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FROM THE VIKING LEADER DR. PAUL A. PRIESZ

OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION

On Thursday, April 1, we will have our annual open house. I look forward to open house every year because student work is highlighted. Our students do amazing things in their classes and they like to share that with you. Highlights for me every year are visiting the science classes where students are demonstrating lab work, the art show that seems to get better every year, the drama presentations in the theatre, and visiting various classrooms. Visit your son or daughter's classes, but if you can find time to visit other classes do so, especially those they might be taking in the future.

STAR Test 2010

During the week of April 19 we will once again test all 9th – 11th grade students. The test has major significance for the school and affects all students. It is important that each student does his or her best on every test. Please be sure to get plenty of rest before each test, be mentally prepared to do well.

There are several reasons why a student should do his or her best. Last year we received a school API score of 830. The score helped make the Hart District the #1 large high school district in California. Our scores can be even higher. API scores can impact students. Colleges look at SAT scores for students and compare the API of the high school they attended when accepting students. STAR scores also are an indicator of the quality of the school and quality schools positively affect home values.

Most importantly, we want you to do your best because that will give us the clearest picture of what we need to do to improve our school and make a better place for you. Thank you for all your efforts.

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STAR Testing Schedule

Tuesday - 4/20/10				Wednesday - 4/21/10			
<i>Seniors arrive at 11:36 am</i>				<i>Seniors arrive at 11:36 am</i>			
8:00 AM	-	9:30 AM	CST ELA Pt. 1	8:00 AM	-	9:30 AM	CST Math Pt. 1
9:30 AM	-	9:51 AM	Brunch	9:30 AM	-	9:51 AM	Brunch
9:51 AM	-	11:36 AM	CST ELA Pt. 2	9:51 AM	-	11:36 AM	CST Math Pt. 2
11:36 AM	-	12:16 PM	Lunch	11:36 AM	-	12:16 PM	Lunch
12:23 PM	-	1:11 PM	Period 2	12:23 PM	-	1:11 PM	Period 5
1:17 PM	-	2:05 PM	Period 3	1:17 PM	-	2:05 PM	Period 6
2:11 PM	-	3:00 PM	Period 4	2:11 PM	-	3:00 PM	Period 7
Thursday - 4/22/10				Friday - 4/23/10			
<i>Freshman arrive at 10:00 am; Seniors arrive at 12:21 pm</i>				<i>Freshman, Juniors & Seniors arrive at 10:00</i>			
7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM	Period 1	7:00 AM	-	8:00 AM	Period 1
8:00 AM	-	10:00 AM	CST History & Social Science	8:00 AM	-	10:00 AM	HCLB - Life Science <i>Sophomores Only</i>
10:00 AM	-	10:21 AM	Brunch	10:00 AM	-	10:21 AM	Brunch
10:21 AM	-	12:21 PM	CST Science	10:21 AM	-	10:51 AM	Period 5
12:21 PM	-	1:11 PM	Lunch	10:57 AM	-	11:27 AM	Period 6
1:17 PM	-	1:48 PM	Period 2	11:33 AM	-	12:03 PM	Period 7
1:54 PM	-	2:25 PM	Period 3	12:09 PM	-	12:39 PM	Period 8
2:31 PM	-	3:00 PM	Period 4				
3:07 PM	-	4:01 PM	Period 8				

COUNSELORS' CORNER

VHS Summer School

2010 summer school information packets will be available in the counseling office right around spring break. Valencia H.S. students can attend summer school at Saugus High School, and classes will fill up quickly, so we encourage students and parents to pick up, fill out, and return the applications as soon as possible during the pre-registration period. This year, due to budget constraints, students will have the opportunity to take one summer course only during summer school at Saugus H.S. If your student needs more than one class in summer school, he/she needs to get on the waiting list for summer classes at Opportunities for Learning (OFL), the free William S. Hart charter school, where students can take up to three summer classes. There are three OFL locations: Canyon Country (661) 424-1337, Valencia (661) 607-0153, and Castaic (661) 607-0036. Summer reserved spots at OFL are filling up quickly. If you anticipate your student needing classes at OFL, please contact one of the sites ASAP to reserve a spot!

SAT Workshop

Valencia High School and The Princeton Review are offering an SAT Workshop on April 24th and April 25th at VHS. Designed as a basic introduction to the major principles tested on the SAT, this two-day program is ideal for those students who want to do a quick overview of the SAT before the May 1, 2010 administration. In this workshop, students will learn valuable information about the SAT as well as some of the Princeton Review's famous strategic test-taking tips. In addition, students will take a practice SAT and receive The Princeton Review's famous Cracking the SAT book, complete with practice problems and test-taking strategies. Cost is \$100 per student, and students must sign up in the counseling office before April 19th.

Advanced Placement Testing

The deadline has passed for students to sign up and pay for their May AP exams through their AP teachers. The exams will be administered at VHS between May 3rd and May 14th. The AP Exam schedule is as follows:

- May 3 – Government
- May 4 – Spanish
- May 5 – Calculus AB, Calculus BC
- May 6 – English Literature (12th grade)
- May 7 – US History, European History, and Studio Art
- May 10 – Biology, Physics B
- May 11 – Chemistry, Environmental Science, and Psychology
- May 12 – English Language (11th grade), Art History
- May 13—World History
- May 14—Human Geography



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING

Current juniors planning to apply to any four-year college or university next year are highly encouraged to take the May and/or June administrations of the SAT Reasoning Test. For those taking the ACT instead of, or in addition to, the SAT, students should sign up for the ACT with the optional writing portion. The University of California System and many independent colleges further require the SAT Subject Tests, as well, and juniors are highly encouraged to sign up for the May/June administration of these, also. (Students must take two different subject choices—Math Level 1 is not accepted by the UC System.) For test requirements of particular colleges and universities, please check with the VHS college/career center, the college's website, or contact the college or university directly. Applications for the SAT Reasoning Test, the SAT Subject Tests, and ACT are available online.

COUNSELORS' CORNER

TEST

SATEXAM

www.collegeboard.com

ACT

www.actstudent.org

Registration Deadline

March 31, 2010

May 5, 2010

May 7, 2010

Test Date

May 1, 2010

June 5, 2010

June 12, 2010

PRE-COLLEGE CHECKLIST

Seniors:

- ✓ Apply for outside funding or scholarships. (Keep checking the available scholarships on the “Counseling” section of the VHS.)
- ✓ Send a thank you note to all those individuals who wrote a recommendation letter for you.

Juniors:

- ✓ Start planning to take the SAT, ACT, and/or SAT Subject Tests, if necessary. (Check with all colleges you will be applying to and find out their specific testing requirements).
- ✓ Begin browsing college websites or looking through college catalogs in the College/Career Center.

Sophomores:

- ✓ Consider taking some of the SAT Subject Tests during June of this year. Since you may already be studying for finals in subjects like Biology and/or AP World History, this is an excellent opportunity to try the SAT Subject Tests in the same subjects.

FROM THE DESK OF OUR WORK EXPERIENCE COORDINATOR:

Attention Junior Parents: Junior Job Shadow

This semester your Juniors will be presented with a unique Job Shadow opportunity. The object of job shadowing is to experience a new profession, find an occupation they are NOT familiar with. Juniors should be shadowing professions that are a new and different experience for them. Juniors will discover something they may be good at, new talents, meet people and begin to “Network”, explore what types of careers are “out there” and career requirements. Valencia High School’s Junior Job Shadow is a mandatory assignment and way for our Juniors to start making wise career choices.

If you have any questions please contact: ewilson@hartdistrict.org

What is School to Career?

School to Career is an overall emphasis on developing the work-place skills that will enable our students to be better qualified to compete for a career of their choosing in the future. Over half of today’s work force reports being unhappy with its job, feeling it is not a good match for their skills and abilities. Ninety-five percent of jobs in the future will require some type of education beyond a high school diploma. School-to-Career attempts to allow students to discover their talents, skills, and abilities and then chart an appropriate course towards career choices in order to produce a more informed, satisfied, and productive workforce.

Through School to Career, VHS offers sixteen different Career Path options available for students. A career path offers students an opportunity to concentrate on specific courses in a cluster that will reward them with certification within the path. Students may earn a certificate of completion within a career path area with as few as six courses. Please see our website for more information. http://www.valencivikings.com/stc/stc_home.htm

Career Exploration Presentation Needs You:

Valencia High School is inviting you to share your business expertise by participating in the evaluation of our graduating seniors during the completion of their Career Exploration Project. Please save the date, May 13th and the time, 1:00 to 3:00 PM. The intent of this program is to reinforce the relevancy of the learning experience while producing a student who is better prepared to enter the emerging work force. Your involvement in evaluating the readiness of our students and providing them valuable feedback is vital to the overall process and success of this culminating event.

Each student will present an 8-10 minute oral presentation with audio/visual aids. Your participation in the evaluation process will be quite simple. You will be provided a list of standard questions and an evaluation sheet for each student. Please feel free to note comments and ask specific questions related to the presentation.

Please contact Elizabeth Wilson at ewilson@hartdistrict.org if you are available to participate by April 25, 2010 or have further questions. 661-294-1188 ext. 101

OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION

Valencia High School

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FAMILY NIGHT



Thursday, April 1, 2010

The entire family is invited to attend Valencia High School's Open House and Family Night. Join us for a fun filled evening during which you may, at your leisure, view and admire all of the hard work of the Valencia High School students.

6:00 – 7:00 PM – 8th Grade Orientation In The Gym
7:00 – 9:00 PM – Open House

- **Classroom Visitations**
- **Cheerleading, Dance and Flag Team Competition Performances**
- **Drama, Jazz Band, Choir and ROTC Performances**
- **ASB, Yearbook and Journalism Representatives**
- **Athletic Coaches**
- **Intramurals**
- **Math Department Activities**
- **Science Department Demos**
- **Art Fair & Bella Via Demonstration**
- **College Representatives**
- **SCV Summer Employers**
- **VHS Clubs**
- **Peer Mediation**
- **Job Shadowing**
- **Carnival Games**
- **Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Snow Cones, Bake sale and more....**



CADRE PROGRAM

Comprehensive Drug Reduction and Education Program Awareness and Education

CADRE drug awareness seminars educate students and parents about the prevalence of drugs in our school community

CADRE provides free counseling support to families affected by illegal drug use

CADRE provides free voluntary confidential testing

For more information on how to make our school a safe and drug free school, go to our website at www.valenciavikings.com.

This program is free of charge to students and parents of the Hart District. Check our district website at www.hartdistrict.org for more information.

AN EASY WAY TO DONATE TO VALENCIA HIGH SCHOOL

You can painlessly donate to Valencia High School by shopping at Office Depot. Office Depot will donate a portion of your total purchases to our school every time you shop!

When you check out, just reference this number: 70016100. It's as simple as that! Thank you for your continued support of our school and its programs.

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:

IFYOU LOSE:

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.....	COUNSELORS' SECRETARY
Money.....	MR. LUXMORE

WHERE TO LOOK



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

VALENCIA NISSAN 2009-2010 ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM

DRAWINGS TO BE HELD FOR STUDENTS WITH OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE
GRAND PRIZE: 2010 NISSAN VERSA

- Event date:** April 28, 2010
Location: College of the Canyons
Registration: 6pm to 7:30 p.m.
Drawing: 7:45 p.m. "sharp"
- Winner must be present to claim grand prize (2010 Nissan Versa).
- Winner under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Grand Prize Donated by



24111 Creekside Rd. Valencia, CA 91355
www.valencianissan.com
661-255-2020

Criteria for eligibility:

- 10th, 11th and 12th graders at the six Hart District comprehensive high schools
- 3.0 or higher GPA
- 95% attendance rate since Oct. 7, 2009
- no out of school suspensions while enrolled in Hart District

An administrator at their school will contact eligible students. The student will receive a registration form to complete and bring with him/her to the event at the COC stadium.

Prizes such as Ipods, skateboards, clothing, restaurant and amusement park coupons will be awarded through random drawings. Winners of these prizes will still be in the drawing for the Grand Prize.

Winners under age 18 must be accompanied by parent/guardian to receive the Grand Prize.

Winner/guardian will be responsible for all taxes, registration and licensing fees, state and/or federal.

Winners must be present to claim prize, including the Grand Prize. If not present, additional names will be pulled until a winner is declared.



Parent Academy

Tuesday, March 30th

VHS Theater - 7:00pm – 8:45pm

7:00-7:35pm Panel of Post Secondary
Representatives to guide parents
to find the best post secondary
fit for their student.

The sessions are 30 minutes and will run concurrently.

Session 1 – 7:40 – 8:10

Session 2 – 8:15 – 8:45

Choose two sessions from the following:

1. The Four Year Plan – Room 925
2. Parent Resources/Panel – Room 924
3. The Student Athlete – Room 927
4. Honor/AP Program – Room 929

Child care will be available
in the library.
Parking is available in the staff lot
(North end of campus).

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April	1 MINIMUM DAY - OPEN HOUSE 5-9 SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL 20-23 STAR TESTING (See Schedule on Page 1) 23 MINIMUM DAY 24 PROM 29 MINIMUM DAY - STAFF DEVELOPMENT
May	6 4 th Quarter Progress Report Mailed Home 10 Viking Valor Awards 7:00 PM Gym 11 & 12 H.S. Exit Exam (Seniors who need to pass and 10/11 make-up) 13 MINIMUM DAY - SENIOR PROJECTS 14 MORP DANCE 7:00 PM Gym 17 Senior Awards 7:00 PM Field 24 PAC MEETING 7:00 PM Library 26 GRADUATION 7:30 PM C.O.C. 31 HOLIDAY - MEMORIAL DAY - NO SCHOOL
June	1 MINIMUM DAY, Finals Periods 3, 5, 1 2 MINIMUM DAY, Finals Periods 4, 6, 8 3 MINIMUM DAY, Finals Periods 2 & 7 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL 4 TEACHER WORK DAY - NO SCHOOL 9 2 nd Semester Report Card Mailed Home 14 SUMMER SCHOOL BEGINS THROUGH JULY 16 (NO SCHOOL JULY 5)
August	12 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL