



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

Well, here we are. The leftover turkey is all gone and the mad dash to Christmas is fully upon us. Have you ever stopped to think about why Christmas is such a magical time of year? Maybe it's because everyone is expecting a miracle at Christmas. I mean think about it...all the Christmas movies that have a miracle as its central plot. A boy hoping his parents get back together, a merchant hoping he can keep his store in business, or a town who needs someone to "save Christmas."

Are you looking for a miracle of your own this Christmas such as a prodigal to return home...a marriage to be repaired...or maybe you're in need of a job? Over 2,000 years ago, there was a couple who hoped for their own miracle. They prayed for a child, but year after year went by without God answering their prayer. So they did what so many of us do. They gave up on their dream. However what they didn't do is give up on God.

In Luke chapter 1, we read the account of Zacharias and Elizabeth. An angel told Zacharias that he and his wife, Elisabeth would have a son after all. He would have a special purpose and would prepare Israel for the coming of the Messiah, Jesus. But what struck me as interesting was how Zacharias responded.

We know from the story that Zacharias, like many of us, had doubt. Not a doubt that Jesus would come to save the world because he was a believing Jew and he knew the Scriptures well and believed. He just had a hard time thinking God could use silly old him. After all, he and his wife were well past the child-bearing age. But, true to His word, God performed this miracle in the lives of Zacharias and Elizabeth. You know the rest of the story. John the Baptist led revival in Israel and would later baptize Jesus Christ, the very son of God.

What's interesting is that Zacharias had no problem with the big miracle: God sending a Son to be born of a virgin and be the Savior.

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## Christmas Casual Dress Day

There will be an extra Casual Dress Day on **Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>** for **ALL** staff and students. Merry Christmas!

Please remember, it is *casual* not sloppy dress day. Students must not wear nylon or cotton type sweat pants; must not wear dirty or sometimes smelly sneakers; must not wear any tops that are immodest or revealing in any way or have inappropriate writing/pictures; or must not wear any jackets, sweatshirt or top that is considered outerwear.

## Christmas Food Baskets

Letters are being sent home this week explaining that each homeroom is collecting food items to complete a "Christmas Dinner Food Basket" that will be donated to a deserving family within our community. Your child has been asked to bring in a specific item to be placed in their homeroom basket. Items should be brought in as instructed.



Also, as a school, **we are asking for financial donations toward the purchase of turkeys**. A turkey will be added to the Christmas Food Basket within each homeroom. Please contact the school office as soon as possible if you are able to help us with this need.

All items need to be brought in by Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Perishable foods should be brought in on December 21<sup>st</sup> so they are fresh and won't spoil before the baskets can be delivered on Tuesday.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Mid-Quarter Evaluation

2<sup>nd</sup> Mid-Quarter ends Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Interim Reports will go home Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>! Please don't forget to sign and return right after Christmas Recess.

## School Closed For Christmas & New Year's Recess

VHCA will be closed on December 23<sup>rd</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup> for Christmas and New Year's Recess.

The school office will be open on December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and then will be closed through January 1<sup>st</sup>. Enjoy your Christmas!

## Monthly Tuition Payment

### Reminder

Monthly tuition payments were due today. Any payment made after the 10th of each month will incur a \$10.00 late fee.

Remember to keep your payments on time. It is important for VHCA family's to stay current on their payments for the school to stay current on its financial obligations.

## Order Your **YEARBOOK**

A discounted rate of **\$30.00** will be given to those who pre-order a yearbook and pay before December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Yearbook Staff hopes you will take advantage of this great deal and order your yearbook TODAY!

Submit any photos from school activities and events throughout the year to [yearbook@vhcaonline.com](mailto:yearbook@vhcaonline.com)

## Soccer Awards



The following players were recognized at the Soccer Awards Night on November 19<sup>th</sup>:

### GIRLS:

**Bethany Conover – Offensive Player**  
**Erica Stockwell – Defensive Player**  
**Meghan Van Althuis – Most Improved**  
**Molly Montgomery – Coaches**

### BOYS:

**Jacob Van Althuis – Offensive Player**  
**Tyler Stockwell – Defensive Player**  
**Aidan Lowie – Most Improved**  
**Alex Evans – Coaches**

Congratulations to those recognized with awards and to the entire boys' and girls' teams who had a successful season.

## Thank you...

... to the volunteers who spent the day in the VHCA Kitchen making **90** pies!

... to all those who donated ingredients!

... to all those who purchased the Apple Pies.



The school raised **\$900** for our General Fund.

## Christmas Cookies For Sale

*The senior class of 2016 is selling large-sized, homemade Christmas Cookies that could be sent to anyone in the school or taken home with you.*

*Each cookie can have a personalized tag attached from the sender.*

*The cost of the cookies will be as follows:*

*The first cookie - \$1.00; Two or more cookies - 50¢; The tenth cookie will be free.*

*Please have all orders and money in by **Monday, December 14, 2015.***

*Cookies will be delivered on **Friday, December 18, 2015.***