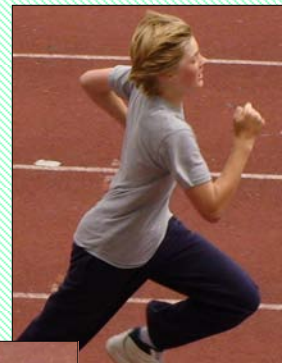


CESS Track Meet

Langley—May 30th



Valley Christian news

A Message from the Principal . . .

The end of another eventful, productive, God honouring year at VCS. Pictures often tell far more than mere words can convey, so enjoy this small sample of this year's journey.

We continue to grow at VCS as you tell your friends and neighbours about this place. Some classes are now nearing capacity. God is good! We maintain at Valley, however, a much lower pupil/teacher ratio than is present in the public system and as a result are able to give significantly more personal attention to student needs than can be provided in the larger system. A few students are leaving for other realms, including, of course, our grade eights.

May God continue to bless each one and fill you with hope and contentment, knowing you are in His loving hands. A blessed and refreshing time this summer to you all as you enjoy some well deserved R and R.

Bill Humphreys



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Dates to Note:

- ☺ June 27—Report Card Pick-up—12 PM
- ☺ June 30—Sept. 3—Summer Vacation

Lots
of
Rest
and
Relaxation

- ☺ September 4—First Day of School

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Awards Night Awards Night was once again a climactic event in the VCS school year. Awarding students for academic and athletic abilities is very important, but character development is of great significance as well. What a delight to witness the happy responses from the students as they were affirmed for positive character traits and godly behaviour. These students of 2008 will one day be the citizens of our city and our world, and they are already making us proud. "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." III John 4

Mission Leisure Centre From swim class to swim parties, the conduct of our students gets noticed! On Thursday, June 26th, two lifeguards at the Mission pool commented separately on the very good behaviour of the Valley Christian School students. Way to go, students! You are being shining lights to our community!



Preschool Graduation Monday, June 23rd was a special day for our four year old preschool students—they celebrated the completion of two years at preschool and the moving on to Kindergarten. A graduation would be incomplete without gowns, caps, and diplomas to mark the special event, but in this case, there was also cookies and juice! Congratulations preschoolers (and parents).



Uniform Fit Nearly everyone has been able to order uniform items for fall, but if you have been unable to make an appointment yet to order new items, please call Brenda Keis at 604-853-8404.

Offering for Myanmar Seeds of Hope has been operating homes/orphanages in Myanmar (formerly Burma) for a number of years so that when cyclone Nargis hit on May 3rd, there were people inside the country able to respond immediately. Roofs are being rebuilt, medical personnel have been deployed and food is being provided for over seventy families on a weekly basis. Because of our connection with John and Susan Chalkias and their work with Seeds of Hope, we decided to direct our offering from the Awards Night to assist in this urgent need. You gave a total of \$434.04 which is already on its way to help the people there. Thank you so much.

SALTS

Mr. Humphreys has commented that SALTS 2008 "was the best year yet!" "It has changed my life," another sailor commented. The annual SALTS trip is history once again, but what a history! Our next year's trip is slated for June 1st to 4th, 2009. It's not too soon to start making plans to be there.



June Birthdays

Mrs. Lestage	June 5th
Mrs. Barkman	June 6th
Bradeon Ratzlaff	June 7th
Kade Eckstein	June 12th
Kalisa Ganzeveld	June 15th
Kianna Born	June 16th
Jonah McQuade	June 17th
Aaron Edward	June 21st
Arlen Herbert	June 22nd
Joey Reid	June 25th
Caillum Leask	June 25th
William Jung	June 26th



Summer Birthdays

Isaac Westhaver	July 1st
Danielle Bomba	July 2nd
Mr. Ediger	July 6th
Connor Brisson	July 9th
Jenaya Born	July 10th
Emily Plain	July 12th
Caitlin Ratzlaff	July 13th
Haidyn Baumgartner	July 13th
Gurveer Chahal	July 15th
Miss Gerei	July 27th
Timothy Keis	July 27th
Joshua Welch	July 28th
Emily Guest	July 29th
James Burgess	August 2nd
David Kim	August 6th
Lisa Gardner	August 8th
Angelique Hefer	August 13th
Matthew Burns	August 18th
Venessa Katerelos	August 20th
Ayden Brown	August 21st
Tabius Graham	August 22nd
Nathan Burns	August 24th
Kassidy Howes	August 29th
Owen Fairweather	August 31st



Why Christian Education?

A former parent said that years ago she was talking to the Lord about her longing for a house, a place of their own for their four children. Then she realized that she was building a house—a "house" of faith by having her children at Valley Christian School. Now, years later, she is reaping the blessings of building her "house" that way. (By the way, the Lord eventually gave them a brick and mortar house of their own as well.) "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock." Matt. 7:24-25 That's why we are here at Valley Christian School ... to assist you in building a strong foundation on Jesus the rock ... during the school hours of every day we come alongside you and your church in this all important task. Thank you for this opportunity to minister to you and your children.

VCS Vantage – the Board's Eye View



- The board has a target of 80 full time equivalents plus 10 international students to achieve our goal of a positive cash flow budget. Preschool is excluded from this number and is now just one student short of our capacity of 32.
- Please forward as many referrals as possible. Remember that for each new family you refer who registers you earn a free month of tuition for your child.
- We are in need of additional board members. One board member will have completed his term in a couple of months and is not returning and two others will be off the board next year. There is a board application questionnaire so take one or hand one to someone you believe can contribute to the success of VCS.
- As announced at the Awards Night, we are considering the option of Grade 9 for 2009. However we must first secure space for this initiative. If you are aware of a possible space that VCS could lease, rent or buy, please let your board know about it.
- We are in the development stages of a capital development plan as our growth will be achieved through resources provided in addition to tuition. Stay tuned to additional information coming soon.
- The board has approved the installation of a heat pump for the office area providing much needed cooling for the administration staff during hot summer days.
- The boys' washroom is getting a face lift over the summer.

"But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 41:31

