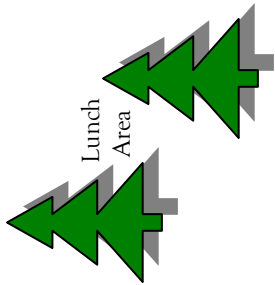


CAMPUS MAP:



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School Office

Room 4
Mr. Anderson
8th



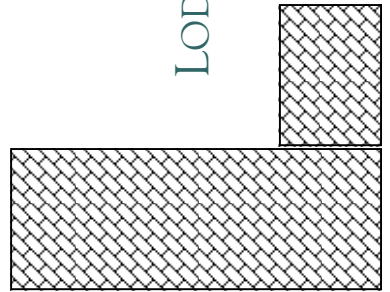
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Warrior Window
Cafe

Room 2
Mrs. Billings
6th

Room 3
Mr. Oliver
7th

VINEYARD CHRISTIAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Restrooms



LODI AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

West Lodi Avenue



Allen Drive

STUDENT/PARENT
HANDBOOK

2008-2009



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NOTES:

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

- A **sturdy backpack**-Vineyard Christian Middle School does not have lockers or cubbies in the classrooms, so students must carry their belongings in a backpack and/or gym bag. A rolling backpack is preferred due to the weight of textbooks.
 - A **3-ring binder of substantial size with dividers**- Students are asked to save papers for each subject each quarter. This requires a large sturdy binder with labeled dividers.
 - A **pocket dictionary**
 - A **sturdy pencil box with the following supplies:**
 - Mechanical #2 pencils with erasers
 - Bic pen with black or blue ink for writing
 - Bic pen with red ink for correcting
 - Scissors, glue stick, Crayola crayons and colored pencils, highlighter
 - White Out tape only (No liquid or pens)
 - 12" metric and standard ruler, protractor
 - Mini stapler and pencil sharpener
 - **3 hole punched standard lined binder paper**
 - **100 page minimum spiral notebook**
 - **Calculator with a cubed root function**
 - **Spiral bound 3 x 5 index cards**
 - **New International Version Study Bible**
 - **Daily water bottle, snack and lunch**
 - **Burgundy or Gray VCMS tee-shirt**
 - **Black VCMS Gym Shorts**
 - **Socks and Rubber soled shoes**
- All items are to be clearly labeled with the student's first and last name.

ANNUAL SAT10 TESTING

As a member of Association Christian Schools International, VCMS acts in accordance with and supports California state standards by offering SAT10 testing for all grade levels. Testing is done for one week, each morning, during the spring. Test results are available at the end of the school term and will be mailed to the student's home.

COURSE OF STUDY

A breakdown of subject according to grade level is as follows:

Sixth Grade-

Christian Living
Science
Language Arts
Math
History
Physical Education

Bible
Earth Science
Grammar/Writing*/Literature
Core Mathematics
World
Exercise/Team Building

Seventh Grade-

Christian Living
Science
Language Arts
Math
History
Physical Education

Bible/Application
Life Science
Grammar/Writing*/Literature
Pre-Algebra
Medieval
Exercise/Team Building

Eighth Grade-

Christian Living
Science
Language Arts
Math
History
Physical Education

Application/Prayer
Physical Science
Grammar/Writing*/Literature
Algebra I/Pre-Geometry
European/United States
Exercise/Team Building

VCMS curriculum was carefully chosen to comply with California State Standards and to exceed those expectations. Education in the area of academics is conducted with the high school/college bound student in mind. A student is taught time management, organization, prioritization, note-taking, comprehension and study skills inside of the curriculum administered. A deviation from lesson plans is encouraged when current events demand, providing opportunity for discussion, explanation and/or action. A departure from regular curriculum must be approved by the administration. Videos are G or PG rated, and a staff member is required to review the selection prior to showing. On occasion, an R rated movie is shown, but not without parental permission. A teacher must send a note home explaining the reasons for showing the movie; often the offensive scene(s) is removed from viewing. Movies must pertain to and enhance the subject matter of the curriculum.

* *DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Essay contest is a requirement.*

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Daily Schedule:

Staff Prayer is 7:45p.m.
VCMS Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
School begins at 8:00 a.m.
Lunch Break is 12:15p.m. to 12:50 p.m.
School dismissal is 2:30 p.m.

MISSION AND VALUES

Mission Statement

Vineyard Christian Middle School, in partnership and mutual accountability with Christian families and churches, prepares students to serve God responsibly in His world by equipping them with the knowledge, skills and Biblical vision for life, for the advancement of the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Core Values

Christ Honoring– We honor and serve our Lord Jesus Christ with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength.

Bible Centered– We believe the Bible to be inspired, the only infallible authoritative, inerrant Word of God.

Servant Focused– We follow our Lord’s example in serving as He made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant– to death on the cross.

Excellence Driven– We strive for excellence in all things as doing all things for the Lord Jesus.

Accountability Oriented– We believe in mutual accountability between VCMS staff, parents, students, board and the Christian community as defined and modeled by Jesus Christ.

Integrity Based– We endeavor to be people of integrity who are wholesome, pure and complete, pursuing uncompromising honesty, our greatest example being Jesus Christ.

I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5

lunch break. Volunteers are encouraged to assist with noon duty. Offering the staff a much deserved break, noon supervisors maintain order during the lunch break.

Party Planners- Because there are plenty of opportunities to party, planners are necessary. VCMS celebrates the Harvest with a Festival, Jesus’ birthday with a party, Valentine’s Day with seniors and the end of the year. Parent Club provides funds for parties.

Recycling- VCMS families recycle aluminum cans and plastic bottles. Pick-up day is Thursday; proceeds offset “fun” office expenses. VCMS also recycles used cell phones, ink and printer cartridges.

SCRIP- The purchase of SCRIP is important to the fundraising efforts of VCMS. Purchasing gift cards/certificates to be used like cash in grocery stores, retail outlets, restaurants and the like returns a percentage of profit to VCMS. Percentages accumulate into what is potentially a great profit for VCMS students. Profits are part of the Parent Club income and translate into special assemblies, field trips, incentives and enrichment opportunities. A SCRIP newsletter accompanies each bimonthly SCRIP order.

Warrior Window Café- Warrior Window Café (WWC) is open for business every Monday afternoon, except holidays. Serving lunch, snack bar style, students may chose from pizza, nachos, pretzels, churros, candy, soda, water and other assorted popular food items. A debit card system is used, however students may also pay cash. Parent volunteers operate the WWC weekly, and profits are designated to the Parent Club for distribution.

Parent Club

Your 2008-2009 Parent Club Officers-

President	Wendy Grupe
Vice President	Cyndi Carter
Secretary	Kim Caffese
Treasurer	Nancy Schrader
Committees	
Scrip	Sue Nakashima
Warrior Window Café	Kelly Armaiz

VCMS NEEDS YOU!

Vineyard Christian Middle School depends on volunteer involvement for the organization, orchestration, implementation and ultimate success of many of its undertakings. While it appears that volunteers are mostly parents, it is not strange to see a sibling or a grandparent. VCMS welcomes volunteers to our campus with the understanding that certain rules and restrictions may apply.

Fundraising and Volunteers

BoxTops for Education- In partnership with General Mills, VCMS collects boxtops from designated General Mills products and submits them for cash.

Crab Feed- The Annual VCMS Crab Feed will generate funds for the eighth grade students who plan to attend the annual trip to Washington D.C. Many volunteers are needed to assure the continual success of this event. Held in conjunction with a silent auction, live auction and raffle, this evening of “fun” fundraising requires organization from the eighth grade families. Seventh grade students and their families are encouraged to assist with a servant’s heart...and in preparation for the following year.

Drivers- Volunteers are often needed to drive students to and from athletic events, field trips and community service events. Volunteer drivers must complete a driver’s form and provide a copy of their valid driver’s license and proof of insurance to be kept on file in the school office. A driver is responsible for the well-being of the children in his/her vehicle. It is understood that a driver/chaperone will refrain from using unacceptable language, cell phone use and excessive speed. A driver/chaperone will remain with the students at all times.

Hot Lunch- The VCMS Hot Lunch program provides students with the opportunity to have lunch on Wednesday and Friday afternoons from a variety of food service options. Ordered and paid for in advance, lunch is distributed on campus. While the school office makes the arrangements, parents are asked to assist with pick-up.

Noon Duty- VCMS provides supervision of students during the



The staff of Vineyard Christian Middle School is a unique group with a diverse background. While each member brings their own distinctive personality to their work, collectively they share the vision of the school. Working with a commitment to the students and families of VCMS, the staff embraces new opportunities to incorporate the teachings of our Lord into every subject area. As a result, the youth who attend VCMS receive a complete education that includes lessons in academics and Christian principles.

Introducing the Vineyard Christian Middle School staff...

Principal	Karen Hale
School Secretary	Christi Hilscher
Christian Living/Math	Ryan Anderson
Literature/History	Paula Billings
P.E./Science	Randal Oliver
English	Verna Haack
Athletic Director	Brent Newport

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Craig Cawelti Phil Johnson Ann Thomas
Tamil Morris Dave Nuss Kelly Bertsch
Denise Swearingen Jeff Reinke

COMMUNITY

Following many months of planning and prayer, Vineyard Christian Middle School opened its doors following an awesome dedication ceremony on August 24, 2004. VCMS gives all of the praise and glory to our Heavenly Father.

AFFILIATIONS/COMMITMENTS

Vineyard Christian Middle School is an interdenominational school. We desire to remain united in the salvation and love of Christ, rather than focusing on denominational issues. This is possible with the cooperation of family, church and school.

Vineyard Christian Middle School offers its program to sixth, seventh and eighth grade students.

Vineyard Christian Middle School is a member of Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI).

Vineyard Christian Middle School is a member of the San Joaquin County Christian Athletic League.

Vineyard Christian Middle School is committed to numerous community service organizations including the Salvation Army, the Lodi Emergency Food Bank, Lodi House, the Lodi Pregnancy Resource Center, Adopt-a-Child and One-Eighty Teen Center, Lodi Cancer Kids and more.

PARENT CLUB

Parent Club is a vital component to the success of Vineyard Christian Middle School. A host of enrichment opportunities are made available to the students through the efforts of its members. Funds from PC are designated for field trips, assemblies, class parties, student incentives and more.

Scrip, Warrior Window Café, Warrior Wear sales and membership fees are just a few of the ways that funds are generated for *Parent Club*.

HOW TO...

Earn Honor Roll Status

A VCMS student who earns a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.5% to 3.99% on his/her quarterly report card has attained Honor Roll status. Honor Roll students are acknowledged in the Vineyard Press and celebrated during a quarterly breakfast held in their honor.

Earn Principal's List Status

A VCMS student who earns a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0% on his/her quarterly report card has attained Principal's List status. Students on the Principal's List are acknowledged in the Vineyard Press. In addition, Mrs. Hale takes the group to lunch at a local establishment where they are celebrated for their accomplishment.

Earn Perfect Church Attendance

A VCMS student who attends church every Sunday and as a result has perfect church attendance reflected on his/her quarterly report card is to be commended. Students who have earned perfect church attendance are acknowledged in the Vineyard Press, rewarded with a gift certificate to Vine and Branches, and celebrated for their commitment and faith to Christ's command.

Earn Perfect Attendance

A VCMS student who has perfect attendance reflected on his/her quarterly report card (NO absences for any reason) is acknowledged with a free dress day and an opportunity to win a prize at the end of the year. We emphasize the importance of being present to learn.

Earn a Warrior Award

A VCMS student who exemplifies the model of a Christian by performing an act or deed clearly in accordance with Christ's commands and without solicitation or desire for notoriety is awarded the Warrior Award. Students who have earned the Warrior Award are acknowledged in the Vineyard Press, and given a token for Warrior Window Café.

Vineyard Christian Middle School

HOW TO....

How to figure Grade Point Average:

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Grade x Value</i>	<i>Points</i>
Christian Living	(4)	x (4) =	16
History	(4)	x (4) =	16
Literature	(4)	x (4) =	12
Math	(4)	x (4) =	8
Science	(4)	x (4) =	4
English	(4)	x (4) =	0
Physical Ed.	(2)	x (2) =	8
		x (2) =	6
	26	x (2) =	4
		x (2) =	2
		x (2) =	0

Add the total of each grade and divide by the total value (26).

For Example:

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>Points</i>
Christian Living	A	(4x4)	16
History	B+	(3x4)	12
Literature	B-	(3x4)	12
Math	A	(4x4)	16
Science	C	(2x4)	8
English	A	(4x4)	16
P.E.	A	(4x2)	8
			88

$$88/26 = 3.3\% \text{ GPA}$$

SCHOOL AND FAMILY RELATIONS

The school-family relations program shall be such that the family is fully informed about the educational program, the strengths and needs of the school and the services which are available to the school community. An informed citizenry is essential for complete cooperation and support.

Vineyard Christian Middle School believes that:

- a. Students are gifts of the Lord and belong to their parents, not to the state or to VCMS.
- b. Parents are responsible for the conduct of their children.
- c. The school derives its educational authority from the parents and stands in "loco parentis" during the school day.

Vineyard Christian Middle School encourages parental participation in as many programs and activities as possible. For example:

- a. Serving as volunteers in day-to-day activities.
- b. Attending/participating in the special programs and activities of the school.

Please see pages 24 & 25 for *volunteer opportunities*.

PARENTAL COOPERATION POLICY

Vineyard Christian Middle School's educational mission involves working with the home in the overall Christian education of students. On occasion this cooperation between the school and home may become difficult. To avoid such situations, the school requires parents enrolling their children or to maintain enrollment to affirmatively support and cooperate with the school. As the parent:

I agree to support the school with my prayers and with a positive attitude. Complaints, concerns or negative comments will be shared only with the teacher, administrator, or person involved and not with my child or other people, following the Matthew 18 principle.

I understand that if at any time the school determines, in its sole discretion, that my actions do not support the ministry, or reflect a lack of cooperation and commitment to the home and school working together, the school has the right to request the withdrawal of my child(ren).

UNIFORM/DRESS CODE POLICY

Dress Code/Uniform

At VCMS, it is our desire to uphold a high standard of excellence in all areas. Our goal concerning the dress code policy is to enforce school uniform guidelines that reflect our high standard in modesty and professionalism.

The VCMS colors are burgundy, black, white, gray and pink. A student may not dress in all black.

Physical Education uniforms consist of black nylon shorts, gray or burgundy VCMS teeshirts, socks and laced rubber soled shoes. Students may wear solid VCMS colored or Warrior Wear sweatpants during cold weather.

Shorts/Pants- Students may wear shorts/pants in black, gray or khaki. Shorts and pants are to be uniform style: no cargo style, multi pocketed, patch pocketed, frayed, topstitched, or corduroy. Girls may wear capris/bermudas; all styles are to be worn at the waist- no low-rise pants permitted. Shorts are to be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee; no rolling or sagging permitted.

Skirts- A plaid pleated skirt is available at the store The Dress Code. Skirts are to be uniform style. Girls may wear black, gray and khaki skirts. Skirts must be hemmed, no shorter than 2 inches above the knee and not ankle length. Skirts are to be worn at the waist- no low-rise skirts are permitted.

Belts- Belts are not required, however if a belt is worn it must be solid in color. No metal studded, jeweled or decorated belts are permitted.

Shirts/Blouses- Students may wear collared polo shirts and turtlenecks in black, burgundy, gray, white and pink. VCMS teeshirts may be worn on Tuesdays and Fridays only. Collared shirts are to be worn on Thursdays, Chapel days. **Shirts are to be tucked in at ALL times!** Lace undergarments must not be visible; "layering" is not allowed.

Sweatshirts/Sweaters- VCMS sweatshirts are available through the Parent Club. Sweatshirts, sweaters and vests in solid school colors are also permitted, however they must not have designs, stripes and/or visible logos. Sweatshirts and sweaters must be in good condition- no frayed, torn or unhemmed portion. Jackets and/or coats must be free of logos, and are not to be worn during class. Sweaters may be crew neck, V-neck or cardigan, long or short sleeve.

Socks- Students are to wear white socks at all times. Fun socks may be worn on Fridays.

Shoes- Shoes must be closed toe, low heel, and rubber soled. No slippers, sandals or boots are permitted. Shoes with laces must be laced and tied. Laced athletic shoes must be worn during P.E.

Jewelry- Students may wear appropriate jewelry, not in excess. Costume jewelry and expensive jewelry is not appropriate.

Grooming- Students are to be well groomed at all times. Hair is to be clean and well maintained, kept off the collar and out of the eyes. Teeth are to be clean; deodorant should be used and included in the gym bag. Clothing is to be clean, in good condition and well fitting. (Because this is a period in a student's life when he/she experience much physical growth, we suggest that clothing be monitored often for appropriate fit and condition.)

I now make it my earnest prayer, that God would have you and the State over which you preside, in his holy protection, that he would incline the hearts of the Citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to Government, to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, for their fellow Citizens of the united States at large, and particularly for their brethren who have served in the Field, and finally, that he would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all, to do Justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that Charity, humility and pacific temper of mind, which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed Religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things, we can never hope to be a happy Nation. George Washington, 1776

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Off Campus Education- Field trips to a variety of locations may include the Gold Country, the Bay area, Sacramento and numerous local sites. Teachers are encouraged to take the classroom "outside" whenever possible in order to enhance the learning opportunity.

Chapel- Chapel is held last period on Thursdays in the Lodi Avenue Baptist Church Sanctuary. Guest speakers are invited to campus to share their message of faith and love.

Community Service- Students serve God while serving the community through programs such as Salvation Army Bell Ringers, PRC Walk for Life, Lodi Adopt-a-Child, Lee Denim Day Cure for Cancer, and other activities involving youth and seniors.

Student Council- Student government is run by leaders from each grade level. Interested students apply for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Rally Commissioners and class representatives. The Council is responsible for organizing Spirit Week in the spring. Council members sell beverages at lunch to earn funds. Council will meet under the leadership of an adult advisor.

After School Enrichment- Students will choose from a variety of after school classes (for no credit). Choices may include photography, art, band, chess, drama, foreign language and more. Parents are encouraged to serve as advisors/teachers for these classes.

CLASS TRIPS

Sixth Grade– Mission Springs Science Camp

Each fall the sixth grade class will spend a week at Mission Springs. Nestled in the Santa Cruz Mountains and surrounded by redwoods, the location provides an ideal setting for children to experience spiritual growth while having “tons of fun.” The entire class will attend the camp, accompanied by Mr. Oliver, their science teacher. For additional information please visit their website at www.missionsprings.com.

In John 4:34-38 Jesus speaks of the harvest and how ripe the fields are. In the camping ministry the staff of Mission Springs is often used by the Lord to reap the harvest.

Seventh Grade– Rapture

An awesome adventure awaits the seventh grade class as they take part in the expedition on the island of Catalina. Exploring the intricate sea life of the underwater world, along with the terrain of this beautiful island, *Rapture* proves to be a life-changing experience; horizons are expanded, barriers are broken, growth is achieved. This trip will depart from the VCMS campus, bound for the pier in Long Beach. There students will board the ferry to Catalina. The trip will take place during the month of September. Students will be accompanied by Mr. Oliver.

We provide mental and physical challenges through instruction and discipline by total immersion in the marine environment. Participants leave our program prepared to be the future stewards of our Earth and hopefully better human beings. www.rapture.cc

Eighth Grade– Washington D.C.

Each year Vineyard Christian Middle School eighth graders will travel across our nation to visit its capital city, Washington D.C. Accompanied by VCMS staff and parent chaperones, students will enhance their previous knowledge with regard to the layout of the city, its monuments, landmarks and sites of historical value. In addition students will experience the arts, the operation of government procedure, and the opportunity to meet with a few popular political figures. Details of the trip are arranged by the school office; curriculum is taught prior to departure by Mrs. Billings.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance

Attendance at school provides a student with the classroom experience. This experience is composed of participation in class activities and direct instruction conducted by the classroom teacher. The instructional program designed by each teacher is a progressive and sequential experience. It is generally impossible for that experience to be “made up”.

Daily Attendance-

Attendance is taken daily at 8:00a.m. by the first period teacher. If a child is going to be absent, parents are to call prior to 10:00a.m. in order to report the reason and receive an excused absence. If no call is received, and the school has to call home, the student may receive an unexcused absence.

Excused Absence-

An excused absence is an absence due to personal illness, serious illness in the family, death in the family, school field trips, medical or dental appointments with a readmittance slip from the attending physician or court appearances. Students are required to take exams that were assigned previous to the absence upon their return to class. A student with a prolonged excused absence will be given a reasonable opportunity to make up assignments and exams missed during the absence, this at the teacher's discretion.

Unexcused Absence-

Absence from school due to reasons other than those listed above are considered unexcused. Upon a student's return to school, all course work and homework assignments are due and no grade higher than a 50% may be received. The student will take any exams missed, but will receive no grade higher than 50%.

Request for Pre-Arranged Absence (vacation, camp, etc.)-

An excused absence will be granted to those submitting the request for a trip at least seven (7) days in advance and three (3) or more days in length. A form requesting this type of absence is available in the school office. (Any absence of 1-2 days in length, or requested within seven (7) days of departure will be unexcused; unexcused policies will apply.)

In the event that a student will miss school due to an pre-arranged absence, the teacher will use his/her discretion regarding the issuing of homework prior to the trip. Any homework given prior to the vacation must be completed and turned in the day the student returns, otherwise no credit will be given for the assigned work. Students must make-up any exams given during their absence; it is the student's responsibility to check with the teachers regarding a make-up date. It must be recognized that a student missing school for any reason is detrimental to his/her progress in school. Absences due to parent request should be kept to a minimal.

Field Trips-

Students who opt not to attend class field trips or who remain behind for disciplinary reasons will attend VCMS for the regular school day(s). Failure to attend regular classes will result in an unexcused absence, unexcused policies will apply.

TARDY AND HOMEWORK POLICIES

Tardy

- After 3 unexcused tardies in a quarter, the student will receive one unit of detention. Each additional tardy will result in an additional detention. After serving 3 detentions related to tardies, a student will receive a Conduct Referral. Continual tardiness will result in a one day suspension and may affect reenrollment and/or graduation. Excessive tardiness is considered a serious problem. In severe cases, the School Board shall be informed.
- If a student is late to class after the passing period, the teacher will record the student as tardy. A student may accumulate numerous tardy marks in one given day.
- Excused tardies include doctor/dental appointments **with a readmittance slip from the attending physician**. Without a slip, the tardy will be unexcused. Funerals, court appearances and illnesses with a note are considered excused.
- If a student arrives later than five minutes, he/she must check in at the school office.
- A tardy of any kind disqualifies a student from receiving perfect attendance status.

Homework

Vineyard Christian Middle School recognizes the educational value and importance of homework. Homework should be a purposeful extension of the school day, which provides the student with additional opportunities for the development, and reinforcement of the school's instructional objectives. Christlike character qualities of responsibility, initiative, orderliness and thoroughness are also developed as a result of homework.

The homework assigned will be within reasonable limits; total home assignments normally should require no more than two hours per night. Special circumstances may dictate that more or less homework than normal be assigned.

A variety of homework will be assigned. Time will be provided within the class period for students to begin the assignment, and ask questions.

Planners are distributed to each student at the beginning of the school year. Students are encouraged to use their planner faithfully in order to develop organizational skills.

QUALITIES OF THE CHRISTIAN ATHLETE

The Christian Athlete:

1. Plays hard, giving 100% all the time.
2. Plays by the rules and does not seek to gain unfair advantage by breaking the spirit of the rules.
3. Plays for God's glory and not for their own personal desire and glory.
4. Does not boast of their accomplishments, but directs the attention towards others.
5. Is genuinely humble because of their recognition of who they are in the light of who God is.
6. Is not a showman or showoff.
7. Does not blame others, teammates or officials for their own failures.
8. Desires to see others succeed and does not become jealous of their success.
9. Enjoys competition, never quits, and plays the game for the game itself.
10. Practices diligently, working on their weaknesses and improving skills.
11. Accepts unfair decisions graciously and handles adversity with self-control.
12. Is willing to sacrifice for the good of the team.
13. Becomes either a leader or one who supports the leadership of another.
14. Reacts positively to discipline, never with defiance toward authority.
15. Always wins, because winning is having played the game as well as possible. Therefore, one cannot tell by the actions or conversation of a Christian athlete whether in points scored they won or lost.

WARRIOR ATHLETICS

Athletic Director-	Mr. Brent Newport
League affiliation-	San Joaquin County Christian Athletic League
Fall Sports-	Co-ed Soccer and Girl's Volleyball
Winter Sports-	Girl's Basketball and Boy's Basketball
Spring Sports-	Co-ed Softball
Fee-	\$65.00 per player per sport (nonrefundable)
Mascot-	Warriors
Colors-	Burgundy and Gray/Silver

Vineyard Christian Middle School is committed to using every aspect of athletics to help students grow and trust in Christ. *“And whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” Colossians 3:23,24.*

Warrior Athletics is a natural avenue for discipleship; we will glorify God through team sports. We are committed to excellence; who we are as individuals and how we treat others will help define us as a team, and as a school. Whether we win or lose, we will always serve the Lord.

Sportsmanship is not an option for Warrior Athletics. Sportsmanship and the character of a Christian go hand in hand. We are a new creation in Christ, therefore when “calls” do no go our way, we will remember who we are and be good models. As Christians, we are called to be thankful in all circumstances and situations. We accept adversity as a friend and allow it to smooth out our rough edges, so that in all things Jesus Christ will be lifted up and then glorified.

VCMS Warrior Athletic Competitors Manual

A copy of the Athletic Policy Manual is available for review in the school office and/or from the Athletic Director. Policies, procedures, fees and permission forms are included in the manual. Please refer to the manual for specific rules that pertain to attendance, behavior, grades, and commitment/participation of a player. Each student who desires to play for a VCMS team will be afforded the opportunity providing they meet and respect the rules as outlined in the manual. It is a privilege to participate in Warrior Athletics, an extracurricular program offered by Vineyard Christian Middle School.

All coaches are subject to Live Scan.

GRADING AND DISCIPLINE POLICIES

Grading

Students at Vineyard Christian Middle School are graded on a four point grade scale with an A equal to a 4.0. A 2.0 grade point average (GPA) is the minimum expectation for all students. Students not maintaining a standard GPA may be placed on academic probation. (Refer to pages 16– Probation and 22-How to Calculate GPA)

Assignments turned without a heading (name) will receive a 0%. Incomplete, messy, illegible and unorganized work may be reassigned, and will be graded at the discretion of the teacher. (Refer to individual teacher’s syllabus.)

To participate in the sports program at VCMS, a student must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA. A student who has a GPA that is less than 2.0 or has an “F” in any subject area may not participate in sports. Grades will be reviewed at midterm and end of the quarter grade report.

Discipline

The discipline policy of the school is intended to establish an optimum school/classroom learning environment. Discipline is training that develops self-control and character, as well as the attitude of submission to authority. The school’s discipline policies include instruction, correction, consequence, and reward. All of these elements are Biblical principles. A balance between consequence and reward is essential.

Administrators and teachers will use the ACSI discipline policy as a guideline for the basic structure of discipline at our school. This philosophy establishes reasonable expectations and consistently hold students accountable. (A copy of the VCMS Discipline Policy/Policy Manual is available in the school office for your review of specifics, i.e. conduct referrals, suspensions, expulsions, etc.)

ADMISSION AND FELLOWSHIP POLICIES

Admission

It is the desire of Vineyard Christian Middle School to provide an atmosphere that will challenge Christian young people to grow strong in their faith. This will be accomplished through:

- Christian teachers who teach and disciple
- Emphasis on Biblical foundation
- Strong academic curriculum
- Positive peer and family relationships

The students and families will express a desire to:

- Actively pursue a relationship with Jesus Christ
- Attend school and abide by its policies and procedures
- Attend church on a regular basis

Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy as to Students

Vineyard Christian Middle School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Church Attendance

Believing that our role at VCMS is to assist the home and the church in the task of training young people, we feel that it is of utmost importance for all of our students, with their families, to be in regular attendance at their church. To that end, the school works in partnership with Christian families and churches in the community to prepare students to live responsibly in God's world. Church fellowship and worship is an integral part of the process. Student attendance is recorded for accountability purposes; low church attendance will be addressed by the administration, and reported to the school board. Continually poor church attendance may adversely effect enrollment/future enrollment of a student. *Hebrews 10:25*

deliberate disobedience, committing a serious breach of conduct which has an adverse effect upon the school's testimony and/or failure of parents to comply with the disciplinary procedures of the school. Probation is at the discretion of the administration; the school board will be notified.

School Calendar- Vineyard Christian Middle School will maintain a traditional school year calendar.

Student Sign Out- When taking a student off campus during the school day, the responsible party must sign the child out. A sign-out sheet is located in the school office. The date, time of departure, reason for leaving and a signature from the responsible party are required in order for VCMS to release a child. Always call the school office if someone other than the expected party will be picking a child up after school.

Vineyard Press- Every Wednesday the *Vineyard Press* is distributed to VCMS students. This publication is written and assembled by the school office, and everything a VCMS family wants and needs to know is included. The *Press* will often include items of extreme importance in addition to hot lunch order forms, field trip permission slips, and a variety of similar forms that may require a response. Remember to ask your VCMS student for your copy of the *Vineyard Press*, every Wednesday afternoon.

Visitors on Campus- All visitors/volunteers must check in at the school office before reporting to any classroom or building for duty or visit.

Volunteers- VCMS depends heavily on volunteers for many of the tasks that take place both on and off campus. Volunteers are not fingerprinted through the Department of Justice, however policy dictates that persons who drive, chaperone, and/or supervise will be asked to provide information that will assure the safety of all VCMS students. This information is kept on file in the school office. *Please see pages 24 & 25 for volunteer opportunities.*

Weapons- Weapons of any kind are not permitted on campus. Students found to be carrying a weapon will be disciplined according to the School Discipline code. A student brandishing a weapon, threatening others or acting in an irresponsible manner will be dealt with according to the guidelines placed in affect by the local authorities. Students are encouraged to report such offenses to an adult on campus in order to thwart any attempt to harm another individual(s). If a student accidentally brings a weapon (pocket knife) to school, they must immediately advise the administration and leave the weapon in the school office. A parent will then be instructed to retrieve the weapon. Any weapon like toy or tool must be checked in at the office until which time it is to be used in class (such props are discouraged).

Medicine- All medical supplies as well as non-prescription medications are kept in the school office; only school staff has immediate access. All prescription medications are to be kept by the school secretary and are dispensed by the secretary upon written direction from a parent/doctor. Exceptions with special circumstances may be approved by the principal. VCMS will not administer any medication without parental permission; VCMS will not provide medicine for the students.

Parent-Teacher Conferences- Scheduled Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences take place during the first week of November. They are mandatory. At all other times, parents interested in arranging a meeting with a teacher should either call the school office to leave a message or email the teacher directly. Parents are advised to communicate concerns with the teacher before contacting the Principal. The Principal is available for parent-teacher conferences following the initial parent-teacher contact.

Parking Lot- Adherence to Parking Lot rules and procedures is mandatory and will be enforced by attendants and Administration.

Permission Slips for field trips- A school permission slip must be signed by a parent/guardian for every student. Permission slips must be returned by the due date; students will remain on campus if permission is not received as requested. No verbal approval will be accepted.

Phone Calls- The telephone located in the school office is not available for student use, unless in the case of an emergency and at the discretion of the administration. Students who forget their lunch, binder, gym clothes, etc. will not be permitted to call home during the school day.

Policy Manual- A copy of the school policy manual will be available for review in the school office.

Prayer- Prayer is a vital ingredient in our program of Christian training. Students at Vineyard Christian Middle School are trained in the importance of establishing a consistent daily prayer life. Teachers lead the students to understand how God is central to all of life and that continual communication with Him is essential to consistent Christian living.

Probation- Probation is invoked when a student has a serious problem; probation gives a student an opportunity to correct his/her problem. If he/she does not improve to the level deemed acceptable by the administration, he/she may be dismissed from VCMS. Reasons that are academic in nature include insufficient academic progress and/or failure of the parents to follow through post consultation. Reasons that are attitudinal in nature include a rebellious spirit which is unchanged after much effort by staff and/or a continued negative attitude and bad influence upon other students. Reasons that are disciplinary in nature include continued

FEES

Before a child will be considered as a potential student, a completed enrollment application must be on file in the VCMS office. The application fee is \$50.00 (nonrefundable).

At the time a student is accepted to VCMS, a non-refundable registration fee of \$300.00 is required.

Tuition is \$425.00 per month beginning in August and ending in May. Tuition may be paid in one sum, however there is no discount for doing so. Tuition is late after the 15th of each month, and subject to a \$20 late fee.

A nonrefundable fee of \$65.00 per player per sport will be paid by each participant of the VCMS Warrior Athletic program.

A \$50.00 membership fee is required by Parent Club. This fee is used to determine the PC budget for each school year.

A fee of \$25.00 will be charged for any returned check.
(Fees are subject to change.)

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

It is the belief of VCMS that a quality education is the result of (1) a curriculum that integrates God's Truth into all courses and adequately prepares the student for future educational endeavors; (2) teachers that are Christian in philosophy and practice and (3) classes of 28-30 students or less per teacher, which enables the student to derive maximum benefit from his/her academic exposure.

Each student is expected to use all available school and home resources and to perform at his/her highest level in order to take full advantage of the educational program. His or her originality and creativity are encouraged within the organized framework of the classroom.

While parent involvement in the classroom is usually not encouraged at this grade level, studies indicate that parent participation in campus volunteer activities is a major factor in the success of junior high students overall. VCMS encourages parents to be actively involved in their student's education in an advisory capacity.

PROCEDURES (AND MORE POLICIES...)

Cell Phones- Students who carry cell phones to school are required to surrender their phone to the school office prior to 8:00am every morning. A check-in procedure will be followed, whereby students will provide their name and telephone number. The phones will be kept in the office until after school when the students may reclaim their telephones. If a student is discovered to have a phone in his/her possession during the school day, the phone will be taken, the parent will be called and disciplinary action will be taken. We appreciate that students and parents wish to communicate with each other, however we cannot allow interruptions, misuse and disregard for school rules to occur.

Cheating- Cheating of any kind will not be tolerated at VCMS. Cheating is a violation of the VCMS Code of Conduct, Core Values and of God's laws. Cheating (including plagiarism) will always result in disciplinary action. Cheating "cheats" the student by keeping him/her from an educational concept, lesson, experience, or goal.

Detention- Detention is held on Thursdays, after school, as a means of discipline. One unit of detention equals one 45 minute period. Detention will not be used as study hall, social time, tutoring opportunity, etc. A disciplinary assignment will be given and completed during detention.

Dress Code Violations- Students are expected to monitor their own appearance, following the school rules at ALL times. (See Dress Code/Uniform Policy). Staff will note violations of dress code standards, will provide counsel and warning, and/or deliver a citation to the offending student. Obvious and repeated violations of the dress code may necessitate a student remaining in the office until the parents bring a change of clothing. The resulting absence from class is unexcused. For every 3 dress code violations, a student will be required to serve one unit of detention.

Drug Abuse- We believe that any non-medical involvement (i.e., consumption, procurement, provision) with controlled substances or material generally acknowledged to be harmful to an individual's physical, spiritual or psychological health is inconsistent with the Christian lifestyle.

Scripture speaks directly to the problem of drug abuse, it instructs individuals in the maintenance of healthful lifestyles and avoidance of harmful indulgences and excesses. *Galatians 5:20*

As a matter of policy, Vineyard Christian Middle School will investigate fully any incident suggesting drug involvement on the part of students, faculty, staff or parents. Confirmation of drug abuse, as defined above, will be reported to the appropriate legal authorities and will subject the individual(s) involved to immediate expulsion.

Electronic Devices- Electronic devices such as GameBoys, Ipods, MP3 players, CD players, transistors, two-way radios, tape recorders and the like are not allowed on campus. Devices will be confiscated and the student will be disciplined if found to be possession of any said device. A student may use a calculator for the purpose in which it is intended.

Emergency/Disaster/Fire- A copy of the Vineyard Christian Middle School Disaster plan is available for review in the school office. A fire drill will be held every month of the school year.

First Aid- A First Aid kit is kept in the school office.

Hats- Hats, caps, sweatshirt hoods are not permitted in the classroom during the school day. Hats or caps may be worn during outdoor instruction with the teacher's permission.

Lock Downs- In the event of a situation that requires that students be locked inside the school buildings, the Lodi Police Department will be notified. Students will remain in their classrooms until the administration deems the situation no longer a threat. Parents are asked to stay away from the school in this situation.

Medical Emergency- At the beginning of each school year, all students are required to file an "Emergency Card" which includes the name and phone number of the doctor to be notified, as well as the name, address and phone number of the parent/guardian(s) and an alternate person to be notified if the need should arise.

In case of more serious illness, the family will be contacted by phone and the parents/alternate person will be requested to come to the school to pick up the ill student. In no case will the student be allowed to return home unaccompanied. In case of serious illness or injury, VCMS reserves the right to call 911. This may be done before consultation with the family.

Moral Misconduct- The potential for serious moral misconduct of students is real in Christian schools. It may become the responsibility of Vineyard Christian Middle School to maintain Biblical standards and discipline that is initially the responsibility of the parents and their local congregation. Therefore, the thrust of the school's action must be the maintenance of conduct standards, the safety of the students and staff, and the presentation of the Biblical role model.

Moral misconduct is defined as any verbal or physical behavior(s) seen as being immoral, sexual in nature and/or categorized as an act of sexual harassment. This would also include personal possession or distribution of any unacceptable language, music, pictures or other materials. Disciplinary action will be taken.