

# Vista Grande High School



March 13, 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](http://vghs.org) (click on "VGHS Community" then "Newsletters").*

## **Upcoming Planned Events/Important Dates:**

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| March 18-19 | Student Led Conferences will begin after lunch on both of these days. These days will be a half day of regular classes followed by scheduled times for individual student-led conferences. |
| March 21    | Good Friday. First day of spring break   |
| March 31    | First day of school following spring break   |
| April 1     | Student visit day, registration day  |

## **Board Games Donations**

*This is a repeat section but we really hope to be able to get some old games that families no longer use. Do you have any old games at home that your family no longer enjoys? If they are in usable condition and are appropriate for teenagers feel free to come by and drop them off at school. We hope to use them during lunch times.*

## **Student-Led Conferences (SLC)**

Your student will be coming home with a time on either March 18 or 19 for a Student-Led Conference. Or your student's crew leader may be in direct contact with you to set up this appointment. Your student should also be bringing home a document to help you ask good questions during the SLC. Your student is currently preparing for this conference and will present his/her learning as well as his/her progress toward meeting the VGHS Expectations of Student Proficiency. VGHS has a very important passage system whereby students demonstrate minimum mastery of academic skills as well as habits of work. After they have shown proficiency they will "pass" onto the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Our 10<sup>th</sup> graders are currently preparing for this passage onto 11<sup>th</sup> grade. Our 9<sup>th</sup> graders are preparing to show that they are half way there by the end of this year.

**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.

**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.

- Mar 13 - Calendar Committee Meeting #1
- Mar 19 - Parent Council Meeting - budget/calendar input
- Mar 19 - Faculty/Staff Meeting - budget/calendar input
- 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**

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 de Canon West on May 29-31. The cost of this training is \$185 and covers the entire three days of the training. Trainings run from 8am until 4pm. If you would like to attend please call Mark Barela at 758-5100.

Thanks,  
Greg Perry