

DECEMBER 7, 2025



# NEWS LETTER

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF VHM CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



## VHM Core Values

**Value:** I will respect myself and others.

**Honor:** I will care for my school, home, and church community.

**Model:** I will follow Christ example of compassion and forgiveness.

**Theme Scripture:** Love one another deeply as brothers and sisters.

Take the lead in honoring one another. ~Romans 12:10

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**A huge thank you to our VHM families!** As of Friday morning, our students have already raised **\$2,264** in pledges for our Fun Run. We are so grateful for your enthusiastic support!

This weekend, we're encouraging all students to participate in the **Apex Swag Challenge**. The top three students who bring in the most pledges over the weekend will receive exclusive Apex thank-you gifts and special swag that can't be earned any other way! So head into the weekend ready to share, spread the word, and do your best to support our school. **Go VHM!**

## REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- APEX FUN RUN DAY, THURSDAY, DEC.11:** Students will receive their Apex T-shirt this Wednesday. The T-shirt is **REQUIRED** for the run. So, **wear the t-shirt** and comfortable running shoes on Thursday. Also bring a water bottle and hat if needed. The running will only be for 30 minutes with preliminary instructions before and celebration after. The rest of the day will proceed as a normal school day. The **Weekend Challenge** is found in the attached poster below.
- CHRISTMAS PROGRAM, THURSDAY, DEC.18:** Students must arrive by **5:30 pm** for costume dress up and make up. At 6:00 pm, we will have a choir warm-up session and prepare to walk up on stage. The program starts at **6:30 pm**.



## UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

### December

- 7: School work bee, 9 am - 12 pm
- 11: Fun Run day, 9 - 10 am
- 18: Christmas program @ VHM, 6:30 pm
- 19: Class Christmas party (No Clubs)
- 22-Jan.2: Christmas break

### January

- 5: School resumes
- 9: Quarter 2 Ends
- 12: Quarter 3 Begins
- 12-16: School Spirit Week
- 19: No School, MLK Day
- 22-Feb.2: MAP Testing Week
- 24 Church Participation



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## ATHLETICS RECOGNITION

Mr. Carrillo, our athletic Director, recognizes our 7 volleyball team members for their accomplishments at the November 16 Friendship Games tournament.



# SOMETHING'S HAPPENING @ VHM



### SC Team Building

Student Council leads out during chapel in a team building activity as we begin our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter with four new groups of mixed K-8 students.



### Apex Leadership Lessons

Students are taught leadership lessons that build character. Apex coach, Action Braxton, goes to each class to teach these new lessons daily and updates students on their fundraising goals and accomplishments.



### Innovation Project

Mr. Stanley and Mr. Dave use the "Design Thinking Process" to guide our Robotics Team in their research of real world problems in the geological features of the earth.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

- **2 MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, FUN RUN DAY:** Help needed to mark laps as students complete each lap this Thursday, December 11, between 9 and 10 am. [Sign up on Class Dojo](#).
- **BASKETBALL COACH NEEDED:** VHM is still searching for someone to coach our 5th-8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball team in preparation for two tournaments in February. Please contact the office if you are able to help.
- **PACKING COOKIES & SERVING HOT COCOA:** Help needed to pack cookies into bags that will be passed out after the Christmas Program next Thursday.

[VHM Amazon Wishlist](#)

**School Theme: VALUE** - I will respect myself and others.

## GIVE WITH PURPOSE: Three Ways to Bless a Child

- **Worthy Student Fund:** Providing support to students in need [Needed: \$9,000]
- **Partners for Eternity (PFE):** Offering scholarships fueled by a passion for mentorship [Needed: \$2,350]
- **Playground Funds:** Providing funds for essential repairs and improvements [Needed: \$7,000]



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KEEP IMPROVING—KEEP CLIMBING—KEEP LEVELING UP

**Level  
Up Starts  
with Me**

Dear Parents,

**Understanding  
Others**

**Game  
Plan**

**Rise  
Above**

**Level Up Your  
Leadership**

**Dear Families,** We're closing in on the end of the first week of our Apex fundraiser, and it has been incredible! The Level Up Leadership Habits are making a real impact, and our students are fully engaged in the journey.

So far, our students have learned that **LEADERS...**

**LEVEL UP** – We believe in growing through effort and practice. Leadership starts when we challenge ourselves to improve and become better every day.

**STARTS WITH ME** – We take responsibility for our actions and lead by example. Great leaders are coachable, reliable, and open to learning from those around them.

**UNDERSTANDING OTHERS** – We listen, show empathy, and work to create a positive environment. We build stronger relationships by asking, "How can I help?" and choosing kindness that leads to real connection.

**Need help finding your child's access code?** You can find it on their VIP Badge, use the code of a sibling, or contact your child's teacher as they have a list of their students' codes.

**Help us with our Weekend Challenge: The top three students with donations from over the weekend will receive Special Apex Prizes and Swag that can't normally be earned.** Login to [myapexevent.com](http://myapexevent.com) and good luck!

Thank you for being involved. Be on the lookout for more updates soon.

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**Subir  
De Nivel**

**Comienza  
Conmigo**

**Entender  
A Los Demás**

**Plan  
De Juego**

**Superar**

**Elevar  
Tu Liderazgo**

¡Hola, padres de Summerdale!:

Estamos llegando al final de la primera semana de nuestro evento de recaudación de fondos de Apex, ¡y ha sido increíble!

Los **hábitos de liderazgo de subida de nivel** están generando un impacto real y nuestros estudiantes están plenamente comprometidos con el proceso.

Hasta ahora, nuestros estudiantes han aprendido que ser un LÍDER implica lo siguiente:

**SUBIR DE NIVEL.** Creemos en el crecimiento a través del esfuerzo y la práctica. El liderazgo comienza cuando nos desafiamos a mejorar y ser mejores cada día.

**COMENZAR POR UNO MISMO.** Asumimos la responsabilidad de nuestras acciones y lideramos con el ejemplo. Los grandes líderes son receptivos a las enseñanzas, confiables y abiertos a aprender de quienes les rodean. **COMPRENDER A LOS DEMÁS.** Escuchamos, mostramos empatía y trabajamos para crear un entorno positivo. Construimos relaciones más sólidas al preguntarnos “¿Cómo puedo ayudar?” y al elegir la amabilidad que genera una conexión real.

**¿Necesitan ayuda para encontrar el código de acceso de su hijo?** You can find it on their VIP Badge, use the code of a sibling, or contact your child's teacher as they have a list of their students' codes.

**Desafío diario:** ¡La clase que reciba más donaciones de fuera del estado podrá envolver en film transparente a Action Braxton!

**Gracias por involucrarse. Estén atentos a más actualizaciones pronto.**

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Please join us in supporting the Partners For Eternity program. Together, we can ensure our students continue to thrive—academically, spiritually, and through meaningful service.

Donate today and help us continue changing lives, one student at a time.



**\$4,150 raised to date**  
**\$2,350 still needed**

# DECEMBER Hot Lunch Scan to order



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# **VHM SCHOOL WORK**

# **BEE DAY**

# **SUNDAY**

**DEC. 7**  
**9 AM - 12 PM**

**help**  
NEEDED:

Playground Assemble  
PTO room organization  
Preschool room organization  
Gym exit sign cages installation

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