

Classroom Fun!



Mrs. Gieger's 9th & 10th grade homeroom
L to R: Shelby Husted, Allie Diers, Allison Wier, Malory Evans, Meghan Van Althuis, Lisa Miedema, Jonathan Lawrence, Jason Graham, Jared Graham, Alex Evans, Tyler Stockwell, and Aidan Lowie.



Mr. Bowker's 7th & 8th grade homeroom decorated by making a book tree!
L to R: Emily Davis, Amanda Diers, Macey Montgomery, Briannah Downey, Brielle Armstrong, Jenea Evans, Madison Van Althuis, Jordan Graham, Tyler Wood, Ryan Brooks, Owen Wier, and Shawn Lake.



VHCA students and staff took up a money collect and the elementary students colored cards that were attached to goodie bags that were given to the CWS clients who come and clean the VHCA facility twice a week.



Mrs. Diers K4/K5 Class couldn't wait to write their names on the newly resurfaced whiteboard in their classroom.

L to R: Hannah Davis, Zachary Brooks, Izaiah Delgado, Alanna Magrath, Joshua Frayer, Layla Piwoski, Abigail Jablonski, Ukiah Farnham, Isabel Magrath, Chelsey Acompora, and Abigail Casse.



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December 18, 2015

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Newest addition to the VHCA

Staff

Many of you are aware of the newest member of the VHCA teaching staff, but for those who



Alayna Nichols, 3rd grade is pictured with Mrs. Van Althuis.

may not be; we would like to introduce you to Mrs. Corine Van Althuis. Mrs. Van Althuis is handling our remedial needs at Valley Heights and has already made a huge impact in just a few short months.

Mrs. Van Althuis brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our school. She received her B.S in Psychology with minors in Aviation and Criminal Justice from Liberty University, followed by a master's degree in Childhood Education at Syracuse University.

Currently in her role as our remedial teacher, Mrs. Van Althuis is meeting with a wide variety of students from Kindergarten through the 6th grade. She has brought her vision and passion for student success with her and the students are benefiting tremendously.

Mrs. Van Althuis resides in Norwich with her husband, Frank, a 2006 graduate of VHCA. If you see Mrs. Van Althuis around, please be sure to welcome her and thank her for her service to God and to our students!

Christmas Food Baskets

Thank you to all families who brought in food items for the Christmas Food Baskets. If you haven't sent in your items yet or were asked to send in perishable items, please make sure to send them in on Monday.



We also appreciate those who gave money toward purchasing turkeys to be added to the baskets.

There are 9 families that will receive a food basket this year from the school family.



Thank you to Sarah Moore & Shelly Evans for coming up with the theme of the VHCA Christmas Float that was in the Parade of Lights on Saturday, November 28th. A lot of coordination and effort went into the project. It was nice to have VHCA represented in the parade. Thank you to all those involved!



Just a
THOUGHT
from the Administrator's Office

You know the Christmas season is upon us when nearly everywhere you look you find advertisements boasting their "great deals." Stores everywhere attempt to draw our attention by advertising "Buy One, Get One Free" or "Buy One, Get Two Free." Yet even as great as these deals are, there is one deal that continues to rise above all the others. It's a deal that has stood out for nearly 2,000 years. It's a deal that doesn't require rain checks or getting *before* the crack of dawn.

This deal, of course, is salvation through Jesus Christ. We receive freedom from Satan's power, freedom from eternal punishment in hell, and a personal relationship with God Himself. It's the only deal that allows you to start over and be something even better. But the best part of this deal is that it's already been paid for in full! This amazing life changing deal was paid for by God, who came down to die for your sins and offer a restored relationship with Him once again.

All this deal requires of you is that you "cash in the coupon." Once you realize that without God, you will never be freed from your slavery to sin, all you have to do is completely trust in what Jesus did on your behalf and ask God to forgive you. Just like you have faith that the coupon is good when you hand it to the cashier, you have faith that God's plan of salvation is good when you trust in His plan of salvation.

If you haven't accepted this deal, I would encourage you to contact me personally at lhodge@vhcaonline.com. Even if you have doubts, or think this is a deal that is "too good to be true," I would still love to talk with you.

Not a sermon...just a thought.

Mr. Hodge

School Closed For Christmas & New Year's Recess

VHCA will be closed on December 22nd through January 3rd for Christmas and New Year's Recess.

The school office will be open on December 22nd from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and then will be closed through January 3rd. Enjoy your Christmas!

2nd Mid-Quarter Evaluation

2nd Mid-Quarter ended today. Interim Reports will go home Tuesday, December 22nd! Please sign and return Monday, January 3rd following Christmas Recess.

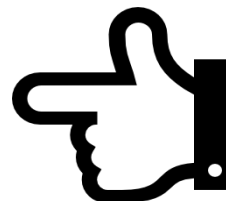
Monthly Tuition Payment

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

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

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Christmas Casual Dress Day

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

We will observe a regular **Casual Dress Day** on **Wednesday, January 6th** for those who are eligible.

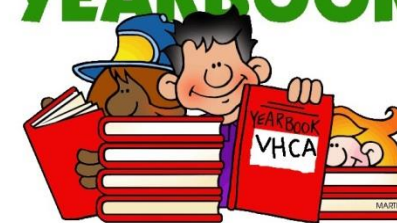
Please remember, it is *casual* not sloppy dress day. Students must not wear nylon or cotton type sweat pants; must not wear dirty or sometimes smelly sneakers; must not wear any tops that are immodest or revealing in any way or have inappropriate writing/pictures; or must not wear any jackets, sweatshirt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



Pictured L to R: Greg Cole, Madison Lawrence, Hannah Pope, Paige Proskine, Morgan Hodge, & Parker Wier.

Mrs. Lowie's 5th & 6th grade class displaying their plant or animal cell they had to build for a science project.

It's Time to Order Your..... **YEARBOOK!**



Yearbook Prices:

- **Until Dec. 22nd - \$30 each**
- **Dec. 23rd - Feb. 29th - \$35 each**
- **After Feb. 29th - \$40 each**

To place your order, please see a yearbook representative or send your money into the office.