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VANCOUVER SCHOOL OF ARTS AND ACADEMICS

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VSAA families:

We would like to remind all students and parents regarding the importance of safety and courtesy when driving and parking in the VSAA neighborhood. The safety of our students is our highest priority. We also strive to be considerate neighbors.

Please observe the posted speed limits and limit street parking to only those areas legally authorized for parking. For example, the city prohibits parking on the West Side of F street from 32nd street to the VSAA entrance. Do not obstruct driveways (and if a neighbor asks you to move, please do so). Additionally, the upper parking lot is strictly reserved for our student drivers. This area is not to be used during pick-up time at the end of the school day.

Students who drive to and from school should register their vehicles with the school and park in the student lot (there are still spaces available). Students are encouraged to ride buses to limit traffic congestion. We also encourage parents to stagger pickup times, by picking older students up at 4:15 PM rather than 4:05 PM. This will help limit congestion at dismissal.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lori Rotherham or Jennifer Hockhalter.

Thank you for your thoughtful attention to the safety of our students and community,

Lori Rotherham
Principal
Vancouver School of
Arts and Academics



Important Phone Numbers

School Office	313-4600
School Fax	313-4601
Business Office	313-4603
Attendance Office	313-4620

VSAA Mission Statement

Vancouver School of Arts and Academics, a focused learning community, believes our students learn best when arts and academics are integrated. Through collaboration and inquiry, individuals are challenged to think critically, creatively and artistically.

Dressing for School

To promote a positive and safe learning environment please make yourself aware of the following guidelines.



Articles of clothing that portray drugs, alcohol, profanity, sexual vulgarity or gang clothing are not acceptable. In addition, clothing that is excessively revealing, allow underwear to be visible, expose a bare midriff, or are inappropriately short (the finger tip rule is used) are also not permitted.

Certain classes or activities may require prescribed dress and should only be worn during those classes/activities. **Shoes are to be worn at all times with the exception of dance classes.**

Fitness Clothing Requirements



The most important consideration is that all middle school students dress appropriately to do calisthenics, run, or engage in group games. Skirts, tight blue jeans and over large basketball shorts are not appropriate. Footgear should be a flexible, sneaker-like shoe. Heavy boot-like shoes, sandals, flip flops, etc. are unsafe and not appropriate. We encourage students to bring their own personal moist towelettes and deodorant. For hygienic reasons, these items should not be shared.

Please consult the Student Handbook for the district non-participation policy and the **requirement of a physician's note is the only way to not participate in physical education.** It is very important that the school nurse be notified of any long term medical condition that the PE/Fitness staff should be aware of.

Address & Phone Changes

Please stop by the VSAA office before school starts to inform us of any changes in your:

- Address
- Phone Number (Home, Work, or Cell)
- E-mail Address
- Emergency Contacts

You may email your changes to our registrar:
joy.schnidrig @vansd.org



Community Service Leadership Scholarship

If you enjoy contributing your time and effort to make the VSAA community a better place, have we got the organization for you!

Interested and eligible 10th, 11th, and 12th graders are invited to apply for membership in VSAA's chapter of the National Honor Society for the 2019-20 school year.

Applications will be available during the first full week of school. The application may also be downloaded from the VSAA National Honor Society webpage.



Dance Apparel Information

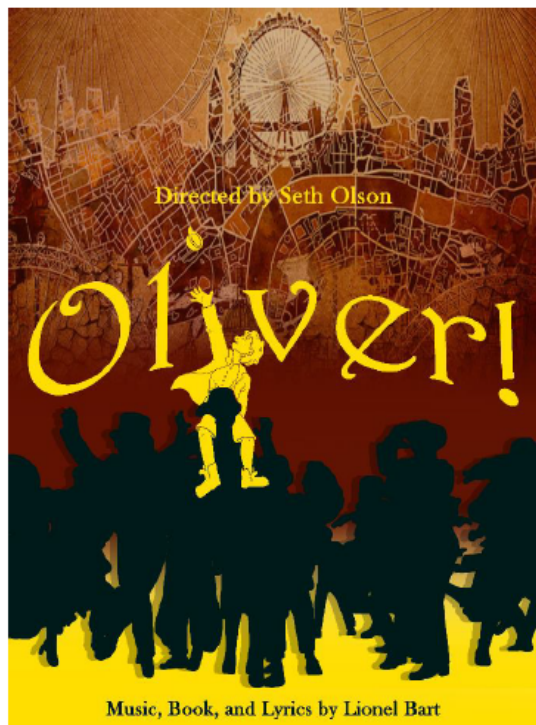
For all students enrolled in a dance class the standard student apparel is footless black tights/leggings or fitted shorts and a leotard for girls and footless leggings or fitted shorts for boys with a form fitting T-shirt. There are leotards available at dance apparel shops for a VSAA student discount (The Leotard in Portland). Students enrolled in Dance Foundations or Dance Ensemble should discuss with their teacher the need for ballet shoes. Dance Explore students dance barefoot as modern dance is the emphasis at VSAA. All dance students will be assigned a locker and lock. As with PE, dance students should have personal wipes and deodorant.



Vancouver School of Arts & Academics Presents:

Lionel Bart's *Oliver!*

By Lionel Bart



VSAA will present Lionel Bart's classic musical *Oliver!* based on Charles Dickens' novel, *Oliver Twist*. This Tony Award-winning show is one of the few musicals to win an Academy Award for Best Picture.

The streets of Victorian England come to life as Oliver, a malnourished orphan in a workhouse, becomes the neglected apprentice of an undertaker. Oliver escapes to London and finds acceptance amongst a group of petty thieves and pickpockets led by the elderly Fagin. When Oliver is captured for a theft that he did not commit, the benevolent victim, Mr. Brownlow takes him in. Fearing the safety of his hideout, Fagin employs the sinister Bill Sikes and the sympathetic Nancy to kidnap Oliver back, threatening his chances of discovering the true love of a family.

Oliver! is a musical theatre masterpiece, perfectly showcasing the talents of a large ensemble cast as they bring these classic characters and score to life. Our production is looking for actors, singers, dancers, and musicians of all types and ages!

Sign-Ups: Monday & Tuesday, August 19th & 20th during schedule pick-up days, but will also be available when school starts

Auditions are open to ALL VSAA students

Auditions: Thursday & Friday, August 29th & 30th from 5:00PM to 9:00PM and Saturday, August 31st from 9:00AM to 1:00PM

Please bring a one- to two-minute prepared monologue from any play AND a one- to two-minute song WITH SHEET MUSIC from any musical. Accompanists provided!

Callbacks: Tuesday-Thursday, September 3rd – 5th from 5:00PM to 9:00PM

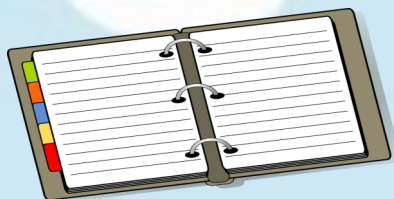
Rehearsal: September through November, Monday through Saturday, times will vary

Performances: November 14th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd, at 7:00PM in the Durst

For more information, contact Seth Olson: Seth.Olson@vansd.org

BUY YOUR Yearbook

The 2019-2020 yearbooks are on sale now, and just \$50!
We only order the number of yearbooks that are paid for.
We won't have extras. Don't miss out!



Student Planners in Advocacy

Every middle school student will be receiving a student planner containing a yearly calendar and agenda. The goal is to assist students in organizing assignments, classes and important dates. Parents are strongly encouraged to review the planners with their students periodically to keep informed of all relevant school information.

The first planner is free, but replacements for lost planners will cost \$4.00 and supplies are limited.

Reminder!

Always bring in your photo ID!

(Driver's License, Military ID, or Passport)

Whenever you go into a school, you will need to show ID.

Our top priority is to keep our students safe.

Volunteers Needed



Want to start the new school year right? Start by becoming part of our VSAA Volunteer Team! Contact Danelle to get started: (360) 313-4627 or Danelle.schaff@vansd.org

School Attendance

Attending school regularly helps students feel better about school and themselves. Building this habit starts with the first day of school so they can learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance is critical to school success.

All absences must be excused **within three school days** after the student returns to school. You may enter an absence in Skyward, send a note to the office, or email Malissa.Sharp@vansd.org

Absences can be excused for the following reasons:

- Illness (doctor's note is required if absent 5 days or more in a month)
- Health care appointments
- Emergencies
- Religious Activity
- School Activities
- Prearranged Absences (must be approved prior to absence by the school principal)

When your student is leaving school early, they must have a written note from a parent/guardian **BEFORE** they leave and check out with the attendance office when it is time to leave. *Please remember that only those listed on your Emergency Contact list will be allowed to pick up your student.*

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day



Food Services

We serve high school breakfast/lunch. This means more variety and larger portions.

Student Lunch	\$2.55(daily)
Student Breakfast	\$1.05 (daily)
Adult Lunch	\$3.40
Adult Breakfast	\$1.50
Milk or Juice	.45
<small>(if purchased separately)</small>	

All students have a food service account that functions like a debit account. Checks and cash may be deposited into a student's account at any time and any denomination is acceptable. **No change will be made by building staff. Please make all checks payable to VSAA. The student's debit account cannot accommodate charges. Students must have money in their account to cover the cost of the meal.**

Children from households that meet federal income guidelines are eligible for free meals or reduced-price meals. You will need to complete an application for free or reduced-price meals as soon as possible, sign it, and return it to your youngest child's school for approval. Only one application per family is necessary. Applications are available in the school office.

Breakfast at no cost will be served to those children who qualify for free and reduced-price meals.

If you qualified last year for free and reduced price meals, that status will be honored for the first month of school.

Parents may monitor their child's account balance and add funds to it through their Skyward Family Access Account.

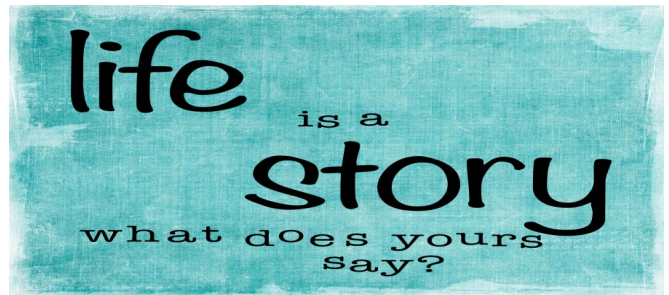
Should you have any questions about our lunch system, please call the Nutrition Services Office at 313-1190.



Main Door Monitoring System

Between the hours of 9:35 am and 4:05 pm, the building doors are locked. Visitors, late arrivals and volunteers need to ring the bell and remain in front of the camera. Front office staff will let you in after they verify your identity.

2019-20 VSAA Art Theme: Our Stories: Within You, Without You



123greetly.com

***Remember:
Most Mondays have
Early Release at
3:25pm***



New cell phone policy

VSAA classes have a policy regarding cell phone use in the classroom during class time.

To allow students to be fully present and engaged during classroom instruction, activities, discussions, and presentations, our classrooms will be **No Phone Zones**. **This includes advocacy, enrichment and core. This means that students should have their phones on silent and in their backpacks, bags or purses during class time. The only exception to this is a teacher-initiated activity for which a phone is necessary.** For example, in dance, music, or ASL, students may need to access certain music on their phones. If students use their phones during class time, classrooms all have secure locations or procedures for putting the phones away until class is over, or in the case of repeated concerns, we will lock them in the office for retrieval by the student or parent at the end of the day. Many of our classes have already implemented similar procedures and have even come up with creative titles for their secure phone storage, such as “cellcatraz” and “phone vacation.”

We understand that some students find it helpful to listen to music on headphones during work time. They will have the opportunity to continue to do so with their Chromebooks. We are fortunate to be able to issue this technology to all students, and provide them with a variety of electronic tools for their use during classes and beyond. Phones need not serve as a substitute for Chromebooks that are not charged prior to the school day. We have some chargers available, classroom computers, and even pens, pencils and paper if needed.

Students can use their phones during lunches, before and after school, as well as during passing time.

If you need to reach your student during class time, please call the office and we will connect you with your student.

Our intention is not to be punitive with students, but rather to help them be present in classes, make face-to-face connections with their peers and develop the essential adult skill of knowing what is appropriate in a given setting or environment, including a college classroom or place of work.

If you have any questions, please contact me at lori.rotherham@vansd.org or (360) 313-4605

During the last week of June, Eric Bacon, Nathan Keldsen, Alyssa Maggi and Spoons Bradshaw traveled to Louisville, KY with Mr. Winkley to attend and compete in the National SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. Competitors spent the week competing against, exchanging pins and possibly meeting competitors from all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Eric and Nathan competed and earned an Honorable Mention by placing fifth out of 32 teams in the Digital Cinema Production competition. They also earned a “Skills Points Certificate” which means their work met an industry standard.. Spoons also earned a “Skills Points Certificate” through her work in the T-shirt Design competition. Alyssa competed in Job Interview, one of the most competitive of the Leadership competitions. The students qualified for Nationals by placing first at the Washington State competition in April of last year.

If you or your student is interested in the SkillsUSA club at VSAA, please contact Mr. Berhow (andy.berhow@vansd.org) or Mr. Winkley (ken.winkley@vansd.org)



Counselors' Corner

Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year!

Lisa Madar is our middle school counselor and can be reached at lisa.madar@vansd.org or 313-4626.

Renee Foran is our high school and college/career counselor. She can be reached at renee.foran@vansd.org or 313-4607.

Below are some tips on how to help your child have a successful year:

- When your child gets home, ask open-ended questions about their day, such as, what did you work on today or what do you need to work on/finish tonight?
- Make sure you have access to Skyward to check on your child's class progress/assignments. This is something that you and your student can do together once a week.
- Many teachers post assignments and additional support documents via sites such as Canvas or Google Classroom. You will typically find this information on the class syllabus. These sites are another help to parents and students to keep up with & clarify assignments.
- If you have a concern about something in a class, please always contact the teacher first. Often there is further information or help they can provide. If you feel you need more support beyond the teacher's response, please then contact a counselor.

Middle School (6th- 8th grades)

Attention all 7th and 8th grade students, you may be eligible for the **College Bound Scholarship**. This scholarship offers the promise of tuition and books to qualifying 7th and 8th graders in the state of Washington. It covers the amount of tuition (at public college rates) not covered by other state financial aid, plus a small book allowance. You can use it at two or four-year colleges.

How to apply: Go to the following website to check income eligibility and sign up: www.collegebound.wa.gov. If you have questions or need help signing up, please contact Lisa Madar at lisa.madar@vansd.org or 313-4626. Students who are eligible this year need to sign up by June 30, 2020.

High School (9th - 12th grades)

Please check your student's schedule with them.

Here are students' required academic courses, by grade level:

9th gr - PAP Composition (English), Biology, Math at their level (Alg 1 on up)

10th gr - PAP Composition, AP Human Geography OR PAP World Themes, Math at their level, Science (sometimes)

11th gr - AP Lit OR World Lit, CWP OR AP Gov, Science (usually), Math at their level (usually)

12th gr - AP Lit OR World Lit, CWP OR AP Gov, Math and/or Science if needed for credit or college requirements

Career Corner News

Career Corner: VSAA has a burgeoning Career Corner, located in our Media Center! This area houses information about careers, jobs, college and military options. The area is also where university reps will meet with students to share their institution's offerings. Stay tuned for the schedule in the bulletin and on the website.

It's good to carve out time to research options and keep notes on what you like and don't like. Both will be important to your decision making.

Upcoming events

These would be great to attend as you research future options. Please note that different colleges & options will be available at each of these, so you may want to attend all 3.

- **September 16 (early this year!) - National (NACAC) Performing and Visual Arts College Fair at the Portland Art Museum, Mark Building 6:30-8:30 PM**
Go to: nacacfairs.org/pva-portland to view the list of colleges attending & sign up
- **September 27 (Fri.) – VSAA Future Fair**, featuring many future-planning options.
 - Students will be able to talk with college, military, and career representatives & participate in a college match activity with the awesome Kurt Reeser representing the College Bound Scholarship program.
- **October 27 (Sun.) & 28 (Mon.) – Portland National College Fair, Oregon Convention Center.**
 - Sign up to attend: nacacfairs.org/Portland
 - Oct 27 – 1 to 5 PM & Oct. 28 - 9AM to 12 PM
 - Register for free: GoToMyNCF.com

Seniors (YAY!)

Good to know:

- The college application process starts now and goes through January. **It's now very important to have a good system for tracking due dates and deadlines.**
- It's TOTALLY ok to not know what you want to do or where you want to go - continue your research (Lots of great info out there).
- Give your teachers plenty of time to write letters of recommendation.
- Scholarships start to open mid to late September and continue through June! Your colleges have scholarships to give out too, check their Financial Aid links.
- NO scams – never pay to apply for money for college

Starting October 1st – Apply for Financial Aid (to help with college costs) by completing the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** form

Note 1: Many scholarships require a completed FAFSA before receiving funds.)

Note 2: It is NEVER too late to complete a FAFSA, BUT sooner IS better so you'll know your funding reality.

Great site with a video to walk you through the process & other helpful links:

<http://www.clark.edu/enroll/paying-for-college/financial-aid/index.php>

For assistance in completing the FAFSA, you may choose to attend **one** of these sessions:

College Goal Washington- Get Free On-Site Help Filing a FAFSA or WASFA.

January 29 and 31

February 21 and 26

March 5 and 12

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Clark College Career Center
Penguin Union Building Room 002
1933 Fort Vancouver Way
Vancouver, WA 98663

The Financial Aid **Open Lab** will provide the community with computer and printer access along with Financial Aid experts to assist students and their family through the FAFSA/WASFA process.

ASVAB Testing - Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, a multiple-choice test that helps you identify which Military Occupational Specialties would be best for you, AND /OR helps you identify your skills and interests for future planning will take place at the comprehensive high schools. Contact their Career Specialist to sign up. A chart with dates is on the white board near Ms Foran's office. She her if you have questions.

WHAT is EDDE?

EDDE is the VSAA **Extended Day Dance Ensemble**, an extracurricular opportunity for students interested in furthering their dance experience. Open to students grades 7-12 who are enrolled in a dance class at VSAA, there is an emphasis on student choreography, personalized coaching, and providing unique guest artist experiences. EDDE is a year long commitment with a culminating evening concert performance in February in addition to opportunities to participate in regional and national festivals, performance tours to VPS schools, and attending concerts in the Portland area. The yearlong commitment is T/Th mornings from 8:00 am - 9:20, transportation not provided. Contact Jackie Sacks for more information.





How can students get extra help at VSAA?

At VSAA, we provide a variety of supports to help students be successful in their classes. The following supports are offered to all VSAA students in need of them.

Weekly enrichment

Tuesday through Thursday, all full-time teachers are available for this ½ hour support class.

Guided enrichment

Students with D or F grades are assigned to specific enrichments in identified subject areas. Students and parents will receive an email regarding their assigned enrichments.

Teacher office hours

All full-time teachers have morning or afternoon office hours. See below. In addition, all full-time teachers are available for a ½ hour before or after school by appointment. Teacher office hours should be posted on teacher web pages, Canvas pages, or Teacher Hubs and will also be distributed to parents at Curriculum Night.

Care Center Para educator

Throughout the school day, we will have a para-educator available to work with students one on one and with small groups. Students need teacher permission for this during class time and support will be specific to that period's class work.

Math/Science and Humanities Labs

To provide consistent opportunities for support, we will offer an after-school math/science lab on most Tuesdays from 4:30-5:30 and after-school Humanities (Language Arts and Social Studies) on most Thursdays from 4:30-5:30 PM. Specific dates will be posted on our web-page, weekly bulletin and distributed at Curriculum Night. We will offer several of these for a more extended time with a dinner provided for students near the end of each semester as well.

Students are invited who have significant missing assignments, multiple F grades or credit recovery.

All students are welcome to attend on a drop-in basis with no invitation required.

Certified teachers will be present to assist students with their work.

If you have questions or concerns regarding your student, please contact their counselor, administrator, advocate and/or individual teachers.

Lori Rotherham

Principal

Vancouver School of Arts and Academics

AUGUST 2019

VSAA Orchestra



Welcome back to another great year! I am super excited to make more music with you all and help facilitate your growth as a community of artists! We have a packed calendar filled with incredible performance opportunities, competitions, and travel! Our program cannot function without the help of fabulous parent volunteers! If you are interested in chaperoning or driving this year, you do need to fill out a volunteer form and turn that into the VSAA office. <https://vansd.org/volunteer/>

String supplies for all students:

Name tag for instrument, 1-inch 3-ring binder, pencils, shoulder pad for violin/viola, endpin stop for cello/bass, 100% cotton cloth or microfiber cloth, light/medium rosin for violin/viola/cello, Pops Rosin for string bass, specific method book for class, and a wire music stand for home practice.

Volta Prima-Level I

Please join me on August 26th from 6:00-7:00pm in the band room at VSAA. We will explore the string instruments: violin, viola, cello, and upright bass. The Kennedy Violin Shop will be present to help you with renting instruments and purchasing materials. Please join us even if you have your own instrument. Method book needed: Essential Elements Book 1

Velove-Level 2/3

I hope to see you at Schedule Pick Up on August 19 or 20! Please be prepared to pay the \$10 dry cleaning fee and check out your performance uniform in the band room. Method books needed: Essential Elements Books 2 and 3

Vitamente Sinfonietta-Focus

I also hope to see you at Schedule Pick Up on August 19! Please be prepared to pay the \$10 dry cleaning fee, the \$35 Menucha fee, and to try on your performance uniform. Menucha is on September 20/21 this year! Details and Permission Slips/Medical Forms will be distributed on the 1st or 2nd day of class. Method book needed: Habits Of A Successful String Musician

WMEA All State Auditions

Auditions for Junior All State and All State will be held after school on October 1st and 2nd. Auditions are recorded. All 7th and 8th graders are highly encouraged to audition for the Junior All-State Orchestra. Audition materials can be found here: <https://www.wmea.org/subcontent.aspx?SecID=1052>. All High School students should consider auditioning for the All State Orchestra! HS audition materials can be found here: <https://www.wmea.org/Content/C117/2020/String%20Resources%20Set%20B.pdf>.

Please email me with any questions you might have!

Musically yours,

Salena Walker

salena.walker@vansd.org

TRANSPORTING PROHIBITED ITEMS:

(WAC 392-145-021)



Heavy, sharp, bulky and/or other articles, which may be hazardous in the event of an accident or emergency stop, shall not be transported in the passenger area of any school bus. Specific attention is directed to items such as skis, ski poles, vaulting poles, musical instruments, riser platforms, etc.

Teachers and all other school district staff shall refrain from requesting students to transport prohibited items between home and school on a school bus. Items, which shall not be transported within the passenger area of a school bus, also include all forms of animal life (except service animals), firearms, weapons, breakable containers, flammables, and all other articles that could adversely affect the safety of the bus and passengers.

The following is a partial list of items **NOT** allowed:

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| Aquariums | Weapons |
| Large musical Instruments | Squirt guns |
| Toothpick sculpture | Spiked athletic shoes
(may be secured in bag) |
| Loud radios | Pins (straight) |
| Laser lights | Baseball bats |
| Golf clubs | Basketball (may be secured in bag) |
| Anything that can break into dangerous fragments | Balls of any kind (can be secured in bag) |
| Trench Coats | Chemicals (including Mace-type substances) |
| Glass jars | |
| Risers | |
| Suckers with sticks | |
| Balloons (helium or otherwise) | |
| Animals (except service animals) | |
| Aerosol cans/perfume | |
| Scooters | |
| Skateboards | |



2019- 2020 VSAA School Newsletter

The VSAA Newsletter will be posted on our school website at:

<http://arts.vansd.org> and we will send out an e-mail letting you know that the newsletter is available on our school's website (if you have supplied us with your current e-mail address).

If you would prefer a mailed copy for the rest of the school year, please complete the form below and bring it into the front office or fax it to 313-4601 or e-mail the information below to Malissa.Sharp@vansd.org.

Please mail the VSAA Newsletter to my residence.

Please print clearly.

Student(s) Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____



Note to Senior Parents: Please keep in mind the following deadlines:

Senior Portraits Due: FRIDAY, November 8th

Baby Ads PHOTOS Due: Monday, November 18th

You may purchase a baby ad through the business office, starting September 1st. Purchasing the ad will reserve your spot. Baby Ads are first come, first served and there are limited spots set aside. For more information regarding Senior Portraits and Baby Ads please go to our website: www.vsaayearbook.weebly.com



Free After School Dance Sessions



Each session lasts eight weeks, so students receive eight hours of extracurricular dance education.

During the program students hone their technical and creative skills as dancers. Students in the program are able to learn specific styles of dance such as ballet, jazz, modern, hip hop, and even cultural dance styles like Mexican Folklorico. Not only do students get to explore the technique of dance, but they also have the opportunity to create dances with other students. Students are encouraged to collaborate while exploring and choreographing based on various stimuli. It is an amazing experience for students to work with students from other schools who share their love for dance.

At the end of the sessions the students have a chance to show their families what they learned and perform to a real audience.

The program is open to students in grades 3-8. Classes are one hour once a week. Students should wear comfortable clothing that allows them to move freely. Special dance shoes are not necessary, but students may wear them if they wish.

Fall Session Dates:

Wed, September 25, 2019 – November 13, 2019
4:30-5:30 pm

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Winter Session Dates:

Wed, January 29, 2020 – March 18, 2020
4:30-5:30 pm

Vancouver School of Arts and Academics

To apply all interested students and parents should submit Application and Consent/Medical Forms by Friday, September 20, 2019. Families will receive a confirmation email with further details about attendance, attire, etc.

Mail to:

Barb Nelson/Libby Odren
JPC - Visual and Performing Arts
2901 Falk Rd, Vancouver, WA 98661

OR

Student turns in application to school office to be interoffice mailed to VaPA Office at JPC

OR

Email to: Barb Nelson - barb.nelson@vansd.org
Libby Odren - libby.odren@vansd.org

Questions: Ann Medellin - ann.medellin@vansd.org

After School Fall and Winter Dance Sessions

• Please print •

Student's Full Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Current School: _____

Current Grade: _____

Home Address: _____

Best Contact Number: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact Person : _____

Relationship to student: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

Check Only One Session (Both Sessions are the same):

- Fall Session (September 25 - November 13, 2019)
 Boy Girl Mixed

OR

- Winter Session (January 29 - March 18, 2020)
 Boy Girl Mixed

(Complete Consent / Medical Form on Back)





**VANCOUVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN
 AFTER SCHOOL DANCE SESSIONS
 MEDICAL TREATMENT CONSENT FORM**



THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY GIVES PERMISSION AND AUTHORIZES

STUDENT NAME: _____ TO ATTEND THE 5th GRADE INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM

September 2019

DATES OF ATTENDANCE

March 2020

Consent for Medical Treatment

This is to authorize emergency medical care and treatment for my son/daughter in my absence. Every reasonable effort will be made to contact me if such action is necessary.

 FAMILY PHYSICIAN

 HOSPITAL PREFERENCE

 NAME OF INSURANCE CARRIER

 GROUP/CHART NUMBER

If your student will need to bring prescribed medication, the Authorization for Medication Administration form (enclosed) must be completed and signed by the health care provider and parent/guardian. For over-the-counter medications, please check with your school nurse for procedure.

DOES YOUR CHILD TAKE ANY MEDICATION? If yes please list:

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ANY HEALTH CONCERNS THAT THE TEACHER NEEDS TO BE AWARE OF?

 I UNDERSTAND THAT THE STUDENT WILL BE SUPERVISED BY SCHOOL AUTHORITIES AND THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO ENSURE STUDENT SAFETY.

I WILL ASSUME FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR MY CHILD.

 PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

 DATE

 EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME

 PHONE/RELATIONSHIP

NOTE: THIS CONSENT FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED TO SCHOOL PRIOR TO THE DESIGNATED DATE OF PROGRAMS ATTENDED.

Revised 1/2018

(Complete Registration Form on Back) →

Welcome to the 2019/20 school year!

Hard to believe how quickly summer has passed by and we are embracing a new school year. Greetings from the PTSA for all of our returning families, students and faculty! And a special welcome to our new families, students and faculty.

Payback books is PTSA's largest fund raiser for the year. We would like to encourage everyone to participate. Some examples the PTSA uses the funds for are: Student Grants, guest artists, CTC Director, classroom inspirations for teachers and staff, black box theater chairs and DJ equipment for school dances and socials. We wouldn't be able to fund these programs without everyone's fund raising efforts. It is much appreciated by everyone who benefits from these programs.

There are additional ways to help! Please support the VSAA PTSA by signing up for **Amazon smiles and Fred Meyer Rewards**. Just pick VSAA PTSA as your non profit organization and let your shopping go to work for you!

We also participate in the **Box Top program**. **That program is going digital and phasing out the save and clip way**. Please see our Facebook page (Vancouver School of Arts and Academics PTSA) for details.

Lastly, **please join us on Monday, September 9th @ 6:30 PM** in the media center for our first general PTSA meeting for the year. Come and meet the board and hear about our volunteer opportunities. Looking forward to meeting you!

Any questions? **Please email us at VSAAPTSA@gmail.com.**

Looking forward a to a great year!

Nancy & Liz

NANCY HERRON, CO-PRESIDENT
LIZ VLADIMIROVA, CO-PRESIDENT

SEPTEMBER 2019

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NO SCHOOL	<p>SALISBURY STEAK MASHED POTATOES GRAVY / BISCUIT MIXED VEGGIES</p> <p>Carrots/Edamame Salad Water Chestnuts/Beets Fresh Pears Apples/Oranges</p>	<p>ORANGE POPCORN CHICKEN BROWN RICE PEAS & CARROTS</p> <p>Romaine/Carrots Edamame Salad/Zucchini Grapes Apples/Oranges</p>	<p>MACARONI AND CHEESE GREEN PEAS BREADSTICK</p> <p>Red Pepper/Green Pepper Water Chestnuts/ Carrots Honeydew Melon Apples/Oranges</p>	<p>SOFT TACO BAR SPANISH RICE MEXICALI CORN</p> <p>Spinach/Carrot Salad Tomatoes/Green Pepper Mixed Fruit Apples/Oranges</p>
9	10	11	12	13
<p>BBQ CHICKEN SANDWICH TATER TOTS GREEN BEANS</p> <p>Broccoli/Carrots Tomatoes/Celery Applesauce Apples/Oranges</p>	<p>CHILI DOGS PASTA SALAD CUCUMBER SLICES GARDEN SALAD</p> <p>Carrots/Tomatoes Corn Salad/Celery Fresh Pears Apples/Oranges</p>	<p>CHICKEN FAJITAS ONIONS & PEPPERS SPANISH RICE STEAMED BROCCOLI</p> <p>Mesclun/Green Beans Corn Salad/Carrots Satsumas Apples/Oranges</p>	<p>MACHO NACHOS REFRIED BEANS MEXICALI CORN</p> <p>Carrots/Black Bean Salad Peas/Cucumber Plums Apples/Oranges</p>	<p>CHICKEN NUGGETS ROASTED POTATOES GLAZED CARROTS BREADSTICK</p> <p>Romaine/Carrots Black Bean Salad/Peas Pineapple Apples/Oranges</p>
16	17	18	19	20
<p>MOZARELLA CHEESE STICKS TOMATO SOUP PEAS & CARROTS</p> <p>Spinach/Carrots Red Pepper/Cauliflower Diced Peaches Apples/Oranges</p>	<p>SPAGHETTI W/ MEAT SAUCE GREEN BEANS GARDEN SALAD BREADSTICK</p> <p>Carrots/Tomato Salad Navy Beans/Cauliflower Watermelon Apples/Oranges</p>	<p>TERIYAKI CHICKEN BROWN RICE STIRFRY VEGGIES BREADSTICK</p> <p>Broccoli/Carrots Tomato Salad/ Beets Strawberries Apples/Oranges</p>	<p>CHEESEBURGER TATER TOT CASSEROLE CORN BISCUIT</p> <p>Carrots/Jicama Salad Beets/Mushrooms Bananas Apples/Oranges</p>	<p>CHICKEN PARMESAN GARLIC PASTA MIXED VEGGIES WW ROLL</p> <p>Mesclun/Navy Beans Carrots/Jicama Salad Diced Pears Apples/Oranges</p>
23	24	25	26	27
<p>CHICKEN TENDERS MASHED POTATOES CHICKEN GRAVY GREEN BEANS WW ROLL</p> <p>Romaine/Carrots Tomatoes/Green Peppers Mandarin Oranges Apples/Oranges</p>	<p>PHILLY CHEESTEAK POTATO SALAD MIXED VEGGIES</p> <p>Carrots/Red Pepper Salad Pinto Bean/Green Pepper Cantaloupe Apples/Oranges</p>	<p>CHIC' PENNE PASTA GREEN PEAS BREADSTICK</p> <p>Spinach/Carrots Jicama/Cauliflower Grapes Apples/Oranges</p>	<p>POPCORN CHICKEN BOWL MASHED POTATOES GRAVY / CORN BREADSTICK</p> <p>Carrots/Red Pepper Salad Peas/Cucumber Salad Honeydew Melon Apples/Oranges</p>	<p>FRENCH TOAST SAUSAGE LINKS FRESH ROASTED POTATOES</p> <p>Broccoli/ Pinto Beans Carrots/Cucumber Salad Mixed Fruit Apples/Oranges</p>
30				
<p>TERIYAKI DIPPERS BROWN RICE STIRFRY VEGGIES WW ROLL</p> <p>Spinach/Carrots Tomatoes/Cucumber Diced Peaches Apples/Oranges</p>				



Parents: New Tech for Students!

By the time you read this, VSAA students will have their own Chromebooks! Here's a quick summary of things for you to know to help them succeed with their new devices.

Email

All student will have school Gmail accounts. Both accounts can be checked from **any** internet-connected device.

Google Drive/Saving

Students will also have Google Drive accounts, which is where they should always save files, rather than onto their Chromebook. Google Drive files are available from any device. The benefit of this is that if their Chromebook has to be turned in for repair—or if the student misplaces it—then their files will still be waiting for them.

Password Management

Students need to practice caution with their login so that others can't get into their email and Google Drive. This information should never be shared with others. Students can change their own Google password at any time if they believe others may be accessing their files. They also have instant access to tech help via the blue Student Tech Help icon; this is on the Clever page that launches every time they log into their device.

Keeping Track of the Chromebook

All students will identify their Chromebooks with a tag on the back and a name strip on the front. Although the power source will also be identified with each student's name, the two-part cord should stay at home after the first day of check out. This practice means students will always know where their cord is and they can avoid fines.

There is no way to track the location of a Chromebook. Students need to practice mindfulness so they don't set down their device and forget to pick it up. We are not able to help them find it! If a student is unable to find his/her device, the best thing to do is retrace steps and check the library or main office for found devices.

Screens

Chromebooks should always be closed (with the glass side facing in) when the device is not in use. This will help prevent broken screens and it will save battery life.

For other Chromebook tips, students should visit our VSAA Student Hub at <https://arts.vansd.org/vsaa-student-hub>. We also have a VSAA Parent Hub at <https://arts.vansd.org/vsaa-parent-hub>.

Here's to a productive year!

Angelique, VSAA Tech



Andy Johnson is excited to be joining the VSAA faculty as a new math teacher, having heard nothing but rave reviews of the school. He will be teaching Math 2, Math 3, and Algebra 1.

Andy grew up in Nashville, Tennessee, but, believe it or not, he's not into country music (except for a soft spot for Johnny Cash) or NASCAR. Before discovering the beautiful Pacific Northwest, he lived in a half dozen other locations in the U.S., as well as in Ireland, Norway, Germany, and Russia. He hopes his nomadic ways have helped him fully extinguish his once thick Southern drawl.

Although this is Andy's first position as a schoolteacher and math teacher, he isn't new to the teaching profession: Prior to getting his MAT at Concordia University, he was a philosophy professor for 10 years in Springfield, Missouri. During that time, Andy gradually came to three conclusions: First, too few college students have acquired, in their previous schooling, the skills they ought to possess in critical thinking and logical reasoning, and secondary-level math instruction is a promising means for imparting such skills. Second, given today's increasingly high-tech economy, expertise in math is far more useful than expertise in philosophy. Third, the prospect of living out the remainder of his working life in southwest Missouri filled him with dread!

In his free time, Andy enjoys hiking in the mountains, playing Scrabble, keeping up with the news, and (dare he say it in these parts?) rooting on the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Milwaukee Bucks.

He is looking forward to working with, and learning from, his new colleagues at VSAA..



Can I just say how excited I am to be the new secretary at VSAA? My name is Annie Blair and I have been the secretary at Lake Shore Elementary for the past 6 years. This is a full circle moment for me as my daughter Dusti attended VSAA for 7 years (graduated in 2012) and I was always saying to her that I wanted to attend VSAA too and now look, that wish has come true! Here I am.

I have a son, Levi, who attends WSU Pullman (Go Cougs!) He graduated from Skyview. I most enjoy spending time with my kids. As a family we love to hike, camp, kayak and travel.

I am thrilled to be a part of the VSAA family. I have big shoes to fill and am eager to learn my new position and get to know the students and families as well as the staff. Hope you all had a great summer and I look forward to meeting you.

AnnaMarie Blair

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Password: **vsaa19**



For our FULL calendar, *visit VSAA school's website at <http://arts.vansd.org>*
Some upcoming events:

SEPTEMBER

- 2 NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY
- 9 Early Release 3:25 pm
- 16 Early Release 3:25 pm
- 17 Curriculum Night 6:30—8:30 pm
- 23 Early Release 3:25 pm
- 24 Photo Make-up/Retakes
- 30 Early Release 3:25 pm

OCTOBER

- 7 Early Release 3:25 pm
- 11 No School—Inservice Day
- 14 Early Release 3:25 pm
- 16 2-Hr Early Release for Parent Conferences 2:05 pm
- 17 2-Hr Early Release for Parent Conferences 2:05 pm
- 18 No School—Parent Conferences 8am—12:00 pm
- 21 Early Release 3:25 pm
- 22 Vocal Informance 7 pm
- 23 NHS Blood Drive
- 26 Fall Ball Dance 8-11 pm
- 28 Early Release 3:25 pm
- 29 Middle School Social

◆ Front Cover Photo - Rob Brown ◆



Here is the link to VPS Policies and Procedures:

<https://www.boarddocs.com/wa/vpswa/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=B36K244E4DB5#>

- 3205 Sexual Harassment
- 3210 Nondiscrimination

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