



10-18-2024 Update

MUFFINS WITH MOM

Thank you to everyone that attended our Muffins with Mom event today. We hope you enjoyed this fun time with your students! Thanks, also, to our PTO who sponsor these special events throughout the year.

School dismisses at 12:30 today for our students. Enjoy!

[STAR Awards from KSDE](#) - Congratulations to all staff for this recognition from the Kansas State Department of Education!!

Post Secondary Effectiveness from Class of 2022 for [USD 338](#) and a comparison with the [State](#). Our success rate is well above the state average!

October is **National Principal Appreciation Month!** We very much appreciate everything that Greg Morgan and Susan Grey do for our district! Did you know that Susan is a Jayhawk fan and is in her 36th year at Valley Falls? Greg cheers for the Wildcats and is in his 5th year at Valley Falls. Despite their differences in colleges, they both agree that our Dragons are the best!



OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

The VF Rec Commission is sponsoring a fundraiser on October 27 to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness. Registration starts at 11:00 am, with Bingo starting at noon. Pre-Registration is \$25, with fee of \$30 day of. Contact Daysha @ 785-806-2748 or Danielle @ 785-840-7463.

SAVE THESE DATES FOR THE VFHS FALL PLAY

Friday, November 15 @ 7:00 pm and Sunday, November 17 @ 2:00 pm. Be watching for more details as the date approaches.

MOVIE NIGHT/HIDE & SEEK FROM THE POLICE

A fun night is being planned at 6:30 pm for grades 7-12 on October 19 by the VF Police & Fire Depts. and Rec. Commission. [Click here](#) for rules, cost and other details.

RED RIBBON WEEK OCTOBER 23-31

Making healthy choices and staying drug free will be the focus during Red Ribbon Week. Here's the schedule:

Wed., Oct. 23-Put Unhealthy Choices to Bed (Wear Pajamas)

Mon., Oct. 28-Healthy choices discussion and poster contest

Tues., Oct. 29-Proud to be Drug Free (Wear red and walking shoes for walk-a-thon)

More info. for parents and details of the activities can be found [here](#).

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[Minutes](#) from the October Meeting

SOPHOMORE CLASS RINGS

The initial meeting for class rings will be on Thursday, Nov. 14th at 2:55 in Rm. 101. Orders will be taken on Thursday, Nov. 21st at 7:30 am at the top of the HS west steps.

ARE THEY SAFE?

Millions of kids ride a bike, take the bus or walk to school every day. Help get them to and from school more safely by following this [checklist](#). For more information about child safety, visit MissingKids.org.

SPORTSMANSHIP FOCUS

#ItStartsWithMe - Did you see something great happen in your activities, at home or on the road, that made you proud of your students and/or fans? Say something and spread the sportsmanship! The KSHSAA collects reports for GOOD sportsmanship. Submit your story today and we may feature it in the future:

<https://www.kshsaa.org/Public/PDF/SportsmanshipReport.pdf>

PRIDE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have earned **K-5 Dragon PRIDE (Positive attitude, Respect, Integrity, Determination and Excellence)** awards this week. The recipients should be bringing home the certificates for you to see. Congratulations!!!

Ava Barnes, Stetson Starkey, Wade Welborn, Maeve Watkins, Hazel Moffet, Linkyn

Merz, Huxlee Schrick, Layla Stein, Jaxson Lux, Rowan Gibbens, Jaxon Bryant, Tidus Tyler, Jett Nellis, Emma Cox, Taysom Bryant, Lane Amack, Ryland Voss

YOUR PATHWAY TO TEACHING IS READY!

We invite all interested career-changers to join us for a live webinar that details Kansas State University's pathways to teaching on Wednesday, October 23 at 7 p.m. (CST).

[Register Here](#)

Use your undergraduate degree (any field) to become an elementary, middle or high school teacher!

Features of our [100% online Master of Arts in Teaching \(MAT\) program](#):

- **Flexible Pace/Schedule.** Design a course schedule that fits your life. Complete the program in as little as 12 months or go at your own pace. Begin in fall, spring or summer semesters.
- **Financial Aid/Scholarships.** All students receive the same tuition rate wherever they live. Apply for [scholarships](#), [grants](#) and [loan forgiveness](#) to facilitate your transition to teaching.
- **Quality/Job Placement.** Join a program that is rated #12 in the United States by [US News & World Report](#) and that places 97% of its students within one year of graduation.
- **Personalized Mentorship.** Explore teaching with our team of MAT GradCats — experienced, veteran mentor teachers.
- **Diversity of Talent.** Learn with diverse, talented and committed MAT students from nearly every state and around the world.
- **License Transfer.** Transfer your Kansas Teaching License to other states upon completion of [additional license transfer requirements](#), if any.

Questions? Contact

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VFHS OPEN GYM

The east gym will open from 7-9 pm on Sunday evenings for all VFHS students. .

INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL

1st & 2nd Grade Instructional Basketball League sign up forms have gone home with the kids. Games will be played on Sundays beginning November 3rd. Any questions please email: vfreccomm@yahoo.com.

CAREER FAIR

In the afternoon on November 26th VFHS is planning a career day for our students. We are looking to bring in past graduates to talk to our students about their careers in 30-40

minute sessions. Some things we are looking for you to share: how you got involved in your current career, what your typical day is like, what an employer in your field is looking for, and answer student questions.

We are looking for a variety of people to discuss their careers. If you are interested in helping out, please email Seth Cooper seth.cooper@vfalls338.com for the contact information questionnaire if you haven't already done so.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SPOOKY SPIRIT WEEK

The Middle School has a week of fun planned for October 28-31. [Click here](#) to see!

FREE Parenting Class

The next eight week parenting class is scheduled to start Monday October 28th from 6:00 to 7:30. The link to enroll is <https://www.fsgctopeka.com/parenting> .

Amy Karr will be facilitating. Please note, we do not have child care, but adults will be served dinner. Questions: Call Connie Romig 785-232-5005

HUDL (Football is now streamed!)

USD 338 is proud to announce that activities such as volleyball, football, basketball games, and graduation will be streamed on HUDL. We are able to provide this service to anyone that wants to watch for free! A huge THANK YOU to the VF Rec Commission for their generous donation to make this available for our district. Thank you also to Ritchie Herbster, Wyatt Hofstra, and Donny Smith for volunteering their time in getting the cameras set up. To watch activities, Go to 'Hudl Fan', then search Valley Falls or use the link: <https://team1sports.com> If you click on "Past" you can view previous activities. Please contact us if you have any questions. Thanks again to our Rec Commission for their support of our school district!

ELEMENTARY YEARBOOK ORDERS

It's time to order a yearbook for grades PK-8! [Click here](#) for more information.

JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Check out kasfaa.org for topics, dates and registration information.

BE A DRAGON BACKER!

Are you interested in helping our school by advertising in our sports programs? This school year we are targeting donations to help with playground and technology improvements. Donations are tax deductible and our school district has been very appreciative of our donor support.

There are two levels of donations. Black and Gold Club is a donation of \$250 and you will be recognized with a business card size ad in our sports program through the Fall and Winter Sports Seasons of Volleyball, Football and Basketball. Dragon Club membership is a minimum of a \$25 donation. This will put your family or business name in the same sports program. Donations must be received before your ad/names will be included. Contact john.hamon@vfalls338.com for more information.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

MSGBB Parents-Errors were made on initial game locations. School calendars have been updated to reflect correct locations.

Fri., Oct. 18	End of First Nine Weeks-½ Day of School/Dismiss @ 12:30 pm Teacher Work Day in afternoon HSFB @ Jackson Hts. @ 7:00 pm
Sat., Oct. 19	JV HSVB NEKL Tourney @ 9:00 am
Mon., Oct. 21	No School/Teacher Work Day/Professional Learning HSV B Tourney game @ Maur Hill @ 5:00 pm
Tues., Oct. 22	XC @ JHeights @ 3:45 pm Parent Teacher Conferences from 4-8 pm-East Gym
Thurs., Oct. 24	FFA National Convention in Indianapolis No School-Teacher Work Day & PT Conferences Parent Teacher Conferences from 1-8 pm-East Gym Scholar's Bowl-JV/V @ JCN @ 4:00 pm MSGBB @ PR @ 4:30 pm
Friday, Oct. 25	FFA National Convention in Indianapolis No School-Teacher Compensatory Day HSFB vs PRidge @ HOME @ 7:00 pm (Senior Night for FB & XC)
Sat., Oct. 26	FFA National Convention in Indianapolis XC Regionals @ Gypsum-Girls @ 11:10, Boys @ 11:45 HSV B Regional/Sub-State Tourney



**Supporting Your
Child**

Info and resources in honor of RED Ribbon week and celebrating healthy choices:

<https://teens.drugabuse.gov/parents>

1. Seven Tips For Connecting With Your Teen- (Source: Power of Parents MADD)

1. Communicate before a problem starts
2. Discuss rules and consequences
3. Show you care
4. Pay attention
5. Share family activities
6. Give and get respect
7. Enforce consequences consistently

2. Resources

- a. Prevention And Resiliency Services (PARS) 785-266-8666
- b. MADD 1-877-623-3435
- c. Al-Anon or Alateen <https://al-anon.org/al-anon-meetings/>

E-Cigarette/Vaping Information to share with your kids from the CDC:

*Many E-Cigarettes (vaping) contain nicotine which can change your brain and make you crave more nicotine. It can also affect your memory, ability to learn, impulse control and concentration. Nicotine can even train your brain to be more easily addicted to other drugs like meth and cocaine.

*E-Cigarettes (vaping) contain chemicals that are harmful. When people use e-cigarettes, they breathe in tiny particles that can harm their lungs.

Dangers of Fentanyl (“One Pill Can Kill”) Information for Parents:

[What Every Parent and Caregiver Needs to Know About FAKE PILLS](#)