

Viking Voice

Vineyard Junior High School



September/October 2022

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Dear Vineyard Families,

Thank you for helping us to have such a smooth, productive start to the school year. Due to the hard work and enthusiasm of our teachers, our students have adapted well and have begun to master new academic learning standards. We will continue to prepare our students for college and career readiness by focusing on 21st century skills, by teaching our students to persevere through problem-solving, and by focusing on the four C's (critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and creativity). Across the district, we are using the online learning program, *i-Ready*, to help meet individual student needs and assist teachers in driving their instruction in both language arts and mathematics. To learn more about this amazing program, go to the following link: [i-Ready](#).

Our staff was grateful to have such a well-attended evening for our "Meet the Teacher Night" on August 18th. This informative evening offered a unique snapshot of the junior high program, supports, and expectations. Thank you for attending and showing the value that you place on your child's education.

Here at Vineyard Junior High, we truly believe that home and school are a partnership. Through our shared efforts, we can help to provide the best education and junior high experience possible for your child. We encourage parents and family members to become involved in your child's education by attending school events, checking your child's teacher websites for assignments, and by checking Infinite Campus regularly to monitor your child's grades.

Be sure to mark your calendar for our **Parent Conferences** coming up **September 26 – 29**. These conferences are scheduled for parents of students who are experiencing difficulty in academic subjects in one or more classes. We will be sending our **conference invitations for those students identified as earning below a C on September 16 (students should also attend the conference)**. Please make sure you sign the **conference form** if you received one and **return** it to your child's Homeroom teacher (1st period) **no later than Tuesday, September 20**. If you do not receive a conference form for your child and you have concerns in regards to your child's academic progress or behavior, please call the office to schedule a conference with your child's teacher/s. We are scheduled very tightly during the conference week, so it's important for you and your child to attend at the scheduled time. **Progress reports** will be **posted in Infinite Campus on September 16**. As you review your child's grades for this first mid trimester, please take time to discuss grades and encourage him or her to do their personal best.

Our kick-off for our main fundraiser, **Step it Up**, sponsored by ASB was held on August 16. All **pledge sheets** and money are **due by September 2**. Thank you for your continued support with our fundraising efforts to support our learning programs. If you would prefer to make a direct donation rather than participating in our fundraisers, you may make a donation to Vineyard Junior High ASB instead. These funds help to support our after-school sports program, Renaissance Rallies, PBIS program, assemblies, and other valuable programs and enrichment opportunities for our students.

Our **Outdoor Education Parent Information Night** will be held on **September 15** in the MPR at 5:00 pm for Camp CIMI/Pali. Vineyard provides great enrichment opportunities for students to learn in a hands-on environment in a non-traditional school setting. Eighth grade students attend Camp Pali and seventh grade students attend Camp CIMI.

We are proud to collaborate with our PTSA to make our school a better learning environment for our students. There are many exciting events being sponsored by PTSA this year, so look for information on our website. We encourage you to join our PTSA (envelopes are available in the office and the QR code is on our school website.) Our **PTSA Dine-out Night** will be held on **September 14 at Vince's Spaghetti** (4:00—9:00 pm) and our **ASB Dine-out** will be on **October 18 at Chipotle** (4:00—8:00 pm) on Foothill Blvd. We appreciate your support with these fundraisers and hope to see you there.

We look forward to partnering with you to provide our students with the best education possible. By working together, we can ensure that your child's social, emotional, behavioral, and academic needs are met. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Sandy Rose

Dr. Sherry Smith, Superintendent, Alta Loma School District
ALSD Board of Trustees: Brad Buller, Rebecca Davies, Jessica Martinez, Sandie Oerly, Dave Roberts

Important Dates

SEPTEMBER

- 8/29-9/2 Be Kind Online Week
- 1 Theatre Club Informational Meeting, 2:15-3:15 pm
8th Football Tryouts, 2:15-3:45 pm
7th & 8th Volleyball Tryouts, Day 2 (Start 8/31)
- 2 Step It Up! Fundraiser Turn In
Spirit Day - College Colors
Last day, 8th Graders Sign Up For CJSF
- 5 Labor Day Holiday - No School**
- 6 Theatre Club Auditions, 2:15-3:30 pm
- 7 Hearing & Vision Screening
Newspaper Club Interest Meeting, 2:15-3:00 pm
LCAP Meeting - District Support Center, 3:30 pm
Board Meeting - District Support Center, 6:00 pm
- 8 7th Football Tryouts, 2:15-4:00 pm
Theatre Club Auditions, 2:15-3:30 pm
- 9 Spirit Day - Wear Red, White & Blue
PTSA Board Meeting, 8:30 am
7th Football Tryouts, 2:15-4:00 pm
- 12 Band/Chorus Shirts on Sale Through Sept. 30
- 14 PTSA Dine-out at Vince's Spaghetti, 4:00-9:00 pm
- 15 Camp Information Night in the MPR, 5:00-6:00 pm
- 16 Progress Reports Posted in Infinite Campus
Conference Forms Sent Home, Due September 20
Camp Permission Slip Turn In - September 27
- 19-23 "Start with Hello" Week
- 19 Parenting in a Digital World – ALJH, 6:00 pm
- 20 Site Council Meeting, 2:30-3:30 pm
Math Festival at Victoria Groves, 6:00-8:00 pm
- 21 Football at Upland JH, Volleyball home, 3:00 pm
Board Meeting - District Support Center, 6:00 pm
- 26-29 Parent -Teacher- Student Conferences**
PTSA Book Fair
- 26-30 Modified days, Dismissal @ 12:45 pm**
Band/Chorus Fundraiser Through October 7
- 30 CIMI/Pali Camp Notification

OCTOBER

- 3 Collection for CIMI/Pali Camp Through October 28
- 5 GATE Field Trip to the Huntington Library
Football at Pioneer JH; Volleyball home, 3:00 pm
Board Meeting - District Support Center, 6:00 pm
- 6 Step it Up! Fundraiser Day of Awesomeness
Parent University at Deer Canyon, 5:15 –8:30 pm
- 10 No School, Staff Development Day
- 11 Operation Community Cares through October 21
- 12 Football home; Volleyball - Grace Yokley, 3:10 pm
- 14 PTSA Board Meeting, 8:30 am
- 17 Football-Foothill Knolls; Volleyball-home, 3:00 pm
- 18 Site Council Meeting, 2:30 pm
ASB Dine-out Night at Chipotle, 4:00-8:00 pm
- 19 Football-home; Volleyball at ALJH, 3:00 pm
Board Meeting - District Support Center, 6:00 pm
- 20 Great CA Shakeout Earthquake Drill, 10:22 am
Know Your Classmates Day
- 22 Fall Family GATE Day & Chess Tournament, VJH
9:00-11:30 am
- 24-28 Red Ribbon Week
- 27 Dance Party, 2:15-3:45 pm (eligible students only)
- 28 End of the 1st Trimester
- 31 Halloween Dress Up (see guidelines on page 4)

Absences

Please call to report your student's absence as soon as you know they will be absent. You can call outside of business hours leaving a message with information including: students name, date of absence and who is calling. Call (909) 484-5120 to report your child's absence. Thank You!

Promotion Requirements

Please be aware that students must have a cumulative GPA (Grade Point Average) of 1.6 or higher by the end of their 8th grade year in order to participate in the promotion ceremony and end of year activities.

To access your child's grades online, go to the [Infinite Campus Parent Portal](#). The link can also be accessed through the [VJH website](#). Click on "Our School" then "Infinite Campus Student/Parent Portal". If you still need assistance logging on, please call the VJH office, (909) 484-5120.

Yearbooks on Sale

Purchase your full color, hardback 2022-2023 yearbook at the student store or online at [Jostens.com](#) for a discounted rate of \$50. Buy now and be guaranteed to receive your special book of Vineyard memories before prices go up!

Dine-out Night Fundraiser

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

4:00—9:00 pm

Vince's Spaghetti

8241 Foothill Blvd.

Rancho Cucamonga

Thank you for supporting Vineyard!



Show your Viking pride by wearing your spirit shirt or school colors every Friday!

ALSD EVENTS!

GATE FAMILY DAY: Saturday, October 22nd, 9:00 - 11:30 am at VJH.

MATH FESTIVAL: September 20th, 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Victoria Groves School.

ALSD PARENT UNIVERSITY: October 6th, 5:15 – 8:30 pm at Deer Canyon Elementary School.

FAMILY GATE DAY

The Alta Loma School District invites you to attend our G.A.T.E. Fall Family Day for all G.A.T.E. students and their families. The activities for the day will be focused on S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math). We will also be holding our annual Chess Tournament that morning.

October 22, 2022 at Vineyard Jr. High
Time: 9:00 am-11:30 am

Please see your G.A.T.E. Coordinator to sign up for the Chess Tournament. Come out and join the fun!

ATTENDANCE

Daily attendance is essential for student academic success. Frequent tardies are disruptive to the classroom learning environment. Please be sure that your child is on time daily to set them up for success. Late students miss morning announcements and valuable instruction even when only a few minutes late. Students may arrive at school as early as 7:30 am. The bell rings at 7:55 am and students need to be in their seats at 8:00 am or they are marked tardy. The School Attendance Review Team (SART) process may begin after three unexcused absences or tardies. Excessive absences and tardies to school might result in a referral to the School Attendance Review Board (SARB). Please make every effort to have your student arrive at school on time.



Free Homework Help!



PAPER is a **free** online resource with **24 hour homework support**. Students have unlimited access to high-quality **1:1 instruction**.

Students can ask any question, any time, across all subject areas and grade levels to receive on-demand, online help from an expert tutor with deep content knowledge. Tutors guide students through the problem by asking questions to help them progress. Paper's expert tutors also offer writing feedback on various types of written assignments and projects. Students can access PAPER through Clever.

CONFERENCE WEEK

September 26 - 30

We will be on a modified day schedule all week: 12:45 dismissal. Parent/Student & Teacher Conferences will be held September 26 - 29. Students will bring home a conference form if a conference is needed.

You're Invited!

Parenting in a Digital World

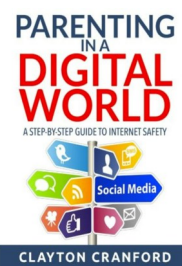
September 19, at 6 pm

Alta Loma Junior High

Adult Only Event

Space Limited: RSVP Below

[RSVP for Parenting in a Digital World](#)



Guidelines for Halloween Costumes

In October, we have lots of fun events coming up:

- **October 27: Dance Party** 2:15 - 3:45 pm
Students must meet eligibility and behavioral requirements to attend.
Ticket sales (\$5.00 cash only) October 24 – 27 at lunchtime and at the door.
- **October 31: Optional Halloween Dress up Day**
- **October 31: Costume Contest** (Categories: Best group, Most Creative, and Funniest)
- **CJSF: Jack-o-lantern Carving Contest** (information in daily announcements)

We are excited to provide our students with the optional opportunity to wear costumes to school for Halloween this year on Monday, October 31st. With that being said, we have some guidelines that students **must follow** in order to participate. The following guidelines will allow students to participate in the fun of the holiday without compromising the safety of our campus or disrupting the learning environment. **School administrators reserve the right to determine the appropriateness of costumes in the school setting.** The success of this day, as always, will impact the consideration of future Halloween dress up.

GUIDELINES FOR HALLOWEEN

Students who choose to wear a costume on Monday, October 31st to celebrate Halloween **must adhere** to the following guidelines:

- All costumes **must meet the District dress code** guidelines including no bare midriff, spaghetti straps, tube tops, see-through clothing or undergarments showing (No sexy costumes)
- Hats or wigs are allowed as long as it's a part of the overall costume
- No full costume masks--face must be visible
- No face paint covering the entire or majority of the face
- No costumes that depict, promote or advertise violence, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sexual activity or obscenity
- No look-alike weapons of any kind; no trench coats
- No costumes that depict terrorists or any type of clothing, judged by administration, to cause a disturbance or that glorify group/organization that is/was a negative influence on our society
- No characters from R Rated Movies, social media, Memes, You Tube, scary clowns or through other sources of Media that would be considered as inappropriate

Students deemed to be dressed inappropriately will be sent to the office and provided with loaner clothes.

