

# HOME MEMO

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*Valley Heights Christian Academy*

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## WELCOME TO THE VHCA FAMILY!

K4 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and staff were invited to shower Mrs. VanDeLinde (our 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher) with gifts and best wishes. We had a good time celebrating with her! Rowan Edward was born on Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Continue to pray for her and her husband as they journey along as first-time parents.

We are pleased to have Mrs. Megan Whatman filling in for Mrs. VanDeLinde during her maternity leave. Mrs. Whatman is the wife of the Pastor at the West Smyrna Baptist Church. She is very excited to have the opportunity to come work in our ministry at VHCA.

Top Left: Mrs. Hodge presented Mrs. VanDeLinde a handmade teddy bear the students and staff had signed for the baby.

Top Right: Mr. & Mrs. VanDeLinde with baby Rowan.

Bottom: K4 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at the Baby Shower.



## Winter Banquet

Our junior and senior high students had the opportunity to hold a Winter Banquet this year at the Norwich YMCA on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. There were a few that couldn't make it due to illness, but overall, they had a great time getting dressed up, eating dinner, and spending time together in the pool or gym for the evening.

*Thank you to...*

- Mr. Austin who presented a nice message from God's Word!
- Mr. & Mrs. Lewandowski for providing the DJ service to make things more fun and lively!
- Mr. Montgomery for delivering the food from New York Pizzeria!
- All those who made desserts!
- Mrs. Brooks for coordinating the event!



## Family Services Program

### Current Opportunities

There is an immediate need for:

- **Elementary Art**
- **Many Spring Fling Opportunities**

If you would like more information or be interested in helping out in any of these areas, please contact the school office at 336-8422.

Please remember, as you volunteer for different opportunities, to **make sure and fill out a time slip** to count toward your families required FSP Hours. Time slips are available in the school office and must be completed **WITHIN seven (7) business days** of performing the service if you wish to receive credit.

Please call the office if you would like to know how many more hours your family is required to fill before the end of the school year.

Mrs. VanDeLinde's 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade painted a tree picture using water colors and masking tape. They were pretty pleased with the final results.



Taylor Hodge and Job Downey showing off their masterpieces!



Just before Christmas recess, Mrs. Lyons' 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class was recreating the Nativity. Each student chose a character; made their costume; and played out their part.

## SPRING FLING REMINDERS

We are holding our **12<sup>th</sup> Annual** Brooks Chicken BBQ, Bake Sale, and Silent Auction Basket Sale on **Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**. Please read through the material that was sent home previously and let us know if you have any questions.

Please remember that all money from sold tickets and any unsold tickets need to be accounted for and turned in to the VHCA Office by **Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**.

If you need **additional tickets** or order sheets, please contact the school office.

Remember to send in items for our Silent Auction Themed Baskets:  
**"Sweet Tooth" "Wet Your Whistle" "You're the Man"**  
**"Home Sweet Home" "Family Entertainment"**

Bring in auction items by **March 8<sup>th</sup>**.

**Let us know if you can bring Bake Sale Items or if you can volunteer that day!**

**Please call the office if you have any questions!**

This is one of our main fundraisers so we hope everyone will be involved and support this event!

Just a  
**THOUGHT**  
from the Administrator's Office

What makes a school "Christian?" This has been the topic of the last three segments from my office to you. Today we'll look at the next two areas a Christian school should be focusing on. But first, let's be reminded of the ones we have seen so far:

**A Christian education will teach your child:**

1. **How to be saved. (John 3:3)**
2. **A love for God's Word. (Psalm 119:9)**
3. **How to lead another person to Jesus Christ.**

The next two benefits of a Christian education are foundational to a life lived for God. First, we are reminded that we are to **fear God**. A fear of God is different than being afraid of God. The Christian has no need to be afraid of God, rather they should have a healthy awe and reverence for the Creator of the universe. The Bible teaches that the beginning of wisdom is the fear of God. In a Christian school that is accomplishing their goals, your child will be taught that learning is more than remembering dates and learning how to add and subtract. Your child will be taught true wisdom. Job 28:28 states that the fear of the Lord is wisdom and to depart from evil is understanding."

A healthy fear of the Lord should lead a student to the next benefit, and that is to **be holy**. Without holiness, the Christian's life is a failure in the eyes of God. Your child is in a learning environment where holiness is taught and exemplified. The importance of personal holiness should be magnified in a Christian school. Ephesians 1:4 puts it this way: "According as he has chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love."

Fearing God and being holy are two important characteristics of a Christian student. These two characteristics give the student the best chance to experience the Spirit of God to rule and reign in their lives. And a Christian school that is aiming to see these two benefits be accomplished is a school that we should all want for our children!

Next month we will highlight the last three, rounding out the 8 Benefits of a Christian Education!

Not a sermon...just a thought.

*Mr. Hodge*

## Second Quarter Honor/High Honor Roll

To qualify for the Honor Roll, a student needs to maintain A's & B's in all subjects. High Honor requires a student to maintain all A's in all subjects.

Congratulations to the following students who were placed on the Honor or High Honor Roll for the second quarter, beginning November 13, 2017 and ending January 19, 2018.

### HIGH HONOR ROLL:

Fifth Grade: Ty Babcock, Talia Bookamer, Adrienne Hodge, Evan Moore, and Damien Murphy

Ninth Grade: Madison Van Althuis

Tenth Grade: Ryan Brooks

Eleventh Grade: Shelby Husted, Autumn Pope, and Meghan VanAlthuis

Twelfth Grade: Jonathan Lawrence

### HONOR ROLL:

First Grade: Calista Beers and Joshua Frayer

Second Grade: Hannah Davis

Third Grade: Taylor Hodge

Fifth Grade: Carter Boberg and Trinity Gould

Sixth Grade: Annika Armstrong and Jessup Ross

Seventh Grade: Parker Wier

Eighth Grade: Morgan Hodge, Hannah Pope, and Paige Proskine

Ninth Grade: Brielle Armstrong

Tenth Grade: Emily Davis, Jenea Evans, and Macey Montgomery

Eleventh Grade: James DuVall

Twelfth Grade: Grace DuVall, Alex Evans, and Jason Graham, Aidan Lowie

**3<sup>rd</sup> Mid-Quarter Interim Reports for 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade goes home Wednesday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>! Watch for them.**

## Congratulations Crusader's

Congratulations to the VHCA teams on a great season! Overall, our girls finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and our boys finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place going to the Championship Game in the ESCAL League.

Our All-Star players who represented VHCA were Emily Davis, Macey Montgomery, and Megan Van Althuis for the girls; and Alex Evans, Jonathan Lawrence, Aidan Lowie, and Tyler Stockwell for the boys.

Emily Davis, Alex Evans, and Aidan Lowie were also chosen for All-League.

Our teams are now headed to the NPCA Tournament at Canaan Christian Academy in Lake Ariel, PA on March 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup>. Pray for players, coaches, and spectators as they travel, play, and fellowship with the other schools that are participating.

## Sr. Night Recognition



Our senior players and parents were recognized on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Pictured left to right are Alex Evans and parents Shelly and Scott; Aidan Lowie and parents Brenda and Tim; Jonathan Lawrence and mother Kathie; Jason Graham and parents Howard & Lonnie; and our Homeschool student Isaac Austin and parents Michael & Julia.

**No School March 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**The office will be open regular hours.**

## Did you know...

*there is a VHCA Cookbook that has over 260 recipes from appetizers to desserts, including some really helpful items in the "This and That" section.*

*Keep in mind, cookbooks make great gifts throughout the year.*

*They are available in the school office and can be purchased for*

**ONLY \$10.00 each!**

If you have one, have you used it lately? I have!

Here are a recipe from our cookbook we thought you might enjoy:

## Broccoli Cheddar Soup

Submitted by Mark Zieno

4 pkg. frozen broccoli florets  
Chicken broth  
6 T butter  
6 T flour  
½ tsp. salt  
¼ tsp. black pepper  
3 c. milk  
1 lb. Velveeta cheese, cubed

Put broccoli in a dutch oven and add chicken broth to almost cover the broccoli. Cook until very tender (remove some broccoli early if you desire some bigger pieces with more bite). Drain and reserve some of the liquid to add at the end of the soup is too thick. Mash broccoli with potato masher to desired consistency. While broccoli is cooking make the cheese sauce by melting the butter in a medium sauce pan. Add flour, salt and pepper; whisk and cook about 3 minutes. Slowly whisk in milk to avoid lumps. Cook on low heat stirring constantly until thickened. Add Velveeta, stir until melted. Add the cheese sauce to the broccoli and cook for 10-15 minutes.

## Fabric Softener

Submitted by The Miedema Family

1 lg bottle of your favorite smelling conditioner (suave is the best)  
6 c. of boiled water  
3 c. of white vinegar

Dissolve conditioner in water than add vinegar, mix thoroughly and put in a container. Use as usual.