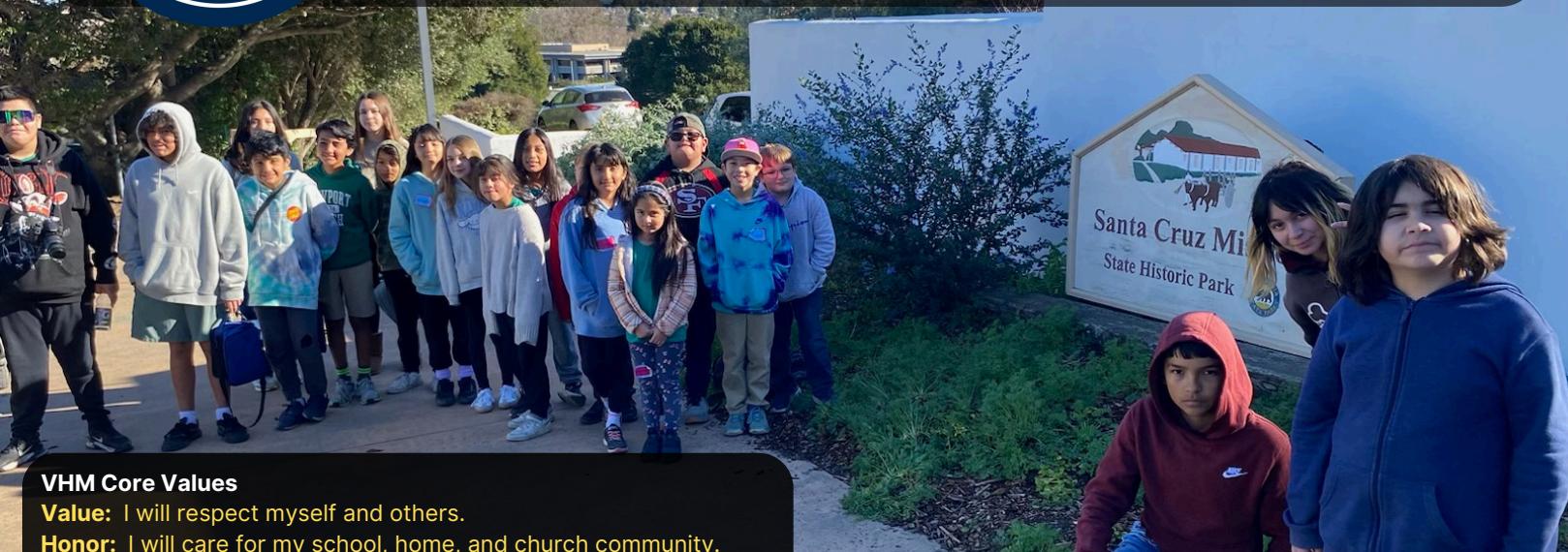


# JANUARY 11, 2025



# NEWSLETTER

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

We are fortunate to have a thriving school community where our students love learning in a safe and nurturing environment. We invite you to share this joy with others!

- Open House:** Join us for our Celebration of Learning to showcase our students' best works.
- Early Registration:** Save \$100 when you register by February 15, and enjoy a \$1,000 tuition discount for both you and the referred student!
- School Tours:** Invite friends to explore our school in person or shadow a class.

Let's connect with prospective families and fill our halls with even more joy!

## REMINDERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- PTO MEETING, JAN. 12 @ 6 pm:** We will meet this Monday in the VHM Conference room. All parents are invited to attend.
- CHURCH PARTICIPATION, JAN. 24 @ 10:30 AM:** Our students will once again be part of the church program at Soquel Bilingual SDA Church. All students are required to attend at least one program each quarter. Please let your teachers know if you are unable to attend.
- GOLD CAMP PARENT ORIENTATION:** If you plan to send your 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grader to this overnight trip, please plan to attend this meeting. The sign up for parent chaperones will also be available then.



## UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES

### January

- 12: Quarter 3 Begins
- 12-16: School Spirit Week
- 19: No School, MLK Day
- 24: Church Participation - Soquel Bilingual Church
- 27-Feb.2: MAP Testing Week



### February

- 1 Basketball Tournament (Miramonte)
- 4 Teacher PLC (noon dismissal)
- 5 Open House & Celebration of Learning, 3:15 pm
- Gold Camp Parent Orientation, 4:30 pm



Stay Connected with VHM Daily Updates. Sign up!

## Live Performance Video Available

Just in case you missed it in a previous newsletter the "RAAD Tidings" Christmas program is available on video thanks to Mr. Cadiz. You can find the link to the entire video on our school website [HERE](#) or on this YouTube [link](#).



# SOMETHING'S HAPPENING @ VHM



### Writers Workshop

Mrs. Stephenson teachers her 2nd~4<sup>th</sup> grader to write through practice, sharing, and feedback to improve their craft, focusing on the writing process (drafting, revising, editing).



### Mission Field Trip

The best way to learn about the local history is to visit the Santa Cruz Mission. Seen here are students participating in activities that occurred in the life of a Native American.



### Hats with Mr. Nicola

Dan Nicola, MBA principal, spends his morning with us during chapel. He brought several hats to illustrate the lesson about "Putting on the full armor of God."

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

- ORGANIZING PRE-SCHOOL ROOM:** Help Ms. Sindy organize and clean up this room. Time of day is flexible and can be done during the school day.
- ORGANIZING THE TEACHER STORAGE ROOM:** Help needed to organize this room so materials are easily accessible to our teachers.
- SOCCER COACHING:** Coaches needed for the soccer season with first practices to begin on February 24. Practices are from 3:30-4:30 pm.
- VOLUNTEER SIGN UP:** Please contact the office if you can volunteer to help with any of these.

Yes! We still do have items on the  
[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: \$2,000]
- Partners for Eternity (PFE):** Offering scholarships fueled by a passion for mentorship [Needed: \$2,350]
- Playground Funds:** New basketball rims needed for our indoor gym. [see Amazon Wishlist]



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TO GIVE ONLINE



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



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# ***LEADING by Example***

## ***@ VHM***

### **STUDENT COUNCIL SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK**

**January 12-16**

**Monday**

**12**

#### ***David & Goliath (courage)***

Twin Opposites - Find someone who's taller or shorter than you and dress alike.

**Tuesday**

**13**

#### ***Esther Day (bravery)***

Wear a "crown" or hat

**Wednesday**

**14**

#### ***Good Samaritan Day (kindness)***

Bring a handmade gift to a teacher (cards are great)

**Thursday**

**15**

#### ***Armor of God Day***

Wear "protection gear" (shin guards, helmet, gloves, etc.)

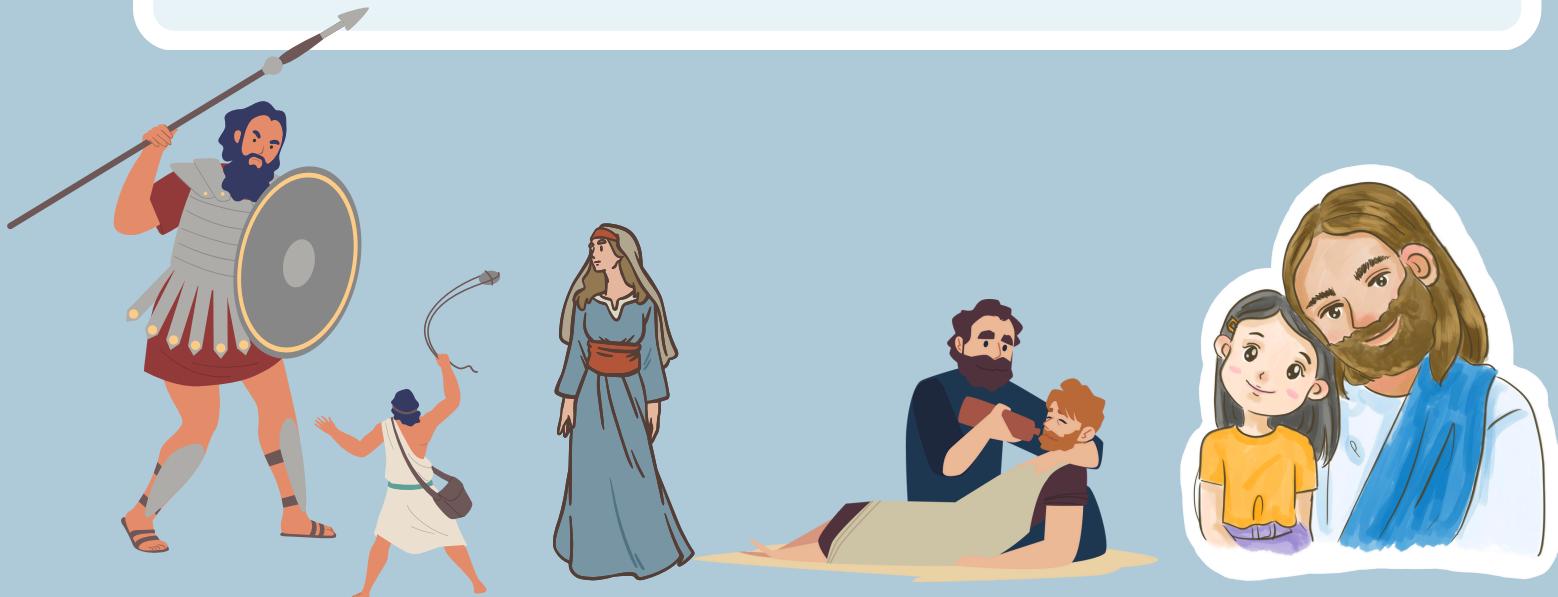
**Friday**

**16**

#### ***Jesus Day***

Wear VHM colors - Blue, Yellow, or White or VHM spirit wear

**Show your school pride and join the fun! Each day has a special theme, so come dressed up, bring your energy, and let's fill our campus with VHM spirit!**





# K-8 VHM OPEN HOUSE *Celebration of Learning*

*Join our Open House celebration! We are celebrating our students' best work. Come and see what VHM has to offer!*

## WHAT?

- ✓ View student presentations
- ✓ Experience after school clubs
- ✓ Tour around the campus
- ✓ Meet students, teachers & current parents

## WHEN?



February 5, 3:15 ~4:15 pm





# K-8 **EARLY REGISTRATION**

*We are open for early registration for the 2026-2027 school year. Applications are now available **online** at our website [vhmchristian.org](http://vhmchristian.org) (Admissions).*

## **26-27 INCENTIVES:**

- ✓ \$100 off registration fee
- ✓ \$1,000 referral for your student and referred student
- ✓ Several scholarships available - apply early

## **WHEN:**

- February 5\*, during Open House

\*February 15 is the last day to receive the early registration discount. Apply online [HERE](http://vhmchristian.org)





# Help VHM Christian School Change Lives



**Donate now!**

🔗 [gofund.me/gate.girl.good](https://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.



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

# JANUARY Hot Lunch ORDER



# LOST & FOUND BOX

LOCATED IN FRONT OF THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE



IF IT BELONGS TO YOU PICK IT UP! ALL LEFT BEHIND  
ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO THE NEAREST  
DONATION CENTER AT THE END OF EACH MONTH.

Expression of Interest

# CHILDREN'S CHOIR



Calling all children ages 4-14 interested in  
joining a children's choir



STARTING IN JANUARY 2026•  
MONTEREY BAY ACADEMY CHURCH

To register please contact Daniela Soto at 909-557-8566