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Principal's Post

Blink and it is November. Wow how the first few months have passed by quickly. It is great to see things are improving in our Province on the COVID front, and here's hoping guidelines will be relaxed in the future. VCA is still considered a Outbreak School, which really means we have had 2 or more cases. We are waiting to hear from SHA when that will end and we can go back to in person Chapel's and eating lunch in the commons area for high school students. We were sad to have to postpone Fun Night and our Annual VCA Fall Supper, but we are hoping to still host both events in the second half of the school year.

Our sports teams have been very busy over the month of October. Volleyball teams have been playing in tournaments and the Jr. Boys and Jr. Girls teams have their final tournament this weekend. Our Sr. Girls are in Conference Playoffs this weekend in Shellbrook and our Sr. Boys host Regionals at VCA on Nov.20th. Our Sr. Soccer teams both made it to Provincials this year and were very competitive (see their posts). In other sports results Davis Laskowski finished 2nd in our CVAC District Championship in Rosthern in late September. Congratulations to all of our teams on their success's and thank you to all parents who have come out and supported them.

Other happenings in October include a successful chocolate sale by our Jr. SRC and Elementary students. A big thankyou to Mrs. McKenzie for organizing it, and I believe there are still a few boxes to sell if students are interested. As well Mrs. Froese has started a sketch it club at lunches on Tues/ Thurs in the library and has had 25+ students coming out and practicing their artistic skills. We are currently offering a school clothing sale which ends today Nov, 4th at midnight (see ad).

I have been asked many times in the last while, how the school year is going? Even though we still have guidelines to adhere to, I am happy to say that it is much closer to normal than last year and it is great to be able to offer extra-curricular opportunities for our students. Unfortunately COVID is still here, but we are learning to live with it and be flexible while still moving forward. So my prayer is that we can continue look to the following passage to guide our actions as we move forward in this school year, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching", Hebrews 10:24-25.

Have a great month of November, and here's hoping it will remain as nice as this first week.

Mr. Laskowski

Coming up....

November 5	PD/Prep Day—No Students
November 8	Remembrance Day Presentation for Grades 10-12 (Students only)
November 10	Remembrance Day Presentation for Grades K-9 (Students only)
November 9 & 10	Quarter 1 Final Exams
November 11	Remembrance Day—No School
November 12	No School
November 17	Grade 1—12 Report Cards
	Shoebox Deadline (Class competition)
December 17	Last day before Christmas Break
Dec 20—Jan 3	Christmas Break
January 4	First Day Back
January 27 & 28	Quarter 2 Exams
January 31	Semester Turn Around Day—No Students
February 1	Quarter 3 Begins

PSSD Parent Engagement Initiative

Anxiety: Strategies for parents supporting your child (ren)

Thursday, November 18th at 7:00 pm

Live Q & A to follow

To attend this one hour event, please click on this link [Parent Information evenings Registration Form \(office.com\)](#) to register.

A Zoom link will be provided to your email address the day of the event.

Upcoming Session : December 9th at 7:00 p.m.—Challenging Behaviors

Dropping off elementary students

Parents please note when dropping off your children in the mornings and picking them up after school, please park on the west side of the building near the tree line and not at the elementary doors. We've had a few close calls with children getting off the bus and making their way into the school and almost being struck by a car. Thank you.

FINAL DAY—NOVEMBER 4TH - VCA Spirit Wear

Please make sure to check out the clothing available to purchase at:

vcaspiritwear2021.itemorder.com

Act now as tonight at **midnight tonight** the store closes. Items will be shipped to the school in the next 4-6 weeks and handed out to students unless the school is notified about the item(s) being a gift.

Operation Christmas Child

It's time to start packing shoeboxes! We are participating in Operation Christmas Child again this year so we can give children around the world gifts and show the love of Christ. We are trying to fill as many shoeboxes as we can! We are having a little competition—whichever grade collects the most shoeboxes will win a pizza party! There will be one winner from Elementary and one from High School. The deadline to have your shoeboxes in will be Wednesday, November 17th. Each class will have a supply of boxes.

Here are some suggested items to fill your boxes with:

Doll, soccer ball with pump, stuffed animal, fun toys, hygiene items, school supplies, hair bows, sunglasses, underwear, socks, shoes, hat/scarf/mittens, crafts, foam ball, slinky, finger puppets, plastic tools, interactive toys that include push buttons, lights and noise (include extra batteries).... And so so much more!!



Sick??

With growing concern over the spread of COVID's Delta Virus, we want to reiterate the importance of keeping your child at home if they have any symptoms of sickness. This protects from the transmission of sickness which is really important to those families who are immune compromised or at greater risk. Thank you for taking these necessary precautions to help keep us all healthy.

Sr. Girls Soccer

Congratulations to the Sr. Girls Soccer team who took home the Gold medal in the 3A Provincial Final!!! On Friday, they defeated Stobart 8-0 to advance to Saturday's final against Lake Lenore, who they defeated at Regionals by a score of 2-1. After a nervous first half, Lake Lenore and VCA were tied 1-1. However, the Lions came out very strong in the second half and dominated play. They were rewarded for their efforts with two goals and a 3-1 victory!



Congratulations on a very successful season!! After dropping their first two games of the season, they never trailed their opponents again. Over the last 8 games of the season, they outscored the competition 27-4. Fantastic effort!

Thank you as well to the VCA community who made the drive to Duck Lake to show your support for the final match!

Sr Boys Soccer

Congratulations to the VCA Sr. Boys Soccer team on another successful season. After missing last season, it was great to see so many students getting back into school sport!

The team went 5-1 through the regular season and was ranked first in their region. The boys were able to win the regional final in Langham and claim the Regional Championship.

VCA lost the Provincial semi-final in a shootout and lost the bronze medal game 2-1. These were two very close matches, and it was disappointing to end our season in this way, but the guys played hard and held their heads high.

Special thanks goes to Mrs. Norsten for helping out with coaching duties, and we say goodbye to our Grade 12s: Jadon, Noah, Josh, Calum, Owen, Zach, and Andrew who provided strong leadership for the team all year.

Mr. Neudorf