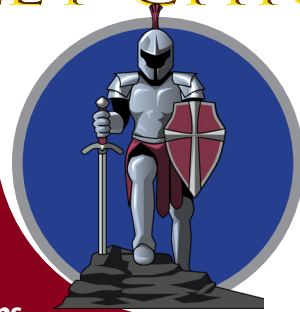


THE GOOD NEWS

VALLEY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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Parent Teacher Fellowship

Hello VCA families:

A big Thank You to all the volunteers who helped, along with all the donations made to make our Feast a success. Your hard work and heart is greatly appreciated, VCA was truly blessed. A special Thank you to Nicolas Baker and his Dad for doing our turkeys and hams this year.

Our next PTF meeting is Dec. 5, 2024 at 3:30pm in the 4th grade classroom. Free babysitting is included, it is not part of the after school daycare program.

We are having our 2nd Annual PTF Christmas Potluck and Secret Gift Exchange that day too. We encourage all parents, staff and volunteers to join us. If you'd like to sign up for the gift exchange & bring a dish to share, please see me or Kari after break, or just email us. We would love to celebrate together, so come join us. The potluck & exchange will start at 4pm.

HAVE A BLESSED THANKSGIVING BREAK!

Blessings,

Tina Rodriguez, PTF Secretary
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5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

—Proverbs 3:5-6

Pizza and Nacho Sale this Thursday, December 5th!

This Thursday is Pizza, Nacho, and Hot Dog Day! Please visit the link <https://valleychristianacademy.futurefund.com/> store to place your order!

Winter Plays:

Please come out to support and enjoy an evening of great entertainment put on by our wonderful students and staff.

*Kindergarten Play - A Christmas Promise

* Christmas Play - 2nd, 4th, and 6th Grades - Away in a Mango

Stop & Shop - Middle School Fundraiser

This year Middle School is offering a fundraiser that is year-long and school-wide. Proceeds from this fundraiser are going to the 5-8 grades' Santa Catalina Island field trip in May & the Middle School end-of-year field trips. We will be offering snacks, waters, & even some school supplies for prices ranging from \$1-\$3. Store hours are 9:45am-1:00pm, Monday-Thursday

Christmas Break:

Just a friendly reminder that school is on break from December 23rd through January 3rd, 2025.

*Daycare is available on December 23rd, 26th, 27th, 30th, 31st, and January 2nd, and 3rd.

*Daycare is closed on Dec. 24th and 25th and January 1st.

Congratulations Students of the Month

- Pre-K Harper Briggs
- Kinder Aria Harris
- First Kyson Dela Cruz
- Second Aniah Lewis
- Third Grace Chavez
- Fourth Mila Beecher
- Fifth Nathalie Jones
- Sixth Jesse Alvarez

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
12/02/2024	12/03/2024 4th Grade field trip to Mission San Juan Capistrano	12/04/2024	12/05/2024 PTF Meeting @ 3:30 PM	12/06/2024
12/09/2024	12/10/2024	12/11/2024	12/12/2024	12/13/2024
12/16/2024	12/17/2024	12/18/2024 Spirit Day - Red & Green Day	12/19/2024 Kindergarten Christmas Program @ 5:00 PM	12/20/2024 Minimum Day Christmas Play (Grades 2nd, 4th, 6th) @ 7:00 PM
12/23/2024 Christmas Vacation - School Closed/Daycare Open	12/24/2025 Christmas Eve - School Closed/Daycare Closed	12/25/2024 Christmas Day - School Closed/Daycare Closed	12/26/2024 Christmas Vacation School Closed/Daycare Open	12/27/2024 Christmas Vacation School Closed/Daycare Open

FROM THE TEACHERS:

Pre-K -

Hello parents and grandparents! I hope you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving! Hopefully you had some time off and got to spend time with loved ones! Christmas is already right around the corner! Hard to believe! New month-new goals! The letters are Ss, Cc and Dd. The numbers are 12, 13 and 14. The color is purple and the shape is star.

Kindergarten -

Hello Kindergarten Families! Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Break and are coming back with full tummies. For this week's homework, we have added new sight words that we are practicing as well as a list of Phonics Charts that include special sounds. Please practice these special sounds as well as the sight words every night. I will be listing which ones to practice on their homework packets. We are only one month away from starting reading groups so please spend time with your child to practice their sounds and words. Also, on December 19th at 5pm, Kindergarten will be performing "A Christmas Promise", more details will come soon. Hope everyone has a blessed week!"

First Grade -

First Grade hopes all their families had a blessed Thanksgiving and hopes the Christmas season will bring them joy and peace. In Bible we will be studying Elijah and the Widow. In math we will be learning to tell time. In social studies we will be exploring the history of our country. First grade learns a lot of "firsts." We have been listening to the book Ramona the Pest for a read aloud. We are almost finished!

Second Grade -

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving. I can't believe it's already December. This week we will be finishing up our classroom spelling bee. If you haven't already, make sure to mark your calendar for the Christmas Play, it's on December 20. All the 2nd graders along with the 4th and 6th grades have been practicing and are excited to do the Play for you! The field trip permission slip and money are due on Dec. 20 too.

Third Grade -

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving vacation with your family and friends! I posted my sign-up sheet for our upcoming Christmas party on my parent board. Please sign up to bring your favorite food or paper goods on 12/20. We will also be doing a gift exchange of a \$5 to \$10 gift that day. On Tuesday, we will be testing in Language and History. Thursday is our PTF Christmas meeting. Lastly, on Friday our class will be leading pledges and doing a special Christmas song in chapel if you'd like to attend. Friday is also the day that our US map projects are due.

Fourth Grade -

Welcome back from Thanksgiving break! The San Juan Capistrano field trip is tomorrow. Be sure to arrive to school on time. Drivers, please make sure you have already put gas in your vehicles. Thank you to the Zuniga family for providing paper for the class. Thank you to the Vasquez family for donating to the class store. The tests for this week are History and Science on Thursday, Bible and Spelling on Friday.

Fifth Grade -

Welcome back! Please Remember to choose a fiction, mystery, or non fiction book to bring to class by this Wednesday. We will have a science test this Friday and students can study any and all science activity manual pages to prepare. We are in need of any parents who can donate towards our nacho fundraiser; please see me for details.

Middle School -

I hope everyone had a restful and blessed Thanksgiving vacation. The sign-up sheet for our class Christmas Party is posted on the Parent Board for 6th grade. We will also be having a white elephant gift exchange. The party will be December 20th. Fundamentals of Math will have a quiz on Thursday. May the peace and joy of the Lord be with you this Advent season.

—Ms. Wong

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving Break! The tests and due dates for the week are as follows: Wednesday: 7/8 Paul's Ministries Map, 7/8 ASL Test; Friday: Pre-Algebra test. Monday, the next book report for 7th grade will be assigned. The book must be narrative nonfiction, 300-400 pages, and needs to be approved by the me by December 11th. Then, the kids will have enough time to read their book and write their report by the time it is due on January 21. Please help them find something that goes with their areas of interest. The 7th grade Mushroom Exercise is due December 17th. The 7th and 8th grade students are learning an ASL rendition "Noel" by 116 featuring Dave James and Trip Lee for Christmas. They will be performing this twice - the first time in chapel on the 13th, and the second time for extra credit in any of my classes before the Christmas play on the 20th at 6:45 pm. If your child is going to attend, please send me an email, as soon as possible.

—Miss Michelle

B I B L E V E R S E S

Pre-K	Luke 1:37
Kindergarten	Zechariah 4:6b
First	Philippians 2:4
Second	Luke 2:12
Third	Luke 8:15
Fourth	Psalms 32:5
Fifth	Psalms 121:1-2
Sixth	Romans 8:1-2
Seventh & Eighth	Romans 8:1-2

