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Family & Friends

A publication of Valley Lutheran High School



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Family & Friends

We're Moving?? We're Moving!!

“We’re moving” – two words which generate apprehension and excitement. Apprehension because regardless of the distance, across town or around the world, a move brings many unknowns. Excitement because regardless the type of move, office to office or home to home, there will be new and often unexpected opportunities and challenges.

Working my way through college, loading and unloading furniture for a moving company, I saw first-hand the apprehension and excitement. In fact, sometimes my co-workers and I contributed to both! Most moves take a day or two. Here at Valley, we are in the midst of a 7 or 8-month move, which allows us to repeatedly savor the apprehension and excitement.

Do we have some apprehension? Of course! After all of the planning and work of skilled tradesmen, will our

new space meet our needs or did we miss something?

And what about excitement? Certainly. Oh, the new lessons we can teach in the new space!

Like any move, we will finally arrange the furniture, unpack the boxes, hang pictures and declare the move complete. Then the “living” begins. Like any family move, some things will remain the same, while others will dramatically change. We look forward to a weight room with enough space to truly work out. We look forward to science labs that allow for more hands on learning. We look forward to filling the new music room with a “joyful noise.”

We also look forward to some things remaining the same. Lessons challenging students to apply their learning to problems not yet seen. Experiences which shape leaders for today and tomorrow. Positive relationships within our school community with their foundation in Christ.



Dr. John Brandt dons a hard hat and leans on a moving dolly in one of Valley’s storage rooms.

I look forward to showing you the finished product in a couple of months, although we may not have hung the pictures yet!

**John Brandt, Ed.D.
Executive Director**

GROWING Campaign Update

GROWING our future.

Inspired by our vision to be the preferred choice for Christian education in the Great Lakes Bay Region, we must invest in:

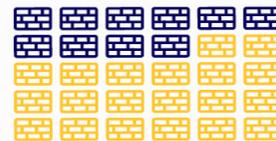
- New and improved space for students
- Innovation in the classroom
- Christian men and women to teach, mentor, and guide
- Scholarships to keep a Valley Lutheran education accessible
- A ministry where God is already at work

Fundraising Progress

■ Amount Raised (82%) ■ Amount Still Needed (18%)



Construction Progress



■ Sq. Footage Completed (33.33%)

■ Sq. Footage In-progress (66.67%)



The pre-game prayer in the newly completed Varsity Boys Locker Room.

Welcome Back to a New School Year!

It's hard to avoid the excitement surrounding the first day of school! From preschool to high school, students spend much time (and money!) preparing for that important, memorable first day. Haircuts are a must, new shoes and a backpack are welcome, too, and hot lunch verses cold lunch discussions begin. As parents, we spend a great deal of time preparing to send our children off to the loving, caring hands of the teachers and staff at school.

At school, the teachers and staff share a similar excitement for the students' return! New bulletin boards go up, classroom seating is rearranged, and lesson plans are written. Class lists are checked and double checked, parent emails are updated and the first sign-up for volunteers surfaces.

This year at Valley Lutheran, the students were welcomed back with a multitude of renovations and improvements. One area of the building that saw much change was the office. The office itself boasts a new staff workroom, a shared office for the Director of Development and the Development Associate, a new records room, and an additional conference room. By adding a new

staff workroom and relocating office supplies, we were able to reconfigure the office space into two separate working stations for our office staff. In addition, one exterior wall was modified to allow for a new security window. This window provides a direct view of all who enter and exit the building.

While the interior of the office



The new security window and entrance doors, shown here, emphasize Valley's commitment to student and faculty safety.

staff to not only hear a voice over the intercom, but to see who is actually requesting to be let inside. Once inside the vestibule, traffic is

routed to enter the office as the second set of doors remain locked during school hours. **Mr. Heath Vincent**, Dean of Students, shared this about the safety upgrade, "The new security vestibule allows us to welcome guests into our building, while ensuring the highest level of student safety for our students."

While the building entrance and office renovations were occurring,

more work was being accomplished throughout the building! New LED lighting was installed in the hallways and cafeteria, painting projects were completed, and a new boiler system was installed. 456 wider lockers replaced the previous out-of-date ones, giving students ample storage for their personal belongings.

The west end of the building also received much attention this summer in preparation for our students' return. A new, multi-purpose room was added. Designated space for a weight room was built, and an athletic storage room was added. Valley's Athletic Director, **Eric Smith**, received a new office, and the locker rooms were expanded to hold both a Varsity and a



This vestibule creates a safer, multi-layered entrance, ensuring an extra measure of safety for our students.

received much attention and reorganizing, much work was being accomplished on the exterior of the building as well. The main entrance, utilized by students, staff and visitors alike, received a welcome safety upgrade and renovation. The existing exterior doors were replaced, and an entirely new set of exterior doors were added, creating a vestibule. To enter these doors, one must stop at the intercom system and be "buzzed" in. The security window, as previously mentioned, allows the office



The new office workroom boasts ample counter and cupboard space for the staff and teachers to prepare for students.

The Best Laid Plans ...

Homecoming didn't go quite the way we thought it would Sept. 27. In fact, it went better.

When we first began planning for the fall issue of Family and Friends, homecoming coverage was an easy selection. Not only is homecoming fun for the students, but parents, grandparents, alumni and friends enjoy the fellowship of the tailgate and the comradery of watching the Valley football team. It's a great article to include because it brings back fond memories of a fun evening! And, we all know what to expect: a cool night where we'll be covered in a blanket, supporting the boosters as we sip hot chocolate and eat popcorn, and crown the King and Queen.

But, Homecoming 2019 was anything but normal. Homecoming 2019 was a reminder of how much we are NOT in control. Homecoming 2019 will become a lasting memory for students and parents alike.

The excitement of homecoming



Valley Senior Eli Frank pushes through the defenders, stretching for the extra yard on this play against the St. Louis Sharks.

starts long before the "day of the game." Students in each grade spend much time working on their floats, striving for the coveted first place



A sea of Valley students cheer during Friday's Pep Rally.

award. Spirit days filled the week leading up to homecoming, and students could be seen sporting a variety of spirited wear – from favorite college teams to Valley swag.

Stepping into the office on Friday would've given you sight to the office staff receiving flowers for the homecoming court, freshly delivered by a local floral shop. If you had tried to use the office copier, you would've realized that your copies were waiting in line behind the Homecoming packets being printed for the game.

Despite the planning efforts of a host of people, the one factor in the back of many minds was the weather. Weather updates continued to pour into the office by teachers and staff, backup plans that no-one really wanted to talk about were discussed, and the Homecoming

excitement grew as the school day drew closer to a close and "it wasn't raining yet!"

In the spirit of homecoming (and

really, who doesn't like the tailgate meal?), many families departed their homes with an eye on the sky, ready for time with family and friends and an evening of fun. The alumni and friends tent sat tall in the middle of the surrounding church and school tents, ready to welcome the many visitors. Famous Dave's BBQ was en route with a buffet of food.

And then the weather came. The torrential wind and rain brought a screeching halt to the festivities. Now, family and friends were scrambling to prevent tents from tipping over, carrying food and supplies to a secure spot, and trying to figure out what would come next.

Students flagged down vehicles to announce that "all festivities have been cancelled – the tailgate and the game for the safety of everyone involved." Driving through to turn around, looking at the floats lined up without a parade to drive through, one couldn't help but notice the sadness on the students' faces as they realized their hard work may not be salvageable.

All that planning, all that prep, all those tailgating dishes to pass, all for naught, as the weather charged through Valley. And now what? Disappointed children and adults.

... Are Planned by God!

Dissatisfied seniors because they wouldn't get their last "traditional" homecoming night. Disappointment for wasting part of an evening driving to and from Valley for "nothing."

This wasn't the way we had planned for the Family and Friends article to run. This wasn't the way we had planned for the evening to go. This wasn't the way we wanted the students to celebrate homecoming.

And then the realization hit.

There are much worse problems in the world than missing the tailgate meal or spending time driving to and from Valley. There is One much greater than any of us who hold us all in His hands. There is One much stronger than the wind and rain that cares deeply for us.

That someone is, of course, our God. God knew the wind and the rain were going to wreak havoc on our planned festivities. God knew that we would have to quickly switch to Plan B. Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us, "I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." And in Matthew 8:27 we read: "...What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey Him!"



2019 Homecoming King Keegan Hook and Queen Cassandra Ross are all smiles during their coronation.



VL's Homecoming Court 2019 poses for a group photo. Front (l to r): Kaleb Rankin, Garrett Malmo, Evan Starke, Keegan Hook, Parker Krause. Back (l to r): Kylie Schmitt, Michelle Becker, Cassandra Ross, Kelsey Vittitow, Summer Little

So, while our evening didn't go as planned, we can be confident that God was with us. God is always there with us in our disappointments and in our celebrations, in our ups and our downs, in all that we do. God loves us so dearly and holds us so close in His fatherly hands! He was willing to take

His Son's hands, stretch them out as far as they could go, and be pierced with nails on the rugged cross for us. His death and resurrection guarantee us a spot in His hands, a spot in His eternal celebration, of which there is no end.

Homecoming surely didn't go as we had planned. But that's okay. It's just the way God planned it.

Oh, and the game? It was still played, just on Saturday. The

homecoming court? A king and queen were still crowned. And the students? While, this might not have been the homecoming they thought they were going to have – it is certainly one they will remember and tell their kids about many years down the road!



A few senior Powderpuff players smile for a photo during a break from the game. The seniors went on to beat the juniors in a fun game!

The "Best Laid Plans" of Homecoming 2019 won't stop us from another tailgate, parade, and festivities in 2020! We hope you'll join us then!

Faculty: Past ...

David Schlesselman Reflects on Valley with Fondness

David Schlesselman was one of the first seven teachers called to Valley Lutheran High School in 1977. He taught math and became the assistant principal before accepting a call to Missouri in 1995. We caught up with him earlier this fall.

Q: Tell us a little about your background.

A: I have extremely fond memories of VLHS. I was called on the original staff in 1977 when it was first opened. I had been teaching for seven years in Chicago when I received the call to be part of a staff starting a high school in Saginaw. We had seven students registered for the fall of '77, but God richly blessed us. When we opened we had 95 freshman and sophomores! Those first couple years were taught in the basement of Faith Lutheran, where I taught math, Old Testament and Geography. In February of 1978, we broke ground at Valley's current site, and we moved into the new facility Easter of '79. I continued to teach math and became the assistant principal in the 80s and remained in service there until 1995. I left Valley to be the Director of Lutheran High School of St. Charles County in St. Peters, Missouri and retired in 2013. Valley was a great group of people, a fantastic community, and had great support of parents!

Q: How did you keep Christ the center of your teaching?

A: Coming to Valley from Lutheran High North in Chicago, it was immediately evident that Valley had a strong emphasis on this being a Christian school, not just a private school. At Valley, we were equipping the saints – not to imply that all students were saints – but they knew Jesus. Having chapel everyday helped continue to keep Christ at the



David (seated front,) and wife Amy are surrounded by family at a recent photo at their home in St. Peters, MO. From left to right, David and Amy are surrounded by: son Randall, who attended Valley as a freshman, his wife Dawn and their three kids Kamron, Zachary and Caylin. Daughter Denise is seen middle back. She attended Valley for two years. Jennifer, a 1994 Valley graduate, her husband Rob, with Rachel, Sarah, Miriam and Caleb.

center. In the first few years at Valley, we had a staff and family Bible study. We took turns leading chapel, and many students would return years later to share some of those chapel memories with us. Christ was in all we did.

Q: You were here for many years; can you narrow your time down to one favorite memory?

A: I guess I remember the people. Dr. Brandt was called in 1979 and Mr. Guenther joined soon after. As people came, they continued to be a part of the Valley family. Other teachers loved the place too, and seemed to want to teach there forever. One of my favorite memories with the staff was when we wanted to start the drama department. We decided to put on *The Odd Couple*, and over the summer the staff practiced, so when the kids returned and we put the play on, they could see the teachers acting. We put on *The Wizard of Oz* in 1987 for

Valley's 10th Anniversary. I was the Scarecrow, Pastor McDonald was the Tin Man, and David Turrill was the Lion. The students filled the rest of the parts, but those plays helped grow our drama department.

Q: How has STEM, specifically teaching math, changed over the years?

A: I think the way math was taught has changed. Take Algebra for example. It used to solely be offered as a one year class. Valley now offers it as a one year class, or for those that are not as gifted at math, they are able to take it as a two year, slower paced course. On the other hand, Valley added a math club for those that excelled at mathematic thinking. I think getting these students into competitions would qualify as "pre-STEM." STEM helps answer the question "when am I going to use this?" as it helps focus the teaching and learning for specific, applicable purposes.

... and Present

Biology Teacher Uses STEM to Enhance Student Learning

Biology teacher Ben Cooper is in his 10th year of teaching at Valley Lutheran. We talked to him about how STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) is shaping his students and instruction.

Q: Tell us a little about your background.

A: I have been a teacher at Valley since 2009. Before that, I was in Orlando and Baltimore at Lutheran Schools. I am married to Amy and we have one son, Shaun.

Q: What classes do you teach?

A: Intro to Biology, Theology I and AP Biology.

Q: How do you utilize STEM in your curriculum?

A: As a department, we have included more problem solving into the curriculum. This has naturally led our students toward the “E” in STEM (engineering), which is often neglected.

Q: How have you seen STEM being used in the career field of Valley’s graduates?

A: In the last five or so years, many of our students have taken as many science courses as they can. STEM careers used to be driven mainly toward the healthcare industry. Now, we’ve seen more interest in the engineering field.

Q: How has the teaching of science changed in your teaching career?

A: When I first began teaching, it was content driven. It was very traditional, where I would teach units and we’d march through the curriculum. Now,



Ben Cooper, pictured at home, with wife Amy and son Shaun.

the classes are more student-driven, where students feel ownership in the direction of their learning. I start with a plan and a vision for our learning throughout the year, and the students naturally get there on their own. It is much more enjoyable to see their growth and progress.

Q: What’s your favorite Valley memory?

A: I “won” the penny war Dunk Tank Challenge. The dunk tank occurred in May, on a cloudy, miserable 50 degree day. The students had looks of excitement when approaching the tank to dunk me, but looks of guilt as they watched me climb out, wet and cold. It was a great fundraiser!

Q: How do you keep Christ the center of science?

A: In all my classes, especially AP Biology, we discuss evolutionary topics, ideas that come from a world that doesn’t accept our Creator. I want my students to have a basic understanding of what someone outside of Valley believes, so they can enter a conversation, be a witness and share the Gospel message with them.

Q: Tell me a little about your STEM plans this year.

A: Over the summer, I was a Dow Corning Foundation grant participant. I developed lessons on worm composting and hydroponics. My students will be utilizing the materials I purchased with the grant to learn about plant growth and worm composting. My students will have worm bins to take care of and feed. They will grow plants in a non-traditional way and I am excited to see them participate in this hands on experience!



Biology students experimentally determine the matter inputs and outputs of burning ethanol by massing it before and after burning. Students will apply the principles they establish about matter and energy in the “Systems and Scale” unit throughout the *Animals, Plants, and Ecosystems* units.

2012 Grad Krystle Reiss Reflects Fondly on Time at Valley



Friends (l to r) Zhe, Aya, Apala and Krystle enjoy an autumn day in New Haven, Connecticut.

Krystle Reiss is a 2012 Valley Lutheran graduate. We caught up with her recently.

Q: Tell us a little about your background.

A: I graduated from Valley in 2012 and attended Alma College for four years. In 2016, I started at Yale for grad school where I'm working on my PhD in Chemistry.

Q: Can you elaborate on what a

Chemistry PhD would let you do?

A: Specifically, my PhD is focused on computational chemistry, which is basically building high-level theoretical models of chemicals and reactions. Since this has given me such a strong background in computers and dealing with large amounts of data, I'm looking into doing something in the realm of data science. I would

help a company turn their data into something understandable and actually useful instead of just numbers in a spreadsheet.

Q: How do you think Valley prepared you for where you are now?

A: I think the AP courses, especially AP Calculus, gave me a head start on math. Because of that, I was able to start in Calc II my first semester of college, which made me really fall in the love

with the subject. It gave me a head start on my classes, so I could complete a double major in chemistry and mathematics.

Q: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) is very big right now. How did Valley's use of STEM influence where you are now?

A: When I first started college, I was more into the medical field. Valley exposed me to a lot of math and chemistry and gave me a head start, especially in math. As a result, the classes I was then able to take my first semester of college made me decide that I didn't want to stop doing math. I switched to physical chemistry, which is very math-focused, and that's taken me to where I am now.

Q: What advice would you give to the seniors back at Valley?

A: My college advisor told me, "If you have a passion for something, you will become good at it." Basically, if you love something, you're going to work at it and that is what is going to make you talented, not just some "natural ability." Don't give up something you love because it doesn't immediately click for you.

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Fall Information Night

**Debating where your son or daughter will attend high school?
Know someone who would benefit from the great education at Valley?**

Who: 7th & 8th Grade Students and Parents or Guardians

What: Hear from Current Students and Teachers on what makes Valley Lutheran an Excellent Choice for High School Students

When: Tuesday, Nov. 5th at 7 pm

Where: Valley's Campus

Why? Learn more about attending Valley Lutheran High School
Questions? Contact Sondra Yantz at syantz@vlhs.com

2012 Grad Daniel Doyle Shares Valley's Influence in College

Daniel Doyle is a 2012 graduate of Valley Lutheran. He graduated from Grand Valley State University in 2016 and is now at U of M working toward his PhD in Neuroscience.

Q: Tell us a little about your background.

A: I began college with pre-med coursework. But I wasn't seeing patients every day. I was more successful in the lab because I like the discovery aspects of the lab, the cutting-edge testing we are doing in the lab. My goal is to get my PhD and continue to do more research in understanding how positive aspects of the brain influence behavior.

Q: How did your time at Valley help prepare you for where you are now?

A: The coursework was a good baseline for undergrad studies. It

prepared me with basic concepts which set a good base for my college studies.

Q: How did STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) at Valley help you in your career path?

A: It helped show what you might be interested in. It provided an introduction into everything, and you could decide if you wanted to explore it more.

Q: How do you show your faith in your vocation?

A: Science is tough. We have to approach everything to make it accessible to anyone. We have to explain it in a way that's understandable in all types of beliefs. In my later courses at Valley, like World Religion, it helped me learn how everything is approached by



Daniel Doyle credits Valley with a strong STEM foundation before he headed off to college.

different communities.

Q: What advice would you give to the graduating seniors?

A: Be open to anything. Don't go into your undergrad work with a plan in mind. You didn't experience everything at Valley!

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How do you show your faith in your grad studies?

A: In my undergrad, that was easy, my friends were faith-based church goers and we attended chapel together every Sunday. In my grad studies, I have

found a church with some Michigan members and I use them as my faith family. In the lab, we just talk research 90% of the time, so instead I let my faith show through my actions.

Q: Finally, what's your favorite Valley memory?

A: I remember when Mr. Zill had an "Astronomy Club" and we would go out behind the school to look at stars through a telescope. One time, we used a programmable telescope to track Saturn as it moved across the sky, and I remember seeing its rings for myself for the first time, which was really amazing.

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Search on for Alumni Angels

Alumni Angels is a group of Valley Lutheran High School alumni who step forward to provide additional financial assistance beyond the school's resources for students with exceptional needs.

Your minimum pledge of \$500 can be the decisive factor that allows a deserving student to get the life-changing, quality, Christian education that Valley has to offer.

For more information, contact John Brandt at 989-790-1676.

Welcome Back to a New School Year, Cont.



Lockers, decorated here with fall sports tags, are a welcome improvement for students' personal storage!

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Physical Education locker room for both male and female student athletes. The expansion of two sets of locker rooms per gender is especially exciting for our sports teams as they no longer have to prepare for a game in a classroom. Coaches and players alike enjoy the proximity to the gym as well as the specific space for game-time prep!

So, welcome back! Welcome to something old and something new! Welcome to changes and another exciting year at Valley Lutheran High School!



A view of the completed office renovation. This photo was taken from the new entrance into the office.



Shown here is the Varsity boys' locker room. They contain wider lockers to accommodate football helmets, pads, and gear.

ALUMNI INFORMATION

Did you move recently, land a new job, change your name or get a new email?

Please use this form to update your information (or your child's information) so you can stay connected with your alma mater. We also invite you to share big news or accomplishments with us (ie. marriage, professional accomplishments, etc.) and we may use it in a future publication. We promise not to share your information with anyone else!

Please mail this form to VLHS, 3560 McCarty Rd, Saginaw, MI 48603 or email information to hbehnke@vlhs.com.

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Children: Name _____ Age _____ Date of birth _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

News or Note: _____

Alumni News

1984

Stan Wallace, Terminal Manager of R & L Carrier, received the President's Award as one of the top ten R & L Terminal Mangers in the country. His terminal has received an A+ rating for three consecutive years. Stan and his wife, Cassandra (Reinke '84), attended the award ceremony in New Orleans.



and 'Faith Alone.' Ruth has plans for eight books in the Sola Series.

2004

Aaron Schimm accepted a position as project manager for Solid Rock Housing Support in Muskegon, MI, a Christian nonprofit dedicated to the preservation of family homes in the county.

Steven Morrill was married in June 2018 and recently earned his Master's Degree in natural science from the University of Arizona.

external affairs coordinator. She works behind the scenes to connect people with the Mackinac Center Legal Foundation, the government affairs team and My Pay My Say (the Center's National Opt-Out initiative).



1996



Ruth (Hessler) Meyer has just published her third novel, 'Hope Alone.' Ruth and her husband, Pastor John Meyer, reside in rural Texas with their five children.

'Hope Alone' is the third book in her Contemporary Christian novel series, Sola Series, following 'Grace Alone'

2010

Wilson Shaner, Jon Weiss and James Rodgers ran the 26.2 mile Cleveland Marathon in May '19. The three graduated in 2010 and remain friends today.

2015

Taylor Piotrowski joined the Mackinac Center for Public Policy in Midland, MI as the project and

Send us your updated information!

We are always happy to hear what our alum are up to! If you have marriage and/or job accomplishments, awards, additions to your family, or other important information, please mail the information to us with the form on the bottom of page 10. Or, email those updates to hbehnke@vlhs.com. Please include your year of graduation and a high quality photo.

We will publish your information and photo as space allows.

Lost Alumni

Do you know the addresses of these alumni? If so, email hbehnke@vlhs.com with details.

- Erich Heitman 1991
- Carrie Haitman 1994
- Jeanne Hemmeter 1992
- Paloma Herrero Salas 1993
- Stacie Herzberg 1989
- Jennifer Hetzner 1994
- Robert Higgins 2002
- David Hilbrandt 1988
- Ryan Hill 2005
- Amanda Himmelspach 1993
- Glenn Hoepfner 1994

- Matthew Hoerlein 1989
- Jessica Anderson 2011
- Christopher Holvey 1989
- David Holzerland 1989
- Shannon Hoppe 1996
- Gary Horonzy, Jr. 1997
- Jeffery Huber 1986
- Dr. Alecia Hudson 2003
- Nicholas Huegel 2003
- Tamra Hunt 1988
- Neil Hunt 1994
- Taneeza Islam 1996
- Leanne Chandler 1984
- Jennifer Ruppel 1992
- Christopher Jankowiak 1990
- David Jimenez 1989

- Gregory Johnson 1982
- Matthew Johnson 2003
- Jennifer Pashak 1992
- Dr. Robert Juhala 1985
- Suzanne Kain 1981
- Won Min Kang 2012
- Stephanie Katzenberger 1994
- David Kaweck 1982
- Brian Keinath 1982
- Michael Kelly 1980
- Melissa Sullivan 1994
- John Kerr 1981
- Devin Kime 2008
- Brandon King 1991
- Kielen King 1993
- Gary Klein 1982

- Jaimi Stanley 1997
- Carl Koella 1982
- Marybeth Kohnke 1982
- Stamatia Korbakis 1996
- Lisa Korbein 1981
- Valerie Kramer 1998
- Kraig Kramer 2002
- Nicole Krause 1999
- Dominic Kreh 1994
- Kevin Krueger 1985
- Frederick Kuch 1982
- Todd Kuch 1983
- Bryan Kuebler 1994
- Kule Kurtz 1995
- Alischa Kuschinsky 2000



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To submit a story idea or if you need to update your address, contact Heidi Behnke at 989-790-1676 or email hbehnke@vlhs.com.



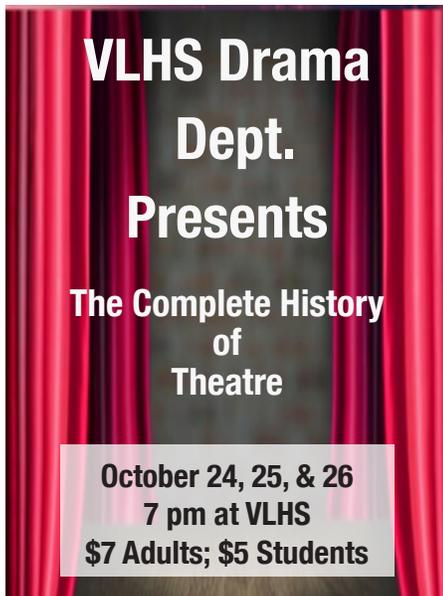


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Upcoming events

A poster for a drama production. It features a background of red theater curtains. The text is centered and reads: "VLHS Drama Dept. Presents The Complete History of Theatre". At the bottom, a white box contains the dates and times: "October 24, 25, & 26 7 pm at VLHS" and the ticket prices: "\$7 Adults; \$5 Students".

**VLHS Drama
Dept.
Presents**

**The Complete History
of
Theatre**

**October 24, 25, & 26
7 pm at VLHS
\$7 Adults; \$5 Students**

A poster for a Christmas concert. The background is a dark blue night sky with a bright star and a crescent moon. In the foreground, there is a silhouette of a nativity scene under a wooden manger structure.

**Christmas
Concert**

**Sun., Dec. 8
3 pm**

A poster for an auction and benefit dinner. The background is a light-colored wood grain. A magnifying glass is positioned over the word "Clue". The text reads: "2019-2020 VLHS Auction & Benefit Dinner", "Feb. 29", "Tickets on sale Jan. 8.", and "Clue".

**2019-2020 VLHS
Auction &
Benefit Dinner**

Feb. 29
Tickets on sale
Jan. 8.

Clue