Valley Stream Jes

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Dear VSCA Families,

It's hard to believe that we are in the 4th quarter already! It seems that each year after we return from Easter break, the remaining weeks fly by in a whirlwind. Our spring season at school is filled with wonderful activities. We have field trips planned, an all-school Game Day, the 6th – 12th grade Formal, the K-5 Luncheon, end of year picnic for K-5, and many other fun events. Students are busy preparing for their Art and Music Festival, too. Make sure to mark your calendars and invite prospective friends and family to attend. Be sure to continually check your emails for details about all our upcoming events.

Above all, I want to give our God thanks for a wonderful, safe year. He has blessed our school above and beyond. "O Lord, You are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things." Isaiah 25:1a

Blessings, Kimberly Schamberg **Elementary Assistant Principal**

Upcoming Events:

May 15-19: SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK

May 16: 6th/7th grades to Bronx Zoo; Final PSP Meeting for the year 7 PM. Voting for Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer will take place.

May 23: Art and Music Festival 7 PM (mandatory attendance-formal dress uniform for all students K-

May 24: Walk-a-thon Game Day! Students raised the amount earning a full day of games at VSCA! May 25: Half-day dismissal; 6-12 Grade Formal 6-9 PM

May 26-29: No School- Memorial Day Observance

School Spirit Week

5/15 MONDAYFavorite Character Day (movie, book, or cartoon)

5/16 TUESDAY

Re-create Your Baby Picture Day

5/17 WEDNESDAY

Soccer Mom VS. BBQ Dad Day

5/18 THURSDAY Zoom Day

5/19 FRIDAY

High School Stereotype Day

MONDAY: FAVORITE CHARACTER DAY

Dress as your favorite character from a movie, cartoon, or book.

TUESDAY: RE-CREATE A BABY PICTURE DAY

Do your parents have an 8×10 baby picture of you hanging above the mantel or in the hallway that they gush over every time someone comes over? On this day, the challenge is to take a baby picture of yourself and dress and pose (as much as possible throughout the day) in the same manner as you are dressed and posed in the picture. Bring a copy of the picture with you and be ready to show it to the judges!

WEDNESDAY: SOCCER MOM VS. BBQ DAD DAY

We see them everywhere! The mom decked out in sweat gear (maybe even wearing the same jersey as her kids), carrying a tote filled with water bottles, snacks, towels, extra clothes for her kids, etc. Or maybe you relate more to the dad ready to fire up the grill with his apron and endless stock of shiny, oversized grilling utensils. Believe it or not, you will find ideas by just Googling these phrases! Maybe you want to be a soccer dad or a BBQ mom! Either way, dress it up!

THURSDAY: ZOOM DAY

Remember the days in Zoom-land when you stood up in class to get a sandwich while your teacher was trying to teach and forgot that you wore your proper uniform on top, but you were still in your pajama bottoms? This is what today is all about! Dress in your absolute best waist up, but waist down, keep it as casual as possible. Yes, you may even wear your pajamas. If it's warm enough, you may wear knee length shorts. It's all about the contrast between what your teachers could see and what you thought you could hide! Your parents will probably even be able to give you some awesome ideas of what they wore in virtual business meetings!

FRIDAY: HIGH SCHOOL STEREOTYPES DAY

Our high schoolers want to see what it's like to live out well-known stereotypes from high school. What is it like to be labeled a jock? A nerd? A rebel? An artist? Below are 6 top high school stereotypical characters that students in K-12 may choose from and make their own while experiencing a taste of silly labels from these memorable years! (Any other ideas must be approved by Administration.)

The Nerd: this beloved character takes intelligence to a whole new level by being completely absorbed in books, technology, facts, dates, and probably Star Trek; loves plaid, suspenders, and may have a leaking pen in his/her front shirt pocket.

The Jock or Athlete: lives, breathes, sleeps sports and fitness. (Yes, girls may take on this role too)

The Artist: loves music or graphic arts, possibly a fan of anime

The Rebel: a punk rocker, grunge, or just simply loves to be adorned in all black

The Queen Bee: the young lady who loves lipstick, fashion, and although she may be known as the mean girl in other schools, she is the farthest thing from mean at VSCA—always friendly to everyone!

The Class Clown: self-explanatory!

Dress Down Day Attire K-12

Clothing must be neat, clean and modest. Students must dress in conformance with their biological sex. For girls, no cleavage may be showing. No holes or rips in clothing. No tight fitting clothing. Midriffs must be covered. No sleeveless/low cut tops. No shorts that fall at or above the knee may be worn. Capris, cargo shorts or basketball shorts that fall below the knee are permitted. No jeggings. Leggings are permitted under skirt or dress that is at least mid-knee in length. Sandals with heel straps for safety may be worn. No flip flops. No pajamas. The same makeup and jewelry policy for uniform days applies to dress down days. No shirts, pants or jewelry may be worn depicting movies, games, or music unless faith-based (subject to Administrator's discretion.) Dress down days are noted on the school website.

Shorts may be permitted on specific outdoor field trips, however, their length must be to the top of the knee. All attire is subject to the discretion of Administration.

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Art & Music Festival

Believe

May 23, 2023 7 pm

*Formal dress uniform for all students, K-12.

Congratulations to the Academic Fair Winners and Runners Up



Elementary Grades 4 and 5 Winners

First Place - Mileni Arriaza 4th Grade Second Place - John Fraser 5th Grade Third Place -Gabriel Gamarra 4th Grade

Elementary Honorable Mention

5th Grade: Ava Celestin, Aurelius Salley 4th Grade: Mathias Bazan

Middle School Winners

First Place - Lilah De La Rosa Second Place - Charlotte Seebrath Third Place - Marcus Hampton

Middle School Honorable Mention

Jonathon Box Sabrina Fowley Joel Taveras Ethan Chang

High School Winners

First Place - Ethan De La Rosa Second Place - Clyde Courtenay Third Place - Cristofer Hernandez

Honorable Mention High School

Tanasha Peters Madison Norman Makayla Fowley Sarah Asare

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3-5 PM May 18th June 13th 7-9 PM





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May 16th 7 PM

Last meeting of the year!

PSP Officer Elections are in May for Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.



Naomi Phillips

College Plans: Gordon College, Majoring in Pre-Physcians

Community & Church Activities: Leading Worship for



Church, Kids Ministry, Greeting those who come to church, Tutoring Kids after school

My Hobbies are: Playing volleyball, basketball, reading, baking/cooking, writing, and listening to music.

The Words People Have Used to Describe Me: 'You're a very caring girl with a gentle heart. You're often friendly and energetic with people, and even more energetic when it comes to your love of sports, especially volleyball. You're a smart and capable girl, and a loyal follower to the Lord our God. With the will and grace of God, you try and successfully become good friends with almost everyone, and also you're determined to make your life a wonderful Christian life, done as correctly as possible.'

I'm Most Proud of: My little brother and how accomplished he has now become!!

The People I'd Most Like to Meet Are: Avni and Sara Deshmukh (They're Indian influencer sisters from the UK) The Best Book I Ever Read Was: *Anne of Green Gables* by Lucy Maud Montgomery

My Favorite Musical Artist Is: Elevation Rhythm, Frank Ocean

I Get My Inspiration From: The books I read.

The Best Advice I Ever Received Was: 'It's okay if you don't always have something to say. Just smile!'



Destiny Jenkins-Sierra

College Plans: After long discussions, contemplating, and overthinking I have decided to attend Suffolk Community College for my first 2 years. Once those two years are done, I plan on transferring to a university to major in art education. I am still doing research on which university I will attend in the future. I know that it will all fall into place as long as I keep my faith in God strong and work hard.

Community & Church Activities: Throughout my years of high school, I have been a part of and even planned community services. For example, at my dance school, I organized a food drive. People donated canned and boxed foods. I then donated the food to my church's food pantry. Also, every Saturday I student teach for little boys and girls.

My Hobbies are: Dancing, painting/drawing, and making Pinterest boards. However, art is definitely my number one favorite hobby. In my spare time I like to let my creative thoughts run wild in my sketchbook. Doing this keeps me entertained and it allows me to express myself.

The Words People Have Used to Describe Me: People who know me would describe me as artistic, reliable, funny, compassionate, ranch lover, and animal lover.

I'm Most Proud of: I am most proud of how my relationship with God has increased. With everything that I say and do I think about God. I read His Word and reflect on it every morning. There are so many things that I used to say and do that were not of Him and it did not concern me. However, senior year I asked God for help and so far I have been on a challenging but amazing spiritual journey.

The People I'd Most Like to Meet Are: The people I would most like to meet are my ancestors. Seeing who my ancestors were is something that I think would be very cool.

The Best Book I Ever Read Was: The best book I ever read was Letters From Rifka. That book took me on an emotional roller coaster. One moment I was smiling from ear to ear, then the next I was sobbing. I definitely recommend that book for people to read.

My Favorite Musical Artist Is: I have a lot of favorite musical artists from both old school and new school music. However, I would say that my most listened to music would be from New Edition.

I Get My Inspiration From: For those that know me, know that I get a lot of my inspiration from Pinterest. As I said previously, that is one of my hobbies: making pinterest boards. There is just so much to look at and save.

The Best Advice I Ever Received Was: "Don't let anyone or anything come between you and your relationship with God". That is some of the best advice I have received.



Miranda Alvarado

My future college plans: To get my bachelors in Interior Design and one day build my business. I fell in love with the Arts, so I wanted to join a career path that could help others but also cater to my creative desires.

Community & Church Activities: Sometimes I attend my youth group and their fun events in my free time.

My Hobbies Are: My main hobbies are painting/drawing and I love to make clothing.

The Words People Use to Describe Me: Some words that I think people have described me are creative, goal-oriented and probably extroverted.

I'm Most Proud Of: how far I have come with my grades and other accomplishments this past year.

The Best Book I Ever Read Was: Twilight by Staphanie Meyer. The book is so imaginative and such a great distracting read when you just want to get away from anything stressful. I Get My Inspiration From: my family. My parents are such responsible hard workers. My parents along with my brother, Caleb, have always pushed me to be the best that I can be. I do

not know what I would do without them in my life.

The Best Advice I Ever Received Was: to focus on the now. I tend to get so preoccupied with planning the future and the unknown that sometimes I forget to just be in the moment. Through that advice, it has helped me with my process of work, bettering friendships or even creativity through Art. It even allowed me to just appreciate every moment for what it is. It's helped me have an optimistic and hopeful outlook on life. I hope that whoever reads this can learn to just appreciate each thing in life because it 100% goes by so quickly.



Anika Cummings

College Plans: I plan on majoring in advertising and marketing communications.

Community & Church Activities: I volunteer locally in my community with an organization.

My Hobbies Are: Crocheting, Bike Riding and Baking The Words People Use to Describe Me Are: funny, smart and hardworking

I'm Most Proud Of: staying true to myself

The People I'd Most like to Meet Are: Wendy Williams The Best Book I Ever Read Was: Smile by Raina Telemeiger My Favorite Musical Artists Is: Sade, Mac Demarco, and Tyler the Creator

I Get My Inspiration From: my mom<3

The Best Advice I Ever Received Was: to stay focused

Rachel Varghese College Plans: SUNY New Paltz for a Double Major in

Finance and International Business!

Community & Church Activities: I volunteer on the Audio and Visual Team for my church. I also volunteer at Northshore Univerity Hospital. I enjoy doing both very much!

My Hobbies Are: My hobbies are reading, baking, and cooking. I strongly believe there is a difference between cooking and baking, so that is why they are both there!

The Words People Use to Describe Me Are:

I have been described as honest, which is a good thing to me. I'm Most Proud Of: I am most proud of getting into college



because it is an accomplishment and privilege to be able to go to college.

The People I'd Most like to Meet Are: I would most like to meet all of my elementary teachers so I would be able to catch up with them, and so that they can see how their teaching has made me become the student I am today!

The Best Book I Ever Read Was: The best book I have ever read is The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins. It is the best book series ever and I highly recommend it.

My Favorite Musical Artist Is: My favorite musical artist is Arjit Singh. His voice is really beautiful and nice to listen to. I Get My Inspiration From: I get my inspiration from my family and my culture. My family supports me and helps me in every way they can. My culture is also a big inspiration in my life, being a creative outlet for me when I need it.

The Best Advice I Ever Received Was: "Where you stare, you steer"



Academic Fair and Night of Praise & Worship

















































Senior Trip to Disney









































1.What did the spring say when it was in trouble?
2.If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?
3.Where do chimpanzees buy their clothes?

Answers:

- 1. May Day!
- 2.Pilgrims.
- 3.Banana Republic.



DIESS DOWN DAYS

K-3: the first Tuesday of each month

4/5: the first Wednesday of each month

6-12: the first Friday of each month

PLEASE NOTE that if the first of these days falls on a day off (as long as it's on a M-F), the dress down day is not moved.





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Romans 12:1

"Therefore, Turge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God-this is your true and proper worship."

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