

Dear 8th Grade Parents and Students,

I hope you have had an enjoyable Winter Break and a successful Fall Semester. The end of your middle school experience is quickly approaching. I hope you are ready for a successful freshman year, and a successful high school experience. The journey begins this Spring Semester. I want to give you an advanced notice on what is happening this Spring.

March 7th at 6:00pm, in the auditorium, VHS will be hosting our **8th Grade Orientation**. We highly encourage every 8th grade student and at least one parent/guardian to attend. This is an opportunity to meet our high school staff, introduce our expectations for your 9th grade year, and meet with advisors and coaches for the multitude of activities/athletics we offer at VHS.

March 14th at 6:00pm, in the auditorium we will host our annual **AP/Dual Enrollment Night**. If your student is interested in our advanced placement or dual credit programs, please attend. Currently, we do not offer AP/Dual Credit classes to freshmen, but the road to accessing those classes begins their 9th grade year.

In **April**, we will be sending a message to all 8th grade parents asking them to register their student(s) online. If you do not have a parent account for Infinite Campus, please do so before April. Please call either the SVMS or NVMS building secretary to get an account.

The high school counseling staff will be meeting with middle school students, at their respective middle schools, to discuss their 9th grade schedules. Their 9th grade schedules will be completed before the 2017 - 2018 school year ends.

Aug. 8th - Aug. 10th, from 8:00 am - 3:30 pm, we will have on site **Fall Athletic Registration**. Due to the construction schedule, the site of this will be determined later. Please be sure to fill out the *online* athletic registration form on the Valley website under Athletics and Activities and bring a current physical.

August 13th, Fall Athletics begin. Information on start times and location of practices will come through your coaches. Just a reminder you cannot participate until all your paperwork has been turned into our **Athletic Secretary, Lori Storm**. Please be aware that athletics starts prior to classes starting.

August 13th, Fall Athletics Night, at 7:00pm. Every parent and athlete who participates in the fall is highly encouraged to attend. The location will be determined later based on the construction schedule.

August 16th, from 8:00 - 3:30 pm, we will be hosting our **Returning Student Registration**. If your on-line registration was done in April, students and parents will not need to attend, unless they have any last minute questions or concerns. All student fees can be paid on-line (see our VHS webpage) or during this time if you are paying with a check, cash, or money order.

August 31st, 8:00am - 12:00pm, VHS we will be hosting our **Freshmen Orientation Day (LINK Day)**. On this day, students will learn more about our student culture, take their class picture, receive their ID's, run through their daily schedule, meet their Senior Mentors, and receive their computers. We highly recommend having every freshmen attend. Location will be determined later by the construction schedule.

September 4th, school starts at **8:00 am** sharp!!!

Sept 11th, from 6:00pm -8:00pm we will have our **Back To School Night** for all grade levels.

Once again, please enjoy your 8th grade experience. We look forward to seeing all of you at our 8th grade orientation night.

Rich Dalgliesh

Principal VHS