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From the Principal.....

Fall is finally here! The days are slowly getting chillier. This truly is a wonderful time of year when our farmers complete their harvesting and we look forward to many wonderful family times, especially Thanksgiving! Fall, harvest and Thanksgiving prove effective reminders to "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

As we reflect over the last five weeks, school has certainly had some differences when compared to this time last year. That being said so many things remain the same. As we walk the halls, we see evidence of student learning, creativity, innovation and perseverance. As a result, our teachers are seeking to be intentional about providing insight into student life and learning here at VCA through our school Facebook page, class websites, emails, blogs, See-saw, newsletters and more. Of particular note is our Elementary Track and Field. Early indicators are the Badgers are looking strong again this year but more events remain over the coming days. Good luck to all teams!

Thank you again for working with us as we navigate these unusual times together. We are grateful to be at school, learning together, seeing our children grow as disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ and as high-quality learners in an ever-changing world.

In Christ,

David Cameron



Please note that there is a change to our calendar for October. We had a PD/Prep day scheduled for October 9th but it has been changed to October 26th. That means that **October 9th will be a regular school day** and **October 26th will be a no students day.**



Picture day update:

We had scheduled Picture Day for October 19th, but unfortunately we are unable to keep it as scheduled. We are waiting for direction from the Division as to when we can reschedule picture day. We will let you know as soon as we hear anything about the new date. Thank you for your patience and understanding!



Even though the start of our school year has looked different than any other year in the past, there are many positive changes that can be seen around the school. The following are some examples given by our communications class:

We have new opportunities to go outside during class time to complete assignments as well as enjoying eating outside at lunchtime. (Brooklyn T.)

Some grades have made their own classroom libraries with several teachers contributing books to the shelves. We are encouraged to finish the book that we taken from the class library. (Deserae J & Mekayla W.)

We are eating as a class in our homerooms and it's been interesting to hear all the conversations being had. It creates an exciting atmosphere throughout the day and is a different way of getting to know others who you didn't know before. (Ethan W.)

Being on the modules system has some positive aspects. It is a good way to get more done in a day and to see our friends for longer segments of time. It's also helpful to keep our binders less cluttered as we have less subjects to keep in there at once. (Sheldon S.)

Grade 12 Christian Ethics Poems:

The grade 12's are reading the novel Notorious, a book about the rebels in the Bible. Students chose between Cain and the Elder Brother. Here are some of the poems they wrote about what they learned.

Cain, born a sinner
Filled with hate and jealousy
Stuck in temptation

No heart in worship,
Lack of desire to please God
Always leads to sin.
Chase Bowman

Cain presents low worth
As his heart fills with envy
His offering refused

Able through his praise
Gave his sacrifice with heart
As it sparks with fire
Jude Buhler

Praise without purpose
Is like doing your best work
Without any outcome
Kendell Loeppky

Prayers for our Children

I find it so amazing how God will bring the right devotion to us at just the right time. In mid-September, as I began my devotions, the passage was I Thessalonians 5:16-18 "Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live." It was as if he was speaking directly to me saying that no matter what our circumstances are, there is something to be thankful for, all I had to do was look for the good in my life. I found that it wasn't that hard to look for the blessings in my life as there are many!

As Thanksgiving is just around the corner, let's look around us and see all the good God has placed in our lives!

"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." (1 Chronicles 16:34)

"Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." (Psalm 107:8-9)

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name." (Psalm 100:4)

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 3:17)

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

"But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:57)

