



KNIGHTLY NEWS

YOUR #1 SOURCE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AT VANCE CHARTER SCHOOL

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November is the eleventh month of the year with 30 days, and it is known for holidays like Thanksgiving in the United States and Veterans Day. The month's name comes from the Latin word for "nine" because it was the ninth month in the Roman calendar. People born in November have birthstones of either topaz or citrine and a birth flower of the chrysanthemum.

GENERAL INFO

FRIDAYS ARE:

"IT'S ALL ABOUT **VANCE CHARTER DAY**"!

Wear your school spirit gear!! Check out our Amazon store here to find yours:

<https://www.amazon.com/stores/page/17177530-4866-42D3-8EAD-2250DAA00722?ingress=3>

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS: K-12

K-8 office is closed from 2:45 – 3:30 every day for dismissal

HS office is closed from 3:15–3:30 every day for dismissal

Tuesday, November 11th school will be closed in honor of our Veterans who have selflessly sacrificed for our country. Please tell a veteran "Thank You" for what they have done and/or continue to do to keep us and our freedoms safe!



Monday, November 24–Friday November 28 school will be closed to enjoy Thanksgiving break. Take time to share with family and friends all for which you are thankful! Do something fun, and recharge! See you back on **Monday, December 1st! The first semester is almost over!!!**

2026–2027 Approved School Calendar:

Our Approved School calendar for the **2026–2027** school year can be found here

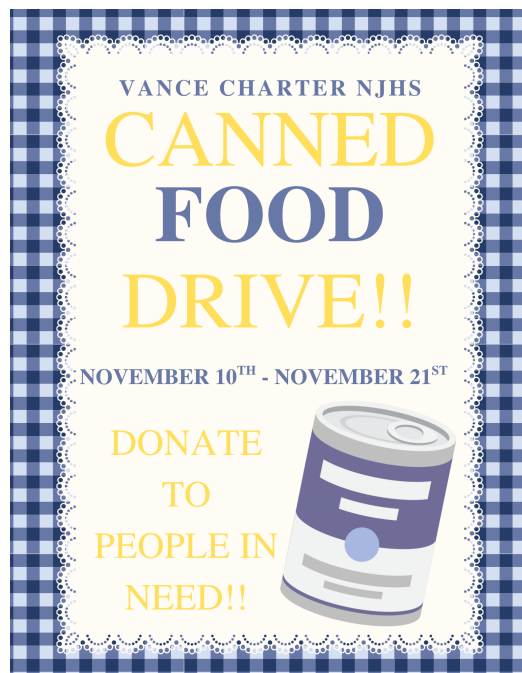
 [VCS 26-27 Calendar -APPROVED10.13.25.xlsx](#) and on our school website under the calendar tab.

THE ANNUAL VCS FOUNDATION FALL FESTIVAL

The annual VCS Fall Festival is **FRIDAY, November 7, from 5–7 PM**. Come join us for an evening of fun, food, and community fellowship!



NJHS CANNED FOOD DRIVE (November 10th–21st)



HISPANIC HERITAGE DAY

We would like to extend our gratitude to Ms. Cortes and Mrs. Ford, the Hispanic Heritage Parade was a huge success!!!! The teachers and students did a wonderful job sharing Hispanic heritage with the whole school! Click to see the parade here: 🎬 HISPANIC HERITAGE Video #1

🎬 HISPANIC HERITAGE Video #2 🎬 HISPANIC HERITAGE #3

ATTENDANCE

Our school day runs from 8:00–3:00 for K–8 and 8:30–3:30 for High School.



It is imperative that your child be at school on time every day!

Instruction BEGINS at 8:00 and ENDS at 3:00 for K–8 and

8:30–3:30 for high school. Please be sure your child is present for the entire school day. We ask that you send your child to school with a refillable water bottle each day.

If you have a student in **High School** and need to forward absence excuse notes, please email information to hsattendance@vancecharter.org. Please call the front office for early check-out authorization or email hsattendance@vancecharter.org.

CAR LINE DROP OFF PROCEDURES

Grades K–8 can use BOTH lanes for morning drop off from 7:35–8:00am. Please enter campus at the first turn at VCS closest to the Salvation Army. Loop all the way around campus and when you get to school personnel they will instruct you on where to stop to drop your child off. Please follow all school personnel instructions during drop off. If you have a high school student with K–8th grade siblings, they can be dropped off during this time as well. Staff will help direct them to their classrooms. If you arrive on campus after 8am, you will need to park in the front of the school and bring your student into the main office as they are tardy and will be marked as



such. If a K-8 student rides to school with a high school student, the high school driver will need to bring the K-8 student through the carpool line to drop them off and then go back around to park in the high school parking lot.

High school students can be dropped off between 8 and 8:30am. Their first period class begins at 8:30am. When bringing your high school student to school you will enter campus at the first turn to VCS closest to the Salvation Army. Then you will take your very first right turn in front of the high school building. You will follow school personnel instructions and drop your high school student off in front of the high school building. All traffic should flow in this direction; traffic should not come from the center entrance to campus. If high school students arrive after 8:30am, they will need to report to the high school front office to check in and then report to class.

CAR LINE SAFE DISMISSAL INFORMATION

K-8th grade safe dismissal is at 3:00pm. Please do not arrive on campus until 2:45pm.

Our students use the back area of campus for PE classes and recess and lanes will not be open for traffic until 2:45pm. For pickup in the afternoons, we ask that **K-3 use the inside lane and 4-8 use the outside lane** unless your older child has a younger sibling, then they will go to the inside lane with the youngest sibling. For example; a 5th grader with a sibling in 1st grade will be in the inside lane with their younger sibling.



Please make sure your carpool tag is displayed on the dashboard of your car.

Please pay attention to the staff and fill the lanes.

Please keep lanes moving, if you see your child walking, don't stop, keep moving until the line stops, a staff member will bring them to your car. This will help the line flow efficiently to get traffic off the main road as quickly as possible.

**MOST IMPORTANTLY, PLEASE REFRAIN FROM USING CELL PHONES
WHILE IN LINE!**

High school dismissal begins at 3:30. If your high school student drives to school, he/she will leave campus at 3:30. If you are picking your high school student up, you will turn in the inside loop and drive directly behind the high school building. If your high school

student has younger siblings in K-8, they will pick them up from the high school cafe and take them to the pick-up zone.

Thank you so much for your patience. The safety of our students is always our number one priority. In order for dismissal to run as smoothly as possible, it is imperative that you have your pick up card displayed on the driver's side dashboard each day and follow all instructions from staff members. If you have any questions at all, please call us at school and we will be happy to help you.

CHARACTER EDUCATION

During the school year we will be learning about different character traits. We believe that character building is a vital part of education. Look for information to come home each month about the trait being highlighted and always remember to **KEEP THE BIG 3: Treat Others Right, Make Smart Decisions, and Maximize Your Potential!**

During the month of **OCTOBER** we learned about: **KNOWLEDGE: learning something new so you can be better at whatever you do.** We have seen our **KNIGHTS** showing their **KNOWLEDGE** throughout our school building. We hope you will continue to help encourage students to show their **KNOWLEDGE** while at home and out in the community as well!

During the month of **NOVEMBER** we will learn about: **TRUST: putting your confidence in someone you can count on.**

We look forward to learning about **TRUST** each day through literature, song, announcements, and everyday situations. We can't wait to catch our **KNIGHTS** showing their **TRUST** throughout our school building and out in our community. We will send the parent newsletter home so that you can incorporate this at home as well!



EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Activities to Encourage Speech and Language Development

from Birth to 6 Years

Birth to 2 Years

Say sounds like "ma," "da," and "ba." Try to get your baby to say them back to you.

Look at your baby when they make sounds. Talk back to them, and say what they say. Pretend to have a conversation.

Respond when your baby laughs or makes faces. Make the same faces back to them.

Teach your baby to do what you do, like clapping your hands and playing peek-a-boo.

Talk to your baby as you give them a bath, feed them, and get them dressed. Talk about what you are doing and where you are going. Tell them who or what you will see.

Point out colors and shapes.

Count what you see.

Use gestures, like waving and pointing.

Talk about animal sounds. This helps your baby connect the sound and the animal. Use words like "The dog says woof-woof."

Add on to what your baby says. When your baby says, "Mama," say, "Here is Mama. Mama loves you. Where is baby? Here is baby."

Read to your child. You don't have to read every word, but talk about the pictures. Choose books that are sturdy and have large colorful pictures. Ask your child, "What's this?" and try to get them to point to or name objects.

2 to 4 Years

Speak clearly to your child. Model good speech.

Repeat what your child says to show that you understand. Add on to what they say. Use words like, "Want juice? I have juice. I have apple juice. Do you want apple juice?"

It's okay to use baby talk sometimes. Be sure to use the adult words too. For example, "It is time for din-din. We will have dinner now."

Cut out pictures of favorite or familiar things. Put them into categories, like things to ride on, things to eat, and things to play with. Make silly pictures by mixing and matching pictures. Glue a picture of a dog behind the wheel of a car. Talk about what is wrong with the picture and ways to "fix" it.

Help your child understand and ask questions. Play the yes–no game. Ask questions such as, "Are you Marty?" and "Can a pig fly?" Have your child make up questions and try to fool you.

Ask questions that include a choice. "Do you want an apple or an orange?" "Do you want to wear your red shirt or your blue shirt?"

Help your child learn new words. Name body parts, and talk about what you do with them. "This is my nose. I can smell flowers, brownies, and soap."

Sing simple songs, and say nursery rhymes. This helps your child learn the rhythm of speech.

Place familiar objects in a box. Have your child take one out and tell you its name and how to use it. "This is my ball. I bounce it. I play with it."

Show pictures of familiar people and places. Talk about who they are and what happened. Try making up new stories.

4 to 6 Years

Pay attention when your child talks to you.

Get your child's attention before you talk.

Praise your child when they tell you something. Show that you understand their words.

Pause after speaking. This gives your child a chance to respond.

Keep helping your child learn new words. Say a new word, and tell them what it means, or use it in a way that helps him understand. For example, you can use the word "vehicle" instead of "car." You can say, "I think I will drive the vehicle to the store. I am too tired to walk."

Talk about where things are, using words like "first," "middle," and "last" or "right" and "left." Talk about opposites like "up" and "down" or "on" and "off."

Have your child guess what you describe. Say, "We use it to sweep the floor," and have them find the broom. Say, "It is cold, sweet, and good for dessert. I like strawberry" so they can guess "ice cream."

Work on groups of items, or categories. Find the thing that does not belong in a group. For example, "A shoe does not go with an apple and an orange because you can't eat it. It is not round. It is not a fruit."

Help your child follow two- and three-step directions. Use words like, "Go to your room, and bring me your book."

Ask your child to give directions. Follow their directions as they tell you how to build a tower of blocks.

Play games with your child such as "house." Let them be the parent, and you pretend to be the child. Talk about the different rooms and furniture in the house.

Watch movies together on TV or a tablet. Talk about what your child is watching. Have them guess what might happen next. Talk about the characters. Are they happy or sad? Ask them to tell you what happened in the story. Act out a scene together, or make up a different ending.

Use everyday tasks to learn language. For example, talk about the foods on the menu and their color, texture, and taste when in the kitchen. Talk about where to put things. Ask them to put the napkin on the table, in your lap, or under the spoon. Talk about who the napkin belongs to. Say, "It is my napkin." "It is Daddy's." "It is Tamara's."

Go grocery shopping together. Talk about what you will buy, how many things you need, and what you will make. Talk about sizes, shapes, and weight.

<https://www.asha.org>

FOVC–FRIENDS OF VANCE CHARTER

Thank you to all the amazing volunteers who helped during Candy Man Distribution Night and the Main event — we truly couldn't have done it without you!

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, **November 13, 2025**, at 6:00 PM in the Library. We'll be planning upcoming hospitality events for both students and staff, so please come ready to share your ideas.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Support FOVC with just \$5!

Pay online by clicking: "Pay Online – FOVC Membership Dues"

LUNCH

School vendor lunches will be available from September 2nd-May 1st.

We need volunteers in the K-8 cafe to help serve lunch on Fridays! If you are willing please email Mrs. Frederick, click here: [Elise Frederick](#). Thank you!

Please be sure to send your child to school each day with a fully packed lunch and bottle of water until then. **Door dash and the like are not permitted for students at school.**

Please create an account on Foodease (link on our website to order and pay). Students qualify for free lunch based on if their family qualifies for Snap and has an active Snap number (Snap number must be provided by a parent and validated by DSS). Students qualify for reduced lunch based on the Federal Income guidelines. Completed free and reduced lunch forms have been processed and these families have been notified through email.

Vance Charter Menu & Pricing 2025-2026

Day of the Week	Lunch item	Cost for Student
Monday	Hot Dog Hamburger/ Cheeseburger	\$3.00 \$5.00
Tuesday	Chick Fil A Sandwich	\$5.00
Wednesday	Subway Ham Sub Turkey Sub	\$4.50
Thursday	Chick Fil A Sandwich	\$5.00
Friday	Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Slice	\$2.00/Slice

PLEASE REMEMBER, we do not serve lunch on early release days but we do encourage you to send your child with a refillable water bottle each day.

If you would like to volunteer in our cafeterias to help serve lunch please contact Mrs Frederick fredericke@vancecharter.org

MEDIA CENTER



Mark your calendars for our Book Fair running from
November 11/17th-21st with a special Family Night on 11/20!

BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

We still need volunteers to make our Fall Book Fair a success! If you're interested in lending a hand, please sign up by filling out the Google Doc linked below. Please do not delete any positions that have already been filled.

There are plenty of afternoon spots left on Thursday, 11/20th during our Family Night!

Google Doc: [Book Fair Volunteers 2025](#)

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ally Woodside, our media specialist, at woodsidea@vancecharter.org.

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MUSIC PROGRAM

We are enjoying our music adventures this year. We are working on rhythms, pitch and form across the grades. Our singing skills are improving, as we get ready for our program practices. Recorder letters will go out the week of October 6th.



Program Dates:

Kindergarten And First grade "Sing":

Thursday, November 20, 2025

Kindergarten 5:15 pm

First grade 6:15 pm

5th Grade Musical:

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 6:00pm

2nd Grade Musical:

Thursday, March 19, 2026 6:00 pm

Third and Fourth Grade Recorder Concert:

Thursday March 26, 2026

Third Grade 5:15 pm

Fourth Grade 6:15 pm

Thank you to all who make these events possible.

NEWS FROM THE NURSE

Reminder for parents of 7th and 12th grade students!!!



NC required immunizations for your 7th grade student:

A booster dose of Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis vaccine (TDap): required for individuals who have not previously received it and are entering the seventh grade or by 12 years of age.

- **Meningococcal Conjugate vaccine:** one dose is required for individuals entering the seventh grade or by 12 years of age.

NC required immunization for your 12th grade student:

- **A booster dose of Meningococcal Conjugate vaccine:** a booster dose is required for individuals entering the 12th grade or by 17 years of age, whichever comes first.

If your child has not received these required immunizations, please contact their healthcare provider or the Local Health Department to make an appointment ASAP. Send in documentation of your child's updated immunizations to the school.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Winslow, our school nurse, at winsloww@vancecharter.org.

PICTURE DAY

For any questions regarding school pictures email Mrs. Evans, evansd@vancecharter.org.



PROGRESS REPORTS, REPORT CARDS, and INFINITE CAMPUS PARENT PORTAL

Progress Reports will go out on **November 4th**. If you don't receive your child's progress report, reach out to their teacher.

If you have trouble accessing your parent portal in Infinite Campus reach out to Mrs. Matthews at matthewr@vancecharter.org.

TESTING

Vance Charter School will administer a variety of tests throughout



the school year. Most are required by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, however, we do offer a few optional college preparatory type tests. All testing information will be sent home prior to each test being given.

End of Semester Exams for High School will be the week of **December 15-19**. Check your school email for more details to come!

Click here for a detailed school-wide testing calendar: [TESTING CALENDAR 2025-2026](#)

To learn more about state tests click here: [State Tests | NC DPI](#)

A copy of the NCDPI Family Assessment Guide can be found here:

<https://www.dpi.nc.gov/documents/accountability/testing/family-guide-assessment/open>

What are NC Check-Ins and Summative Assessments? Click here:

[Family Guide to Assessments](#)

If you have any questions regarding testing you may contact Mrs. Pegram at peggramp@vancecharter.org

READING RESOURCES TO HELP AT HOME

Click on [this link](#) below to find some great resources to help your child at home

VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to volunteer? At Vance Charter we strongly encourage our parents/families to complete 15 hours of volunteer time each semester. If you are interested in becoming a school volunteer or if you would like to be a substitute please contact Mrs. Frederick at school fredericke@vancecharter.org. We appreciate partnering with our families to make Vance Charter the best it can be!



ELEMENTARY NEWS!

ELEM BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Check out the 2025-2026 Book List:

 [EBOB 25-26 List](#) Happy Reading!



i-READY

Mrs. Pendergrass uses a prize incentive in the iReady lab and would appreciate donations of small pieces of individually wrapped candies.

K	Kindergarteners are working hard to meet the expectations of the second quarter. Thank you to all chaperones for helping us make learning beyond the classroom a wonderful experience at Vollmer Farm. We are thankful for all of the fun opportunities November will bring including the fall festival, Friendsgiving, and even a kindergarten singing performance. We are so thankful for our students and families.
1st	We are looking forward to seeing the students' creative family turkey projects. Thank you for helping your child complete this fun project. We will display the turkey projects outside the 1st-grade classrooms for everyone to enjoy. We are excited about our upcoming 1st-grade classes' Thanksgiving lunch, we will have the week before Thanksgiving.
2nd	Please make sure to join your Second Grade teacher's Remind to receive important updates and information for your child's individual class. Send a text to 81010 and put your teacher's code in as your message.

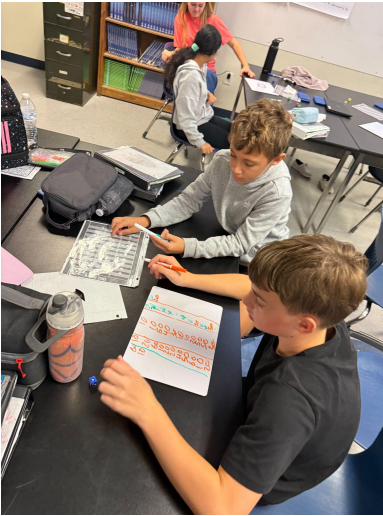
	Ms. Abbott's- @msabbott25 Mrs. Long's- @jlong2025 Mrs. Lumpkin's- @Lumpkins25
3 rd	Click on the links for all your 3rd grade information! ☰ 3rd Grade Supply List 25-26 (1) ☰ Classroom economy wish list ☰ Mrs. Gooch's Classroom Wish List ☰ Ms. Caudle's Classroom Wish List ☰ Mrs. Eaton's Classroom Wish List
4 th	Please join our class Remind by texting @vcs4th to 81010. You do NOT need to download the app! Please have all supplies daily. Write your child's name on all supplies. Please place notebook paper and pocket dividers inside the binder. We will organize our binders and supplies on the first day so everyone will be the same. Water bottles should have a name and be leak-proof. No cups with straws please. Snacks are welcome on half days.
5 th	Students should bring their school supplies each day of school. Please join our class Remind by sending a text code, @5thvcs, to 81010. Elizabeth Brown (Math) Leah Dinwoodie (Science/Social Studies) Lauren Fuller (Reading)

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS!

6th	Please join Remind messages if you haven't already done so! You may be missing important information if you haven't joined. You may use the link below or text @vcs6th2025 to the number 81010. https://www.remind.com/join/vcs6th2025
7th	Fall festival is right around the corner! Please reach out to sign up to help run our inflatables station! Can't wait to see you all there! See below to see what our 7th grade students have been doing in Science!
8th	☰ 8th Grade Supply List 2025-2026

Mrs. Stone's 7th Graders had some fun with Unbalance Forces on the Gridiron! Students used Net Force to get their ball to their End Zone for a touchdown!





MS BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Check out the 2025-2026 book here: [MSBOB 25-26 List](#)

Happy Reading!



MS Art Club

We will meet every Wednesday in Mrs. McDorman's room 215 on the red hall from 3:30-4:30.



S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)

Mr. Richardson, our STEAM teacher, is requesting **small glue gun refills** and **Sharpie Markers**. These donations help our students with class projects! Remember, donations can possibly count for volunteer time and any donations for this class would be greatly appreciated! Our steam classes are making creative and exciting projects!



ATTENTION 8th-11th GRADES



WE ARE GOING TO JAPAN SUMMER of 2026

Your student is invited to join this once-in-a-lifetime educational travel experience in the unique country of Japan in Summer 2026!

Click www.eftours.com/2827910XA to learn details like itinerary, logistics, payment options, and how to enroll on this trip! Please reach out to Señora Cortes **Ana Cortes with any questions about this exciting opportunity.**

WEATHER STATION

7th Grade Science is proud to announce the new Vance Charter Weather Station is up and running! Visit the website for real time weather data directly from campus!

Bit.ly/VCSWeather

Students will use this when learning about atmosphere and weather! A link will soon be available on the school website!!



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS!

CLASS INFO

Our High School Supply list can be found here:

[!\[\]\(6d4cdef06d803dcd63aa9aa8840a2ace_img.jpg\) High School Supply List](#)

COLLEGE & CAREER UPDATES FOR ALL HS STUDENTS

Check the weekly "High School Knights in the Know" email for the most up-to-date information about events!

SENIORS APPLYING TO COLLEGE:

What's next after you hit "submit"?

Once you hit submit on a college application, please don't stop there! There is more to do after you apply. What's next?

Check email and mail regularly so that you don't miss important communication from your school. It may sound obvious but READ ALL COMMUNICATION! You don't want to miss important instructions or deadlines.

The first thing they may send you is info on how to set up an account with their school's portal. SET UP AN ACCOUNT WITH ALL COLLEGES YOU APPLY TO! Check to ensure that they have received all your required materials. Some schools require you to submit additional materials outside of the things you submitted through Common App or CFNC. For example, some schools may require you to upload a VGCC transcript if you take VGCC classes. Clemson, TN and many FL schools require you to complete the STAR. They will not consider your application until they receive those materials!

If you are applying to NC schools and have not yet completed the NC Residency Determination process, do that as soon as possible so that you'll be considered for in-state tuition.

Don't forget to complete the FAFSA and send it to all colleges you are applying to. Once they receive your FAFSA they will create a financial aid offer for you.

Start applying to scholarships.- Check each college's page for their scholarship applications. Don't wait or you might miss deadlines!

Again, read everything! It may be that you get priority access to housing or class registration if you accept a spot sooner rather than waiting until May.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

FAFSA is open and all students applying to 2- or 4- year colleges will need to complete the FAFSA with their parents. Be sure to complete the FAFSA for the year that your child is attending college (2026-2027). Some colleges also require you to complete the CSS Profile. Be sure to read the info coming from colleges after you apply to ensure you don't miss priority deadlines!

Residency Determination Service (RDS) needs to be completed for any student going to a 2- or 4-year college in NC. That is the process to qualify for in-state tuition. More information can be found at NC Residency Determination Service. RDS uses a student's CFNC login information.

Scholarship Applications

Now is the time to apply to scholarships. Remember that there are national, regional and college-specific scholarships. As soon as you apply to a college, make sure to check their scholarship page because those applications are often due soon after applying.

JUNIORS, SOPHOMORES & FRESHMEN

Make sure to check your email regularly so that you don't miss emails about scholarships, special events, leadership development programs, jobs, college visits and more!

MILITARY FAIR on Nov 10

We will host military recruiters for a fair on November 10 during the lunch block. If you are considering military service after graduation (either by enlisting, or through ROTC in college), stop by the tables to learn more about the various military branches and the benefits of service. All high school students are invited to participate.

FROM THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER

COUNSELING APPOINTMENTS can be made through this link. The well being of all of our students is a priority! Please let us know how we can help!

<https://benderjr.youcanbook.me/>

Family Volunteer Day is November 22, 2025

Family Volunteering is a great way for families to connect with each other and give back to their community. The day is a way to encourage youth to put down their phones and to make an impact through service and leadership development. Family volunteering also strengthens family relationships, which boosts confidence, resilience, and compassion for children, and leads to better problem solving, reduced behavioral problems and increased academic performance. Families can choose any number of ways to get involved and have fun in the process. So plan a day of quality family time and volunteer together!!

Do you know someone who is struggling? Students can call 988 from any mobile phone if they are feeling suicidal and talk to a trained counselor. Students can also use our Say Something Anonymous Reporting System (SSARS) to let a trained adult know if they are concerned about someone. All high school and middle school students have been trained on how to use this program.

VCS HIGH SCHOOL EC DEPARTMENT

Do you know what the OCS Program is?

In North Carolina, the Occupational Course of Study (OCS) is a specific graduation path for high school students with disabilities, providing a diploma based on vocational training and work experience, rather than the traditional Standard Course of Study (SCOS). This program emphasizes practical skills and community integration, requiring students to complete work hours through paid employment, unpaid training, internships, or volunteer services to earn their high school diploma.

For Students with Disabilities:

It serves as an alternative graduation pathway for students with disabilities, distinct from the regular high school diploma options.

Focus on Practical Experience:

The curriculum centers on developing work-related skills and gaining hands-on experience.

Work Hour Requirements:

Students must complete a significant number of work hours, including paid employment, unpaid vocational training, internships, or volunteer and community service.

High School Diploma:

Successfully completing the OCS leads to a high school diploma, signifying that the student has met their educational and vocational goals.

Community Integration:

The program promotes a student's integration into their community through vocational training and work experiences.

VANCE CHARTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

Our Clubs are back in full swing and planning exciting things for this year. Be sure to find the club that's right for you! Our next club day will be on **November 21st**.

ART CLUB

Congratulations to two of our KNIGHTS!!



Recently a few of our Art students entered a local art competition and two of our kids won 1st and 2nd place!

1st place: Charley Robinson

2nd place: John Tran

Charley won \$100 for first place and both will have their artwork displayed on Kernel Craze's Holiday popcorn tins.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

Vance Charter iSKA Information 2025-2026



Membership:

Membership in the Booster Club is the most important way that parents and friends of Vance Charter School sports can support our student athletes. The fee is \$25.00 per family, regardless of the number of children or how many sports they may play.

All fees collected through the membership application process will go into the VCS ISKA general fund and ensure voting rights at each meeting.

To join, complete the Booster Club Membership Application and pay online utilizing the link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/18lhOj6TIOAxpdlv5lqsseqYgx46LkiQNeFEjCE2yse/edit?ts=68752bca>

Or scan this QR Code:



2025–2026 Meeting Dates:

August 13th, September 8th, October 6th, **November 3rd**, January 5th, February 2nd, March 2nd, April 13th, & May 4th (If needed)

Questions? Please email us at stallingsl@vancecharter.org or vcsathleticboosterclub@gmail.com

**VANCE CHARTER ATHLETIC BOOSTER BACKER BANNER FORM 2025–2026 Our
2025–2026**

Vance Charter Athletic Booster Club invites our community to support Knights Athletics with our Booster Backer Banner Sponsorship Program.

In addition to our banners, be one of the first to secure your 20 second digital ad on the new score table for our home volleyball and basketball events.

Sponsorship forms are due August 30, 2025

Platinum Sponsorship (\$1,300)

- Sponsorship name/ logo included on banner inside of gymnasium
Please email logo to stallingsl@vancecharter.org
- Sponsorship name included on community banner displayed in our gym lobby
- 20 second digital sponsorship ad on new score table inside gymnasium
- Sponsorship name/logo on iSKA t-shirt
- Sponsorship name included on Vance Charter Athletics social media outlets/school website

Gold Sponsorship (\$800)

- Sponsorship name included on community banner displayed in our gym lobby
- 20 second digital sponsorship ad on new score table inside gymnasium
- Sponsorship name/logo on iSKA t-shirt
- Sponsorship name included on Vance Charter Athletics social media outlets/school website

Silver Sponsorship (\$450)

- Sponsorship name included on banner in gym lobby
- Sponsorship name/logo on iSKA t-shirt
- Sponsorship name included on Vance Charter Athletics social media outlets/school website

Blue Sponsorship (\$100)

- Sponsorship name included on banner in gym lobby

For any questions or assistance please contact

vcsathleticboosterclub@gmail.com

For the form click here:  2025 2026 ISKA Booster Backer information.docx

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

FCA-This club's mission is to lead our students and coaches to begin and/or grow their relationship with Jesus Christ and His church. We welcome ALL students to join us in monthly meetings and mission opportunities in our community as we grow in Christlikeness together.



Join our TeamReach using the code: vcsfca for ongoing updates.

All meetings will be held at 7:50am in the upper cafe. We will also meet during school hours on set club days.

Please reach out to Anna Stallings, stallingsa@vancecharter.org, or Johnny Yount, yountj@vancecharter.org, if you have any questions about how to be a part of this club.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

November 5th- Forestry CDE Williamston, NC
November 7th- Tractor & Truck driving CDE Durham, NC
November 19th- Farm City Lunch (Officers @ Vance County Farmers Market)
November 20th- FFA Schoolwide Bake Sale
November 20th- Thanksgiving Potluck 6 to 8pm High School Cafe
November 21st- Club Day 8:30 am
November 25th- Livestock Judging Raleigh, NC
December 2nd-5th Be Pro Simulation Trailer @ VCS
December 6th- Jingle Jangle 9am to 4pm
December 8th-10th Candy Grams \$2 (Proceeds for Angel Tree Children)
December 9th- FFA Christmas Party and \$20 White Elephant Game
December 12th Candy Grams delivered K-12



Our Jingle Jangle Bazaar will be Dec 6. Click the link below to reserve your spot!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfoUS4onFeoII7gCXhx5P2RvwLIHk7NJesyPFwYTKEUHgsHWg/viewform?usp=header>

Team Reach

for updates. Code: VCSFFA

Club leader is Mrs. Kelly Dixon, dixonk@vancecharter.org

GIRL SCOUTS

Troop 1119 has been busy working on badges and journeys! In October, we enjoyed camping and at our last meeting, we gathered items and care bags for local cancer patients. We look forward to our meetings in November and our holiday party in December. If you are interested in finding out more about our troop, please e-mail Jennifer Hall at gstroop1119@gmail.com.



INTERNATIONAL CLUB

The MS International Club meets on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 in Mrs. Cortes's Room 506.

So far we have learned about:

- . Different ways Labor Day is celebrated around the world.
- . The international origins of some of the instruments used in Country Music like the Banjo and the Fiddle.
- . Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

We would love to welcome guest speakers who could teach a game, lead a craft, or just have an informal conversation with us. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Cortes to plan and schedule your visit at cortesa@vancecharter.org

Your 8th-11th grade student is invited to join me for a once-in-a-lifetime educational travel experience in the unique country of **Japan in Summer 2026!**

Click here: www.eftours.com/2827910XA to learn details like itinerary, logistics, payment options, and how to enroll on this trip!

Please reach out to Señora Cortes cortesa@vancecharter.org with any questions about this exciting opportunity.

KNIGHTS OF THE GREEN TABLE ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

Think about joining the Knights of the Green Table (Environmental Club)



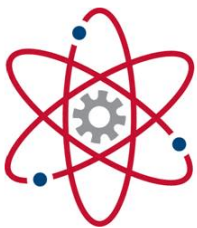
NHS



NJHS

The National Junior Honor Society is hosting a Food Drive from **November 10-21st**. Please send non-perishable food items to fill the boxes. Boxes will be placed in the hallway outside classroom doors.

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY



We are very excited for another year of the biomedical program Project Lead the Way. Principles of Biomedical Science, the first course, will have a group of students learning new and interesting topics.

For questions about PLTW email Mrs. Jenny Howard

howardj@vancecharter.org

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Thank you to all who participated in our Pizza Lunch fundraiser!



TECHNOLOGY CLUB

If you have any old tech items at home that you no longer want please send them to the Technology Club at VCS! Students will be working on items to get them running and to give out to those in need. We will gladly take working and non-working items! We use the non-working items for parts.



Items include: laptops, desktops, monitors, mouse, keyboard, drives, network cards, tablets, phones, headphones, TV's, and anything else tech! We will erase them for you as well. Text or email Mrs. Slaughter at 252-572-1724 (text only please), or slaughterg@vancecharter.org

TRAILBLAZERS CLUB

Vance Charter Trailblazers

Team Reach: VCtrailblazers

Contact Mrs. Dixon for questions
dixonk@vancecharter.org



TITLE 1

Vance Charter is a Title 1 school and receives funding for being designated as such. Title 1 is the largest federally funded educational program. A Title 1 school is a school receiving federal funds for Title 1 students. The basic principle of Title 1 is that schools with large concentrations of low-income students will receive supplemental funds to assist in meeting student's educational goals. We receive \$66,000 in supplemental funding and use this money to support reading intervention in grades K-5.

In addition to participating in the Title 1 program, Vance Charter School continues to build our volunteer capacity to engage parents/stakeholders in an effective partnership and to share and support high student achievement.

Click on the link to find out more:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gcRMefvNLxjgg6urPPWarAf0ERuFSW6b/preview?usp=sharing&oid=105507311158120208553&rtpof=true&sd=true>

VCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The next meeting for the Vance Charter School Board will be held on **November 10th at 6:00 pm** in the Library.

VANCE CHARTER SCHOOL FOUNDATION

Vance Charter Foundation Board is composed of parents, members of the community, and staff that serve a vital role in bringing awareness to our community, while supporting future initiatives from administration and the VCS Board of Directors. The Foundation Board assists with procuring property and buildings for use by VCS as well as providing additional funding to assist and facilitate capital improvement projects on our campus. Our board could not support our students and staff without parents and businesses in the community.

VCS Foundation Mission Statement:

The mission of the Vance Charter School Foundation is to cultivate the financial resources which support and protect Vance Charter School, its mission, and assets while serving as goodwill ambassadors of Vance Charter School in the greater community.

We would like to thank all of the sponsors for our 2025-2026 Foundation Fence. Please be sure to support these local businesses as they are an asset to our community and our school!

Overby Marine
Autobrite Carwash
Northern Point Realty
The Pegram Agency
Gillburg Best
Ranes HVAC
Shearin Auto & Diesel
First Security Service
J. Crabtree Electric Company
Winston Industrial Management
Barbour Construction
Gupton Services
Kerr Lake Ducks Unlimited
Network Supply
BOKS Portable Storage Solutions

Upcoming Events:

November 7th – VCS FALL FESTIVAL! Mark your calendars to attend one of the most epic events of the year! Fun, food, prizes for ALL ages! More information to come!

VCS Annual Dueling Piano Event is scheduled for Saturday, **January 31st, 2026** at the Henderson County Club.

Tables and individual tickets to go on sale mid-November!

Be sure to mark your calendars for a fun night out supporting our school!

If you have questions, please contact Tracey Hight 336-504-4760

We appreciate all of our families and all you do to help make Vance Charter the Best place for our kids to be!

LOST & FOUND



Please remember to put your child's name on all his/her belongings. If you are missing items, check in the front office or with Mr. Long.