

NOVEMBER 16, 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

This season, our VHM community has a special opportunity to shine God's love beyond our campus. We are partnering in **Operation Christmas Child**, a global ministry that delivers shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies, and essential items to children in need around the world. Each box becomes a message of hope—reminding a child that they are seen, valued, and loved.

Our school goal is to fill 40 shoeboxes, and I am excited to see our students, families, and staff unite for this meaningful project. As we work together to gather items and prepare each box, our children will learn firsthand the gift of charity—the joy of giving selflessly, the blessing of sharing what we have, and the impact of even the smallest act of kindness.

Thank you for supporting this community service initiative. May each box be a reflection of Christ's love, and may this experience help our students grow in compassion, empathy, and service to others.

REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Thanksgiving Luncheon:** Thursday, November 20 - PTO is planning our annual lunch for our students and their families. Please join us for a delicious get together as we give thanks for so many blessings. Lunch will begin at 11:15 am. Dismissal is at 12:00 pm.
- **December Hot Lunch Order:** Order your child's lunch before you leave for the Thanksgiving break so you don't forget when your child returns on Monday, December 1. See flyer attached!



UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

November

- 16: Volleyball Tournament, Miramonte, 9:00 am
- 20: Thanksgiving Luncheon
 - noon dismissal (PLC Day)
- 21: Shoebox due
- 24-28: Thanksgiving break

December

- 1: School resumes & PTO Meeting, 6 pm
- 18: Christmas program @ VHM
- 22-Jan.2: Christmas break

January

- 5: School resumes



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Stay Connected with VHM Daily Updates. Sign up!

Fashion Show Winners @ Fall Fair

Our students participate in the "Western Wear" themed fashion show at the annual Fall Fair. Each received an award of recognition.



SOMETHING'S HAPPENING @ VHM



Fall Fair

Over 200 people attended the annual event last Sunday. Visitors enjoyed food, games, and fellowship. Thank you to our sponsors that made this event possible.



Veterans Day

On Tuesday, November 11, VHM students and teachers honored 6 veterans from the Veterans of Foreign Wars during a special assembly in the gym.



Sharing Testimonies

Mr. Carrillo interviews a parent and student about their experience with Seventh-Day Adventist Education.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

- **THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON:** Help needed to prepare and serve our children at next Thursday's Thanksgiving luncheon. Please sign up on ClassDojo.
- **PRESCHOOL & PTO ROOM:** Help still needed to organize our pre-school classroom and PTO room so items can be easily accessible. **Come by any day!**
- **PLAYGROUND ASSEMBLE:** Volunteers still needed to help assemble our playground parts. Contact the office if you are available on **Sunday, December 7, between 9 am - 12 pm. Sign up on Class Dojo.**



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: \$2,200]
- **Playground Funds:** Providing funds for essential repairs and improvements [Needed: \$12,000]

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TO GIVE ONLINE



Venmo: What's this for? "fund name"



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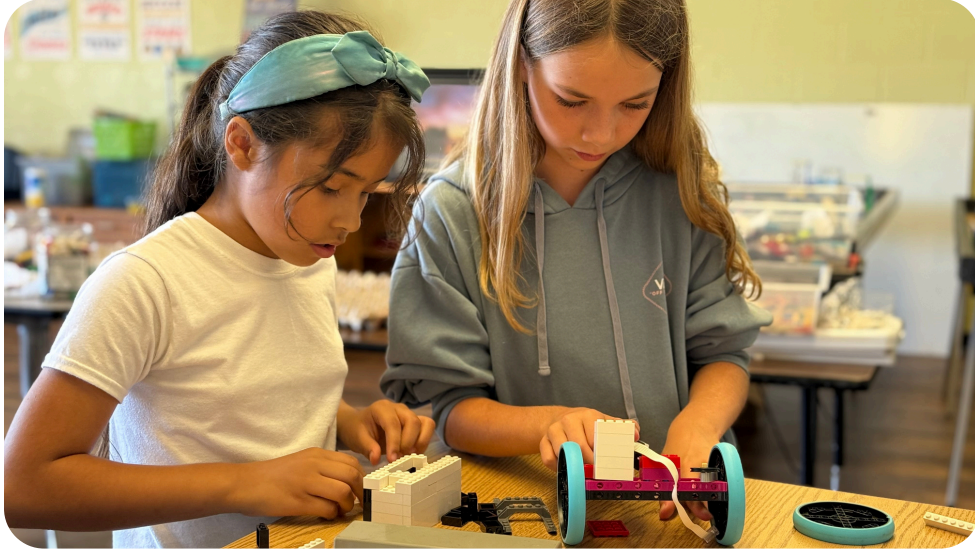
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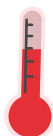
Donate now!

 gofund.me/gate.girl.good



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.



\$400 raised to date
\$2,200 still needed

DECEMBER
Hot Lunch
Scan to order



Click Link to Order





VHM Community Service Project

Help us pack 40 shoeboxes by
Friday, November 21

How can my child support this project?

1. Pack a shoebox (pick up a shoebox from school).
2. Send items to school for the Thursday "Packing Party" (see "gift suggestion" list below).
3. Order suggested gifts from the Amazon suggested list and drop them off at school for the packing party.



Operation Christmas Child
AMAZON link

Join us for a Packing Party

Thursday, November 20





Boy Shoebox Gift Suggestions

A gift-filled shoebox can be the first present a child ever receives, so it is important to uniquely pack each gift and make it FUN, FULL, and PERSONALIZED—praying for the child and adding a photo and personal note.

A “WOW” ITEM

- Small backpack
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Hobby kit
- Large toy truck or car
- Other large toy



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Flashlight



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils, sharpener, erasers
- Pencil container
- Pens
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small adhesive tape
- Drawstring bag



CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Flip-flops or shoes
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Wristwatch
- Clothing and undergarments
- Winter cap, scarf, and mittens



GAMES & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Coloring books or pads
- Dry watercolor set
- Binoculars and compass
- Musical instruments
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Jump rope
- Stickers
- Games



TOYS

- Small ball
- Building blocks or LEGO® sets
- Slinky® or yo-yo
- Toy cars
- Plastic animals
- Magnets
- Interactive toys
- Other small toys and figures



DO NOT INCLUDE

- Soap
- Food, candy, or gum
- Toothpaste
- Used or damaged items
- Scary or war-related items
- Wearable traditional camouflage
- Seeds or organic matter
- Liquids
- Medication
- Money
- Breakable items
- Matches, fire starters, or aerosols
- Knives, saws, or razor blades

Wondering if an item will fit in an Operation Christmas Child preprinted shoebox?

Cardboard dimensions: 12 x 7 x 4.38 inches

Plastic dimensions: 13 x 7.5 x 4.7 inches



Girl Shoebox Gift Suggestions

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A “WOW” ITEM

- Small backpack or purse
- Doll
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Jewelry making or hobby kit
- Large toy



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Flashlight



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CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Flip-flops or shoes
- Sunglasses • Hat • Wristwatch • Costume jewelry
- Hair accessories • Clothing and undergarments • Winter cap, scarf, and mittens



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VHM SCHOOL WORK BEE DAY SUNDAY

help
NEEDED:

DEC. 7
9 AM - 12 PM

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

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