



April 1, 2008

Dear parents/guardians and supporters of VGHS students:

This newsletter is given to students every week during the school year. Copies are also available in our main office and on our website at vghs.org (click on "VGHS Community" then "Newsletters").

Upcoming Planned Events/Important Dates:

April 1 Student visit day, registration day. Lottery draw for 2008-2009 school year
April 4 Professional Development. No school for students
April 8 Meeting to present 2008-2009 budget and 2008-2009 Schedule (4:30-5:30pm)
April 25 Professional Development. No school for students
Apr 28-May 1 VGHS Spring Retreat for all students.

Substitute Teaching

We need to create a pool of substitute teachers from which to draw. To get certified as a sub requires getting fingerprints done at the sheriff's office and observing in classrooms for a part of a day. We would be happy to help anyone to get this process completed. If you have daytime availability and are interested in substituting for teachers when they are ill or away please contact Christine Torrez at 758-5100. You can schedule a time to come in and observe and pick up a fingerprint card.

Recruiting for 2008-2009

So you know anyone going into the 9th or the 10th grade next year? If so please tell them that VGHS is accepting students for next year. Applications can be picked up at VGHS or downloaded from our website at www.vghs.org. We are recruiting for an entire class of 9th graders (60 students as well as 15-20 10th graders).

Calendar and Budget Timeline for the 2008-2009 School Year

As we create our calendar and budget for next school year, be aware that your input is valued. We will be convening parent council meetings according to the following schedule to allow for comments and suggestions. The meetings will begin at 4:00pm at 111 Paseo de Canon West. Below is the schedule of public meetings regarding our calendar and budget meetings. You are invited to attend any of these meetings.

- Apr 8 - Budget Committee Meeting #2
- Apr 8 - Calendar Committee Meeting #2
- Apr 16 - VGHS Budget and Calendar reviewed at TMS board meeting
- Apr 21 - Special VGHS Board Meeting - for any needed budget revisions
- Apr 24 - VGHS 2008-2009 budget submitted online to PED

Tutoring and Afternoon Electives

Tutoring is now available each Monday, and Friday starting at 2:30pm. The teachers at VGHS are committed to helping each of our students to succeed and to stay and work extra to help students who have fallen behind. At times we may require your student to remain after school

to complete important assignments. We will notify you in advance either by phone or with a note home.

Student Drop Off at Canon West

Thanks for your efforts to enter and leave our parking area cautiously. When you drop off your student make sure that other cars are allowed to drop off their students safely. Also, thanks for being patient with other drivers.

Wilderness First Aid Training at VGHS

VGHS is hosting a Wilderness First Aid training at 111 Paseo del Canon West on May 29-31. The cost of this training is \$185 and covers the entire three days of the training. Training runs daily from 8am until 4pm. If you would like to attend in order to achieve this great certification please call Mark Barela at 758-5100.

Electives Session #3

The third elective session begins this week. Students need to have taken and passed two elective sessions during the course of the year. This last session of electives has a physical focus so the course offerings are cycling, football/soccer/ultimate Frisbee and cooking. Continuing from last session is Japanese culture and Student Council. Cooking is being offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from this week until May 28 from 2:30 until 4:30. All other electives are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 until 4:30.

Thanks,
Greg Perry