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From the Viking Leader.....

Welcome to another school year at Valencia High School. Each year I am very grateful for the tremendous support we get from parents and from the community. Parent and community involvement are essential to the success of our school and to the success of all students. There are many ways you can become involved including booster clubs, the Parent Advisory Council (PAC), volunteering, and support groups. Our first PAC meeting is Monday September 22 at 7:00 pm in the Library. I will be reporting test scores from the 2007/2008 school year and share the implications of those test scores.

Our scores on the California Standards Tests and on the California High School Exit Exam were the highest scores we have ever had. Those scores are reflected in our Academic Performance Index (API) where we earned a score of 817. The state goal is for all schools to reach 800. The federal benchmarks set for the Average Yearly Progress (AYP) report were also met for spring 2008. Our teachers and students did a great job learning in class and performing on tests last year.

In order to continue improving learning and preparing students for life after high school we will be focusing on three main goals:

1. Increasing comprehension of content material including reading, academic vocabulary, note taking, and using reference materials.
2. Writing.
3. Working collaboratively to improve student learning.

Comprehension and writing to communicate ideas will be an emphasis in all classes and a focus of teacher training and collaboration. In addition we are working to support the district strategic plan. The seven goals of the strategic plan are:

1. Communicate substantive, current district and school information to all stakeholders.
2. Instructional program will emphasize rigor in reading and writing in all content areas.
3. Forge productive school-family-community partnerships.
4. Create career-technical education opportunities.
5. Establish an environment in which everyone is valued and treated with dignity and respect and where all students are afforded equal educational and extra-curricular opportunities.
6. Continue to ensure that the health and safety of all students is of primary concern on all campuses.
7. Provide fiscal stability and accountability at all levels within the district.

We very much appreciate your input. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or ideas or concerns. You can visit us anytime in person or check out the website at [Valencia Vikings.com](http://ValenciaVikings.com). The counselor's page on the website has a tremendous amount of information and is a page I would recommend visiting. Many of our teachers also have websites which are also accessible from the school website. About 70% of our teachers have a website most with assignment and grade information. I am available at pap@hartdistrict.org or by phone at 294-1188 ext 401.

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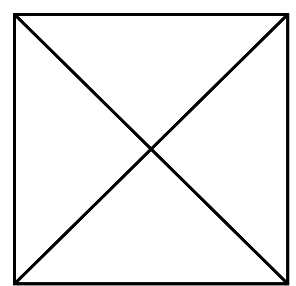
**SAVE THE DATE
BACK TO
SCHOOL NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 16**

COUNSELORS' CORNER

The VHS Counseling Department would like to give a spirited welcome to all new and returning students to the 2008-2009 school year! We want to thank you for an outstanding beginning to our new year.

Our counseling department offers a comprehensive program that focuses on academic, career, and personal development. We meet with each student at various times during the school year to review progress toward graduation and reaching the post-high school goals. Although all counselors can help students and parents in any area, each counselor has a specific area of expertise that all students are encouraged to utilize. Each counselor also has an alphabetical group of students to monitor his/her success. Each counselor serves as a "Walk-In-Counselor" for five hours per week and is available to address the immediate needs of our students and parents. If a student wishes to meet with a counselor, we encourage him/her to complete a request for a counselor appointment form found in the counseling office. We also encourage parents to call in advance to make an appointment to meet with a counselor if the need arises.

Counselor	Extension	E-mail	Alphabetical Student Group
Ms. Rhonda Carr	ext. 440	rcarr@hartdistrict.org	By - D
Mrs. Voula Devoe	ext. 427	vdevoe@hartdistrict.org	Su - Z
Mrs. Kathy Ferry	ext. 424	kmf@hartdistrict.org	H - Ki
Mrs. Theresa Long	ext. 425	tlong@hartdistrict.org	Mor - Rh
Mr. Josh Nowak	ext. 422	jnowak@hartdistrict.org	E - G
Mrs. Justine Saunders	ext. 423	jsaunder@hartdistrict.org	Kl - Moo
Mrs. Kathy Stroh	ext. 426	kas@hartdistrict.org	Ri - St
Ms. Jeannie White	ext. 421	jwhite@hartdistrict.org	A - Bu



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING

Students planning to apply to any four-year college or university must take the SAT Reasoning Test or ACT college entrance exams. The University of California System and many independent colleges further require at least two SAT Subject Tests, as well. Colleges require that seniors who plan on attending college next fall complete these entrance exams by December, 2008. For test requirements of particular college and universities, please check with the college/career advisor, Mrs. Jolly or visit the school's website directly. Applications for the SAT Reasoning Test, SAT Subject Tests, and ACT are available online at the following email addresses:

- SAT Exams - www.collegeboard.com
- ACT Exams - www.actstudent.org

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT EVENTS

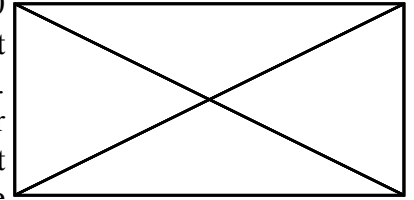
PSAT Prep Workshop – VHS and the Princeton Review are offering a PSAT preparation class held at VHS on October 4th and 5th. Saturday's hours are 9:00 am – 5:30 pm, and Sunday's hours are 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm. This class will include 8 hours of instruction that's loaded with valuable information regarding the PSAT, as well as administering a full-length, new-format PSAT. To sign up, bring the registration form and \$100 to the counseling office beginning September 8th.

College Trips – The counseling office has planned two college trips for junior and senior students, each visiting two universities. The first trip, on Wednesday, October 8th, will visit California State University, Channel Islands and Pepperdine University. The second will visit University of California, Riverside and California Poly Pomona on Thursday, October 30th. To sign up for either trip, students will need to bring the \$20 cash fee to the counseling office by September 24th to reserve a spot, \$40 if signing up for both trips. (Priority is given to juniors)

Santa Clarita Valley College Day – The Hart District counselors, in conjunction with the COC counseling staff, are offering the annual, FREE, city-wide college day on Saturday, October 11th from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm at College of the Canyons. This enlightening day is for students to meet college representatives from across the nation as well as attending various college workshops including topics such as financial aid, the UC System, the California State System, Private Colleges, and many more.

MORE COUNSELORS' CORNER

PSAT – The PSAT test will be administered on Saturday, October 18th between 8:30 and 11:30 am at Valencia High School. The PSAT gives valuable information about academic weaknesses that will help students prepare effectively and raise their SAT scores. Juniors wishing to qualify for National Merit Scholarship recognition should sign up for this test. There are only 450 spots, and spots are being filled quickly! If your student hasn't signed up yet, he/she must bring their \$20, payable to Valencia High School, to the



ASB office beginning September 8th.

CSU Application Help Session - Counselors will be available to help students answer questions and complete/finalize their CSU applications during two different sessions on Saturday, October 25th. The first session is from 8:00 until 10:00 am and the second session is from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. The cost is \$20.00, and there are only 40 spots available. Sign up in the counseling office beginning October 1st.

UC Application Help Sessions - Counselors will be available to help students answer questions and complete/finalize their UC applications during two different sessions on Saturday, November 1st. The first session is from 8:00 until 10:00 am and the second session is from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. The cost is \$20.00, and there are only 40 spots available. Sign up in the counseling office beginning October 1st.

Scholarships – Please encourage your senior student to check the VHS website (www.valenciavikings.com) and the Scholarship File drawer in the Counseling Office for scholarship information and applications. The scholarship information can be found on the counseling department pages of the website. Many scholarship applications are available and due each week, so make sure your student checks regularly. Further scholarship information can also be found in the senior bulletin available in the counseling office.

Monthly Parent E-Communication – If you did not receive the September Parent E-Communication on September 1st and would like to start receiving this monthly school information service, please provide your email address to Kathy Ferry at kmf@hartdistrict.org. Please include your student(s)' name with your e-mail. Each month, for those parents who have current e-mail addresses on file, the communication team at VHS sends out an E-mail keeping parents up-to-date on current happenings and events.

Connecting to Success - All juniors will be participating in the Connecting to Success Conference on October 2nd. This conference introduces students to career opportunities and the job skills that will be needed in order to be successful in a future career.

Parenting/Understanding the Teen Brain

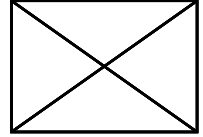
GOT TEENS? Do you ever wonder why your teenagers don't seem to think before they act? Why they can be so emotionally volatile? Why you have trouble understanding each other at times? Do you wonder how you can teach them skills for meaningful relationships? Understanding teen brain development is the focus of the 8th Annual Teen Scene Unplugged on Wednesday, September 24, 2008, 6-9 p.m. at the Hyatt Valencia. A very popular event offered by the City of Santa Clarita and the Blue Ribbon Task Force, Teen Scene Unplugged draws over 500 parents and community members every year.

Tina Bryson, Ph.D. will share recent findings on the adolescent brain that help shed some light on the questions mentioned above. In her genuine, practical, and humorous way, Bryson will make brain science accessible, and discuss how the developing teen brain impacts teen behavior and decision-making. This knowledge can help parents make good parenting decisions that will strengthen their relationship with their teens, and help their teenagers become the best persons they can be.

For more information, contact Tess Simgen, the City's Community Services Analyst, at (661) 255-4965, or visit www.santaclarita.com/blueribbon.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Due to budget cuts, we are anticipating a very uncolorful year. We are no longer able to order colored copier paper for use in the classrooms or offices. We would appreciate any donation of colored paper or money to purchase colored paper for the 2008-2009 school year just to help make things a touch more interesting.



In addition, a great way to painlessly donate to VHS is by shopping at Office Depot. They have a program to support education called "5% Back to Schools". Just reference our school ID # of 70016103 every time you shop there and they will credit us with 5% of your purchase total. We can use this credit to purchase paper and other school supplies for our classrooms.

Contact Mrs. Schiern in the main office for more information or to donate. 661-294-1188, ext. 402 Thank you for your help with our request.

LOST AND FOUND

If your student loses personal or school property, the following is posted in classrooms and on the doors to the office facing the center quad area:

IF YOU LOSE:	WHERE TO LOOK
Backpack, binder.....	ATTENDANCE OFFICE
Book.....	LIBRARY
Clothing.....	ROCKET OR ROBERTA AT 1:00 P.M. OR 3:30 P.M.
Jewelry, Glasses, Purses, Wallets.....	COUNSELORS' SECRETARY
Cell Phones, Electronic Devices.....	ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS SECRETARIES
Money.....	ADMINISTRATOR

ALL UNCLAIMED PROPERTY WILL BE DISPOSED OF AT THE END OF EACH SEMESTER

Therefore, if your student comes home without that new jacket, backpack, etc., ask him or her if she/he checked at the appropriate location to see if it was turned in. Remind them not to set their property down and lose sight of it or leave it unattended. At the end of every semester, many unclaimed coats, backpacks, etc. are discarded to make room for the new semester's lost and found. Some of the unclaimed items are donated to charity. Money that is unclaimed is deposited into a trust account in the ASB.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

DANIELLA DURAN

Ms. Duran joins our Science Department teaching Chemistry and Earth Science. She received her B.A. from UC Santa Cruz where she majored in psychology. She holds a Masters from Stanford. She most recently taught at Royal High School in Simi Valley.

She is loves teaching high school because you can have real conversations with this age group about their futures, dreams and aspirations. She loves teaching and helping young people while building relationships with them. She is an avid UCLA fan.

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Stupid, Lazy, Underachiever? OR Irlen Syndrome?

[For more info on this topic go to Irlen.com or contact Bett Huffaker at bhuffak@hartdistrict.org.]

Excerpt from Women's LifeStyle, August 2008

A mother wrote to Barbara David of the Irlen Center in Michigan:

"As you know, my daughter received her Irlen lenses in October of last year. At that time she was beginning Grade Five (Canada) and could barely read. We found out about Irlen because she was also getting headaches every day and while researching on the internet I came across your web site. By the end of June this year, she had just finished 'The Lightning Thief' series of books by Rick Riordan and had an 80% average on her report card. At the year-end assembly, she received a special Award for 'Love of Reading and Citizenship' It was one of the happiest days of my life. My daughter doesn't go a day without wearing her Irlen glasses and (they have been) graciously accepted at her school. Thank you again for what you do. I am a huge advocate."

This letter is very typical of the many that Helen Irlen at the Irlen Institute in California receives yearly from family members and sufferers of Irlen Syndrome, a visual perceptual problem affecting how the brain interprets the messages it receives from the printed page. It keeps millions from reading effectively, efficiently, or not at all. And those who have the problem also manifest environmental distortions and challenges, i.e., depth perception difficulties, night blindness, light sensitivity problems, and verbal and auditory processing problems to name a few.

Helen Irlen, a School Psychologist from Long Beach, California, discovered Irlen Syndrome while working on a federal grant to learn why some adults still had difficulty reading even after years of remediation, tutors, and special services.

It's important to realize that this syndrome is a perceptual dysfunction rather than a vision problem. Irlen Syndrome, like any reading problem, can occur with someone who wears glasses or even with someone who doesn't need them. For those suffering from this syndrome, one or more of the colors that are part of the visual spectrum affect the speed and consistency of how the brain is able to interpret not only the printed page but everything around them.

Studies show that Irlen Syndrome affects to some degree approximately 12-15% of the general population, or over 17 million people in the U.S. In the population of those with learning problems, the incidence is about 45%. And at the Geneva Centre for Autism, Toronto, Canada, a recent study has found that the incidence of Irlen Syndrome in the population with Spectrum Disorder (Autism) is an astounding 77%!

Reading difficulties would include: slow reading rate, poor comprehension, short reading times, reading in dim lighting, misreading words, skipping words and lines, and avoiding reading. A great deal of discomfort is often felt by these readers with headaches, nausea, and fatigue, aching, burning or watery eyes. They often rub their eyes, blink, frown and squint.

Writing characteristics include: writing up or downhill, unequal spacing, errors while copying and sloppy, careless errors in math or misaligning numbers in columns.

Persons who have Irlen Syndrome may also experience other life-interfering symptoms such as: poor depth perception difficulty with sports involving a ball, problems riding escalators, and dealing with headlights or streetlights at night. Computer work may result in eyes feeling tired, strained, watering, or hurting. Headaches are often the result of light sensitivity and Irlen lenses have been found very effective in relieving some of the painful symptoms of Migraines.

Can you imagine not being able to read or having to struggle with reading? In today's society, people with reading difficulties feel poorly about themselves, never achieve up to their potential, and often can't reach career goals. They do not understand what their problem is as long as it goes undetected. And, for some, this has been a lifetime problem.

When Irlen Syndrome goes undiscovered, the person might be viewed as an underachiever with behavioral, attitudinal, or motivational problems. They appear bright but are not producing at a level considered appropriate as with the youngster in the letter. Those with Irlen do not realize that what they are "seeing" on the printed page differs from what others see. After all, for example, if words float off of their book, they will also float off of all the other books around them as they look around the classroom or work place.

The Irlen Method is a treatment through the use of special color overlays or colored lenses. The first step, after a professional visual examination, is to see a Screener to determine whether or not the person is a candidate for the Irlen method. [Bett Huffaker, English teacher on Valencia campus is a Certified Screener for Irlen Syndrome.]

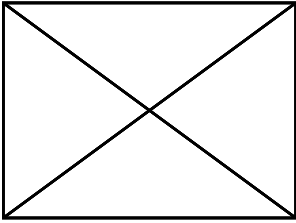
If it is determined that the student/adult can be helped, they move on to the second step, a Diagnostic visit. During that visit, a plan is developed for the individual which includes determining the exact blend from over 100 colors and densities that their brain needs to compensate for this Syndrome. These spectrally modified colored lenses become part of their specific plan. They are also given many suggested adaptations to their environment and, if they are in school, specific recommendations to the school personnel.

If these symptoms seem familiar to you or someone you know, check out the website, www.irlen.com, for further information. You might end up seeing the world through "rose-colored glasses" in more ways than one!

Barbara David, EdS, LLP, LMSW, is an Irlen screener and Diagnostician at the Center for Creative Living in Royal Oak. As a teacher, reading specialist, school psychologist, and administrator for 31 years, wishes she had known of this method then. She is currently a psychotherapist at the Center as well as her work with Irlen

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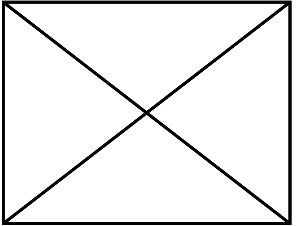
JENNIFER BURRILL



Ms. Burrill joins our Math Department this year teaching Geometry. She received her undergraduate degree from Michigan State University where she majored in Business and Pre- Law. She received her Secondary Subject/Mathematics credential from National University.

While completing her student teaching at West Ranch High she also coached gymnastics at Wallers Gym Jam. Her goals are to become an asset to the Math Department and to instill a love of mathematics in her students. She loves watching the “light click on in the student’s head” when they finally understand something they’ve been studying. Ms. Burrill comes from a long line of teachers and is very excited to begin her own teaching career as a Viking.

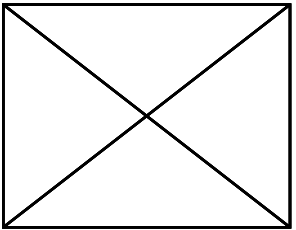
AMY KOMEN



Ms. Komen, a VHS alumnus, returns to VHS as a faculty member in the Math Department. She is teaching Pre-Calculus, Algebra 2/Trigonometry and Algebra B. She received her BS from CSUN in Mathematics and holds a secondary teaching credential in mathematics.

She recently taught at Rancho Pico Junior High School but is looking forward to the challenge of teaching higher level math classes and the more stimulating mathematical conversations that high school students and staff have to offer. She is very happy to be a Viking again!

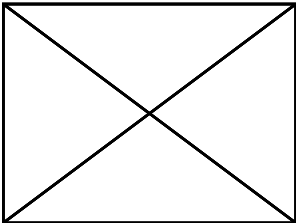
MIKE BECHTHOLTZ



Mr. Bechtholdt joins our staff teaching Spanish. He received his B.A. from the University of Wyoming with a major in secondary education with an emphasis on Spanish. He last taught at Saugus High School but previously taught for six years in Wyoming.

He finds working with young people keep him young. He is also coaching swimming at VHS. His goals are to be as a great a role model as some of his own teachers were to him. His wants to make a positive impact on students and staff at VHS.

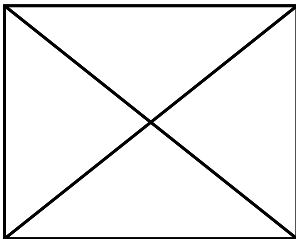
ERIC HOLT



Mr. Holt is excited to be joining our Science Department teaching Earth Science and Physics. He received his undergraduate degree from San Diego State with a major in Forensic Science and Criminalistics. As a former attorney of ten years, he hold a J.D. from National University in San Diego.

He hopes to install a love of science in his students and to make school as fun for them as possible for them.

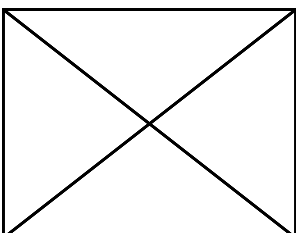
SCOTT MATTERS



We welcome Mr. Matters to our Special Education Department where he will teach Algebra and Economics. He holds a B.A. from The Masters College and a multiple subject/special education credential from National University.

He most recently taught at Golden Valley High School. He enjoys working with young people and getting to know them on a personal level. He hopes to get assist as many students at VHS as possible with their learning goals.

JESSICA COOK



Ms. Cook is very happy to be joining our faculty this year teaching Earth Science and Biology. She double majored at the University of Puget Sound with a BS. In Geology and Religion. She has a Masters from Claremont School of Theology.

She has most recently been a Hart district substitute and greatly enjoyed that assignment but felt ready to take on her own students this year. She hopes to make a difference in the lives of teenagers in S.C.V. because she loves working with young people and would like to motivate them to study and enjoy science. 6

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

JEFF GILKEY

Mr. Gilkey joins our staff as a teacher of 9th and 10th grade English. He is a graduate of Cal State Chico where he majored in Journalism. He last taught at Carmel High School in Carmel, Indiana.

He enjoys helping and watching students think, learn and improve. He loves seeing a student's reaction when he or she realizes that they've solved the problem! Mr. Gilkey hopes to instill a love of learning in his students.

DENNIS MIFFLIN

Mr. Mifflin is a former Viking faculty member and is very excited to be returning to Valencia High School in the Business Department. He is teaching Algebra, Web Design, Work Experience and Computer Applications. He received his undergraduate degree from Concordia University and his MBA from University of LaVerne.

He enjoys teaching because of the infectious energy of his students and because he loves working with young people. He would like to start an in-school radio station while teaching at VHS.

STEVE GILL

Mr. Gill joins our staff as a teacher of our Adaptive Day Program. He received his undergraduate degree from The Masters College, his teaching credential from National University and his M.A. from Azusa Pacific University. He recently taught at Sequoia Charter School and prior to that at Placerita Junior High School for 10 years.

He is looking forward to working with high school age students and the challenges that each day will bring. He hopes to encourage his students to reach their goals for the future – to lead kids by both teaching them what they need to know and being a positive role model.

MICHELLE BROWN

VHS welcomes Ms. Brown to the Social Studies department where she will be teaching Modern Civilization. She is a graduate of UCSD with a B.A. in History and a minor in dance. She received her Masters and credential from National University.

Ms. Brown most recently taught 8th grade history and dance at La Mesa JHS. She loves working with young people and having the opportunity of making a difference in their lives. She finds working with teenagers a learning experience for herself. She was inspired to teacher by her 7th grade history teacher. She is also an alumnus of the Hart District Canyon High School and La Mesa Jr. High School.

MAURA BARCELLOS

Ms. Barcellos joins our English Department this year teaching 10th grade English. She holds a B.A. from UCSB and a Masters from the University of Dayton, Ohio. Her credential is from CSUN. She last taught at Castaic Middle School where she taught Language Arts to 7th graders.

She is excited to be at VHS where she can enjoy the energy and enthusiasm of high school students. Their ideas during class discussions often give her new perspectives on her subject. She loves to write but realizes that not everyone does. Therefore, she hopes to show students how to tackle writing assignments, organize ideas and become better writers.

Ms. Barcellos is a former VHS parent with three VSH graduates!

Hart District Schools Offer Accountability Report Cards

How does your child's school fare on standardized tests and how do its test results compare to schools in Los Angeles County and the state of California? How does your school compare to other district schools and schools across the state in discipline? What special programs are offered to meet the individual needs of students?

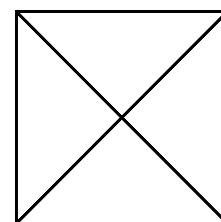
All of this and much more can be found in the School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) now posted online at www.HartDistrict.org under the "School Accountability Reports" link. The most current reports are for the 2006-07 school year, since results of testing in spring 2008 won't be available until later this fall. Local reports for 2007-08 will be posted to the district's Web site before next February.

Each school has a one-page Fact Sheet available in both English and Spanish, which includes the information most frequently requested by parents and the community. The full-length SARCs run as long as 40-plus pages and have much more detailed information.

Print copies of the Fact Sheet and full SARC are available upon request at the school office.

CHANGE OF INFORMATION

Did you move or change your phone number over the summer? If the answer is "yes" please stop by the Registrar's Office and see Karen Wiederhold for an official "change of information" form. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.



WHERE CAN I DROP OFF AND PICKUP MY KIDS?

If not all of us, certainly most of us have had to deal with the frustration of the horrible traffic conditions at Valencia High School. It's really frustrating and exasperating to face this situation five days every week. Can't the school do something about it? Where can I drop off and pick up kids?

Unfortunately, there is no more property on which to expand parking or to drop off and pick up kids. The Fire Department has forbidden parents/guardians from picking up their kids in the front of the office. There have been too many incidents in the staff lot to allow non-employees access to that lot. The District will not allow parents to use the bus turnaround for student drop off and pick. The best we can do is to manage the situation in the safest manner possible. That requires all of our cooperation and patience—employees, students, and parents.

DROP OFF points are in the front office lot, designated curbs on the Valencia side of Smyth Avenue, and in the student lot. Some parents choose to drop off their students in the Ice Station lot. If you choose to do that, be sure to instruct your kids to walk to the Smyth Ave./ Dickason St. intersection and use the crosswalk to cross the street.

PICK UP points are in the student lot and along the designated curb on the Valencia side of Smyth Avenue. Some parents choose to pick up their kids in the Ice Station lot. If you choose to do that, be sure to instruct your kids to cross Smyth at the crosswalk at the Smyth Ave./ Dickason St. intersection. For safety sake, do not park across Dickason, Decoro, or Smyth and motion to your kid to run through traffic to get to you. That is an accident waiting to happen and the parent who causes that accident will feel horrible about it.

VISITOR parking for conducting school business or volunteer work are in the front office parking lot and in the staff lot at the corner of Dickason Drive and Decoro Avenue.

We all must be understanding and patient, as we do not see the situation changing in the near future. If not, accidents will occur, the Sheriff's Deputies will cite people, and worst of all, people may be hurt or killed. PLEASE drive safely and demand that your kids who are licensed drivers drive safely. Thank you.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT 2008

What does Valencia High offer your student? What does your student need to do to take advantage of Valencia High School? What can you do to keep involved in your student's education?

Join us for many of the answers to your questions at Back-To-School Night on September 16, 2008. The evening will begin at 6:30 PM, as we invite you to join us for light refreshments at the Principal's Reception in the center quad of campus.

At 7:00 PM we will gather in the center quad area where our junior ROTC Color Guard will open the evening by presenting the colors. You will hear our award winning marching band play and the Valencia High School Choir sing. You will also enjoy watching our talented cheer squad and dance team perform. Parents from many of our booster clubs will be at tables in the quad area to acquaint you with many of the extra curricular programs. Naturally, Dr. Priesz is looking forward to welcoming you to our campus this evening.

The first part of the evening acquaints you with the school as a whole. The second part of the evening is designed around each individual student's schedule. Following your student's schedule as outlined below, you are invited to visit your student's classes. During Back-To-School Night, teachers share classroom rules/policies, expectations, subject matter to be covered, grading, conference times, and other general information about the course. Due to time constraints, parents are discouraged from discussing specifics about their child. Rather, schedule a conference with teachers when there will be time and privacy to discuss specifics about your students.

It's going to be a great evening! We look forward to reacquainting ourselves with returning Viking parents and getting to know new Viking parents. We're hoping to see you at Back-To-School Night.

Have your student complete the schedule below for you.

TIME	PERIOD	ROOM #	CLASS	TEACHER
6:45-6:55	1			
7:20-7:30	2			
7:35-7:45	3			
7:50-8:00	4			
8:05-8:15	5			
8:20-8:30	6			
8:35-8:45	7			
8:50-9:00	8			

Parents are invited to park in the student parking lot on the corner of Dickason and Smyth.

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

The Following Students Have Achieved A 3.5 Grade Point Average Or Better For The Spring Semester 2007-2008 School Year

GRADE 12

FIRST	LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST	LAST
Su Yeun	Kim	David	Latuno	Stephen	Roongsathapaul	Michael	Salgarolo
Janet	Won	Mitchel	Morris	Benjamin	Arsenault	Allegra	Saul
Il-Hyun	Seo	Giuliana	Pietrolungo	Stella	Chang	Danielle	Cavanagh
Aileen	Kim	Rohan	Shah	Ji Soo	Chung	Angela	Chong
Mackenzie	Loy	Abraham	Tak	David	Dunkel	Tanner	Dahl
Matthew	Cheng	Cristel	Yi	Mary-Shyanne	Ebreo	James	Delaplane
Raisa Janine	Herra	Alexa	Zipperman	Drew	Fall	Jenna	Ebersberger
Dylan	Beal	Katelyn	Wirtz	Daniel	Flores	Georgina	Garay Lozano
Jordan	Epps	Brittany	Yukawa	Aryana	Gilani	Teal	Gile
Adam	Gutierrez	Gerardo	Aguilera	Megan	Gorman	Caitlin	Gulley
Luke	Peters	Khristine	Arrieta	Sara	Hicks	Kaitlyn	Harada
Sarah	Chun-Hoon	Patrick	Arvidson	Dylan	Lench	Angela	Kim
Ann	Jung	Nicole	Barbarino	Alexandria	Rounds	Caitlin	Liedtke
Alyssa	Morse	Holly	Black	Sarah	Tuffey	Suzanne	Llorico
Joy	Park	Alexandra	Boring	Austin	Veiga	Johanna	Maligaya
Michelle	Ubowski	Megan	Charlton	Gregory	Warner	Michael	Marchesan
Collin	Gingrich	Leah	Chester	Christopher	Anderson	Christina	Phillipps
Jessica	James	Antoinette	Cordero	Kasey	Ashburn	Aubrie	Pohl
Shin Jae	Kim	Wesley	Engel	John	Barritt	Simona	Soble
Andrew	La Voise	Christopher	Groner	Gregory	Carlson	Alan	Tran
Alexander	Lanza	Michael	Hernandez	Christiane	Cordero	Armando	Audelo
Andrae	Mariano	Holly	Hind	Jeremy	Friedman	Monica	Barman
John	Wieselthier	Lennon	Hobson	Nicholas	Fritz	Jessica	Bosnoyan
Jeffrey	Gibson	Hyun	Hong	Sara	Hernandez	Brittany	Cosenza
Filippo	Alimonda	Yerin	Hwang	Daniela	Hurtado	Emily	Fischbach
Ellen	Choi	Beth	Jaffe	Erik	Johnson	Michael	Glotfelty
Arianna	Contarino	Sunny	Kim	Hannah	Lee	Fernando	Gonzalez
Jonathan	Duncan	Christine	Lee	Hannah	Lee	Jessica	Goodman
Paul	Gi	Kirsten	Lynskey	Katelyn	Michelson	Sean	Groves
Jomae	Ofreneo	Jeffrey	Marinovich	Lauren	Ostroski	Catherine	Herrick
Austin	Gould	Ian	Mc Cabe	Marlent	Perez	Megan	Lavo
Harrison	Greanias	Taylor	Mesko	Nicholas	Piscitello	Kelley	Leahy
Clara	Kang	Max	Meyering	Jillianne	Quinn	Megan	Mc Daniel
Mari Carlo	Manzana	Amy	Moore	Isla	Singletary	Michael	Mousselli
Jennifer	Novak	Christopher	Motter	Andrew	Tapia	Megan	O'Connor-Dreher
Ryan	Ouzts	Ralph	Mundell	Erica	Bonnette	Danielle	Rodgers
Hee	Shin	Rachael	O Rourke	Andrew	Harbour	Zeke	Schumacher
Hannah	Goldner	Brielle	Oakley	Patrick	Spiker	Danielle	Uhrig
Stephanie	Lee	Olaolu	Ogunorunyinka	Neev	Zaiet	Anthony	Wong-Lopez
Shannan	Frank	Collin	Olsson	Emily	Elam		
Shaunna	Frank	Collin	Olsson	Emily	Elam		
Shaunna	Gorlick	Hailey	Rogerson	Lachlan	Mc Kinney		
Antonia	Gunner	Stephanie	Sia	Tyler	Stiman		
Gi Won	Han	David	Stroud	Jenica	Aquino		
Anthony	Miao	Melissa	Tersigni	Shelbby	Bambrick		
Zachary	Miller	Kylie	Trammell	Kailey	Bax		
Alayna	Park	Priscilla	Valdez	Spencer	Buckley		
Christina	De Robertis	Carla	Villavicencio	Anastashia	Chavez		
Alyson	Drake	Lauren	Weiss	Nicole	Del Vecchio		
Gregory	Drake	McKenzie	Whiting	DeeAnne	Ferraro		
Kelly	Gates	Christina	Worth	Brandon	Fugger		
Allison	Gillett	Joseph	Finton	Marianne	Kim		
Kristina	Hammel	Erica	Grise	David	Mair		
Paulina	Johnson	Alexis	Kang	Stephen	Piccolo		
Paige	Kensil	Rafael	Ollervides	Blake	Pinsker		

GRADE 11

FIRST	LAST
Natalie	Socher
Jee Heum	Jung
Eric	Kim
Kaitlyn	Byrne
Nicole	Delange
Rebecca	Herd
Kelly	Hicks
Chelsea	Itaya
Cheryl	Jao
Soo Min	Jung
Bryan	Kitchener
Blake	Owens

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FIRST	LAST	FIRST	LAST
Alexander	Pick	Laura	Logan
Sarah	Saeedi	James	Mc Intyre
Swati	Shrestha	Morgan	Miller
Andrew	Thorne	Nolan	O Sullivan
Laura	Bloom	Krista	Pickard
Justin	Chun	Madeline	Rosenberger
Gabrielle	Gan	Matthew	Sayre
Chanelle	Han	Gabrielle	Slominski
Adam	Howard	Chelsea	Van Name
Rella	Kautiainen	Sarah	Wellhouser
Arielle	Leonard	James	Youlios
Andrew	Mayeda	Tyler	Baker
Yoon Ah	Oh	Rachel	Beckwith
Christopher	Peterson	Nicole	Boghossian
Madison	White	Kevin	Carrington
Peter	Duran	Kayla	Darrow
Alexandra	Chernos	Jamiya	David
Kristoffer	Cunanan	Gervin	De Guzman
Halley	Darrach	Stacy	Fischbach
Ryan	Gibbs	Samuel	Fleischer
Nathan	Han	Jaqulyne	Gibson
Megan	Hayes	Olivia	Gonzalez
Yong Hoon	Hong	Evan	Gunning
Sang	Jang	Jason	Halliday
Rocky	Maldonado	Jabari	Howard
Katya	Ortiz	Jason	Kent
Amanda	Sadra	Clea	Martin
Alexandra	Spooner	Michelle	Ng
Bridget	Wieczorek	Kauri	Perez
Michael	Bratt	Logan	Recchia
Robert	Bruza	William	Rogers
Enrique	Chavez	Spencer	Schaefer
Brandon	Conklin	Elizabeth	Sears
Christian	Cotter	Jade	Sekeres
Marc Franz	De Dios	Megan	Shapiro
Taylor	Dooley	Sarah	Yun
Annie	Dreher	Shane	Zaw
Jason	Ender	Chanel	Barritt
Nicholas	Ferry	Curtis	Ryken
Joanna	Finton	Samantha	Turner
Shannon	Fitzgerald	Sean	Davidson
Claire	Fredrickson	Ryan	Russ
Katherine	Fundora	Michelle	Bateman
Nicholas	Garcia	Daniel	Bingham
Brian	Gordon	Jenna	Bobbins
Sierra	Gordon	Daniel	Bogan
Nicholas	Hall	Laura	Breakey
Dustin	Higgins	Kevin	Curtin
Zachary	Hill	Joseph	De Santis
Alec	Jacobsen	Lauryn	Downs
Emma	Jacobsen	Megan	Foglesong
Daniel	Johnson	Caitlin	Gibson
Suneesha	Kudipudi	Kathleen	Hank
Thomas	Lapp	Hannah	Hicks

GRADE 10

FIRST	LAST	FIRST	LAST
Shih-Hsuan	Chiu	Brittany	Jackson
Nicole	Lee	Chloe	Larson
Carly	Chun-Hoon	Han Kung	Lo
Chelsie	Dietz	Nicholas	Moss
Victoria	Gaor	Ashlyn	Nichols
Stephen	Haw	Jade	Pearson
Connor	Howerton	Caleb	Preston
Rachel	Miller	Michael	Rainey
Zenia	Sogata	Lauren	Rubcic
Aleksandra	Spivak	Amelia	Shelton
James	Tak	Jasmandeep	Singh
Jason	Kitchener	Aaron	Spargo
Arthur	Pollard	Hannah	Stanley
Lindsay	Rei	Olutungie	Terry
Dan Bi	Sohn	Nicholas	Triana
Samantha	Asarch	Damien	Villarreal
Madison	Caruso	Taylor	Watanabe
Ryan	Casey	Katherine	Wong
Ashley	Clifford	Jessa	Zerpoli
Christopher	Cunningham	Skyelar	Velazquez
Steven	Hiek	Tyler	Anderson
Ethan	Humm	Joshua	Duarte
Michelle	Krolicki	Aaron	Hong
James	La Vine	Adam	Tapia
Zachary	Lentz	Annalia	Alba
Eugene	Luzong	Lauren	Boser
Daniella	Menashe	Isaac	Candib
Joshua	Nemiroff	Kyung	Choi
Andrew	Pope	Kayla	Cosman
John	Schmidt	Jillian Isabel	De Leon
Tanya	Shahjanian	Breanna	Golin
Max	Sommer	Kevin	Graf
Emily	Stewart	Shelby	Grajeda
Jolie	Stroh	Lauren	Harding
Jenna	Tokeshi	Rachel	Hensley
Jacob	Waschak	Tyler	Hunter
Andrea	Zammit	Kayleigh	Jankowski
Camila	Pupparo	Shelby	Lund
Jamie	Bloom	Shelby	Mc Ewen
Jamela	David	Emily	Miller
Patrick	Dunkel	Lauren	Olsen
Emily	Ellias	Gabrielle	Preston
Diana	Gi	Samantha	Reagan
Constantine	Greanias	Joseph	Rosena
Taylor	Harrison	Adam	Schnee
Devin	Heath	Madison	Shipman
Casey	Hebebrand	Patrick	Stroh
Patrick	Herrin	Nicole	Timpone
Bob	Hwang	Andrew	Turner
Chase	Irwin	Hannah	Vaughan
Sung	Jeon		
Jee Hyuk	Jung		
Jacob	Kelfer		
Ashtyn	La Voise		

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10th Grade

FIRST	LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST	LAST
Chasen	Lehner	Broc	Oppler	Danielle	Ross-Smith	Jason	Maldonado
Nicole	Miller	Korin	Peltier	Kayla	Saginian	Tatiana	Maldonado
Tess	Molinar	Matthew	Peters	Renato	Sanchez	Christina	Nailling
Emily	Morgan	Lauren	Petta	Taylor	Schreiner	Taylor	New
Yoo Hee	Morgan	Caprice	Primo	Denise	Shutts	Hung	Nguyen
Sean	Pack	Aubrey Marie	Razalan	Luke	Spiker	Ashley	Null
Brooke	Prasertsit	Ty	Reilley	Stephanie	Valencia	Ji Hoon	Oh
Kelsey	Radding	Caitlin	Rooney	Colton	Vermillion	Michelle	Ortiz
Matthew	Schneider	Kristine Ann	Roque	Christine	Vivit	Paul	Park
Yuna	Shapshak	Steven	Schmidt	Eric	Woodward	Roberta	Pena
Joshua	Shin	Morgan	Schulz	Danielle	Yalenty	Valerie	Pugh
Erin	Silo	Jessica	Seo	Anthony	Yoo	Taylor	Riley
Samantha	Smith	Lauren	Spargo	Dorian	Bagni	Maximilian	Rodriguez
Adebayo	Summers	Nathan	Specht	Alison	Black	Erika	Sangren
Sarah	Terry	Karen	Stanislawski	Samantha	Gardner	Alexander	Singer
Sae Mi	Adams	Alexandra	Throckmorton	Jessica	Miranda	Iryka	Smeke
Ryan	Ahn	Tayven	Townsend	Austin	Newman	Valerie	Tran
Melanie	Arima	Brenna	Yagade	Lauren	Serrano	Melissa	Trujillo
Rahul	Ball	Brenda	Yi	Christopher	Velez	Emily	Tuffey
Robert	Bansal	Se Jin	Yim	Alexandre	Lightfoot	Frederick	Vale
John	Calove	Hee Sun	Yoo	Reyne	Manzano	Brittany	Vanyo
Amanda	Crocker	Adrian Francis	Arcilla	Trevor	Smyth	Micaela	Velasquez
Hannah	Cross	Parker	Greenberg	Kevin	Butcher	Alyson	Venegas
Sarah	Darbourne	Shane	Zeile	Ashley	Byers	Brayden	Von Der Au
Jonathan	Di Monte	Blake	Anthony	Paola	Campos	Nicole	Wertz
Deanna	Dreiling	Hannah	Aycock	Nicole	Caraballo	Kurtis	Witmer
Brianna	Du Prey	Nathania	Barrios	Charisse	Carlson	Melynda	Wright
Jordan	Earley	Chad	Bickel	Justin	Chang	Joshua-Charles	Zafrancho
Marlee	Evans	Marisa	Bickel	Anthony	Cole	Tal	Zaiet
Veronica	Feinholz	Marisa	Campat	Shealyn	Cox	Jonathan	Arsenault
Melanie	Fernandez	Gino Angelo	De Armas	Colton	Crivelli	Breanna	Correa
Lindsey	Fessinger	Alyson	De Los Reyes	Kyle	Cunliffe	Sierra	Reuben
Clarice	Fischer	Jessica	Del Poso	Taylor	Davidson	Walter	Ryan
Tyler	Fraczek	Emily	Del Valle	Candice	Drain	Kelley	Sellarole
Jacob	Gaines	Emily	Egan	Jennifer	Erickson	Cristian	Guerrero
Connor	Gerstel	Matthew	Fraczek	Andrew	Fancett	Jonathan	Hanock
Alexandra	Gould	Alexa	Friedman	Tyana	Farrell	Adam	Kritzberg
Linnea	Hamilton	Chelsea	Gomez	Montana	Ford	Faith	Anumba
Marisa	Herren	Allison	Greenfield	David	Fox	Cayley	Armour
Alexander	Hoebink	Tiffanie	Harada	Jamie	Gonlag	Chad	Bloor
Jonathan	Howard	Jacob	Hardin	Donald	Grant	Spencer	Byam Taylor
Samuel	Hwang	Jimmy	Holtz	Sean	Hanna	Jordyn	Byers
Ashley	Jacques	Carly	Jang	Christen	Harper	Tiffany	Cabrera
WeonSeok	Karzin	Jessica	Janusek	Makenzye	Hiller	Aaron	Cadiz
Kirstie	Ko	Banmeet	Juico	Camille	Hind	Kevin	Collier
Mark	Kwock	Katharine	Kaur	Da Eun	Hwang	Kevin	Cook
Andrew	Lampert	Alyssa	Kealing	Kyung Jun	Jin	Jessica	Dabovich
Devon	Lapcheske	Taylor	Keyne	Alex	Johnson	Maxine	David
Chan Mi	Lawrence	Tamara	Levinson	Elodie	Jones	Ryan	Day
So La	Lee	Jennifer	Long	Kendall	Kaiser	Cody	Dubravetz
John	Lee	Min Young	Malone-Brown	Zachary	Kulpinski	David	Duncan
Christine Marie	Lewandowski	Tori	Park	Brandon	Lee	Michelle	Garcia Sosa
Jeremiah	Monterroyo	Jeffrey	Pinkston	Paulina	Lertnitiwong	Kelsey	George
Conner	Montoya	Gabrielle	Polon	Tyler	Logan	Kaitlyn	Graff
	Morgan	Taylor	Pressnall	Jarro	Malabanan	Julia	Haimowitz
			Reynolds				12

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David	Han	Eric	Nee	Derek	Selmser	Lindsey	Weberbauer
Justin	Hirano	Trisha	Olega	Daniel	Shim	Katlin	Wieselthier
Kaitlin	Holt	Allison	Parrish	Trevor	Sullivan	Geena	Woo
Brittany	Holt	Shaunna	Pedroza	Alexander	Tasker	Chi-Son	Yi
Gregory	Johnson	Chelsea	Raff	Alexandra	Thomas	Nathaniel	Yohannes
Austin	March	Brooke	Ries	Jason	Tilden	Yeosun	Yun
Ameera	Melton	Jai Lynne	Rubio	Kelly	Tjaden	Dylan	Zimmerman
	Mufti	Brittney	Sayre				

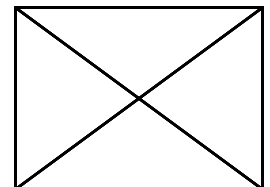
PERFECT ATTENDANCE

These Students Achieved Perfect Attendance for the Spring Semester 2007-2008 School Year

LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST	LAST	FIRST
Acosta	Alexander	Flowers	Malcolm	Lee	Chan Mi	Samuels	Brandon
Ahn	Tai Hyuk	Garcia	Sosa Michelle	Lentz	Zachary	Santillan	Justin
Alonzo	Adam	Gerstel	Jacob	Letz	Cody	Santillo	Anthony
Barritt	John	Gi	Diana	Lo	Han Kung	Sanwo	Joy
Bayer	Thomas	Grise	Erica	Madera	Gina	Sears	Elizabeth
Bhandal	Arshpreet	Heath	Devin	March	Gregory	Shrestha	Swati
Bickel	Chad	Herrin	Patrick	Mitchell	Darrol	Singh	Jasmandeep
Bregaudit	Angela	Hiek	Steven	Mundell	Ralph	Sohn	Dan
Cadiz	Aaron	Holtz	Jacob	Nguyen	Hung	Springer	Dylan
Carmona	Jacob	Holzinger	Franciska	Olega	Tatiana	Tersigni	Melissa
Cisneros	Angel	Humm	Ethan	Oliva	Nicholas	Timpone	Nicole
Crawford	Daniel	Jaffe	Beth	Patino	Natalie	Townsend	Tayven
Darbourne	Hannah	Jang	Jimmy	Perry	Allison	Valdez	Priscilla
David	Maxine	Johnson	Erik	Poblete	Niccolo-Luise	Veiga	Austin
Del Poso	Alyson	Karzin	Ashley	Pollard	Arthur	Watanabe	Taylor
Del Vecchio	Nicole	Kim	Aileen	Ries	Breanna	Weiss	Jennifer
Duran	Peter	Kim	Shin Jae	Rodriguez	Diana	Woo	Adam
Ebreo	Mary-Shyanne	Kim	Yoon Ho	Rosena	Joseph	Woo	Cameron
Eld	Hannah	Kitchener	Jason	Ruiz	Jacob	Yi	Brenda
Emre	Erin	Ko	WeonSeok	Saeedi	Sarah	Yohannes	Nathaniel
Engel	Wesley	Lang	Lindsey	Saginian	Kayla	Yoo	Hee Sun
						Young	Kylie

BE CAREFUL! – WE CARE FOR YOUR KIDS!

Due to impatience, irritability, or haste, some parents are picking their kid(s) up across the street from the school. Some parents are parking in the turn lane and calling their kid(s) over to them. Doing this subjects the kid(s) to likely injury or death as the traffic is very thick before and after school and other drivers are impatient, irritated, or acting in haste and are not always focusing on what's going on in front of them. PLEASE, DON'T DO THIS. Drop off and pick up your kid(s) at a safe place in student parking lot or at the Ice Station.



Valencia High School does not allow students to run through traffic—it's unsafe and it's illegal! We require students to cross at crosswalks only and they must obey the pedestrian lights. This is for their safety. The Hart High School District has suffered deaths of students in our history because cars driving on the streets in front of the schools hit them when the kids were jaywalking and thinking the driver would stop for them.

ENGLISH LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dear Parents,

If you are interested in serving on the English Learner Advisory committee, please fill out and submit the new nomination that you see below. The school is in need of members to represent the school on the local as well as the district committee.

Estimados Padres,

Si están interesados en servir en el consejo estudiantil bilingüe, por favor llena y mande el formulario nuevo de nominación que sigue este boletín. La escuela tiene gran necesidad de miembros para que representen la escuela en el comité local o del distrito.

ENGLISH LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

Please participate in the English Learner Advisory Committee!!! This committee is for all parents of English Learners here at Valencia High School. Meetings will occur at VHS throughout the year!

We need to elect all members of the ELAC committee and elect a parent to be our representative at District Meetings throughout the school year.

*If you would like your name to appear on the ballot please complete the bottom portion and return that to **room 520** no later than September 11, 2008. Elections will occur at the first meeting. Date and time to be announced.*

WE NEED YOUR VOICE!!! WE ARE PARTNERS IN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION!!!

Yes, I want my name to appear on the ballot!

_____ *first name*

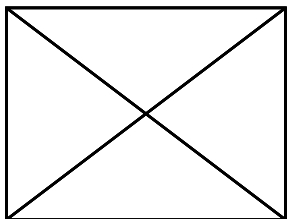
_____ *last name*

_____ *home phone number*

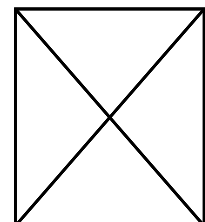
_____ *child (children) at VHS*

_____ *I am interested in being a part of the ELAC committee at VHS.*

_____ *I am interested in being a representative for the District meetings.*

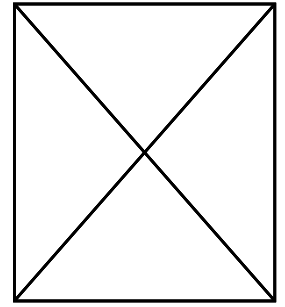


Valencia High School Presents
Open Library
Wednesdays and Thursdays
3:00 - 5:00 PM
Teachers and Peer Tutors Available



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Did you know that the Disaster Preparedness Trust at Valencia High School funds all of the emergency needs? The main purpose of the trust is to fund what is needed at school to respond to crises and supply the resources necessary to address any sudden and overwhelming incident that may occur at any moment and affect everyone at school.



We are in serious need of temporary energy, more medical supplies, search/rescue equipment, and security supplies. At present, we have a minimal supply of medical equipment—not nearly enough to care for even 100 injured people of a growing population that is currently near 3000 students and 220 employees.

Our search and rescue equipment status is approximately 75% of the needed resources. Our energy equipment is substandard for a crisis or disaster. To properly equip Valencia High School with emergency energy, we must raise \$35,000. This will fund the needed stand-alone generator that will run on propane gas. This unit comes with a transfer switch, which will start the generator the moment we lose our usual supply of electricity. This generator supplies enough wattage to service the entire school. This is needed not only in an emergency, but the one to two times each year that we have power failure and our educational process is disrupted.

Valencia High School must rely on donations from parents to fund our emergency readiness. We ask that you please donate what funds you can to our Disaster Preparedness Fund. If you donate by check, make the check payable to VHS Disaster Preparedness Trust. If you donate by cash, please place the donation in a sealed envelope and address it to Disaster Preparedness Trust c/o Mr. Luxmore. Direct your teenager to deliver the donation to Mrs. Wilczynski, Mr. Luxmore's administrative assistant. Please, your donations are what make it possible for us at Valencia High School to respond effectively to a crisis or overwhelming emergency.

We currently have a 7500-gallon water holding tank system that is operational 24 hours each day, 7 days a week, 365 days every year. At the beginning of every school year, the system is inspected and any maintenance needed is performed to insure that the system remains in top condition. Regardless of when a disaster strikes, we will have 7500 gallons of fresh, city water at our disposal for consumption, food preparation, and sanitation/hygiene purposes and first aid. We have a state of the art, 8'x8'x40' emergency container where other emergency supplies are secured. These items are open for viewing by our parents and students. To arrange a viewing, simply contact Mr. Luxmore at 294.1188 ext. 404 or his assistant, Mrs. Wilczynski, at ext. 433.



SCHOOL PLANS ON WEB SITE

Parents and students are encouraged to access the Single Plan for Student Achievement, the academic growth plan, and the Safe School Plan, which contains the school's emergency plan, on the Valencia High School web site, valenciavikings.com. Both of these plans are state mandated. The contents of the plans are established by the state Department of Education. The school supplies the information. Committees of teachers, students, parents, staff, Sheriff Deputy, and administrators work on updating the plans in the fall semester. For the Safe School Plan, the mayor or designee is invited to participate in the review/revision to obtain input from the local government.

The Single Plan for Student Achievement is the plan designed to insure that all students' educational needs are being addressed to succeed at Valencia High School. The Safe School Plan supports the Single Plan for Student Achievement, by addressing the planned and rehearsed emergency procedures, crisis response procedures, safe ingress and egress to and from school, etc., i.e., to insure that all students are learning in a safe environment.

Both plans were submitted to the district prior to the winter break. The Board of Trustees approved the current plans on November 1, 2007. If you have any questions about these plans, please contact either Dr. Priesz or Les Luxmore at the school, 294-1188.

Calendar

<i>September</i>	<p>16 BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT – MINIMUM DAY</p> <p>22 PAC MEETING (Parent Advisory Council) 7:00 PM Library</p> <p>26 1st Quarter Progress Report Mailed Home</p> <p>29-30 FALL BREAK – NO SCHOOL</p>
<i>October</i>	<p>1 MINIMUM DAY - STAFF DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>10 Home Coming Football Game</p> <p>11 Home Coming Dance 7:00 PM Gym</p> <p>23 MINIMUM DAY – STAFF DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>24 1st Quarter Report Card Mailed Home</p>
<i>November</i>	<p>11 HOLIDAY – VETERAN’S DAY - NO SCHOOL</p> <p>13 MINIMUM DAY – STAFF DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>21 2nd Quarter Progress Report Mailed Home</p> <p>27-28 HOLIDAY – THANKSGIVING - NO SCHOOL</p> <p>24 PAC MEETING 7:00PM Library</p>

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