

ADMISSIONS OVERVIEW

Dear Parent(s),

Thank you for your interest in Valley Christian High School. We are excited about this upcoming school year and the wonderful group of students and families that will be joining us. We understand the importance of the decision you are making with regard to the future education of your child. We will be praying for you and your family as you seek God's wisdom and discernment in selecting and applying at the right school.

To assist you with the application process and to provide you with a better understanding of what VCHS has to offer, please note the following:

ADMISSIONS TESTING is required for all incoming students. **Completed applications, fees, and related documentation are submitted prior to the admissions testing, shadowing, and personal interview.** We are currently accepting applications and will be scheduling admissions testing at the time all completed application documentation is received. Our admissions assessments will be offered January 23, February 6 or February 20 from 9:00 AM to 12 PM. Additional testing dates of March 20 and April 24 are available for those who miss the Priority Consideration Deadline. The test covers math and reading comprehension, written essay, and the completion of the Student Questionnaire Form. There is no additional charge for admissions testing unless your student requires special testing. The Admissions Office will contact you to schedule admissions testing for your student.

PERSONAL INTERVIEWS are required for all incoming students prior to acceptance. Interviews with our Principal are a key element in admissions process at VCHS. Both the student and parent(s)/guardian(s) are required to attend, and the interview typically takes about 15 minutes. Scheduling will be arranged upon the **completion** of the application packet and admissions testing. New student interviews begin February 8, 2010. Families will be contacted by the Admissions Office to arrange an appointment.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT SHADOWING is optional, but provides an opportunity to observe student life at Valley Christian. Prospective students are paired with a trained, outgoing VCHS student who is in the same grade/class. Shadowing takes place February through May, on Thursday mornings with the exception of Extended Period (EP) Thursdays, and includes class attendance and our weekly Chapel service. A completed application along with the application fee is required prior to student shadowing. Reservations can be made by calling our Admissions Office at [925] 560-6256.

OPEN HOUSE is held the first Monday of most months from 9:00—10:00 AM. Reservations can be made by calling our Admissions Office at [925] 560-6256 or by registering online. Private tours are also available by appointment.

PARENT VISITATION DAYS are optional, but provide an opportunity for parents or guardians to observe classes as they are being taught. No more than two parents/guardians per student are permitted to attend and observations are limited to the first two periods of the day. Parent Visitation Days are held on February 3 and 4, 2010. Reservations can be made by calling our admissions office at [925] 560-6256 or by registering online.

Final decisions for admissions are made upon the completion of all application documentation, assessment testing, and personal interview. Refer to the Key Admission Dates and Application Checklist to ensure that all application requirements have been met or call our office to receive an update on your student's status. Acceptance letters will be mailed during the week of March 15, 2010 to those students who complete the application process by the February 10, 2010 deadline.

Please feel free to call the Admissions Office at [925] 560-6256 if you have any questions. We know that you'll find VCHS the perfect fit for your student, and we look forward to traveling this *Road to Excellence* with your family.

Serving Him,

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