

## VPS News (April 2)

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### VPS Community:

We hope that everyone is enjoying the last few days of the Spring Break! Classes resume on Monday.

Some families have requested information regarding the State's current **Travel Advisory** (see below) amidst reports that some states and countries are experiencing an increase in Covid cases. While there is nothing for the school to "enforce" with respect to the advisory, we do ask families to use their best judgement when classes resume next week. Needless to say, if a family member has been exposed to someone with Covid, we ask that any student from that same household **self-quarantine for ten days** from the time of exposure and then provide the school with a negative test result before returning to campus

**CA TRAVEL ADVISORY (JANUARY 6, 2021):** *All persons arriving in or returning to California from other states or countries, should self-quarantine for 10 days after arrival, except as necessary to meet urgent critical healthcare staffing needs or to otherwise engage in emergency response. Additionally, this recommendation does not apply to individuals who routinely cross state or country borders for essential travel.*

**John Black, Head of School**

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 5:** Classes resume

- **April 16:** No school
- **April 28-30:** Noon dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences (see details below)
- **May 12:** Talent Show @ 8.30 (tentative). Parents will hopefully be able to attend.
- **June 3:** 8th grade graduation (location TBD)
- **June 14-25:** Innovation Summer Camp (see details below)
- **August 16:** School begins

### **GALA AUCTION ITEMS**

As previously announced, we will not be able to have an in-person GALA this school year. We hope the event will be able to return next year! However, following Spring Break, **parking-spots & free-dress-week** will be available for purchase. Newly purchased parking-spots (with the traditional nameplate) can be used starting in August. We will schedule a free-dress week towards the end of the current school year.

### **SATURDAY ZUMBA CLASSES @ VPS**

See attached flyer

### **PTO REMINDER**

As we look to re-establish our **Parent-Teacher Organization** in August, please don't hesitate to reach-out to Mrs. Johnson (kjohnson@vpredlands.org) if you are interested in serving as a PTO-officer (president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer). Main responsibilities for the PTO include organization of our Fall Fest (Halloween Carnival) and GALA. PTO meetings will be in-person and/or virtual, depending upon DPH guidelines.

### **STANDARDIZED TESTING**

The last week of April is when we typically administer **standardized testing** (ERBs) to the students in most grade-levels. But with a significant number of students still expected to be Distance Learning, we will not administer the tests this year. We expect to restart the testing program next year.

### **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

A few years ago, we began providing **Student-led Conferences** in the Spring, an opportunity for students, parents, and teachers to meet together. Unfortunately, like last Spring, we will not be able to provide the opportunity this Spring, as the format is most effective in-person.

However, **teachers will be reaching-out to some parents to schedule traditional Parent-Teacher Conferences**, particularly for those students who may be struggling academically.

These *virtual-only* conferences will be scheduled during the afternoons of April 28-30 (Noon dismissal for all grade-levels).

## RE-ENROLLING FOR 2021-22

On February 25, **re-enrollment contracts** for the 2021-22 school year were sent electronically to families. If you did not receive your child's contract, please contact Mrs.

Johnson (kjohnson@vpredlands.org). To guarantee your child's seat for August, please complete these **two steps** ...

1. contract was sent via email on February 25 from: forms@informedk12.com (be sure to check your spam!)
2. e-sign the contract (which includes the tuition rate-table for 2021-22)
3. pay the \$1000 registration fee here: <https://bngn.smarttuition.com/?id=vcqnfcrprbc#/home/> (the link is also provided in the contract).

Once these two steps are completed, Mrs. Johnson will prepare your SMART-tuition account for the 2021-22 school year. You can then log-in to see your total tuition obligation (less sibling discounts, etc).

## TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR 2021-22

SMART-aid is now accepting applications for **Tuition Assistance** for the 2021-22 school year (<https://www.smartaidforparents.com#!/login>). Anyone can apply. Assistance is awarded based strictly on family-income. Families who are currently receiving assistance must reapply every year. Tuition Assistance can reduce a family's tuition obligation by as much as 20%.

## SUMMER CAMP INFO

**June 14-25 (registration begins in mid-April). For more information, please**

**visit:** <https://www.valleyprepredlands.org/Innovation-Summer-Program>

## ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Our *Annual Giving Campaign* (Annual Fund) is one of our three annual fundraisers, including the Fall Fest (cancelled this year) and the GALA (which we remain hopeful of holding in April or May). As we continue to rebuild enrollment, proceeds from all fundraisers will be used to "**close the gap**" between the amount of tuition collected, and total expenses. For the current school year, we expect that gap to exceed \$160,000 (which includes monies allocated for Tuition Assistance). Your support of the Annual Fund will begin to close that gap! Last year, more than 90% of our families donated to the fund, which raised nearly \$40,000. Can we push that total to \$45,000?

- Through the end of March, we have received upwards of **\$38,000**
- Stay-tuned for the February results.

Visit our website to learn more about the Annual Fund and to make your donation. Any amount is appreciated! <https://www.valleyprepredlands.org/Annual-Giving>

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