



November

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Principal's Post

Remembrance Day is fast approaching, and our school will be meeting to remember together at 9:00 am on the 8th of November. The word sacrifice is often associated with those that were lost to war and to those that returned or served at home. This sacrifice was to ensure freedom and subsequently we do not take this freedom we enjoy lightly. Remembrance Day also gives us a picture or a shadow of Christ's sacrifice on the cross and how His act has made way for true freedom to every member of humanity – for those past, present, and yet to come. Christ's sacrifice has led to freedom that is eternal.

Recently our school held it's Annual General Meeting during which we said goodbye and thank you to our long-standing Board Chair, Mr. Mark Wiebe. His leadership in our school has been earmarked by service and generosity and his commitment unwavering. Thank you, Mr. Wiebe, from all of us in the VCA community. Mr. Ryan Enns continues to serve as board chair and we now welcome Mr. Cole Hamm to the Valley Christian Academy Board.

Our school continues to be busy providing our students with endless opportunities to be involved at school. Our volleyball teams in high school are nearing the end of some great seasons, the school play *Charlotte's Web* has been undergoing auditions and our school clubs at noon hour continue to flourish. We also say congratulations to our Division II soccer teams and especially to our Senior girls and boys teams who medaled at Provincials.

As we look forward to the remainder of November, we trust you will continue to have many reasons to celebrate your child and their growth as a student at VCA.

In Christ,

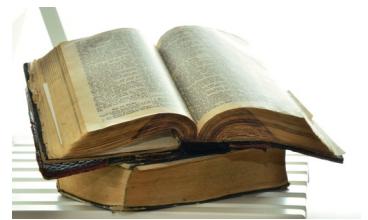
David Cameron

Vice- Principal

CHAPELS

Elementary

Oct Nov 2	Mrs. Wiebe
Nov 16	Grade 1
Nov 23	Mrs. Clarke
Nov 30	Grade 4
Dec 7	Aaron Dalman
Dec 14	Aaron Dalman

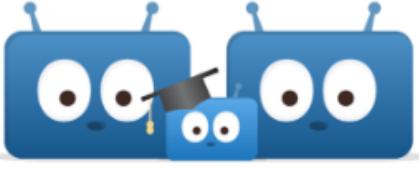


High School

Nov 8	Remembrance Day Service—8:45 am
Nov 16	Jonathan Woodward
Nov 23	Howard Ens
Nov 30	Lloyd Janzen
Dec 7	Aaron Dalman

COMING UP....

November 8	Grades 10-12 Exams
November 9	Prep Day—No Students
November 10-13	Remembrance Day/Break
November 22 & 24	Interviews
November 25	Day in Lieu-No School
November 28	Gr 1-12 Report Cards (See Note in Newsletter)
December 15	Fireplace Café (High School Christmas Performance)
December 22	Elementary Christmas Program
December 22	Last Day of School



PSSD EDSBY TIPS FOR PARENTS

Edsby Parent Resources Available!

EDSBY

An invitation was sent to each parent at the end of September to join Edsby. By accepting the invitation you will have access to your child's progress, marks, news from the school and more.

Once you have accepted the invitation please the time to go into your settings and set up notifications. This way, you will be notified if your child is missing from class, any time your teacher updates your child's progress, report card marks and when items are added to the calendar. If you need help with setting up your notifications, please go to the PSSD website (spiritsd.ca), click on the parents tab at the top then scroll down until you see the Edsby title under "Parent Resources". Click on Notifications for help setting them up. Under the Edsby title, there are also sections for help on doing attendance for your child on Edsby and more.

REPORT CARDS

The end of the first quarter is today Tuesday, Nov.8th. Report cards will be going out on November 28th.

All school divisions in the province have moved to a new program for reporting marks called Edsby and although there have been some challenges getting up and running with Edsby, the hope is that all students and parents will have access to Edsby and can view their/children's marks. An invitation via email went out to parents a few weeks ago from the school for parents and the only thing needed to be done as a parent is to accept the invitation.

Our wish as a school this year is to move to paperless report cards for the high school. We want to move to this for quarter 2 where we will no longer be printing report cards for high school students. Our hope is that Edsby will be fully functional by that time in late January and all students and parents will be informed through the online portal (Edsby).

If you have any questions feel free to connect with us in the office.

Mr. Laskowski & Mr. Cameron



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 boxes as we can!! The deadline to have your shoeboxes in will be **Wednesday, November 16th**. Each class will have a supply of boxes as well as some can be found at the office.

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!!

As an added bonus, Mr. Rhinas said that if we collect 350 boxes as a school, he would shave his beard!



AROUND THE SCHOOL....

The grade 7s have buddied up with the grade 1s this year - we painted pumpkins together today!



PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We will be having parent/teacher interviews on November 22nd and 24th. When booking your interview, you will be able to choose either in person or a phone call. If you choose to conduct your interview through a phone call, please remember that the number and parent you list will be the one that is called at the specified time slot. Interviews will run from 3:30—7:00 pm. Please go to schoolinterviews.ca to book your interview time using the event code **wxarj**.

If you aren't able to meet with your child's teacher on either of these dates, as always, please feel free to connect with them at any point throughout the school year.

Congratulations to the Sr. Boys soccer team who won the 3A Boys Provincial Soccer bronze medal. The team was able to rebound from a tough loss in Regionals to play some of their best soccer of the season during the Provincial competition which culminated in a 4-0 win against Stobart in the bronze medal match.



The Senior Girls were awarded a Silver Medal for their efforts at the 2022 3A Sr. Girls Soccer Championships. After a brilliant season, which saw them go undefeated, the girls defeated LCBI in the Semi Final by a score of 2-1. In the final against their long-time rival Lake Lenore, the team came inches away from tying the game late. Although they lost the final in a heartbreaker by a score of 2-1, their progress throughout the season was exceptional and they look forward to reclaiming gold next year.

