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Community School

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*From all the Staff and Administration at VCS: A very Merry Christmas to you all. Wishing you all a restful and fun holiday break!*

## Christmas Season Approaching!

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

VCS students are hard at work learning and practicing parts and music for the annual Christmas concert. Only one week 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 20 at 1:30pm (dress rehearsal) and 7:00pm. Both performances are open to the public. December 21 is a back up date, should the concert have to be postponed due to road or weather conditions on December 20.

The last day of classes for VCS is December 22.

*On behalf of our bus drivers and all involved with transportation, at our school, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy your holidays! John Moutray*

**First day back to school after the Christmas Break for everyone K-9 is Monday, January 9th, 2017. Please remember it is also early dismissal that day.**

**See You in 2017!!**



### School Council Update

Our next meeting will be January 11th @ 6:30pm. Due to the unforeseen cancellation of the meeting in December, the Grade 5 students will be joining with the grade 6 students for the March meeting. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

The School Council would like to thank Advantage Oil and Gas for their generous donation of \$2000. Advantage Oil and Gas has been very supportive to our School Council over the past few years.

School Council would also like to thank the Hythe Bigway for their donation of \$100 to go towards the coffee and drinks at our Christmas concert this year.

We now have a 17 ft projection screen with a new sound system installed in our gym. Thank you to the Bethany Banner Historical Society for their donation of \$10,000 and Valhalla Heritage Society for their support in the completion of this huge project. Best Buy was very helpful when purchasing the laptop for this new system and gave us a significant discount on products.

Special thanks to Teresa Boucher for her leading role in making this dream a reality!

### Upcoming

#### Events

**December 16**  
**Hot Lunch - Hot Dogs**

**December 20**  
**VCS Christmas Concert and Silent Auction**

**December 22**  
**PJ Day**

**December 23**  
**CSW, No school**

**January 9**  
**VCS Classes Resume**

### CHARTER SCHOOL EVALUATION

During the 2015-2016 school year, Alberta Education undertook a thorough evaluation of our charter school. The results of the evaluation were very satisfactory, and we also received some great recommendations.

#### Highlights of the Evaluation

We were very pleased to receive six *Commendations* for:

*Our Rural Leadership Program*

*Stakeholder Support for the School*

*Stewardship of our Finances*

*Strong Community Support of the School*

*Governance and Leadership*

*Administrative Leadership and Communication*

#### Recommendations

We also received a number of recommendations as we move towards applying for renewal of our charter in 2017:

*Update the charter in alignment with Alberta Education initiatives.*

*Strengthen the research component of the school and develop research partnerships.*

*Enhance the sharing of best practices with the educational community.*

*Develop enhanced assessment practices for the rural leadership program.*

## GREAT PROVINCIAL RESULTS!!

As you know, each year the province gathers information through surveys of all stakeholders (parents, teachers and students). Each year as well, students write Provincial Achievement Tests in Grades Six and Nine. As you can see below, our results are terrific! Parents and other stakeholders are very satisfied and our academic results in June 2016 were very good!

**90.8%** of our stakeholders believe we have a *Safe and Caring School*.

**93.8%** of our stakeholders believe that there is strong *Educational Quality in our School*.

**97.5%** of our stakeholders believe that students are being well-served for *Work Preparation*.

**94.5 %** of our stakeholders are satisfied or very satisfied with the levels of *Parent Involvement*.

**And 86.8%** of our students achieved the *Acceptable* standard in Provincial Achievement tests, which is above the provincial average!

### School Spirit Day

Our next School spirit day is moved Thursday, December 22nd. Please wear your favorite PJ'S and show your school spirit.

Dress up and show your school spirit. Every time a student participates in a school spirit day their name is entered to win a grand prize of gift cards movie passes and candy valued at \$100 . The winner is announced at our year end assembly.



### Student Meeting Attendance.

The term 2 student council students will be attending a Valhalla School Foundation Board meeting on January 26, 2017 @ 6pm. Attending the VSF Board meeting will be in place of attending the School Council meeting. We ask that the term 1 student council students that missed their meeting in October attend this meeting as well.

### Poinsettia Fundraiser

Our Quebec trip students held a fundraiser selling poinsettias to help earn money toward their trip to Quebec. Thank you to everyone that helped support our students. We still have some poinsettias on sale for \$15 each. Please contact the school office if you are interested.



### Christmas Concert Silent Auction Donations

The Christmas concert will be held on Tuesday, December 20th. We will have an afternoon performance starting at 1:30pm and an evening performance at 7pm. The Valhalla School Council will have their annual Silent Auction during the Christmas concert. All donations are greatly appreciated. Paintings and Hand crafted items are great ideas for donations and are very welcome! This is school council's only fundraiser for the year to support school programs such as the year end BBQ and track and field days. Letters are available at the school if anyone would like one to take to businesses and ask for donations. Please show your support for our school and your children by bringing your silent auction item.

# House League Update

## Vikings

**Point Standings for December 13**

**153 Points**

## Icemen

**Point Standings for December 13**

**121 Points**

## Nordics

**Point Standings for December 13**

**127 Points**

## Trollsmen

**Point Standings for December 13**

**113 Points**