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December 4, 2012

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# Valhalla Community School

## Christmas Season Approaching!

It's hard to believe, but the Christmas season is upon us already!

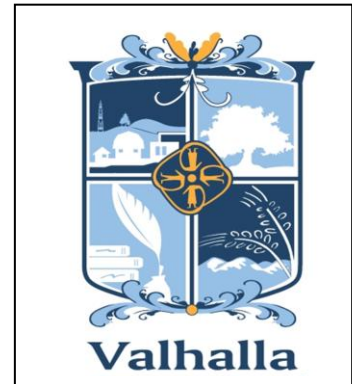
VCS students are already hard at work learning and practicing parts and music for the annual Christmas concert. Only three weeks to go until performance!

A busy schedule of activity is underway. Students are learning their songs, working on their drama parts and will be getting set to help fill many off stage roles as well. The Christmas concert is one of the biggest avenues in the school year for our students to learn and demonstrate leadership, participation and citizenship traits.

The concert will run on December 18 at 1:30pm (dress rehearsal) and 7:00pm. Both performances are open to the public. December 19 is a back up date, should the concert have to be postponed due to road or weather conditions on December 18.

The last day of classes for VCS is December 20. School Council is once again going to be having a Christmas lunch for students, parents and staff of VCS. Anyone who would like to join us in the gym on December 20, 2012 at noon is more than welcome. School Council will be providing pizza for everyone but the remainder of the lunch will be potluck, so if you are joining us please bring a side dish or dessert.

Please contact Barb Lind (780.356.2570) or the school office (780.356.2370) for more information.



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*December 20*

*Pajama Day ...  
Sponsored by the  
Kindergarten Class!!*

*Come dressed in your  
most comfortable  
pajamas!*

## Provincial Achievement Tests

### Advance Notice

It may seem a bit early for an announcement of Achievement Test dates. There will be more discussion on this topic after the Christmas break, but for advance notice, and planning of trips or events, we want to let parents know when achievement tests are scheduled. It is very important that students in achievement test grades (gd. 3,6,9) are at school to participate in testing on the scheduled days.

Test dates run from May 13 to June 27. Please see the attached schedule for details.

### *Silent Auction!*

School Council is trying to raise awareness and donations for our silent auction being held at the VCS Christmas concert. We have attached a letter for parents to take into companies to request donations for silent auction items.



## Community News

### Valhalla Community Library:

Library Hours:

Mondays: 11am – 4pm

Tuesdays: 11am – 4pm

Wednesdays: 10am-6pm

Thursdays: 11am-5pm.

Fridays: Closed

New members always welcome;  
memberships are free!

For any information please contact  
Gail Perry: 780.356.3834



### Newsletter Submission Deadline is Monday 12pm.

If you wish to submit an item please have in a digital format. If received after this time it will be submitted in the following week's newsletter. If it is an attachment please have 85 hard copies to the office by the submission deadline.

## Piano Recital

Mrs. Krause's piano recital will be held on December 6 at 7pm in the Valhalla Viking Centre.

Piano students should feel free to invite guests.

For more information please contact Mrs. Krause at (780)356-2725



## Upcoming Events

**Dec.6, 7pm**  
**Viking Centre**  
**Piano Recital**

**Dec.11, 6:30pm**  
**Viking Room**  
**School Council: Bullying Prevention**

**Dec.18**  
**VCS**  
**Christmas Concert**

**Dec.19, 9 AM**  
**VCS**  
**Board Meeting**

**Dec.20**  
**VCS Gym**  
**Christmas Potluck Lunch**

**Dec.20 – Last day of School before Christmas**

## Bus Drivers' Corner

### COLD WEATHER

All students riding on school buses must wear, which is preferable, or carry with them, proper clothing appropriate for the weather conditions. If a student is not wearing, or does not have in their possession, appropriate clothing suitable for the weather conditions, the bus driver shall advise the parent, principal and document the discussion. In a situation that the Principal determines to be of significant risk to the student, he/she may decide to keep the student at the school until they have appropriate clothing or the parent picks them up.

**Please note the attachment regarding bus cancellation procedures.**

## ***Achievement Test Administration Schedule: May/June 2013***

**Note:** Achievement tests **must** be administered according to the dates and times indicated in this schedule, unless an alternate schedule has been approved by the Director, Examination Administration (see the *Administration Directives, Guidelines, & Procedures* section).

All students are permitted an additional one-half hour to complete a test.

### **May 2013**

Monday, May 13	9:00 – 11:00 9:00 – 11:00 9:00 – 10:20	Grade 6 Français/French Language Arts Partie A Grade 9 English Language Arts Part A Grade 9 K&E English Language Arts Part A
Tuesday, May 14	9:00 – 10:10	Grade 3 English Language Arts Part A
Wednesday, May 15	9:00 – 11:00	Grade 6 English Language Arts Part A
	9:00 – 11:00	Grade 9 Français/French Language Arts Partie A
Thursday, May 16	9:00 – 10:10	Grade 3 Français/French Language Arts Partie A

### **June 2013**

Tuesday, June 11	9:00 – 10:00	Grade 3 English Language Arts Partie B
Thursday, June 13	9:00 – 10:00	Grade 3 Mathematics
Friday, June 14	9:00 – 10:00	Grade 6 Français/French Language Arts Partie B
Monday, June 17	9:00 – 10:00	Grade 6 English Language Arts Part B
Tuesday, June 18	9:00 – 9:45	Grade 3 Français/French Language Arts Partie B
	9:00 – 10:15	Grade 6 Mathematics
Wednesday, June 19	9:00 – 10:00	Grade 6 Science
Thursday, June 20	9:00 – 10:00	Grade 6 Social Studies
	9:00 – 10:15	Grade 9 Français/French Language Arts Partie B
Friday, June 21	ABORIGINAL DAY	No Tests Scheduled
Monday, June 24	9:00 – 10:15	Grade 9 Science
	A.M. 9:00 –	Grade 9 K&E Science
Tuesday, June 25	9:00 – 10:30	Grade 9 Mathematics
	9:00 – 10:15	Grade 9 K&E Mathematics
Wednesday, June 26	9:00 – 10:15	Grade 9 English Language Arts Part B
	9:00 – 10:15	Grade 9 K&E English Language Arts Part B
Thursday, June 27	9:00 – 10:20	Grade 9 Social Studies
	9:00 – 10:15	Grade 9 K&E Social Studies

**Valhalla Community School Hot Lunch Order**

December 13, 2012

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade** \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday December 13, 2012 **This is a kindergarten day**

Hot Dog Day

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For this program to run the School Council is in need of a few volunteers to pick up the hot lunch orders in Beaverlodge and help distribute the food to the children at the school. If we do not have volunteers in advance to help, hot lunch may not be offered on certain months.

If you are willing to volunteer or for any questions please contact Anna Odd (780) 356-2370/ (780) 356-3055 or aodd@valhallaschool.ca

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## **Quebec Trip Fundraiser(s) update**

First of all I want to congratulate all of you for a very successful first fundraiser with our poinsettia sales! Our goal was 144 plants and we have confirmed orders for 333! Well done. Our top seller was Laura Ray and her name will be entered in a draw at DeVry Greenhouses with all the top sellers from all groups who have participated, good luck Laura. Because we have to order in groups of 6 we have 336 coming so if all goes well with delivery we should have three extra available for sale. Now we are expecting delivery on Wednesday, December 5, but we do not have an exact time. We will get an estimated ETA on the afternoon of the 4<sup>th</sup>, but road conditions, weather, etc may play a factor. Anyone who can is asked to be at the school between 3:30 and 4:30 to help sort and take your orders home. For anyone else, Mrs. Steele and I will be at the school again at 7:00pm until 8:00pm. You are responsible for picking up your orders and delivering them with receipts to the people who supported you. The plants will be in need of water and cannot be left at the school overnight.

Our second fundraiser will be a live dessert auction during the intermission at the Christmas concert. We have Loren Steyer, (who is an auctioneer!) doing the honors for us. Anyone wishing to participate is asked to bring at least one dessert to the Christmas concert for sale. Make sure it is packaged in such a way that it will be sure to make it home safe! This will be “group fundraiser” with everyone who participates receiving the same amount of credit. If anyone from the community would like to contribute an auction item that would be greatly appreciated.

Thank-you everyone see you on Wednesday!

Pat Moutray

December 4, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

The Valhalla Community School (VCS) is a K-9 Charter school catering to the needs of students in the Valhalla, LaGlance, Hythe and Beaverlodge areas. As a charter school we are governed by community members and reliant on the community to keep us running and ensure that our students continue to receive an above standard education.

Our school council contributes to our school in many ways, one of them being an annual silent auction held during the VCS Christmas Concert. The Christmas concert is open to all VCS families and to the community. The silent auction is a valuable tool to raise much needed funds for supporting our students. The funds raised in this year's silent auction will be used throughout the school year to further our extensive programming.

If you wish to make a donation, please contact one of the individuals listed below. Donations can be picked up by one of our School Council members or dropped off at the school during regular school hours.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Barb Lind  
VCS School Council President  
(780) 356-2570

Anna Odd  
VCS Secretary  
(780) 356-2370