

Hello all-

I just thought I'd try to get back on everyone's radar. The Holidays, life, and some behind the scenes organization for this parent board have been taking up the time.

So on to business:

- Next week is **Spirit Week** for both the Middle School & High School.
 - High School Students will be competing for points in many different ways
 - \$ brought by **HS students** for the Class-Sponsored Vacation Packages for the **Auction** – Due By Feb. 3rd in the HS office
 - They will get spirit points based on the percentage of participation in money brought in for the vacation packages.
 - Non-perishable food drive
 - Pennies for the poor
 - Middle School Students are encouraged to participate in the Pennies for the poor and Non-perishable food drive
 - Special Dress Days are also lined out. I believe Mrs. G. sent home info/guidelines for the MS yesterday. As, for the HS, don't be surprised if your student walks out the door in something out of the ordinary☺
- Middle School Speech Tournament is February 27th
 - Did you know that approximately **400** 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students from around the Portland Metro area attend this annual gathering?
 - Did you know that the tournament has been in existence for over **40 yrs**?
 - Did you know that all Valley Catholic Middle Students compete in the tournament?
 - This is an incredible opportunity for the students involved and a great opportunity for VCS to be **seen** by visiting schools and their families.

- Volunteers will be needed, so please be looking for Volunteer requests and lend a helping hand even if you don't have a MS student your help will be much appreciated.
- Capital Campaign information arrived in the mail last week for the Elementary School.
 - Huge endeavor, no doubt about it.
 - Certainly there are excellent reasons for the new building. Not the least of which is that the new school will add to the positive impact that can be made on children's lives **and** the lives of those yet to come.
 - Gives the campus an updated look while bringing more exposure to the High School.
 - I wasn't around for the building of the beautiful gym wing of the High School, but I certainly appreciate the efforts of all those who came before me every time I step inside.
 - **Please consider all of these things as you think through your decision.**
 - Do I have an elementary student? No
 - Will my family be donating? Yes
- New Positions on the HS/MS board
 - Please be watching over the next couple of months for requests
- New face and outlook for the HS/MS parent board
 - A new direction will be introduced after our February 16th meeting.
- A couple of weeks ago both Boys and Girls Basketball teams played home games on a Friday night.
 - The Blue Crew (the student section) was in full regalia and in rare form.
 - Besides that – who doesn't enjoy watching Mr. Schaffler get his groove on, Coach Innes' zeal, or Coach Gallagher's passion
 - Whether you have a player on the team or not - attending one of these home games is an excellent glimpse of what a wonderful school Valley Catholic is.
 - **February 5th** is the last home game of the season for both the boys and girls.
 - **Varsity Girls play @ 6:00 and Varsity Boys play @ 7:30 - come show your support.**
- The drama department will be performing Jesus and the Technicolor Dreamcoat over the last two weekends in February.
 - Info was sent out this week regarding tickets.
 - **Come show your support.**

- **Another reason to be proud**

- A video was made of our students preparing for, then delivering the Food Drive bounty before the Christmas Break – check it out
- www.valleycatholictv.com

Well, I think I've taken up enough of your time today, but I hope I've both updated you and given you some food for thought.

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