

# 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 first quarter, beginning November 14, 2015 and ending January 29, 2016.

## High Honor Roll:

Third Grade: Sophia Acompora  
Ty Babcock  
Adrienne Hodge  
Evan Moore  
Fourth Grade: Jessup Ross  
Sixth Grade: Morgan Hodge  
Hannah Pope  
Paige Proskine  
Seventh Grade: Madison Van Althuis  
Eighth Grade: Ryan Brooks  
Ninth Grade: Autumn Pope  
Tenth Grade: Lisa Miedema  
Twelfth Grade: Amanda Davis  
Molly Montgomery

## Honor Roll:

First Grade: Taylor Hodge  
Third Grade: Alayna Nichols  
Fourth Grade: Annika Armstrong  
Kurt Downey  
Fifth Grade: Parker Wier  
Seventh Grade: Briannah Downey  
Eighth Grade: Jenea Evans  
Ninth Grade: Alexandria Diers  
Meghan Van Althuis  
Tenth Grade: Grace DuVall  
Alex Evans  
Aidan Lowie  
Eleventh Grade: Matthew Diers  
Twelfth Grade: Erica Stockwell

## Important Upcoming Dates

**Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>:** End 3<sup>rd</sup> Mid-Quarter  
**Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>:** No School & Office Closed for Pocono's Tournament  
**Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>:** Honors Society Ceremony  
**Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>:** Interim Reports go home  
**Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>:** Basketball Awards Night  
**Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>:** Full Day of School  
**Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>:** 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling Brooks BBQ & Silent Auction Baskets  
**Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>:** No School – Good Friday  
**Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>:** No School – Eater Monday  
**Apr. 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>:** IOWA Testing  
**May 21<sup>st</sup>:** Annual Walk-a-thon

## Basketball Awards Date Set

You are invited to attend the **Basketball Awards Ceremony on Monday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the VHCA gymnasium.** Families are asked to bring a dessert to share.



## Year-end Fieldtrips Announced

### Elementary:

**Camp BaYouCa on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>**  
More information will come when it gets closer.

### High School:

**Dorney Park on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**  
\$46 total per person: **\$10 deposit is due by March 23<sup>rd</sup> with the remaining balance of \$36 due June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## Low Supply of Clorox Wipes

Many of our classes are running low on Clorox wipes to finish out the school year. If you could supply any extra, we would appreciate it. Either send them in with your child or bring them into the school office. They will be distributed to the classes in need.

**[www.vhcaonline.com](http://www.vhcaonline.com)**

Don't forget to check out our website to stay informed with calendar of events and important information!



# HOME MEMO

March 1, 2016

*Valley Heights Christian Academy*

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## Elementary News...

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students meet with Mrs. Van Althuis to work on math skills. The students recently practiced recognizing and making two dimensional shapes using geoboards, graphing, and pattern blocks. Pictured clockwise: Andrew Lawrence, Taylor Hodge, & Angelina Jablonski.



## No Regular Casual Dress Day in March

**Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> will NOT be a Normal Casual Dress Day** because of Spirit Days. We do encourage all students and staff to participate in our last Spirit Day as "Tourist Day." Go all out to show your crazy tourist style. Pull out those sunglasses, Hawaiian shirts, cameras, fanny packs, binoculars, carry a map or an atlas, etc.

## Mark Your Calendar For Upcoming No School Days

**No School Thursday & Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>** as our basketball teams head to the Poconos Tournament. Many parents, siblings, and friends also attend the tournament; therefore, the decision to close was made. The school office will also be **closed both days.**

If you have a need to call the school office, please leave a message and a phone call will be returned as soon as possible.

## Request for Transportation Deadline

Request for Transportation Forms were previously sent home. If you plan on using busing from your school district for the 2016-2017 school year, please send in your completed form by **Friday, March 18, 2016** to have the VHCA make this request for you. Otherwise you will be responsible to contact your school district directly.

Additional forms are available in the school office or can be printed off our website at **vhcaonline.com** Locate the **Parents** tab and follow it to **School Forms** Link.

## 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School celebrations were held on February 22<sup>nd</sup>!



### K4 & K5 showing their 100 count collections!

Left to right: Abigail Casse, Chelsey Acompora, Layla Piwoski, Zachary Brooks, Abigail Jablonski, Hannah Davis, and Ukiah Farnham.



In 2013, a twelve-year-old girl was lured away from her home by a 21 year-old man. How did this little girl meet this terrible stranger who would later take advantage of her? Through an app on her handheld device (yep, the one her parents bought her). And this tragedy is happening all too often in our culture as technology gets faster and easier to use.

Here are some apps that you as parents may want to check out:

1. Whisper – This app allows you to post secrets anonymously and also allows you to chat with other users in your geographic area.
2. Yik Yak – All Yik Yak users are anonymous. There is no profile or account. It can turn a school into a virtual chat room where everyone can post his or her comments anonymously.
3. Kik – a free app-based alternative texting service that allows texts/pictures to be sent without being logged in the phone history (similar apps are Viber, WhatsApp, and TextNow). This app makes it easier for your child to talk to strangers without your knowledge because it bypasses the wireless providers’ short message services.
4. Snapchat – Snapchat allows you to capture an image or video and make it available to a recipient for a specific time (similar apps are Poke, Wire, and Wickr).
5. Vine – allows users to watch and post six second videos. It can be dangerous because inappropriate videos pop up into the feed, exposing your children to explicit material.
6. ChatRoulette and OmeGLE – allows you to video chat with strangers or “fake strangers.” For example, a 50 year-old man could set up a fake webcam and use images from a 15 year-old boy that looks like a teen celebrity to convince your child to send pictures and get information about their location.
7. Tinder – users post pictures and scroll through the images of other users. When they think someone is attractive, they can “flag” the image. If that person has also “flagged” them in return, the app allows you to contact them (similar apps are Down, Skout, Pure, and Blendr)
8. Poof – This apps job is to hide other apps on your child’s phone. You select which apps you would like to hide and the icons will no longer show up on your smartphone screen. If you see the “poof” app, you definitely want to ask them what they are hiding.

Remember, your child’s safety is more important than their privacy. When you routinely check your child’s devices, you aren’t being nosy – you’re being responsible. Take the time to explain to them (at an age-appropriate level) why you are asking them questions and checking their devices. Many children do not realize just how much information they are putting out there and how dangerous it can be.

All this “tech” can be overwhelming for parents today. This is precisely why Calvary Baptist Church is hosting a free seminar called “**Technology Today – Keeping up with your kids and helping them avoid Tech’s Traps!**” All are invited to attend. Chris Brown, Tech and Teen expert, will give current counsel on dangerous apps, laws about sexting, and the real issue for teens as well as necessary resources for parents and teachers. Come and join us this **Sunday, March 6 from 5:30 – 7:30 in Calvary’s main auditorium.** We look forward to seeing you there!

Not a sermon...just a thought.

*Mr. Hodge*

**There is a business-sized card enclosed for families to use. You can put it on your fridge as a reminder or pass it on to another family that you thing should come with you.**

**10<sup>th</sup>  
Annual  
Friday,  
March 18th**



**Brooks BBQ,  
Silent Auction,  
& Bake Sale**

Again this year, the BBQ will be held at the **Norwich Grange Hall** located on the corner of Hale Street & East River Road at 167 County Road 32A, Norwich. We are only able to provide take-outs. The Barbecue Pick-up, Silent Auction, & Bake Sale will take place between **3:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

Packets were sent home a couple of weeks ago! If you need more chicken tickets, please contact the school office. **The dinners are \$9.50 and chicken halves are \$6.75 each.**

**Remember...**

All BBQ Orders, Money and Unsold Tickets  
need to be returned to the school by **Friday, March 11, 2016.**

The Silent Auction should be an exciting event with themed baskets to bid on. Please remember that the money raised from the auction directly helps to keep tuition cost down. Come expecting a bargain but be willing to pay a good price knowing it is for a great cause! This year, each class has chosen a theme that they are collecting items for and include:

- K4 & K5 – “**Family Movie Night**” Basket
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> – “**Baby**” Basket
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> – “**Family Game Night**” Basket
- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> – “**All Things Minecraft**” Basket
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> – “**Summertime**” Basket
- 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> – “**Candy! Candy! Candy!**” Basket
- 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> – “**Chocolate**” Basket
- VHCA Board – “**Teacher’s Aid**” Basket
- Many other baskets are usually donated for the event!

All items should be brought in by **Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>** so the baskets can be finished and displayed prior to the event.

**Don’t forget the  
BAKE SALE!**

**Please let us know if  
you will be able to  
provide some  
yummy treats for the  
Bake Sale Table!**

**Check out the enclosed flier to find out about some great incentives for those who sell 10 or more halves! (complete dinners do count toward the prizes)**