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VPS Families:

With the Covid-19 crisis continuing to worsen in CA, some private schools are choosing to begin their Winter Break early and/or extend their Winter Break by an additional week. At this time, Valley Prep will not make any changes to our calendar, unless (1) too many staff members are required to quarantine at the same time, or (2) too many students and/or staff test positive at the same time. While we continue to feel strongly that on-campus instruction is preferable for younger children, we also need to ensure proper supervision. If too many staff members are absent due to quarantine, and adequate supervision can no longer be guaranteed, we would need to consider a temporary closure of the campus (transitioning all students to DL). Additionally, if we have too many positive cases at the same time (students and/or staff), we would be required to temporarily close the campus (transitioning all students to DL), as per the guidelines of the county's *Dept of Public Health*. But for now, we're "good to go!" Please join me in thanking our amazing teachers for everything they are doing. Their job has never been more difficult, or more important!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **December 18:** (noon dismissal) last day before Winter Break
- **January 12 (Tuesday):** classes resume
- **Early January:** Progress Reports issued for the 2nd trimester
- **December-January:** *virtual* Winter Concert
- **January-February:** *virtual* Grandparents Day

TRAVEL ADVISORY

Please be reminded that the travel advisory below, issued by the State of CA on November 13, remains in effect.

These persons should limit their interactions to their immediate household. This recommendation does not apply to individuals who cross state or country borders for essential travel.

VPS families who are traveling during the holidays are strongly encouraged to use our DL program when classes resume on January 12 in order to practice the recommended self-quarantine.

NO PARENTS ON-CAMPUS, PLEASE

Just a reminder that parents are not allowed on-campus during school hours, other than to drop-off and pick-up their child(ren) in the morning and afternoon. If lunch (or other items) need to be delivered during the school day, such items must be brought to the school office ... not to the classrooms. Everyone's cooperation is greatly appreciated!

TRANSITIONING TO DL

Given the increasing number of Covid-19 cases in CA and the current stay-at-home order, we expect to see an increasing number of VPS families choosing to transition their child(ren) from on-campus instruction to Distance Learning. Since this transition requires some prep-time for the teachers, we'll need to establish a **24-hour 'grace period'** (1-business day) between the time that a family informs the school of the transition, to when DL-instruction can begin. Everyone's cooperation is greatly appreciated!

HEALTH UPDATE (as recommended by DPH to ensure transparency)

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

- **6 students** have been tested for Covid-19, following possible exposure. 1 student subsequently tested positive and remains under quarantine.
- **3 staff members** have been tested for Covid-19, following possible exposure. All three subsequently tested negative, but remain under quarantine.

All staff members continue to be tested on a rotational basis (5 per week). To date, all results have been negative.

PICTURE DAY MAKE-UPS & RE-TAKES

Anyone who missed the school's recent Picture Day can now schedule a **make-up** using the link below. You can also use the same link to schedule a **re-take** if you were not satisfied with the original photos. All make-ups & re-takes will be done at the photographer's studio in Chino ... not at Valley Prep.

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 November, we collected upwards of **\$18,000**.
- Stay-tuned for the December-January results!

Visit our website to learn more about the Annual Fund and to make your donation. Any amount is appreciated!

Give Now

HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Club has always been available to students who are enrolled in our afterschool Daycare program, as a means to work-on their homework under the supervision of a VPS teacher. We did not offer the program in the 1st trimester since we were unsure of our ability to properly social-distance the students. However, our enrollment in the Daycare program during the 1st trimester was much lower than expected. Accordingly, we will consider reinstating Homework Club in January, if enough families are interested. If you interested, please add your name to the form below.

Homework Club

HEALTH PROTOCOLS (please see the attachment for full details)

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

(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.
- 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

- 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).

- October 12-December 31: Shop [Minted.com](https://www.minted.com) –Gotta Spread Holiday Joy! See details below to support Valley Prep and order holiday cards at the same time!
- On-going: Shop Amazon Smile – Gotta Shop! See details below to support Valley Prep and shop with Amazon at the same time.

Amazon Smile

Minted - Holiday Cards

County Line Christmas -VPS Fundraiser!
15% OF ANY PURCHASE IS DONATED TO VALLEY PREP SCHOOL

*Fresh Christmas Trees
& Wreaths*



Santa Photos
Professional photos in our
Vintage Christmas set.
December 12th & 13th 10am-4pm
Packages start at \$50.00

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