



## **Basketball Begins!**

Basketball season is about to begin!

Any students in grade 5 – 8 interested in playing basketball are asked to attend practices Tuesday, Dec. 7 3:40pm – 5:15pm and Friday 3:40 – 5pm.

Practices will resume following the Christmas break.

## **Bus Drivers' Corner**

Now that winter is arriving, we would like to ask parents to have your children dressed for the weather (boots on, mitts and toques along) in order that they are prepared in the event of bus trouble en route.

A reminder for parents, if you are wondering whether the buses are cancelled due to winter weather issues, you can check the school website, [www.valhallaschool.ca](http://www.valhallaschool.ca) or listen for announcements on either CJXX-93.1 or Sun FM-97.7 Fm radio stations. All effort is made to have any bus cancellation announcements ready for 7:00am.

Bus drivers have reported incidents of near accidents due to students crossing to and from vehicles parked along the fence south of the school. In addition, at times the congestion of parked and departing vehicles can make it difficult for the buses to pull out safely. As a result, we are asking that people use the visitor parking on the west side of the school towards the gym and avoid parking along the fence south of the school between the hours of 8-9 a.m. and 3-4 p.m.

## **Valhalla School Foundation's Educational Charter Goals**

The school's charter goals centre around two themes of communication and civic leadership processes.

Communication Focus:

- a) How you communicate: grammar, spelling, and accuracy in oral, written and mathematical languages, reading and writing skills, etiquette, second languages (K-9 German and 4-9 French)
- b) What you communicate: extra knowledge about history, science and fine arts
- c) Where you communicate: public speaking

Civic Leadership Processes:

- a) Knowledge acquisition: learning committee roles (president, secretary, treasurer etc) and processes for action (parliamentary procedure, roles of various levels of government)
- b) Direct experience: observing real community group meetings, participating in on-campus student-run 4H groups

## **Community Benefit!**

Gleason Family Affair

Your faith in our efforts and commitment to community make it possible for us to achieve our mission. Your donation and financial support are gratefully accepted in this time of need. We are collecting donations for a benefit at the Homestead Hall in Valhalla from 6:30pm – 10:30pm, Dec. 17, 2010. Donations are anything for the silent auction to the potluck supper. Please join us on this day for a potluck supper and silent auction.

If you are not aware, Glen was hurt in an auger accident on Nov. 30, and will take time to recover. We are coming together as a community and holding a benefit for the family. Thank you for your support.

To donate please contact Sharmain Lockard: 780-518-5033

## **Eva Olsson**

Just a reminder that Eva Olsson, a survivor of the Auschwitz death camp, is going to be speaking here at VCS at 1:15pm on December 10, 2010.

Eva has a powerful story to tell, tying her experiences to the need for all people to be treated with dignity and respect. All are invited to join us for this tremendous opportunity. Please come!

## **Parent Council Notes**

Parent council has decided to host a Christmas lunch for students at VCS on Thursday, December 16. Volunteers are needed to prepare and bring food items as well as to set up, serve, and clean up after the lunch.

If you can help, please contact Anna Odd at school or at home to let her know what you can do. Thanks. This will be a real treat!

Anna Odd (school): 780.356.2370, (home): 780.356.3055

## **Christmas Concert**

Christmas season is "officially" fast approaching!

The annual VCS concert is nearly upon us and school staff is starting to wear that worried look ... "how will we ever get ready in time"!

Two performances are scheduled:

Afternoon: December 14, 1:30pm

Evening: December 14, 7:00pm

Alternate date should weather force a postponement is December 15.

Parent council will be hosting a silent auction during both performances, winners to be announced at the evening performance.

VCS will also be holding a live PIE & BAKING AUCTION for fun and fundraising following the evening performance.

Come prepared to bid, support the students and have a lot of fun!

## **Pajama Day!**

The Kindergarten class has decided to have a pajama day on Thursday, Dec. 9 and has invited the rest of the school to join in.

Join in the fun! Come dressed for all day in comfy jammies!

Remember you still need to be warm (and modest)!

## **Community News**

Valhalla Community Library:

Library Hours: Tuesdays 11am-5pm, Wednesdays 10am-6pm, Thursdays 11am-5pm. New members always welcome; memberships are free!

Valhalla Archery Club:

Valhalla Archery Club Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30pm to 9:30pm

## **Upcoming Events**

December 6 & 7, 2010

12:45pm, GP College

Telus Play

Playschool: Dec. 6

K – 6: Dec. 6

December 9, 2010

All Day, VCS

*Pajama Day*

Relax... be comfy!

December 10, 2010

1:15pm, VCS

Eva Olsson Presentation

Join us for Eva's inspirational presentation

December 14, 2010

1:30pm, 7:00pm, VCS

School Christmas Concert and PIE & BAKING AUCTION

Celebrate Christmas with us!