



Principal's Post

What a beautiful last couple of weeks we have been enjoying weather wise. It has been great having an extended fall and many of us feel prepared moving into winter having had time to get all of our fall work done and things put away.

We have enjoyed weeks of productive learning here at VCA as well, without many of activities that we would normally have in the fall (ie. Spiritual Emphasis Week, Terry Fox Run, Student Pancake Breakfast, and Fun Night). Our hope is that the gap that might have developed for some learners in missing school from Mar. 16-June 30, is beginning to get smaller and we will be able to reach grade level learning throughout this school year. We will be able to report on this during Interviews on Nov. 17 & 19 (remember to book your child's interview), which will be done via phone conversations this fall.

Our hope is to remain in school and keep school as normal as possible for all students throughout this school year (in the midst of rising COVID numbers). A letter from our Prairie Spirit Director Lori Jeschke went out on Oct. 30th making us all aware that we may need to be ready to "pivot." In this situation, it means we need to be ready to turn or change direction with our current classroom practices, if required. If the Gov't and Chief Medical Health Officer decide to move from our current Level 2 to Level 3 and direct schools to make changes by reducing capacity in classrooms, then VCA would support moving to reduced class sizes and have students attend school every other day (half class one day and the other half the next day). There is no timeline for this or an indication that this will in fact even take place, but we are preparing for this in case the province moves from Level 2 to Level 3 with regards to COVID Planned Preparedness. We will continue to communicate any information we receive from the Saskatchewan Health Authority that impacts our school and our families.

We continue to pray for the Lord's guidance and direction, Psalm 143:1 "Hear my prayer, LORD, Listen to my pleadings. Answer me in Your faithfulness, in Your righteousness."

Thank you to all of our parents for your support through these trying times. Your emails, phone calls, and prayers have been greatly appreciated.

Mr. Laskowski

Chapels

Highschool

November 6 Remembrance Day

November 19 David Cameron

November 25 Rylan Fehr



Elementary

October—November:

Elementary classes are watching a series of videos on the fruits of the Spirit.

November Dates to Remember:

November 4 & 5	School Pictures
November 9—11	Remembrance Day / Break
November 12 & 13	Grade 10– 12 Final Exams
November 13	Report Cards (Grades 1-6)
November 17 & 19	Parent Teacher Interviews— Please remember to log into schoolinterviews.ca and book your interview (event code vg9dv)
November 17	Report Cards (Grades 7-12)
November 19	Picture Re-take Day
November 20	Day in Lieu (No school)

A Few Bus Reminders.....



- Starting this school year, a bus route that is cancelled in the morning due to extreme cold **will run in the afternoon, if conditions have improved.** In the past, if a bus route was cancelled in the morning due to cold weather, it was automatically cancelled for the entire day.
- The bus garage will no longer be phoning families if a bus is running late or cancelled. They will communicate this information via the transportation page on the website, the hotline and MyStop notifications.
- Please check the following options for late or cancelled buses:
Website: www.spiritsd.ca then click Transportation
Hotline: 306-683-2805



Versatrans My Stop:

This app for your phone that allows you to watch your bus as it proceeds on your child's route. If the bus is running late or cancelled, you will receive a notification on your phone. Please contact the office for a username and password if needed.

- Urban bus stop maps, times and locations are on the website:
www.spiritsd.ca/buses

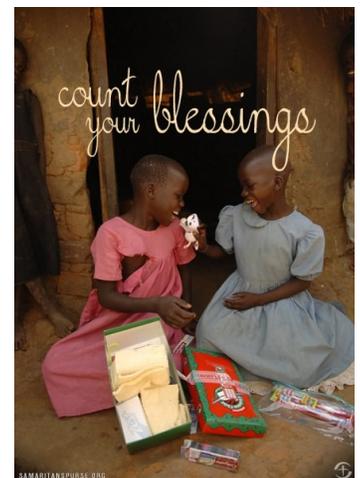
Operation Christmas Child



Each year we participate in collecting shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Samaritan's Purse is still going to be running this program this year which is really awesome because it will give us an opportunity to take part in blessing others! There are a couple of different ways to be a part of this ministry this year:

- o You can pack a shoebox on line (PackaBox.ca) where you can choose to have them pack a box for you or you can choose items for your box

You can pack a physical box (available at the office) and have your child bring it into school and we will take the boxes we collect to a drop off site. The deadline for boxes to be into the school is **November 17th.**



Around the School....

Parent / Teacher Interviews

We will be going ahead with parent/teacher interviews on November 17th and 19th as listed on our calendar magnet. It will look a little different this year as **we will be conducting them through phone calls** instead of face to face. As in previous years, you are able to book your 10 min phone interview with the teachers through schoolinterviews.ca using the event code **vg9dv** . Whichever name of parent is listed in the interview slot will be the parent that the teacher will contact. As in face to face meetings, we only have a limited amount of time for each parent (10 min) to be able to fit everyone in. Please be aware that the number on your phone may not show “Valley Christian Academy” but it may be from an unknown number or it may show as coming from out of province, as teachers may be using their computers for calling you. Please answer the call if it’s coming at the appointed time of your interview.



September 30th was Orange Shirt Day—a day where we show our support for indigenous children and that every child matters. There was a lot of orange around the school that day!

On October 9th we had a Pajama day—it was a great day! We were all very comfortable!



On October 13th, it was Breast Cancer Awareness Day and the staff wore pink ribbons in honor of Jessica Braun who is fighting breast cancer.

For our Children

Kindness and compassion sometimes seem to be lacking in our world today. It can be sad to look around and see fighting and arguing, to hear the biting words people use towards each other and the way people treat each other poorly. Today let's pray that our children will be the change the world needs, that they would show the kindness, love and compassion that Jesus told us to show to those around us. Let's pray that the world will see they belong to Jesus by the love they freely offer to others.

_____ - you have been chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you; compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it. (Colossians 3:12)

God of all healing counsel—please come alongside _____ when they are going through hard times so that they can be there for someone else who is going through hard times so that they can be there for that person just as You were there for them. (2 Corinthians 1:4)

Father, let _____ be quick to assist anyone in need, let them reach out to help the poor. (Proverbs 31:20)