



11-08-2024 Update

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Our 17th annual Veterans Day Program will be this Monday, November 11th. A reception for the Veterans and guests will begin at 1:30 pm, with the program at 2:00 pm. If you are a veteran, we would love for you to join us. Registration is requested asap by contacting Linda Gantz at the District Office. Call 785-945-3214 or email linda.gantz@vfalls338.com.

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!!! Avery Eaton, Anthony Welsh, Harper Watson, Naria Brown, Kyson Heuertz, Alicia Demby, Mason Maxwell

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

The VFHS students will be completing community service projects from 8:00 am-Noon on Tuesday, November 26th. If you have a project you would like to have completed, please contact Greg Morgan at greg.morgan@vfalls338.com asap, or call 785-945-3214. Students are not allowed in houses or on ladders. Project ideas would include raking leaves, picking up trash or branches, cleaning up flower beds, or moving outside items (50 lb. weight limit).

FAMILY SURVEY

We are excited to share this opportunity with you to provide us with some feedback about our school district. We have traditionally provided this survey during this time of year for the past several years, and we would appreciate your participation. This survey is anonymous and we would ask that you complete it by **Friday, November 15**. Your feedback is valued and will help to inform decision-making about our future endeavors.

Family Survey [HERE](#)

VFHS FALL PLAY

It's just a week away! Join us as the High School presents "Offed At The Bakeoff" on Friday, November 15 @ 7:00 pm and Sunday, November 17 @ 2:00 pm in the east gym. Show only tickets are \$5.00 in advance and \$7.00 at door. Dinner Theatre available on Friday for \$25/person, with a dessert option on Sunday for \$15/person. Purchase tickets at HS office. Click [here](#) for flier.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Please join us as the VF Elementary School proudly presents "Christmas Around the World" through song on Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30 pm. Please arrive 15-20 minutes prior to the start of the program.

KIDS CHRISTMAS STORE

Help us to supply the Kids Christmas Store! We are in need of physical items for children, adults, parents/grandparents, gift wrap, and bows, as well as monetary donations by December 16th. See [details](#) and [gift ideas](#) to see ways you can help.

BLOOD DRIVE

Community Blood Center is the primary supplier of blood for local hospitals and has been serving Missouri and Kansas hospitals for more than 60 years. The Community Blood Center needs to collect 580 pints of blood every day and over 200,000 pints annually to meet the needs of our local hospitals. An individual within the area that Community Blood Drive Center serves needs a blood transfusion every four minutes.

Please share your gift of life with local hospital patients who need it by donating at the next Community Blood Center blood drive. The blood drive will be held by Valley Falls High School on Friday, November 15th from 1:00-5:00 pm. The drive will be located at Delaware Township Hall in Valley Falls. To make an appointment online, visit savealifenow.org/group and enter Group Code: KCD3. For additional details contact Stacy Cervantez at (785)945-3229 or stacy.cervantez@vfalls338.com.

[Breakfast and Lunch Menu for next week](#)

CRISIS HELPLINE

Services are available for all Kansans 20 years old or younger, including anyone in foster care or formerly in foster care. Call, text, or chat with the helpline at 833-441-2240. Click [here](#) for more details.

EAST GYM WALL MATS

USD 338 is selling the mats that were in the east gym. Submit a sealed bid to the district office by noon, November 11, 2024. If interested in seeing the mats or have questions, contact John.hamon@vfalls338.com. Mat pictured on the school website is 12'x3'

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>

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.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Save the date for our annual FCCLA Holiday Luncheon from 11 am-1 pm on Thursday, December 12th. Community members are welcome to attend. Be watching for more details.

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.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Fri., Nov. 8	Washburn University HS Art Day
Mon., Nov. 11	Veterans Day & School Program @ 2:00 pm FFA Leadership School in Holton @ 8:30 am
Nov. 11-17	Buffer Week
Nov. 12	Scholar's Bowl-JV/V @ HOME @ 4:00 pm
Nov. 13	Basketball Player/Parent Mtg. in lunchroom @ 6:30 pm
Nov. 14	Sophomore Class Ring Mtg.-Room 101-2:55 pm MSGBB vs McLouth @ HOME @ 4:30 pm (8th Grade Recognition)
Nov. 15	Stu Co Blood Drive @ Township Hall 1:00-5:00 pm Fall Play in East Gym @ 7:00 pm-Dinner option available
Nov. 17	Fall Play in East Gym @ 2:00 pm-Dessert option available



**Supporting Your
Child**

**Helping Your Child
Be a Great Reader by Reading
20 Minutes/Day**

- Why?
 - It leads to better performance at school and a higher IQ.
 - It's a great bonding time.
 - It helps build listening and coping skills

- Tips
 - Ask them ??s while reading.
 - Choose books at their level and with their interests in mind.

Source: MomLovesBest.com