



Welcome to the April edition of the 201/201 monthly e-communication from Valencia High School. Don't forget about the school's counseling website at www.valenciavikings.com/counseling and the school's general website at www.valenciavikings.com where you can find updated information on a daily basis.

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

VHS Summer School

The 2012 information/application packets for both the William S. Hart District and Opportunities for Learning (OFL) summer school sessions **are still available** in the counseling office. We encourage students to pick up, fill out, and return the applications as soon as possible during this registration period.

4th Quarter Progress Reports

All 4th quarter progress reports will be given to students during fourth period on Friday, May 4th to take home. Please remind your child to give it to you right away so that you may review it. (Grades WILL be available on the Infinite Campus portal after 2:00 on Tuesday, May 1st, as well.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

STAR Testing Schedule

Tuesday, April 17th

8:00 am	-	9:30 am	English Language Arts, Pt. 1
9:30 am	-	9:51 am	Brunch
9:51 am	-	11:36 am	English Language Arts, Pt. 2
11:36 am	-	12:16 pm	Lunch
12:23 pm	-	1:11 pm	Period 2
1:17 pm	-	2:05 pm	Period 4
2:11 pm	-	3:00 pm	Period 6

*Seniors start classes at 12:23 pm.

STAR Testing Schedule (continued)

Wednesday, April 18th

8:00 am	-	9:30 am	Math, Pt. 1
9:30 am	-	9:51 am	Brunch
9:51 am	-	11:36 am	Math, Pt. 2
11:36 am	-	12:16 pm	Lunch
12:23 pm	-	1:11 pm	Period 3
1:17 pm	-	2:05 pm	Period 5
2:11 pm	-	3:00 pm	Period 7

*Seniors start classes at 12:23 pm.



Star Testing Schedule (continued)

Thursday, April 19th

7:00 am	-	7:55 am	Period 1
8:00 am	-	10:00	History/Soc. Sci., Pt. 1 & 2
10:00 am	-	10:21 am	Brunch
10:21 am	-	12:21 pm	Science, Pt. 1 & 2
12:21 pm	-	1:01 pm	Lunch
1:08 pm	-	1:42 pm	Period 2
1:48 pm	-	2:21 pm	Period 4
2:27 pm	-	3:00 pm	Period 6
3:07 pm	-	3:40 pm	Period 8

*Freshmen start classes at 10:00 am; Seniors start classes at 12:23 pm

Friday, April 20th

7:00 am	-	7:55 am	Period 1
8:00 am	-	10:00	Life Science (10 th Grade Only)
10:00 am	-	10:21 am	Brunch
10:21 am	-	10:51 am	Period 3
10:57 am	-	11:27 am	Period 5
11:33 am	-	12:03 pm	Period 7
12:09 pm	-	12:39	Period 8

*Freshmen & seniors start classes at 10:21 am.

Parent Academy on Wednesday!

All parents are invited to the VHS Parent Academy on Wednesday, April 18th from 7:00 – 8:45 pm in the VHS Theater. From 7:00 – 7:30, a representative from College-Bound Strategies will present powerful information regarding preparing parents and students in preparing for college both financially and academically. Then, parents may choose two 30-minute presentations from the following four topics: The Four-Year Plan, School-to-Career, The Student Athlete, and The Honors/AP Program. Free child care will be available in the Library.

North Valley Occupational Center Visit

VHS would like to invite any/all students and parents to come to a presentation in the VHS theater on Wednesday, April 25th at 10:15 by Ilona Brewster from the North Valley Occupational Center (NVOC). She will be sharing the MANY services and opportunities students can have by attending any of their numerous programs. Not only do they have courses, services, and programs for all levels of high school students and older in areas such as aviation mechanics, information technology, business, construction, careers with children, and many more, they also offer free college-prep/college-approved high school courses for students to take concurrently while they attend VHS. Students can sign up for this great learning opportunity in the counseling office. Parents can check in at the receptionist desk at to obtain a visitor's pass to attend between 10:00 – 10:15 am on the 25th.



Senior Handbook

Attention senior parents! The senior handbook, which is full of important information and deadlines for seniors, was handed out during the Senior Information Meetings during the senior Economics/Government classes. If your senior does not have a Government/Economics class on campus or for some reason missed the meeting, you may download a PDF copy at www.ValenciaASB.com starting on Tuesday, April 17th. Hard copies are also available in the ASB Office.

Open Library

Don't forget to encourage your student to attend Open Library every Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm to work on homework and get help from both teachers and peer tutors.

ROP Class Options

Please encourage your current 10th and 11th grade student to check out the great elective career classes available for next school year through the ROP program. All classes earn elective credits and are a great tool for exploring different careers before spending thousands of dollars in higher education. Many of our career classes lead to jobs. The classes are one-semester courses. Many of the classes fill up quickly. See Mrs. Olinger in the ROP office to sign up for 2012/2013 fall and spring semester.

Speech/Debate/Mock Trial Class Offered

If you are looking for classes and activities to encourage your student to participate in and improve their chances of getting into the college/university of their choice... look no farther! Valencia High School offers Academic Seminar, an awarding-winning program and invaluable high school experience. This year-long class entitled Academic Seminar is taught by Mr. Marcucilli and includes activities including Speech/Debate, Mock Trial, and Quiz Bowl. Please send your interested students to the counseling office if they would like to sign up for this course.

Volunteers Needed: Career Exploration Presentation Needs You

Valencia High School is inviting you to share your business expertise by participating in the evaluation of our graduating seniors during the completion of their Career Exploration Project. Please save the date, May 10th and the time, 1:00 to 3:00 PM to help us with this event. The intent of this program is to reinforce the relevancy of the learning experience while producing a student who is better prepared to enter the emerging work force. Your involvement in evaluating the readiness of our students and providing them valuable feedback is vital to the overall process and success of this culminating event. Each student will present an 8-10 minute oral presentation with audio/visual aids. Your participation in the evaluation process will be quite simple. You will be provided a list of standard questions and an evaluation sheet for each student. Please feel free to note comments and ask specific questions related to the presentation. Please contact Elizabeth Wilson at ewilson@hartdistrict.org if you are available to participate by May 1st.

Spanish Tutoring

This is just a reminder that tutoring for ALL levels of Spanish is available everyday at lunch.

Monday - Mrs. Arias - 922

Tuesday - Mrs. Hernandez-Foster - 940

Wednesday - Ms. Hayes - 924

Thursday - Ms. Villalvazo - 937

Friday - Mrs. Macias - 518



Parent Survey Online

VHS is respectfully requesting that you take a quick, annual parent survey that is available on the main page of the school's website at www.valencivikings.com. It can also be reached by visiting <http://www.hartdistrict.org/valencia/temp/parentsurvey.htm>. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us continually improve all aspects of VHS.