

VPS News (Feb 19)

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VPS Community:

Please be reminded that **Report Cards for the 2nd Trimester** will be emailed to parents in the next 7-10 days.

We are currently developing our **calendar for the 2021-22 school year** and expect to begin classes on August 16. The full calendar will be sent to families in early April.

As noted last week, we are planning to run a 2-week **Summer Camp** (June 14-25). More details will be shared in the coming weeks. Registrations will be accepted beginning in early April. Learn more at <https://www.valleyprepredlands.org/Innovation-Summer-Program>

Finally, in the coming months we will be requesting four volunteers to serve on next year's **PTO** (parent-teacher-organization): president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. If you are interested in more details about these positions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Johnson (kjohnson@vpredlands.org). We are hopeful of resuming regular activities next year (Fall Fest, GALA, Grandparents Day, etc).

John Black, Head of School

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Late February:** T2 Report Cards issued
- **Late February:** Re-enrollment Contracts issued for 2021-22
- **Early March:** Applications accepted (thru SMART-aid) for Tuition Assistance for 21-22
- **Weeks of March 22 & 29:** Spring Break

- **May 12:** Talent Show @ 8.30 (tentative). Parents will hopefully be able to attend.
- **June 3:** 8th grade graduation (location TBD)
- **Summer Camp:** June 14-25 (registration begins in April).

UPDATE FROM RUSD

Redlands Unified School District recently sent an email to public school families indicating that negotiations with the teachers' union are underway in hopes of reopening TK-5th classrooms for on-campus instruction in the coming months. These negotiations do not impact Valley Prep.

TUITION 2021-22

Over the past six years, **tuition rates** (for both one-time AND monthly payors) have increased annually by 2-3%. This approach has allowed us to adequately fund programs (such as IB & STEAM) and maintain our staffing structure (at least until this year when our enrollment & staffing were impacted by Covid). For the next few years, we will take a slightly different approach which we believe will still provide the necessary revenue, while also recognizing the importance of affordable rates for as many families as possible, particularly as the economy recovers. Accordingly ...

- For those families who choose to pay their tuition on a **monthly** basis, tuition rates will not increase for the 2021-22 and 22-23 school years.
- For those families who choose to pay **in-full** at the beginning of the school year, the rates will increase by 2.5% for 2021-22 and another 2.5% in 2022-23. Despite this increase, one-time payors will still save upwards 10% by continuing to pay in-full, rather than monthly.

EUROPE TRIP 2021

As Covid-vaccinations become more widespread around the world, we are hopeful of resuming our international trips this Summer. A group of 11 Middle School students (and parents) are scheduled to travel to France, Spain, and Italy on June 7-17. Additional travelers (from 6-8th) are welcomed to register. The approximate trip-cost is \$5,000. All travel plans (including payment) is facilitated by Explorica Travel. One or two VPS teachers will also attend the trip. To learn more about the trip, please visit:

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OTHER OVERNIGHT TRIPS

- **4-5th** grades to Sacramento: May 3-6 (remains on-schedule)
- **5th** grade to Pali Outdoor Adventure Camp: April 19-22 (remains on-schedule)

- **6-8th** grades to Colorado River: April 5-9 (on-hold)
- **8th** grade to Washington DC: Cancelled

GALA 2021

Due to current health conditions in California, we will not hold an in-person GALA this school year. However, we are moving forward with plans for a **virtual auction** in the Spring. Although various platforms are available to manage such an auction, we obviously want to keep our overhead as low as possible.

HEALTH UPDATE (as recommended by DPH to ensure transparency)

Since September 1, the school has been informed of the following:

- **12 students** have been tested for Covid-19, following possible exposure. 2 students subsequently tested positive.
- **9 staff members** have been tested for Covid-19, following possible exposure. 3 staff members subsequently tested positive.

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? Or even \$50,000?!

- Through the end of January, we have received upwards of **\$32,000**
- 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!

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HEALTH PROTOCOLS

Please be reminded that a student (or staff member) is not allowed on-campus if they ...

- **... Have a fever of 100.4 or above.** If a student is sent-home, they must be fever-free (without medication) for 24hrs before returning to campus. In other words, if your child is sent home on Monday, they could not return to school until Wednesday. The school will always confirm the

temperature by using two different hand-held, touchless thermometers (not including the kiosks near the stage).

- ... **Are continually sneezing and/or coughing.** If a student is sent-home, they may return the next day, so long as they are not continually sneezing and/or coughing.

CONFIRMED TO HAVE COVID-19

- If a student (or staff member) in a particular class tests **positive** for Covid-19, that student (or staff member) must quarantine for a minimum of 10-days (from the time of the positive test) AND submit a negative test result before returning to campus. **NOTE:** If the student (or staff member) has completed the required quarantine and is symptom-free, but still tests positive, then a "clearance note" from a doctor may be submitted in lieu of a negative test result.
- If the positive test result occurs while school is in-session, then the entire class (including the teacher) must also quarantine for a minimum of 10 days. All students in the closed classroom would transition to 100% Distance Learning during the quarantine.
- If the student (or staff member) is in Middle School, then the entire Middle School would be closed and transitioned to Distance Learning.
- Each student (and the teacher) would need to submit a "clear/negative" test result before returning to campus.

EXPOSED TO SOMEONE WITH COVID-19

- DPH defines "*exposure*" as ... close proximity (within 6ft), without a mask, for more than 15min.
- If a student (or staff member) in a particular class is **exposed** to someone confirmed to have Covid-19, then the student (or staff member) must submit a test result to the school as quickly as possible AND quarantine (for a minimum of 10-days from the time of exposure, regardless of the test result) before returning to campus. If the test result is positive, then the procedure outlined above will be implemented.
- While waiting for the test result (from a student or staff member), other students in the class have the option of transitioning to Distance Learning (DPH does not require a class to be closed while waiting for a test result).
- Further, regardless of their own test result, if the student (or staff member) resides in the same household as someone confirmed to have Covid-19, then the student (or staff member) must quarantine themselves for a minimum of 10-days beyond the quarantine period of the person in the household who has Covid-19 (i.e. if the person with Covid ends their quarantine on the 1st of the month, then those residing with them must continue to quarantine until at least the 10th of the month).

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