

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20

Dear Parents/Guardians/ Families of VCA Napa,

As we enter a new school year, we do so with full anticipation that God is directly in the center of all we are doing, and that He remains ever on His throne. As we have emerged from the 2022-2023 school year, we have brought much information and wisdom regarding our next steps at VCA. This year you will see increased focus on math and literacy at all levels, beginning with preschool through 8th grade. At the preschool, we have hired a preschool teacher who will also help us with administrative aspects of our preschool program as we move forward. We continue to fill open positions for the fall as some teachers have been reassigned after interviewing for other openings within VCA. At the elementary site, we have added a transitional kindergarten and hired a qualified and experienced teacher to fill that position. At the middle school level, we are still interviewing for our language arts position, and our math extension tutor. We have hired a volleyball coach and are looking forward to beginning that program in August. Systemwide, we will be implementing a character program, an adapted math and language program called Renaissance which includes gap-filling intervention and acceleration in TK-8 math and language arts for all our students, and extended learning at the TK-5 level [Spanish and Art] and electives at the 6-8 level. In partnership with PFC, we are looking forward to providing more community building opportunities for all our families. Our new website will soon be active and will provide us a much better platform for communication to our families, as well as information about VCA Napa. Finally [for now], we will be asking all parents to step in with us in support of increasing both math and literacy skills for all students through specific practice of fluency skills at home. We will provide more specifics on this as the school year gets closer.

I am sure this is a lot to think about and absorb in one communication. Just know we will be releasing details in the coming weeks, so anyone who wants to get an early jump on things can do so. If you want to take full advantage of the freedoms of summer break, we encourage that as well.

Please join us in prayer for the coming school year. We are excited to see how God will show up, far more abundantly than all we ask or think, and remain steadfast in our pursuit of bring glory to Him in all we do and think.

Finally, I encourage each of you to contact me directly if you have suggestions, concerns, or questions. I am always willing to make myself available to hear your input. Our deep desire always is to move to unifying ourselves towards actions that are glorifying to God.

To His glory alone,

Barbara Keesaw

VCA Preschool Update

From the Desk of Mrs. VanMaren

The summer has been moving right along. The preschool kiddos have been having a blast with further friendship bonding with their classmates and teachers, along with enjoying many explorations of water play fun, learning through summer themed activities, and always learning what and how God is on the move for their lives. As you have read our teaching staff is under construction and I am currently looking for a couple of great people to join our dynamic teaching team at the preschool level. I am thrilled to have Toni Arden joining our team and utilize her many years of experience to join Miss Sharon Baker and have them lead the preschool direction with more active rolls. I look forward to our students and families as they get to know her. Both Toni and Sharon will serve as the preschool department support. Don't be alarmed I am not going anywhere I am just adjusting my leadership direction within this amazing school. I will be guiding our staff as their HR support and working more as the South Campus Administrator. For those of you away on summer break and aren't seeing or know that God has not only been surrounding our school with many victories and successes, but I personally have been very successful with my cancer treatments this summer and am close to finishing up the chemo portion of treatment. Thank yous to Miss Keesaw, the VCA staff and school board, and all the families for your generous giving and prayers. I sure felt the support and prayers and God truly has taken this for me and kept me going.

2023-2024 Information:

Below are just a few planning items, as you work through your calendar and preparation for the new school year.

Mark your calendars with some important dates [see 2023-2024 School Year Calendar posted on our current website]:

August 28-September 5: Preschool Closed

August 28: 8th grade orientation [times to be determined – planning for morning to lunch]

August 29: 7th grade orientation [times to be determined – planning for morning to lunch]

August 30: 6th grade orientation [times to be determined – planning for morning to lunch]

August 31: BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT AND BBQ FOR ALL FAMILIES – North Campus 5-7:30pm

September 6: First Day of School

September 22: Back to School Bash – South Campus – time to be determined

September 29: Half Day for TK-8 Teacher Professional Development [Release 12pm TK-5; 12:15 6-8th]

Uniforms: Uniforms will be required for all TK through 8th grade students.

VCA Napa Website: Our new VCA Napa is currently under construction. We will keep you updated as we get closer to bringing it active. Once active, all communication will be available to parents updated on a weekly basis.

Staffing Updates:

Please continue praying for us as we continue to interview, and fill positions.

We are currently actively in the process of hiring for open positions in our preschool [teachers] and middle school [Language Arts and a Math Extension Tutor]. If you are qualified and interested in a position, please fill out an application on edjoin under the position you are interested in. If you know of someone who may be interested in one of these positions, please encourage them to apply on edjoin.

Welcome to the following new staff members: Toni Arden, Preschool and Sheena Daquioag, Transitional Kindergarten

Volleyball Coach: Praise God, we have filled our girl's volleyball coaching position. Nicole Hill has been named our head girl's volleyball coach. Practices will begin later in August.

Stay tuned for more information- coming next week.