Former local sports reporter
- *Married with two teenagers in high school



More About Me...

Interests...

Sports

Food

Fitness

Family

Learning

Living

Values...

Family

Teamwork

Good
people

Hard Work

Experiences

Education

Beliefs around...

Adolescence

Cell Phones

Homework

Dress

Balance

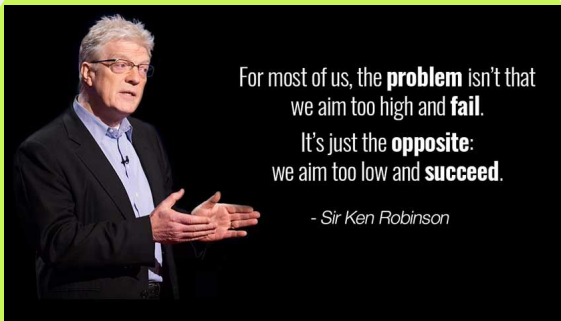
Standards & Skills

My Approach



Strong Start

August sets a tone for the school year. Trusted adults establish rapport and routines so that ALL students feel SAFE, SEEN & ENGAGED. Students set their own tone for a successful school year.



Middle School

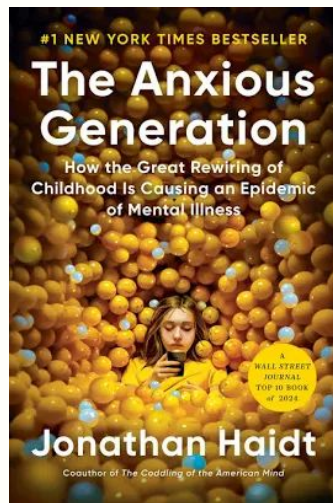
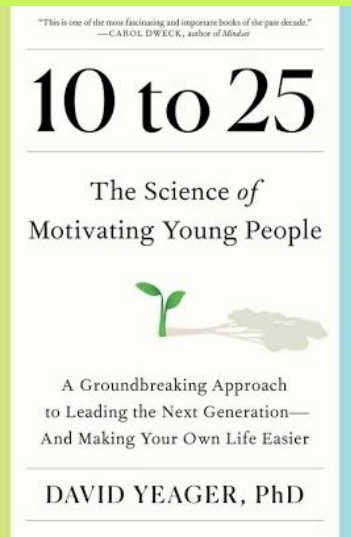
Remember how you felt about school as a kindergartner and then try to remember how you felt about school by the time you started high school. ... Middle school is the fork in the road that lays the foundation for success in high school, college and beyond.

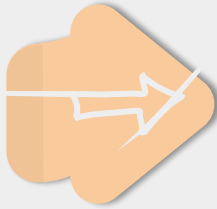


High Expectations, High Support

Schools today aim to develop well-rounded young people with the academic skills, social skills and personal skills to be contributing members of a global society.

Recommendations for Parents





Assistant Principals

Mr. Ramirez: A-L



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Mr. Kiunke: M-Z



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Mr. Kiunke & Mr. Ramirez



Share a fun fact about yourself

20 years in education (Taught History & coached football and track and field)

1 daughter (I am a Dance Dad)

Big LA Rams fan

Passions: Snowboarding, cooking, going on adventures with my daughter (disneyland & theme parks)

Speak German



Share a fun fact about yourself

30 years in education (Taught PE, Dean of Students, and Administration)

Former sports coach (Football, Baseball, Hockey)

Fan of all LA Sports Teams

4 Grandchildren



COUNSELORS



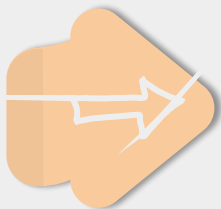
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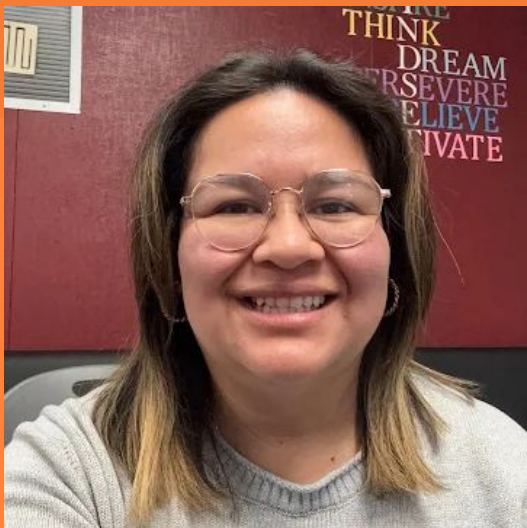
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Welcome Ms. Castro



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Carol Castro

This year, Valley View Middle School is pleased to be adding an additional counselor who will be shared with Sinaloa Middle School.

She will be with us every other Monday and on Thursdays and Fridays.

What Counselors Do...

- Academics

- Class scheduling & placement
- Study skills & organization
- Grade improvement strategies

- Social & Emotional

- Managing stress
- Resolving peer conflicts
- Coping with emotions & challenges

- College & Career

- Exploring future careers
- Setting academic & personal goals
- High School preparation

- School Life/Community

- Helping with transitions
- Creating a safe & supportive environment
- Providing resources to students/families

Student Request to See a Counselor:

COUNSELING

**COURSE
CATALOG**

**REQUEST
TO SEE A
COUNSELOR**

**CLASS
CORRECTION
REQUEST**

**6TH GRADE
INTRO
SLIDES**

sites.google.com/simivalleyusd.org/vvmscounseling



WHERE EVERYONE BELONGS

Orientation/transition program that welcomes new 6th graders and makes them feel comfortable and prepared for their first year of middle school. Small group and large group games, campus tour, Q&A all led by 8th grade students and 6th grade teachers.

Friday, August 7th 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

- Bring water
- In our GYM
- Wear comfy clothes (heat)
- Eat breakfast
- Pack light

*Make lunch plans if coming for
Prep Day!



Vikings have PRIDE

- Positivity - Focus on the good
- Respect - Treat others with kindness
- Improvement - Make an effort to do better
- Diligence - Work Hard, and take care to do things right
- Excellence- Do your best!



Tips For Success

Locker/Supplies

- Backpack without wheels
- Minimal decor
- Practice lock
- Basic supplies for the first week (i.e. paper, pencils, pens, notebook).

Homework

- Varies by grade level and content area
- Oftentimes, unfinished classwork
- Check Google Classroom/Aeries
- Teacher board

PE

- Separate PE locker
- Dress Daily [CA Ed Code 49066 c]
- No phones
- No backpack

Aeries

- Login often
- All homework, classwork, quizzes, & test grades will be posted
- Monitor attendance

Attendance

- Students should strive to be at school everyday
- Please report any absence to the attendance clerk
- Tardies can impact citizenship grade



More Tips

Navigating First Day of School

Locker numbers are handed out at Viking Prep Days and the map & bell schedule can be found in the agenda book. Staff members and WEB Leaders will be out helping students find their classes.

Special VIP table in the MPR for students that don't know anyone yet.

Go Vikings!

Agenda Book

Encourage students to continue using agenda books for organization in middle school.

Our school agenda book has our rotating bell schedule, and rules and expectations.

Bell Schedule

Bell Schedule
Valley View Middle School

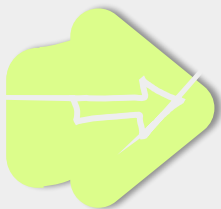


MONDAY		TUESDAY - Late Start		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
Period	Time	Period	Time	Period	Time	Period	Time	Period	Time
1	8:00-8:50*	Staff /PLT Mtg	8:00-8:55	1	8:00-8:50*	1	8:00-8:50*	1	8:00-8:50*
2	8:55-9:42	1	9:05-9:55*	5	8:55-9:42	4	8:55-9:42	3	8:55-9:42
Advisory	9:47-10:17	6	10:00-10:45	Advisory	9:47-10:17	Advisory	9:47-10:17	Advisory	9:47-10:17
3	10:22-11:09	2	10:50-11:35	6	10:22-11:09	5	10:22-11:09	4	10:22-11:09
4	11:14-12:01	3	11:40-12:25	2	11:14-12:01	6	11:14-12:01	5	11:14-12:01
Lunch	12:01-12:36	Lunch	12:25-1:00	Lunch	12:01-12:36	Lunch	12:01-12:36	Lunch	12:01-12:36
5	12:41-1:28	4	1:05-1:50	3	12:41-1:28	2	12:41-1:28	6	12:41-1:28
6	1:33-2:20	5	1:55-2:40	4	1:33-2:20	3	1:33-2:20	2	1:33-2:20
7	2:30-3:32	7	2:50-3:37	7	2:30-3:32	7	2:30-3:32	No 7th Period	



What is Advisory?

- Mondays, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays from 9:47-10:17
- Students will be with the same teacher and classmates
- Separated by grade level (unless specialty ie. Leadership)
- Administration and school leadership are working on expectations and activities for Advisory this school year



Prep Day

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade

Note the times vary depending on first letter of your LAST name.

6th Grade

Friday, August 7th

12:00 - 1:00 PM A through H

1:00 - 2:00 PM I through P

2:00 - 3:00 PM Q through Z

7th Grade

Thursday, August 6th

9:00 - 10:00 AM A through H

10:00 - 11:00 AM I through P

11:00 - Noon Q through Z

8th Grade

Wednesday, August 5th

9:00 - 10:00 AM A through H

10:00 - 11:00 AM I through P

11:00 - Noon Q through Z



Prep Day Stations

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade

Station #1

D-11

- Student ID (last years picture.)
- Student locator with schedule
- Locker #

Station #2

Main Office

- Day of purchases

Station #3

M-6

- Online order pick up, please be prepared to show receipt

Station #4

Library

- Library books English & History

Station #5

Activity Room

- PE Clothes pick up.
- Check sizes, we will have a table with sample sizes.
- Please write the names legibly so that they are easily to read.



Lockers



**Locks must be
school issued**

**Lockers are NOT
to be shared for
any reason**

**Locker changes
Keep your
combination
private**



Device Care & Usage

- All students will have access to a computer in each classroom
- Each classroom will be equipped with a class set of computers
- Students should treat computers with care at all times
 - Do not open the laptop too far as it will break
 - Do not drop or throw computers
- Students are responsible for the use and content on the computer they are using

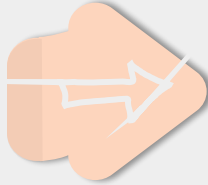




Medications & Crutches

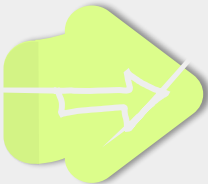
- All medical forms must be completed and submitted to the Health Office
- No medication of any kind on campus without permission from Health Office
- If you suffer an injury and are returning to school, there are forms available to print on our website for doctors and parents to sign

General Information for Parents



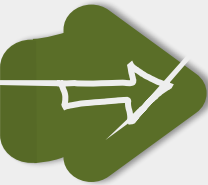
Drop Off/ Pick Up

- Please pull forward before parking
- Do not double park
- Entrances are at the Front of school, and Park Gate
- Arrive early to beat the traffic
- Do not use the parking lot on the corner of Tapo and Township

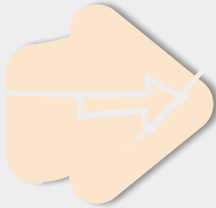


School Hours

- Campus opens at 7:30 am.
- School begins promptly at 8 am.
- Campus is closed and locked during the school day
- Front Gate and Main Office is open until 4:00 pm



Back to School Night - September 1st @ 5:45 pm



Safe School

Valley View is a “closed campus”

- All gates are closed during school
- All visitors must enter from the Front Gate and check in at the Main Office. Be prepared to show ID
- Food or deliveries from outside vendors (ex. Ubereats) are not permitted
- Principal permission is required for parents to visit their student's classrooms
 - 24 hour notice is required
 - Accompanied by school leader
 - 20 minutes or less





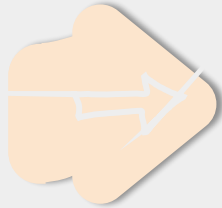
Safe School

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Valley View has no tolerance for drugs, alcohol, weapons, bullying, and sexual harassment on campus.

- Students should NOT bring or hold anything inappropriate for anyone - EVER
- Students are responsible for items in their possession or in their locker
- Students should treat others the way they want to be treated
- Students must keep hands to themselves.- NO FIGHTING, NO ROUGHHOUSING, AND NO INAPPROPRIATE TOUCHING
- If you See something, Say something



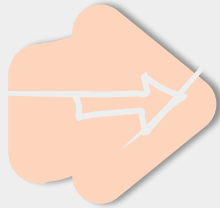


No Bullying!



Vikings should treat all classmates and adults with respect and kindness. Bullying of any kind is will not be tolerated.

- Students should report any bullying to an adult immediately.
- Parent should monitor their student's social media accounts and online activity.
 - Cyber Bullying may result in disciplinary action.
- Parents, please discuss the importance of using the internet and social media responsibly, and respectfully.



Items NOT allowed at school:

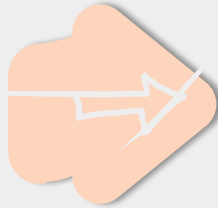


- Birthday Flowers and Balloons
- Food or Drinks in the classroom (except water)
- Gum
- Items to sell (Personal Sales are not allowed)
- Markers (Sharpies)
- Scooters, Skateboards, Rollerblades
- Laser Pens
- Scissors or sharp items
- Toys of any kind
 - Toy Guns, Video Games, fingerboards, etc.
- Anything else deemed unsafe or distracting by administration

Excessive smartphone use among youth is linked to increased anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues.



What you need to know: Governor Gavin Newsom today signed Assembly Bill 3216, the Phone-Free School Act, to require every school district, charter school and county office of education to develop a policy limiting the use of smartphones by July 1, 2026.



Cell Phones

Let's Focus on Learning and put those phones away!

Personal Device Policy
Grades 6-8
(BP 5131.8)

Students shall not use smartphones or other personal electronic devices while at a school site or under the supervision and control of a district employee. Personal electronic devices shall be turned off and put away while at school or under the supervision and control of a district employee.

Personal devices include, but are not limited to smartphones, earbuds/ headphones, smartwatches, etc.

1
Verbal Warning
Confiscate device and send it to office. Parent contact and pick-up, detention.
Verbal Warning: device may be confiscated and brought to office for student pick-up.

2
Confiscate device and send it to the office for remainder of day. Student picks up, parent contacted.
Confiscate device and send it to office. Parent contact and pick-up, detention.
Device may be confiscated and brought to office for student pick-up.

3
Confiscate device and send it to the office for remainder of day. Parent picks up, detention assigned.
Confiscate device and send it to office. Parent contact and pick-up, detention. Contract: phone checked in at office daily.
Device may be confiscated and brought to office for student pick-up.

4
Confiscate device and send it to the office for remainder of day. Parent picks up, detention assigned. After 5th offense, phone checked-in to office daily.
Confiscate device and send it to office. Parent contact and pick-up, detention. Contract: phone checked in at office daily.
Device may be confiscated and brought to office for student pick-up.

- Cell phones / devices (airpods, headphones, earbuds, SMART watches) must be **OFF** and **AWAY** in backpacks or lockers while student is on campus
- Cell phones and devices may be confiscated if used during the school day. Student must comply with adult when asked to hand over device
- Cell phones / devices are not allowed at PE
- Students are not allowed to take pictures or video of other students or staff without permission
- VVMS assumes no responsibility for devices that are damaged, lost, or stolen on campus



Cell Phone Policy

Continued...

- Students will be counseled and warned on their first offense
- Every offense after, the cell phone will be confiscated, and held in the Main Office until the parent comes to pick up the phone in person
- Students will be issued an after school detention after the third offense
- After the 5th Offense, students may be asked to go on a contract agreeing to leave the phone in the Main Office during the school day, or agree not to bring the phone to school
- Cell phones are not allowed in PE, or Restrooms at any time
- Violation of this will result in the phone being confiscated, required parent pickup and possible after school detention
- Students will be required to leave cell phone with the teacher if they need to leave the classroom to use the restroom.

Opportunities to Reflect (OtR)

- Teachers and administrators can REQUIRE a student to stay after school (typically 15 minutes)
- Students may be assigned up to a 1 hour with parent consent
- Consequences are served on same day
- Parents will be notified each instance a student must stay after school

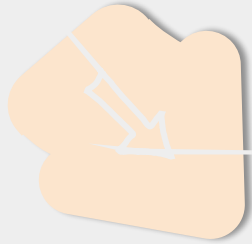


Valley View PTSA

- ❖ Reflections Art Program
- ❖ Red Ribbon Week
- ❖ Scholarships
- ❖ Staff Appreciation
- ❖ Gratitude Wall
- ❖ Meme Contest
- ❖ ...and more!

SCAN HERE TO FIND
US ON SOCIALS &
JOIN PTSA!





Volunteer Opportunities

Refer to the newsletter for opportunities to volunteer for various events.



Communication

- Aeries
- Weekly Parent Newsletter Email
- Follow Us - Instagram (vvms_vikings)
- Phone calls
- Emails
 - Please make sure we have correct contact info



Follow us on Social Media!



Instagram
@vvms_viking
@valleyviewmsptsa



Facebook
@Valley View Middle School
PTSA - Simi Valley





**Thank
you!**

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