



Welcome to the December edition of the 2011/2012 monthly e-communication from Valencia High School. Have a wonderful winter break! We look forward to working with your students again on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

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## COUNSELING DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

### **NCAA Meeting**

For families who have a student-athlete who is interested in participating in intercollegiate athletics after he/she graduates, there will be a district-wide presentation regarding the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) at West Ranch High School on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Please consider attending to learn about the rules and regulations of college athletics.

### **PSAT Score "Give-Back Night"**

For those students who took the PSAT on October 15<sup>th</sup> this year, they must attend a "Score Give-Back Night" on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm in the VHS theater. This important, informative night will not only include returning score reports to students, but a representative from Princeton Review will help students interpret their scores, discuss the relationship between college testing and college admissions, and share pertinent curricular requirement information regarding college admissions. Contact Mrs. Theresa Long at 294-1188, ext. 425 with any questions.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Schedule Change Requests**

Beginning December 9<sup>th</sup>, students will be able to view their 2<sup>nd</sup> semester schedule on the Infinite Campus portal. If there are any mistakes in course choices, students may come to the counseling office outside of class time to correct schedule mistakes. These changes are for fixing actual course choices and will not include period order or teacher changes. Furthermore, these schedules are purely tentative. Due to needed master schedule adjustments over the winter break, class period order and/or teacher assignment is subject to change. Schedule changes can only be made in person in the counseling office between December 9<sup>th</sup> and December 21<sup>st</sup> and cannot be addressed via phone or email request.

### **Letter of Recommendation Requests**

Seniors, please give teachers and counselors PLENTY of time to complete college letters of recommendation for you. Staff should be given at least two weeks' notice, as they will not be able to work on these over winter break. Please provide the stamped, addressed envelope (if needed) as well as a 'brag sheet' listing your activities, award, honors, etc. Seniors can get a copy the Brag Sheet from the counseling office or online at <http://www.valencivikings.com/counseling/publications/Brag%20Sheet.doc>.

### **College Financial Aid**

Seniors and their families are encouraged to apply for federal financial aid for the 2012-2013 college school year. To set up an account, create a pin number, and fill out the application (FAFSA), visit: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> as soon as possible. Applications are due no later than March 2<sup>nd</sup>, but students are encouraged to submit these applications as soon after January 1, 2012 as possible.

## CSS Profile

In addition to the FAFSA, some private colleges require a CSS/Profile application as part of the financial aid application process. The CSS/Profile is a supplemental financial aid application used by many private colleges across the country. More information on the CSS Profile application and a list of all nationwide colleges that require the profile can be found at:

<https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/prf/index.jsp>

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>Final Exam Schedule</b>		
Date	Period	Time
Monday, December 19	3	8:00 - 9:57
	Brunch	9:57 - 10:12
	5	10:18 - 12:15
	1	1:06 - 3:03
Tuesday, December 20	4	8:00 - 9:57
	Brunch	9:57 - 10:12
	6	10:18 - 12:15
	8	1:06 - 3:03
Wednesday, December 21	2	8:00 - 9:57
	Brunch	9:57 - 10:12
	7	10:18 - 12:15

## Westfield Mall Fundraiser

If you are shopping at the mall this holiday season, please bring the receipts from any of your purchases upstairs to the concierge, next to the Disney Store. The concierge will quickly log your receipts into the Valencia High School section, and VHS will earn money!!!

## Spanish Tutoring Assistance

Students may receive extra assistance in any level of Spanish every day during lunch. The rooms are:

- Monday - Mrs. Arias - Rm. 922
- Tuesday - Mrs. Hernández-Foster - Rm. 940
- Wednesday - Ms. Hayes - Rm. 924
- Thursday - Ms. Villalvazo - Rm. 937
- Friday - Mrs. Macías - Rm. 518

## Explore Career Pathways through Regional Occupational Program Classes

We encourage all juniors and seniors at VHS to check out the ROP website for information on all the exciting career classes offered throughout the Hart district. These classes are an excellent chance to learn about careers while earning elective credits at VHS. They are taught by professionals in the field and can give students a great opportunity to learn about a career before spending the time and money on college-level courses. Visit <http://www.hartrop.com> or see Mrs. Olinger in the ROP office to sign up. Classes fill up quickly.

## Senior Ad Information

Parents wanting to purchase a senior ad for the 2011-2012 yearbook can find information at [http://www.hartdistrict.org/valencia/Activities/perf\\_arts/Yearbook/valenciaadsales.pdf](http://www.hartdistrict.org/valencia/Activities/perf_arts/Yearbook/valenciaadsales.pdf)

## Textbook Protection

With the rainy season upon us, please encourage your student to keep all his/her textbooks protected from the rain. All student textbooks should be covered, both at school and at home. Students should not use textbooks for protection from the rain at any time. Umbrellas are best for that purpose. If a textbook gets wet or even damp, it will warp and grow mold. Depending on the amount of water damage, a fine will be assessed. Fines can range between \$20.00 to the total cost of replacing the textbook. Thank you for helping your student take excellent care of his/her textbooks at all times.

## VHS Choir Carolers for Rent

Many of you have upcoming holiday parties or relatives and/or friends who love hearing festive carols. Please consider hiring the Valencia High School Student Carolers for your holiday party or door/phone caroling gram!

The formats include:

- Phone Call - 1 song caroling: \$20 for local or long distance
- "Door Ring" on location at house: \$50 for 3 song caroling
- Party at your site: \$80 for 30-minute "Holiday Cheer" singing
- Party at your site: \$120 for 1 hour "Holiday Cheer" singing

The VHS Carolers will:

- ✓ dress in traditional caroling outfits
- ✓ phone in a song, Sing 3 songs for your event, 1 / 2 hour, or 1 hour depending on price package.
- ✓ will bring great holiday cheer (Hanukkah or Christmas themed)

The Caroling group is taking dates now to book your request! If you are interested, please email Ms. Tavares directly at [ctavares@hartdistrict.org](mailto:ctavares@hartdistrict.org), and she will send you an order form!