





## MARK Your Calendars Upcoming Advisory Dates!

All students' grades 9 – 12 are scheduled with an Advisory Teacher and **MUST ATTEND!**

### Spring Advisory Dates-

If dates should change, parents will be notified

**February 7<sup>th</sup>** – Lesson 11

**February 29<sup>th</sup>** – Lesson 12 – First 6 week Report Cards for second semester will also be given to your student to take home to their parents during this Advisory.

**March 6<sup>th</sup>** Lesson 13

**March 21** – Lesson 14 – Student Led Conferences may also be set up during this Advisory.

**April – 10<sup>th</sup>** – Lesson 15

**April – 18<sup>th</sup>** – Lesson 16 – Second 6 week Report Cards for Second Semester will also be given to your student to take home to their parents during this Advisory.

**Semester Report Cards will be mailed out in June.**



## Registration for new school year 2012-2013

Classes will be scheduled through English Classes

11<sup>th</sup> grade -- Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

10<sup>th</sup> grade --Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

9<sup>th</sup> grade -- Feb. 21<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>th</sup>

**Completed cards are due on the date below.  
(Counselors will pick up all cards through their English class.)**

11<sup>th</sup> grade Feb 17<sup>th</sup>

10<sup>th</sup> grade Feb 24<sup>th</sup>

9<sup>th</sup> grade Feb 27<sup>th</sup>

Students will be scheduled for the Computer Lab through Social Studies to enter their selections from their Registration Cards during the week of **March 5<sup>th</sup> –9<sup>th</sup>**.



### **Yearbook on Sale!!**

Buy a yearbook for \$65.00  
before the price goes up.

# Senior Class Information



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING SENIOR DATES!

1. Your Cap & Gown **MUST** be purchased through Campus Specialties. Their phone number is 275-9357.
2. You may purchase Senior Announcements through Campus Specialties. Their phone number is 275-9357.
3. Senior Finals:  
Wednesday, May 9 - Periods 1, 3, 5, 7  
Thursday, May 10 - Periods 2, 4, 5, 6
4. Cap & Gown Distribution - Monday, May 14  
(**ALL** Fines & Fees must be paid in order to receive Cap & Gown)
5. Mandatory Robing/Graduation Practice - Monday, May 14 in the morning (Time TBA)
6. Senior Yearbook Distribution & Barbeque - Monday, May 14 @ 5pm VHS Campus
7. Robing Ceremony - Tuesday, May 15 @ 6:30pm in the Gym
8. Graduation - Wednesday, May 16 @ 3:30pm @ Tingley Coliseum

Specific times will be given to our seniors closer to each event!



### Seniors Transcripts

Official transcript requests needed for college admission etc. , must be ordered three school days in advance; the first four are free, then it is \$2.00 per transcript.

Order forms are available in the Registrar's Office.



# Junior Class Information



- The SBA/HSGA will be given on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.
- REGISTRATION DEADLINE      ACT TEST DATES:  
March 9, 2012                              April 14, 2012  
May 4, 2012                                      June 9, 2012  
For more information: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- REGISTRATION DEADLINE      SAT TEST DATES:  
April 6, 2012                                      May 5, 2012  
May 8, 2012    June 2, 2012

For more information:

[www.sat.collegeboard.org/register](http://www.sat.collegeboard.org/register)

\*See our Career Readiness Counselor for more information Ms. Carol Jones-Garcia ext. 82015

### HELP NEEDED!!!



It's almost time for the 2012 Valley High School Graduation! Unfortunately, some of our Valley Students are in need of help in purchasing caps and gowns. Valley High School is requesting donations of caps and gowns from previous graduating classes. We would also appreciate donations to purchase tassels. If you are able to help us, please contact Valley's Activities Director, Patricia Rivera at Ext. 82224.



## Sophomore Class Information



### Sophomore Class Parent & Student Meeting

There will be a mandatory meeting for all 10<sup>th</sup> graders on: February 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm in the Performing Arts Center (PAC).

Representatives from our district will discuss the upcoming Standards Based Assessment/High School Graduation Assessment (SBA/HSGA) which is the exit exam for a graduating senior to receive a Diploma providing all graduation requirements have been met.

This year's 10th graders will take the SBA/HSGA in reading, and mathematics. The SBA/HSGA is the state's first high school exit exam to be aligned with New Mexico Content Standards in grades 9 through 12. Students leaving high school without a diploma will be allowed to retake the SBA/HSGA for five years after leaving.

Four versions of the SBA/HSGA will be available. Students may take the test in English and Spanish versions, or Braille and Large Print. Accommodations will also be provided for students with disabilities and English Language Learners.

For students who do not pass the SBA, the development of an Alternate Demonstration of Competency (ADC) is in progress. We will keep you informed as we receive new information.

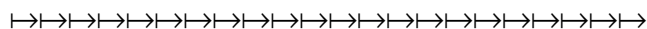
- **Students will be given booklet of sample test questions**
- **Individual information concerning their District Benchmark Assessment (DBA) scores**
- **Other important information.**

#### TIPS FOR SUCCESS:

1. Assist your student in completing homework and turning it in.
2. Assure that your child gets adequate sleep and nutrition
3. Remind your child about electronics usage at school.
4. Encourage study groups to study, study, study
5. Student must request make up work.
6. Attendance and tardiness affect grades

7. Remind students to bring supplies to class

## Freshmen Class Information



### Parent Recommendation

- CHECK IParent weekly and go over with your student
- E-mail/call teachers for any concerns
- Ask your student about what they learned and what assignments they have in each class nightly
- Have a scheduled time for homework
- Look in backpacks – check for lost assignments
- Check agenda nightly
- Utilize tutoring opportunities provided at Valley High School
- Make sure your student is in school and on time daily
- Make sure Valley High School has current contact information.



Voyage on Vikings!



## Semester Activities 2012



### Valley's Model United Nations:

UNM-MUN February 16, 17 and 18. The Spring Draw will take place April 28, at Sandia Prep.



### Mock Trial:

Regional and State competition. Friday, March 23 and Saturday 24, at the District Court Downtown. It is usually from 9-5pm.

### MESA Events:

Feb. 10, Regional Design Competition @ UNM Cont. Ed. 8-4

April 21, MESA Day State Competition @ UNM, 8-4 didn't know if you wanted that:

Jan. 26, Field trip to the National Museum of Nuclear Science, 8-12



### Orchestra

Concert: TMS and GMS February 23, 7:00 pm in the PAC

District assessment and Festival February 27, 2:30 pm -5:30 pm at CHS

Orchestra trip to Manzano Mountain Retreat April 23-24, 7:30 AM - 2:30 pm

Orchestra concert at National Hispanic Cultural Center April 25, rehearsal at 4:00 pm Concert at 7:00 pm

Auditions for Albuquerque Youth Symphony in April and May TBA



### Chorus:

Event: Music Performance Assessment & Festival (MPAF) Location: First United Methodist Church Date & Time: February 29, 2012 and TBA

### DANCES/ACTIVITIES:

Winter Ball February 4<sup>th</sup> (7pm-11pm)

Prom April 28<sup>th</sup> at Museum of Albuquerque (7:00 pm to 11:00 pm)

### STUDENT COUNCIL

NMASC State Conference February 9, 10, 11 @ WMHS



### AF JROTC

Feb 2-4, JROTC NRA 3-P Sectionals, Eldorado HS, all day

Feb 11, Hispano Chamber Gala, ABQ Convention Center NM, 5 to midnight

Feb 16, ASVAB, VHS LH, 7:30 to 11:30

Feb 18, JROTC Military Skills Competition Open, Rio Rancho HS, all day

Feb 24-25, JROTC Military Skills Competition Open, NMMI Roswell, all day

Mar 22, ASVAB Result Review, VHS Library, 7:30 to 10:30

Mar 24, Bataan Memorial Marathon, White Sands NM, all day

Mar 28-30, JROTC Junior Olympic Nationals, Colorado Springs, CO, all day

Apr 6-7, JROTC Small-bore Clinic & NRA Sectionals, Calibers, ABQ, all day

Apr 14, JROTC National Military Skills Competition, US Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO, all day

Apr 26-28, JROTC State Military Skills Competition, La Cueva HS, all day

May 5, JROTC Dodge-ball Competition, Moriarty HS, all day

May 27 to Jun 1, N.M. Boys State American Legion, Eastern Univ, Portales NM, all day

Jun 3-8, N.M. Girls State American Legion, Eastern Univ, Portales NM, all day

Jun 8-15, Leadership Camp, Santa Fe NM, all day

Jun 18-22, Joint Combined Leadership Camp, Santa Fe NM, all day

Jun 25-29, Leadership & Sailing Academy, Cochiti Lake

Jun 23-28, JROTC NRA National Rifle Championships,  
Anniston AL, all day

## Valley Academy Corner



### Academy Members:

- Applications for the Academy are currently being accepted the 2012-13 school year. Applications are available online, in the Academy office, or in the Valley administration office
- **Elections** for new Academy senate officers will be held on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>! Students, if you're interested in taking on more responsibility within the Academy, please come by the Academy office to ensure your name on the ballot!
- We have 3 new Community Service events planned for the spring; Campus Beautification Projects, Art Show (Salon de Refuses), and volunteering our time at a nearby elementary school. Students, if you have not completed your Community Service project this school year, please come by the Academy office to sign up for the project that seems the most interesting to you.
- All Senate members: Senate meetings are every other Thursday on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the library. Meeting times, and dates, are on the bulletin board next to the Academy office.
- Mark your calendars: Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>! First Annual Valley Academy Art Show (Salon de Refuses) Our community is invited.

#### Special Mention:

\*\*A special "Gracias!" to our senior student, Adriana Ortiz! She is working on a special mural in our Academy gallery hallway. If you have artistic talent, she may be able to use your help in completing the project. It's a beautiful mural reflecting elements of the North Valley while implementing a poignant quote from the great Mexican artist, Frida Kahlo:

"Feet, what do I need you for when I have wings to fly?"

Come to the Academy Office if you would like to lend your artistic talents to completing her mural.



## Athletics Corner

Please remember to support our athletic programs. Spring Sports are: Basketball, Bowling, Wrestling, Swimming and Diving, Baseball, Softball, Tennis, and Track and Field.

Please visit APS website for athletics schedules.

<http://www.aps.edu/athletics>

A special recognition goes out to our Winter Sports: Volleyball, Soccer, Football, Cross Country, Vikettes, and Cheerleaders for all their hard work last semester.

### 2012 AP EXAM SCHEDULE

May 7<sup>th</sup> – Chemistry

May 8<sup>th</sup> – Spanish Language

May 9<sup>th</sup> – Calculus AB  
Calculus BC

May 10<sup>th</sup> – English Literature  
and Composition

May 11<sup>th</sup> – United States History  
May 14<sup>th</sup> – Biology

May 15<sup>th</sup> United States Government  
and Politics

May 16<sup>th</sup> – English Language  
and Composition

May 17<sup>th</sup> – World History

All exams will start at 8 a.m.

