

Let me encourage all of us to focus on the purpose of Jesus coming – not just that we celebrate the fact that He was born like we celebrate our own birthdays. No, friend, Jesus came for one purpose. He came at just the right time. He came to save you and He came to save me. Christmas was only the beginning of the greatest love story ever told. God gave His only Son to rescue all who believe in Him. If you have this wonderful relationship, praise God! If you haven't made the commitment of trusting Jesus completely, then why not take that step of faith? This could be the best Christmas ever for you!

Merry Christmas to all of you!

*Mr. Hodge*

## Closing Announcements

School closings due to inclement weather or other emergencies are broadcast through the following:

- **Radio:** WCDO (100.9 FM), WCHN (970AM) /WKXZ(94/93.9/95.3 FM)
- **TV:** Channel 12 (WBNG)
- **Websites:** vhcaonline.com; www.wbng.com; www.evesun.com
- **E-mail:** The school administration sends to those families who have e-mail addresses provided to the school.
- **Phone:** If you call the main line of the school, the message will state the closure.

VHCA does not delay opening. If Norwich City School District is closed due to bad weather, VHCA will also be closed.

## Christmas Casual Dress Day

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

We will observe a regular **Casual Dress Day** on **Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>** for those who are eligible.

# 1st 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 September 7 and ending November 11, 2016.

### High Honor Roll:

Fourth Grade: Ty Babcock  
Evan Moore  
Damien Murphy  
Parker Wier

Sixth Grade: Madison VanAlthuis

Eighth Grade: Ryan Brooks

Ninth Grade: Shelby Husted  
Autumn Pope  
Meghan Van Althuis

Tenth Grade: Mathew Diers

Twelfth Grade:

### Honor Roll:

First Grade: Zachary Brooks  
Hannah Davis

Second Grade: Taylor Hodge

Third Grade: Gavin Cole

Fourth Grade: Trinity Gould  
Adrienne Hodge  
Alayna Nichols

Fifth Grade: Annika Armstrong  
Jessup Ross

Sixth Grade: Pierson Bookamer  
Greg Cole  
Ashlee Frayer

Seventh Grade: Morgan Hodge  
Hannah Pope  
Paige Proskine

Eighth Grade: Brielle Armstrong  
Shawn Lake

Ninth Grade: Amanda Diers  
Macey Montgomery

Tenth Grade: Alexandria Frayer  
Allison Wier

Eleventh Grade: Jonathan Lawrence  
Aidan Lowie

Twelfth Grade: Mason Bookamer  
Jacob Van Althuis



# HOME MEMO

December 7, 2016

*Valley Heights Christian Academy*

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## VHCA Christmas Program &

### Ice Cream Social

We are looking forward to a **Christmas Program by our Students on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** Please invite your friends and family to come out.



There will be a **Love Offering** taken during the program for Staff.

All students in attendance should come in school dress code. Those in the program should come dressed as instructed by your teacher.

The Senior Class will sponsor a fundraiser immediately following the program. All are invited to an **Ice Cream Social** in the Fellowship Hall.

If there is a need, the snow date is Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Help us say Thank You & Merry Christmas to some deserving people!**

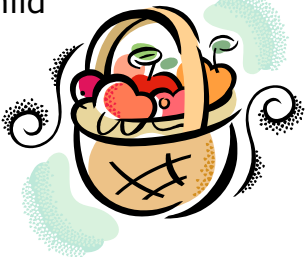
We are asking every student and staff to bring in \$2 that will be used to purchase Christmas Gifts. There are 24 CWS staff and workers that come clean the main areas of our school twice a week for us. This is a nice way for us to show our appreciation to them for all they do.

If you haven't sent the money in yet, please have your child(ren) bring it in by **Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**.

*Merry Christmas*

## Christmas Dinner Food Boxes

Letters were sent home with students last 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 VHCA community. Your child has been asked to bring in a specific item to be placed in their homeroom box. Items should be brought in as instructed.



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

All non-perishable items need to be brought in by Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Perishable items should be brought in on December 21<sup>st</sup> so they are fresh and won't spoil before Christmas.

**Discounted Wreaths**

We have (1) 12" wreath and (4) 16" wreaths available at a discounted price.

If you are interested or know someone who would, please contact the school office for more details.

We need to sell them by **Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**. Please act on it before it is too late!



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

**At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.**

- Titus 3:3-7

Not the traditional Christmas scripture reference that most of us are used to. You might be the Isaiah 40, Luke 2, or ever Micah 5 person. But Titus 3? Well, if we pick apart what this passage says, I think that we'll see it is quite a fitting reference for Christmas time.

Think about it: We are foolish, disobedient people who are easily tricked. We are slaves to our passions and pleasures. We live in a time where people intentionally do evil; where hate runs rampant. It is in the midst of all of this garbage and filth, the Savior came to save us. Not because of what we have accomplished or the size of our bank accounts, but plainly because of His mercy. What Jesus did for us in dying to pay for the sin of the world guarantees us eternal life!

You see, in a society where we over commercialize everything - especially Christmas - the true meaning of the gospel can get lost in the fog. Christians tend to work extra hard at Christmas to keep the focus on the Savior's birth instead of the traditions of men. But then the tree comes down, the decorations put away, parties are over, New Year's Resolutions are made and quickly we turn our attention back to the things of this life.

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## Forgot Your Lunch?

We occasionally have students who do not bring a lunch to school for various reasons. Sometimes, it is difficult to reach a parent in time to have lunch brought in for the student. As a courtesy, the school plans to help out by having some canned soup on hand to help when these times arise.



If a student forgets to bring their lunch and we cannot reach a parent in time, the student will be able to choose something from the "soup pantry." To keep the pantry open, a donation of a can of soup will need to be made by the student who uses the service. A list will be kept and donation made.

If you have any questions or would like to make a soup donation, please contact the school office at 607-336-8422.

DECEMBER 2016						
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<b>Important Dates:</b>						
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## School Closed For Christmas & New Year's Recess

VHCA will be closed on December 23<sup>rd</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</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 2<sup>nd</sup>. Enjoy your Christmas!

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Mid-Quarter ends December 15<sup>th</sup>. Interim Reports will go home Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>! Please sign and return Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> before the long Christmas Recess.

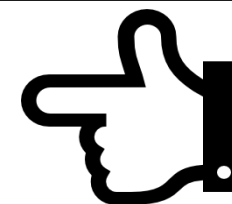
## Monthly Tuition Payment

### 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.

We Need YOUR



Pictures

The yearbook staff would appreciate any candid pictures from VHCA sporting events, special school activities, etc.

The yearbook staff is small and can't be everywhere, so they would be grateful for the help.

All pictures can be e-mailed to:

[yearbook@vhcaonline.com](mailto:yearbook@vhcaonline.com)

[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!

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