

# Viking Voice

## Vineyard Junior High School



**January/February 2023**

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Dear Vineyard Families:

There is no better time than the New Year to celebrate the successes of our students and to set forth new goals. Our students' efforts certainly shined during the first trimester. We are incredibly proud of our students who earned Principal's Honor, Honor Roll, Purple Reign, Viking of the Week, and PBIS Students of the Week. Our students are now halfway through the second trimester and still have time to raise their current grades. We encourage all of our students to take advantage of receiving additional support by attending math tutoring and/or study hall on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays (See our website calendar for specific times). Your child's **Midterm Trimester 2 Progress Report** will be available in the **Infinite Campus** parent portal on **Thursday, December 22, 2022**. This is a perfect opportunity to review grades with your child and set new academic goals for the remainder of the year.

As we head into the new year, we need to take advantage of our most important time of the year, our learning season! Good attendance will contribute to your child's success in school. We encourage all of our students to participate and engage during each class and to turn in assignments on time. The next few months are the most crucial in ensuring our students have mastered the grade level standards and are prepared for the next grade level.

A special thanks goes out to our dedicated PTSA Board for working to organize fundraisers to benefit our students and supplement vital programs at Vineyard. We are grateful for your support with our PTSA Fall Fundraisers. We hope to see you at our next ASB Dine-out at Raising Cane's (Ontario) on Thursday, January 19, 2023 from 3:00 to 9:00 pm and at our PTSA Dine-out at Tio's Mexican Food (Lemon Ave) on Thursday, February 16 from 3:00 to 9:00 pm. Please look for a flyer and email with information. We truly appreciate your support with our fundraising efforts!

To promote respect towards others, we are participating in the "Great Kindness Challenge" during the week of January 24 - 27. Our leadership students will sponsor dress-up spirit days, and our teachers will provide activities to promote kindness throughout the week. We strive hard to establish a positive, safe school environment for our students at Vineyard. In an effort to do so, we conduct monthly drills to prepare for fires, earthquakes, and lockdown situations. On December 16th, we held our annual student safety assemblies and reviewed the following to promote a safe school: bullying, cyberbullying, sexual harassment, Run, Hide, Fight procedures, the dangers of vaping and drugs, and promoted the message to "See Something, Say Something". The Sheriff's Department also provided an active shooter training for our staff in December, and we will continue to work with local law enforcement to review our safety procedures. We have encouraged our students to report any potential safety risks immediately and would appreciate it if you would also discuss the "See Something, Say Something" message with your child at home. Students can access "Purple Slips" in every class to seek help or report issues and can also access an online self-reporting form on our school website as well. Please know that your child's safety is, and will continue to be our top priority.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Your partnership is important to us!

Sincerely,

**Sandy Rose**

**Principal, Vineyard Jr. High**

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# Calendar

## January

- 9 Welcome Back! Students Return
- 10 Site Council Meeting, 2:30 - 3:30 pm
- 7th Grade Boys Basketball Tryouts, 2:15 - 3:45 pm
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- 12 8th Grade Boys Basketball Tryouts, 2:15 - 3:30 pm
- 13 Spirit Day, Wear VJH Purple & Gold
- 8th Grade Boys Basketball Tryouts, 2:15 - 3:30 pm
- 16 **No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- 17 7th Grade Girls Basketball Tryouts, 2:15 - 3:25 pm
- 18 Board Meeting at DSC, 6:00 pm
- 19 7th Grade Girls Basketball Tryouts, 2:15 - 3:25 pm
- Dine-Out Night, Raising Cane's, 3:00 - 9:00 pm
- 20 Spirit Day, Wear VJH Purple & Gold
- PTSA Board Meeting, 8:30 - 9:30 am
- 23 **No School - Staff Development Day**
- 24 Great Kindness Challenge all Week
- 26 Winter Dance Party For Eligible Students, 2:15 - 3:45 pm
- 27 Spirit Day, Wear Camouflage

## February

- 1 Inter and Intra-District Transfers Begin Through 3/17
- Board Meeting at DSC, 6:00 pm
- 2 Basketball Game vs. Grace Yokley - Girls Home/Boys Away, 3:10 - 4:30 pm
- 3 Spirit Day, VJH Purple & Gold
- PTSA Board Meeting, 8:30 - 9:30 am
- 7 Community State of the District Event at the DSC, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
- 8 LOHS Freshman Rally for 8th Graders, 8:00 - 10:00 am
- LCAP Meeting at the DSC, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
- 9 Basketball Game vs. Upland JH - Girls Away/Boys Home 3:00 - 4:30 pm
- DELAC Meeting at the DSC, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
- 10 Spirit Day, Football Attire
- VJH Spelling Bee, 8:15 - 11:00 am
- 13 **No School - President Lincoln's Birthday**
- 15 LOHS 8th Grade Parent Night, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- Board Meeting at the DSC, 6:00 pm
- 16 Basketball Game vs. Foothill Knolls - Girls Away/Boys Home 3:00 - 4:30 pm
- PTSA Dine-Out Night at Tio's, 3:00 - 9:00 pm (The flyer will be required for VJH to receive a donation!)
- 17 Spirit Day, No One Eats Alone, Wear Red & Pink
- End of 2nd Trimester
- 20 **No School - Presidents' Day**
- 23 Basketball Game vs. Pioneer - Girls Away/Boys Home, 3:00 - 4:30 pm
- GATE STEM Fair (TBD), 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- 24 Spirit Day, VJH Purple & Gold
- 2nd Trimester Report Cards Posted in Infinite Campus, 12:00 pm
- 27 GATE Field Trip to University of Redlands
- 28 Site Council Meeting, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

## Great Kindness Challenge

**January 24-27 is our Great Kindness Week!**

VJH promotes creating a culture of kindness and working together to strengthen students' social and emotional well-being. We will have a fun spirit day each day to promote the Kindness message!

**Tuesday, 1/24:** "Get on the Kindness Team"  
Sports Attire Day

**Wednesday, 1/25** "TBA" "Tying Kindness Together"  
Tie-Dye Day

**Thursday, 1/26:** "Hats Off to Kindness"  
Wear Your Favorite Hat

**Friday, 1/27:** "We Can't Hide Our Kindness"  
Camouflage Day

## ASB DINE OUT

**At Raising Cane's!**  
4360 Mills Circle, Ontario  
3:00—9:00 pm



**Thursday, January 19th**

## VJH CLUBS!

We have a variety of clubs and on campus activities for our students. Reminders are in our daily announcements for students and available for parents to view on our website: <https://www.alsd.k12.ca.us/vineyard>.

**Cubing Club:** Thursdays from 2:15 - 2:45 pm in Room 24, next meeting January 12th

**Jazz Club:** Wednesdays from 2:20 - 3:30 pm in Room 1

**Kindness Club:** Once a month at lunch in the Library, next meeting TBD

**Newspaper Club:** Wednesdays at 2:15 - 3:00 pm in Room 18

**Sports:** Basketball starts in January

**Theatre Club:** Rehearsals Tuesdays & Thursdays at 2:15 - 3:30 in the MPR. The Spring production of *Peter Pan Jr. from MTI* will be May 4th & 5th in the MPR.

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## Promotion Requirements

The Alta Loma School District requires students to have a **Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 1.6 or higher** by the end of their 8th grade year to participate in 8th grade Promotion and related activities. Promotion activities include a Knott's Berry Farm trip, the Promotion Party, and the Promotion Ceremony.

Students who are in danger of not meeting the GPA requirement are given the opportunity to earn positive GPA credit through Learning Upgrade. Those students also meet regularly with the Dean of Students, and letters are sent home to parents.

If you have any questions regarding this policy or are concerned that your son or daughter may be in danger of not meeting the GPA requirement, please contact Mrs. Brehm, Dean of Students, at (909) 484-5120.

**CLASS OF  
2023**

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## Vineyard gives BACK

**Operation Community Cares** is an organization we support by collecting items and assembling care packages to help our deployed troops. This project was done in the month of October. We are very proud of our generous students who donated! Their participation was outstanding!

During December, **100 children** benefited from our **"Adopt-a-Child"** program. Thank you to our families who provided special gifts for kids they adopted through Children's Family Services.

## G.A.T.E.

Alta Loma School District offers a Gifted and Talented Education Program for students in grades four through eight. Students in grades three through seven are eligible for consideration. Either a parent or teacher completing the appropriate application forms can make a referral.

The required forms are available at the school site. Data is collected from test scores, school performance, pupil records, and a survey. Information about the G.A.T.E. test to follow.

## A Special Thank You

We would like to extend a special thank you to the following establishments for supporting our programs. We greatly appreciate your participation in helping to make these programs a huge success:



## TRANSFER PROCEDURES

**\* IMPORTANT DATES \***

**February 1 – March 17, 2023**

The application window for Intra (within the District) and Inter-District Transfers will be open beginning February 1, 2023.

Applications for Intra-District transfers and Inter-District transfers will not be accepted after  
**March 17, 2023.**

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