



2020

Ventura High School Cougar Country

2021



Bulletin for the week of November 16

November 25-27 - Thanksgiving Holidays - NO CLASSES. SCHOOL CLOSED.

Students

SENIORS: The Senior Class of ASB and I wanted to announce that our VHS Senior Apparel is ready to be purchased. We have T-shirts, sweatshirts, and sweatpants available for the Class of 2021!

Attached is a flyer that displays all the items, sizes, and prices that are available for purchase. Here is the link to place an order for these items:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqWVEuYcsAvKxsny64vSaApF3ngOVGY6xHefBMzCOd7oxMUg/viewform>

The link is also available on our VHS Class of 2021 Instagram bio ([@vhs_seniorclass2021](https://www.instagram.com/vhs_seniorclass2021)). The window for ordering your items is November 16th-27th. Please submit your order within this window to ensure it arrives on time. We will notify you when your items are ready to be picked up at the VHS Student Store. *Payment will be made at the Student Store at the time of pick up.* You will be able to pick up your item(s) the week of December 14th-19th! More information will be available in the coming weeks on the specific times for these pick-up dates as well as COVID-19 safety guidelines that must be maintained when one is on campus. Please contact us via Instagram with any questions or through this post. We look forward to celebrating our seniors this year and offering these items to commemorate their year.

Sports

Boys Soccer Tryouts will be held at the Larrabee Stadium from 12:00 - 2:00pm on Monday, December 14th through Friday, December 18th 2020.

- Groups, dates, and times will be posted on the school website a few days before December 14th.

In order to participate in the tryouts, you MUST be registered and have a COMPLETE status on RegisterMyAthlete: <https://www.registermyathlete.com/>

Clubs

GSA: Interested in the issues and history of the LGBTQIA community? Want to play a role in the defense and activation of LGBTQIA youth's civil rights? Or just need a safe and anonymous place to hang out virtually? The VHS Gender-Sexuality Alliance (GSA) meets weekly on Thursdays via Zoom. Email Mr. DeClerck at sebastien.declerck@venturausd.org for Zoom meeting information. Hope to see you there!

Yearbook Information page:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1I-HVSVNFsj_ZvZ856jBquyRtNNI9c3DkJnbVrxaw8xQ/edit?usp=sharing

DO YOU NEED TEXTBOOKS, NOVELS, PACKETS OR A CHROMEBOOK?

come to the library front door and knock.

VHS LIBRARY Mon.-Fri., 8 am - 3 pm

(excluding holidays and vacation days)

College & Career Center

Virtual College Rep Visits! These 30 minute visits are exclusively for high school students in VUSD. For full listing and zoom links go here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pwtbVvOmRuzW_9wD3uyiaydSoU0AdDzCiq7iwfqg_Ok/edit?usp=sharing.

Update Tips to Optimize Performance for Chromebooks

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1wb3RPlqxPIGj0Pt8qozj-E89rAjQBQHDk-4m5cmXUol/edit?usp=sharing>

Still having technical difficulties? Call **VUSD Technology help line!** (805) 641-5000 x1450 or

vusdparenthelp@venturausd.org

Student Assistance Program (SAP)

Group Information

These are the groups and services offered through the Ventura High School's SAP for the 2020/2021 school year.

To participate in a group, send an email to: bobbie.richards@venturausd.org

Visit the SAP Virtual Office to schedule individual, virtual appointments:

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vQWdKnxKvJIC5wkgYrN5rrNirtSjVeeST5Zz1Dum6sRfDFZTET-vj4l29ck-ky63jilPWxpezctnooV/pub?start=true&loop=false&delayms=60000&slide=id.p>

ALATEEN Sessions Scheduled by Student

There are two options:

- 1) For an Alateen meeting in Ventura County, email "Bear," Group Manager at (grweil776@gmail.com). As the Ventura County Group Manager, Bear will provide a link and "go-to" meeting access code.
- 2) For Alateen virtual meetings/chats **outside of Ventura County**, these meetings can be accessed from the following link. <https://al-anon.org/newcomers/teen-corner-alateen/try-an-alateen-chat-meeting/>

ALCOHOL and DRUG PREVENTION (ADP) Sessions Scheduled by Student/Parent

When contacting the ADP Program Staff, please indicate what school the student attends.

Contact #: (805) 652-6919

BRIEF INTERVENTION (BI) Sessions by Appointment Only

Facilitator: **Bobbie Richards, SAP Counselor (she, her, hers)**

Brief intervention (BI) typically consists of face-to-face, structured, student-centred, non-judgemental gathering using 1-4 counseling sessions of short durations (typically 30 minutes). Based on harm reduction, BI aims to reduce a person's substance consumption to safe level or complete abstinence.

BRIEF RISK REDUCTION INTERVENTION AND INTERVIEW MODEL (BRRIM)

Sessions by

Appointment Only

Facilitator: Bobbie Richards, SAP Counselor (she, her, hers)

The BRRIM provides individualized services to students and their families in order to reduce alcohol and other drug (AOD) use and violence. Designed to provide an umbrella of prevention, intervention, and support strategies within a school, SAP and school district. Staff collaborate with families and community services to address students needs and help them succeed academically and personally.

GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT COUNSELING

Sessions Scheduled by Student/Parent

Facilitator: Amanda McQuade Crawford, M

Clinical Psychotherapy, Botanical Medicine

Livingston Memorial

(805) 633-9056 (home office)

(818) 404-9804 (VM, texts, ZOOM)

“Livingston provides grief and bereavement support throughout Ventura County. [They] offer both individual (one-on-one) counseling with trained bereavement counselors/therapists and group counseling. [The] team of highly trained professionals and volunteers offer compassionate care and support. [The] goal is to provide a safe, healing place to learn how to cope with your grief, share your story, and to honor and remember your loved one.”

LGBTQ+ GROUP

(Schedule TBD based on student interest)

Facilitator: Bobbie Richards, SAP Counselor (she, her, hers)

Tentatively, an “intersectional” approach, which means exploring how aspects of identity intersect and impact stress or trauma. This includes, but is not limited to, sexuality, gender, religion, age, race/ethnicity, or socioeconomic status. Otherwise, open discussions will be the focus, led by student participants.

MINDFUL SELF-COMPASSION GROUP

Wednesdays at 12:15pm

Facilitator: Bobbie Richards, SAP Counselor (she, her, hers)

Mindfulness is the first step in emotional healing, acknowledging our difficult thoughts and feelings. Self-Compassion involves responding to these difficult thoughts and feelings with kindness and understanding so that we soothe and comfort ourselves when we're hurting.

REDUCING ANXIETY GROUP Fridays at 1:00 pm

Facilitator: Bobbie Richards, SAP Counselor (she, her, hers)

In this group, we will engage in exercises to help reduce anxiety

STRESS MANAGEMENT GROUP

Wednesdays at 10am

A place where students can discuss how current life changes are causing anxiety and stress

- Pandemic
- Distance Learning
- Keeping Up With Classroom Zoom Meetings and Classwork
- Family Issues
- Mental or Emotional Issues

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