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WEST VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL. . . .

Welcome back!

The High School Newsletter is one of the means used to communicate upcoming events, important dates, program news, and legislative changes that impact education to parents. I encourage you to take time to read the newsletter that is mailed home every other month. This is especially important to families who have made the educational choice for their student to be off-campus all or part of the day. Another important tool in keeping up with what's going on at the high school is our web page. Several employees make it their job to update pertinent information concerning activities, athletics, RAM Prep and the Senior Project, as well as deadlines. Information is also available through the school info line - 972-5915.

We're anticipating close to 1200 students when our doors open August 29. Our counselors worked hard last spring to make sure all students were enrolled in appropriate courses to meet their educational needs as well as the requirements of State and Federal guidelines for students who did not meet minimum standards on the WASL. All classes are FULL! There is minimal, if any, room to accommodate student or parent requests for schedule changes.

We welcome a number of new employees to WVHS. We're confident we've hired some of the best teachers to meet the demands of educating our students for the adult roles they will soon assume. All of our new teachers bring experiences from other districts to enhance our instruction. Teachers new to WVHS are: Jamie Runge and Brian Pendleton, English; Tom Robinson, Business; Ryan DeLozier, Math; Jacob Munden, Ag. Science; Lucas Jaeger, Special Education; Megan Goranson, 6-12 choral music; Jerry Cox, RAP math/science; Susan Kaphammer, Library/Tech Coordinator; and Jake Hall, Assistant Principal.

If you are not familiar with Family Access, I strongly encourage you to contact Mary Ann Perri at perrim@wvsd208.org to obtain a pass word. This system provides you information concerning your student's grades, attendance, and discipline 24/7. It provides you the opportunity to make contact with a teacher early on to hopefully avoid potential problems or miscommunication.

The choices your student makes during high school will impact the availability of post-secondary options. Regular daily school attendance and completion of assignments are essential for your student to make academic progress. I strongly discourage teachers from allowing students to make-up work. Life is about meeting timelines and being socially responsible for individual actions. Sophomores traditionally find the rigor of high school classes much different from the junior high school. Please, maintain regular contact with your child's teachers either through Family Access, e-mail, or phone. You are the single most important component of your child's success.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

- **Registrar:**
Lori Jones 972-5924
- **Attendance:**
Sandie Hennessy 972-5912
- **Counselors:**
Bernie Snow A-Gq 972-5921
Dawn Hester P-Z 972-5919
Jan Chase Gr-O 972-5920
- **Athletic Director**
Joe Coscarart 972-5942
- **Activities Director**
Craig Lacy 972-5933/972-5969
- **Info Line** 972-5915/ 972-6002
- **Transportation**
966-2403
- **RAP Night School**
Kristin Johnson 972-5941
- **Administrators**
Dr. Jean Seibert 972-5906
Ryan Hall 972-5907
Bill Oppliger 972-5908

Please make note of the above phone numbers to help alleviate the congestion coming

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RAM PREVIEW FOR INCOMING SOPHOMORES & NEW STUDENTS!

Wednesday, August 23rd (7:30 am-2:25 pm) and Thursday, August 24th (7:50-11:20 am) are the dates for this year's Ram Preview for the Class of 2009 and new/transfer students. Students will be in groups of 30 with 3 team teachers and upperclassmen who will lead them in a series of activities designed to help ease the transition to WVHS. Activities include team building, campus tour, peer mediation & conflict resolution, an introduction to WVHS traditions (pep assembly, fight song, etc.), and time management. Students will be asked to bring \$25 the first day to pay for an ASB Card, as they will be taking their school/i.d. card photos that day, as well as obtaining lockers. On Day 2, students will receive their schedules and do a run through of their schedules, helping to further acclimate them to the WVHS layout. Students should arrive in proper school attire. Parents will need to arrange for their student's transportation to and from school. Students will need to bring a sack lunch on Day 1. For more information, contact the Ram Preview Coordinator, Joe Coscarart, at 972-5942.

Release Of Information

West Valley high School, in accordance with the 1974 Buckley Amendment (the Family Rights and Privacy Act) may release information such as name, address, and phone number to certain agencies. These agencies may include military, Boy/Girls Scouts, and vendors dealing with class rings, graduation supplies etc. If you would prefer that this information not be released, please sign the form below and have your student return it to the high school.

I Do Not Wish To Have My Student's Name, Address And Phone Number On Released Lists.

Please Print Clearly

Student(s) name and grade:

Parent Signature:

The Registrar's Corner: Welcome back to a new school year. Each year the staff here at West Valley High School strives to make the year better than the one that preceded it. My name is Lori Jones and I am the registrar. I am the person who takes care of all student records, mailing off transcripts to prospective colleges, updates your personal information in the system, enrolls and withdraws students from the school etc... If you are new to the school, have moved recently, changed phone numbers, your parents have changed jobs, I ask that you make it a special point to come and introduce yourself to me and help me update your records. We hate to wait until an emergency arises to realize that we have out of date information on you.

I have an open door policy and am available pretty much the entire school day, not to mention before and after school. If you would like to make an appointment or take care of business over the phone, I can always be reached at 972-5924. I hope that everyone has a terrific 2006-2007 school year.

Sincerely, Lori Jones, Registrar

Important Dates to Remember!!!! Please visit our Website for up to date information www.wvsd208.org/hs

- August 14 Fall Sports Parent Meeting WVHS Commons 6:00 pm
- August 21 Soccer Tryouts 7 am @ Chuck Millard Track and
and again from 4-6 at Cottonwood
Volleyball tryouts 9 am WVHS main gym
Cross Country 3:30 @ WVJH Northwest of gym
Girls swim/dive tryouts 6:15-7:30 am WVMS &
3:45-5:30 pm @ YAC
Varsity Football practice 7:00-9:30 am (offense)
5:00-7:30 defense
Drill Team Practice 6:00-8:00 pm Aux Gym
- August 23 Sophomore Transition Program 7:30 am—2:25pm
- August 24 Sophomore Transition Program 7:50-11:20 am
Junior and Senior Arena Day 11:45-3:45 pm
Back to School Dance 8:00pm-11:00pm Courtyard
- August 26 Red/White Scrimmage 7:00—8:30 pm
- August 29 First Day of School
Picture Make Up day
Jazz Band I and II Auditions
- September 4 No School Labor Day
- September 6 Open House
- September 8 Pep Assembly
- September 18 TWIRP 8:00-11:00pm Commons
- September 23 Sunfair Parade
- September 25 No School Teacher Inservice Day
- September 29 Homecoming Kick Off Assembly
- October 7 Homecoming Dance 8:30pm-11:30pm Yakima Convention Center

WHAT'S HAPPENING !!!



Back To School FUN!!!!

August 24, 2006

BBQ & FUN WITH

WATER

FREE

BACK TO SCHOOL DANCE

3:00-6:00 PM WATER GAMES

Slip -N-Slide

Water balloons

Beach Ball Volleyball

FOOD

Hamburgers

Hotdogs

Chips

Soda



8:00-11:00 pm

High School Courtyard

Bring Student ID





JUNIORS & SENIORS ARENA DAY (Aug. 24)

(Parking permits, school/id photos, schedules, etc.)

Thursday, August 24th is your chance to get ready for the 2006-07 school year. Students will have the opportunity to pay off any fines and buy a parking permit (two checks needed or cash if the fine is related to ASB/Id Cards or athletic/activity related), buy their ASB Card (\$25, separate check from fines unless the fine is non-curricular). Students will be taking their school/i.d. card photos (dress appropriately), obtaining a locker (if wanted), obtain their parking permit and their 1st trimester class schedule. The schedule is as follows on August 24th:

11:45 am-12:25 pm: Seniors with last names A-GI
 12:25-1:05 pm: Seniors with last names Go-Pa
 1:05-1:45 pm: Seniors with last names Pe-Z

1:45-2:25 pm: Juniors with last names A-GI
 2:25-3:05 pm: Juniors with last names Go-Pa
 3:05-3:45 pm: Juniors with last names Pe-Z

Parking Permits: Made Payable to WVSD—Must have Drivers License and Insurance
 Upper Lot—Senior & Juniors Only \$35.00
 Lower Lot— Seniors, Juniors & Sophomores \$10.00

ASB Cards: Made Payable to WVHS
 \$25.00

Pay to Participate: Made Payable to WVSD
 \$60.00

School Pictures: Made out to Dorian Studios (Studio will mail out price lists)

Fall Sports Meetings/Practices/Tryouts:

Monday, August 14th: Sports Information/Paperwork Clearance General Meeting, 6:30-7:15 pm Main Gym. Sport Meetings 7:15-8:30 pm.

Tuesday, August 15th: Football Gear Checkout 6 pm

Wednesday, August 16th: Football Practice begins, Varsity/JV 7-9:30 am (Defense/Helmet Only) & Chalk Talk 6-7:30 pm

Monday, August 21st:

Volleyball Tryouts (grades 9-12) begin 8 am in WVHS Main/Aux Gyms

Girls' Soccer Tryouts (grades 9-12) begin 7 am @ WVHS's Chuck Millard Track followed by 4-6 pm @

Cottonwood Field (bring water!)

Boys'/Girls' Cross Country Practice (grades 9-12) begin 3:30 pm at WVJH (northwest of Gym...bring water!)

Girls' Swim/Dive Tryouts (grades 9-12) begin 6:15-7:30 am @ WVMS & 3:45-5:30 pm @ YAC Varsity/JV

Football Practices 7-9:30 am (Offense) & 5-7:30 pm (Defense)

Attendance

Regular, on time attendance has a profound affect on student learning. As the old education saying goes, “You can’t educate those that aren’t here”. With the school year beginning, please spend time to emphasize with your son or daughter how important regular attendance is to their education. Below are list of helpful hints and school requirements.

- Please make appointments outside the school day if possible.
- Provide your son or daughter a note as they return back to school from an absence. You may also call the attendance office and leave a message or talk directly to Mrs. Hennessey. 972-5912. Students have 48 hours after their return to submit excuses. After that time the absence becomes unexcused.
- **The West Valley High School tardy policy has changed. Any students who arrive 10 minutes or later to class after the final bell rings will be marked absent. Students without an excuse will be assigned an unexcused absence and will be subject to discipline.**
- Monitor your student’s attendance regularly using Family Access.
- If you know your son or daughter will be out of school for an extended period of time, please prearrange the absence. Teachers then have the opportunity to communicate with you regarding assignments and any other concerns.

West Valley High School will only excuse absences for the following reasons

- Illness
- Family Emergency
- School Initiated Activities
- Health care appointments (doctor/health care professional note required on return)
- Pre arranged family activities

Thank you. Your help is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to call Mr. Oppliger (Assistant Princi-

Hello everyone. I hope that you had a great summer and are recharged and refreshed and ready for another year at West Valley High School. I am looking forward to this year with some new ideas and plans to make fun things happen. Who am I? Well, it’s me...Mr. Lacy. I am the Activities Coordinator and ASB Advisor for the high school and I can’t wait for school to start. I spent parts of my summer trying to think of fun ways to celebrate this year. I won’t be doing it by myself though. I will have the help of an awesome group of young people who are as excited about this year as I am...the 2006-2007 ASB Executive Council. And they are:

ASB President	Stefan George	Public Relations Director	Cameron Haubrich
ASB Vice-President	Gretchen Swanson	Co-Communications Director	Casey Schaub
Speaker of the House	Nicole Richardson	Co-Communications Director	Chris Reid
ASB Executive Secretary	Jayne Gilmore	Co-Communications Director	Sarah Cooper
Senatorial Secretary	Curtis Moore	Senior Class President	Lance Weber
Treasurer	Katie Heary	Junior Class President	Danielle La Riviere
Asst. Treasurer	Sam Eakin	Sophomore Class President	Megan LaRiviere

This group along with other student leaders in our school (including clubs officers and other class officers) will work hard to make this another great year at West Valley. If you have any ideas that you think would be good for the high school let them or myself know and we’ll see what we can do! One of the best ways for that to happen is for you as students to get involved. We offer a variety of extracurricular activities at West Valley High School and studies show that these activities are not only good for students, but also vital to the learning experiences students receive while in high school. Being part of a club or team in high school will make the total high school experience more memorable.

So **GET INVOLVED** in things that are going on. Within the first couple weeks of school you will have the opportunity to hear about and look into the various clubs and activities we offer and I challenge everyone to find a club that fits you and join or help start up a new club for yourself and others (want to know how, just come see me in room 206)!

Next lets talk ASB cards. I highly encourage every student to purchase an ASB card on the first day of school and keep them with you. The cost is \$25 and not only does it serve as your I.D. badge that you must wear, its also like one of those savings cards you can get at some local stores...they save you money. What does that \$25 get you? The list is long and would take up lots of space but here are the highlights:

Clubs/Athletics – in order to belong to any of our clubs that are sponsored by the ASB you need to have an ASB card. Funds generated by the sale of ASB cards help to support these clubs and teams by way of supplies, uniforms, equipment, etc.

Sporting Events – the ASB card gets you into all home athletic events for which there is a charge, for FREE! The only catch is that you need the ASB card on you to show at the gate...even if your favorite teacher ore Activities Director is taking tickets. To put that into perspective for you, if you were to attend all home football, home volleyball and home soccer matches the card will have paid for itself as it costs \$5 to get into those games without an ASB card. That's a huge savings and that doesn't even include basketball or spring sports.

Dances – an ASB card allows you to purchase dance tickets for a reduced rate. The average savings is \$5-8 depending on the dance.

Activities – throughout the year the ASB Executive Council uses money generated by the sale of ASB cards to sponsor fun activities for the students here at West Valley. Whether it's during Homecoming week when we have Ramapalooza or a night of games, the cost to get in is less (and many times free) for students with an ASB card.

So buy those cards because they will save you lots of money. They will be on sale during Ram Preview for Sophomores on August 23 or registration for juniors and seniors on August 24

Finally, some house keeping details I want to let you know about.

Dorian Studios will be doing all of our pictures again this year. That includes school portraits, ASB cards, I.D. badges, dances, sports teams and club pictures. They are excited to be a part of West Valley.

You will have your picture taken for school portraits as well as your ASB/I.D. card at the same time. Sophomores will have theirs taken during the first day of Ram Preview (Aug. 23) while seniors and juniors will have theirs done on Aug. 24 during their registration time.

You will be paying for ASB cards, fines, parking permits and class fees the same day you get your pictures taken -- during Ram Preview for sophomores and during Arena registration for seniors and juniors. We will again be using our point of sale system that will allow us to speed up the process. You will find in this newsletter a checklist of items that you may be purchasing. If you will check off the items you are purchasing/paying for and bring this with you along with your checks to Ram Preview or arena day/registration it will allow us to get everyone through the process quickly and efficiently. **Also please note that if you are paying by check you will need separate checks for the different items.**

One check made out to West Valley High School for your ASB (\$25) and/or items on the fine list that are ASB related (i.e. sports fines, drill team fines, cheer fines, etc).

One check made out to West Valley High School for any outstanding fines you have (class fines, parking fines, etc.), parking permits (\$35 with ASB/ \$40 without), class fees and Pay-to-Participate for those sports not making cuts.

Finally you will need a separate check made out to Dorian Studios for pictures for your school portraits.

If you have any questions about ASB cards, pictures, or information regarding West Valley High School activities. If you want to reach me about an announcement (daily at school or at athletic events) you can call me at 972-5933 or you can send me an email at lacyc@wvsd208.org and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

Family Access Coordinator is Mary Ann Perri. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your Family Access Please give her a call at 972-5909.

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WE'RE ON THE WEB!!!
