



HOME MEMO

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REMINDER FOR TOMORROW

K4 – 6th grade WILL have classes and should report as a normal day, but **NO SCHOOL** for **7th – 12th grade** students on **Friday, January 13th**.



We the staff of VHCA would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to all those who gave toward the Love & Appreciation Offering at the Christmas Program.

Your generosity and outpour of love was greatly appreciated!

We wish you all a Happy New Year and look forward to finishing this school year strong!

School-wide Snow Day

Coming

We are planning to go to Camp BaYouCa for a school-wide snow day to their facility on **Friday, February 17th** for an all-day snow sledding event. The details will be given soon. There is a cost involved and will include lunch. We are looking for drivers/chaperones.

PRAY FOR SNOW!



Just a

THOUGHT

...from the Administrator's Office

Recently I read an article of truths about God that Christians should be reminded of daily. On the surface, I thought that it was a silly list. Of course God exists. Of course God loves me. Of course Jesus died for me. And so the list continued. But the purpose of the author outlining these truths is to remind all of us that in the midst of the mire and much of everyday life, believers have the tendency to forget simple, basic truths. Without being reminded of these truths, we all wander away from what God wants us to hold fast to.

As we find ourselves in the middle of the basketball season, there is one area that I feel we all need to be reminded of - Sportsmanship. Just as in the ruts of life we forget the truths of God, so too we can forget to exhibit proper sportsmanship in the heat of the game. I have been guilty of this both as a player, as a coach, and as a spectator. The other day as I was monitoring an elementary recess, I noticed a poster hanging in the gym that greeted our athletes, coaches and fans when we used to play or games here on campus.

It reads:

WELCOME

"Fans, whether parents of athletes or guests, are to demonstrate Christian principles in all circumstances. It is expected that everyone associated with Valley Heights Christian Academy team sports will support and encourage our players as well as one another. At VHCA, we cheer for Valley Heights Christian Academy and not against other teams."

"Our student-athletes are expected to try their very best in a Christ-honoring Bible-centered manner displaying an appropriate Christian attitude at all times. They are expected to behave in a Christ-centered manner at school,

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at home, and on the playing field. They are expected to be champions for Christ and positive role models to their peers and siblings."

**"Everyone is expected to be gracious in victory and defeat."
GO CRUSADERS!**

There is a lot packed into this statement. However, there are a couple of things that need our attention in addition to what has been the Sportsmanship Code at Valley Heights:

1. First, the coach's behavior sets the tone. Coaches at VHCA are expected to display the character that we expect out of our student-athletes both at practice, and during competition.
2. If we are going to hold our student-athletes accountable for the behavior outlined in the second paragraph of the Sportsmanship Code, then we as parents and spectators must exhibit the behavior and attitudes outlined in the first paragraph.
3. And maybe the most important addition I can encourage is that if we witness any attitude or behavior that is contrary to that of Christ-honoring sportsmanship, it is important that we approach the individual or individuals in a loving humble manner and ask them to stop. Simply "not being a part of it" is simply not enough.

As we continue through the rest of this 2016-2017 season, let's be increasingly encouraged to exhibit the kind of sportsmanship that will point others toward our Savior and not away from Him. "Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." (1 Cor. 10:31)

May our student-athletes, coaches and fans continue to do all that they do for God's glory – regardless of circumstance.

Not a sermon...just a thought.

(Well, maybe a little more than a thought.)

- Mr. Hodge

VHCA Shirt & Jacket Orders are Due!

The VHCA Sports Booster Club would like to remind everyone that the Shirt & Jacket Orders are due on **Tuesday, January 17th**! If you plan to place an order, please send it in to the VHCA office or bring it to the Concession Stand at the Home game vs. Cortland on the 17th! Order forms are available in the office or at the game.

Important January Dates:

- 16th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – School and Office Closed
- 17th – Home vs. Cortland – Girls at 5:00 p.m./Boys follow
- 20th – Home vs. Corning – Girls at 5:00 p.m./Boys follow
- 24th & 25th – 7th – 12th grade Semester Final Exams
- 25th – End of 2nd Quarter (Report Cards go home Feb. 1st)
- 26th – Home vs. Baldwinsville – Girls at 4:30 p.m./Boys follow
- 27th – Away @ Oswego – Boys only
- 31st – Home vs. Finger Lakes – Girls at 5:00 p.m./Boys follow

Basketball Updates:

Central Baptist Christian Academy Basketball Tournament on January 12th – 14th:

Admission Costs for the games:

Spectators: \$3

Students: \$1

1-day Family Maximum: \$7

2-day Family Pass: \$10

3-day Family Pass: \$16

All tournament participants are Free.



Cougar Cafe will be open during the tournament for concessions. A list of foods and drinks available will be in the tournament program.

GAME SCHEDULE:

Thursday

VHCA GIRLS: NO game

VHCA BOYS: Game at 4:45 p.m.

Friday

ALL: Chapel at 10:00 a.m.

VHCA GIRLS: Game at 3:00 p.m.

VHCA BOYS: Loss on Thursday, game at 12:00 p.m.

Win on Thursday, game at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday

VHCA GIRLS: Loss on Friday, game at 9:30 a.m.

Win on Friday, game at 2:15 p.m.

VHCA BOYS: TBD (based on Friday's game results)

**Reschedule: January 26th
Home vs. Baldwinsville
Girls @ 4:30 - Boys Follow**

**Reschedule: February 10th
Home vs. Syracuse
Girls @ 4:30 - Boys Follow**