



WHERE OUR LEGACY IS VALUING EVERY STUDENT

GREETING

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- I am thankful for the resilience of students. I know many have struggled with the isolation and uncertainty of the pandemic this year, but many more have found a way to stay engaged in school and do their best despite the challenges. It has been great to have more students back in building.
- I am thankful for the support and flexibility of parents. We have gone through several "methods of instruction" this year, and you have adjusted every single time. Thank you for your patience and partnership this year.
- I am thankful for the hard work of teachers. I am not sure everyone fully understands the challenge teachers have faced having to re-invent a school system. The challenge of figuring out how to use technology in ways they have never done is very difficult for some teachers. In the midst of it all, I have seen our team learn and adjust in leaps and bounds to try to meet the needs of students.
- I am thankful for our district level team who has supported us through the ups and downs and all of the changes we have faced. Face masks, social distancing, cleaning protocols, communication, changes to instruction, Covid responses when there are positive cases, the list can go on. We haven't always been perfect, but we have always done the best we could in the moment.
- I am thankful for our PTSA who has supported us in so many ways this year. I have enjoyed working with them and look forward to many more years of partnering to support our students.
- I am thankful for our office staff. Through it all, they have been the face of our school always answering questions, finding answers, and supporting all of us in this work. We have a great office staff and I appreciate everything they have done to carry the load for all of us.
- I am thankful for so many more people and so much more, but I hope you sense the main idea. Making lemons out of lemonade takes the right mindset to approach problems as opportunities for learning and growth. I have tried to look at this year and all the challenges we have faced with that mindset. I hope we can get back to normal next year, but if not, I am confident we will tackle the challenges we need to for the benefit of our students. Thanks for the part you played this year in helping us do that.

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iPAD RETURNS

8th grade students will be turning in their iPads at the end of the year, while 6/7th grade students will have them re-issued after they get checked so they can keep them over the summer. Here are the dates for both renewing and turning in iPads for each grade level:

Renew hybrid 6th - June 7 (Crowley first 15, Lloyd last 15, Terry middle 7th period) *ELA block

Renew hybrid 7th - June 8 (Smith first 15, Muirden last 15) *ELA

Renew SPED dept iPads - June 11 *Stipic will go into classrooms.

Return hybrid 8th - June 15 (math block)

Return hybrid 8th - June 17th (math block)

Remote return/renew - June 10 front of school 10:00am - 6:00pm

Remote return/renew - June 16 front of school 10:00am- 6:00pm

-Parents of fully remote 6th / 7th grade students may email shawn.stipic@vansd.org with their students iPad barcode (located on the back ex. XVSD3700#####) and confirm it is in good working order with charging brick/cord and it can then be renewed remotely.

SKYVIEW FALL SPORTS

For those of you with 8th grade students who are interested in playing a fall sport, please check in with the Skyview Athletic Department. Many fall sports teams start workouts in the next few weeks. Make sure you find out what is expected for the sport your 8th grader wants to participate in.

TRACK UNIFORMS

It was great to have our student athletes get to participate in track this spring. Now that track is over, it is time to get those uniforms turned in. Please check with your son/daughter to make sure they have turned in their track uniform to Mrs. McCloud, Mr. Sartorius, or Mr. Ryan.

UPCOMING DATES:

- 5/27 PTSA General meeting 6:00 pm via Zoom
- 5/31 No School—Memorial Day
- 6/1 5th Grade Parent Night via Zoom —6:00 pm
- 6/17 Early Release at 1:30
- 6/17 8th Grade Celebration—4:30—6:00 pm
- 6/18 Last day of school—Early release at 1:30