VLHS Grand Tailgate FAQs

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General Information

When is the tailgate?

The Valley Lutheran Homecoming tailgate begins at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 25.

How do we participate?

You're welcome to just come! There will be a central VL tent in the middle hosted by Valley where everyone can mingle, hang out, play some cornhole, or just grab a hot dog and bottle of water.

…**or** coordinate with your church, school, class, or team to host a tent or join in the parade! *(Specific hosting information is below. To host a tent please complete this information form…or want to join the parade? Let us know here!)*

Where do we park?

Please proceed to the rest of the main parking lot or follow signage to overflow parking in the grass field (west of the driveways). Access to the overflow lot is off of McCarty Rd. and is in the outfield of the practice baseball diamond. Secondary overflow parking is to the right of the 'in' driveway. See parking areas marked in yellow on the map.

Parking along the out driveway is prohibited; full drive access is required for emergency personnel.

Is there anything else we need to know about parking?

The main parking area will be closed from 5:40-6:00 for the safety of all parade participants so please plan to arrive before then. (Parking in the field will still be open during this time.)

Will there be any lawn games out? Or can we bring them?

Families are welcome to bring balls, cornhole, or other activities for tailgaters. We will have a few VL football, soccer, and volleyballs available for kids to use (they'll be in two white laundry baskets on either side of the north soccer goal). There will be two inflatables in the grassy area for kids to play on as well! (Inflatables will be open from 4:30-6:45.)

Are there restrooms available during the tailgate?

Yes! Tailgaters may use the restrooms inside the school building in the cafeteria.

When is the Homecoming Parade?

The parade will begin at 5:45 p.m.

Where do we go to see the parade? What's the route?

Tailgaters won't need to go anywhere! The parade route begins at the tailgating area and will proceed counterclockwise through the parking lot. Parade directional arrows are marked on the map (below).

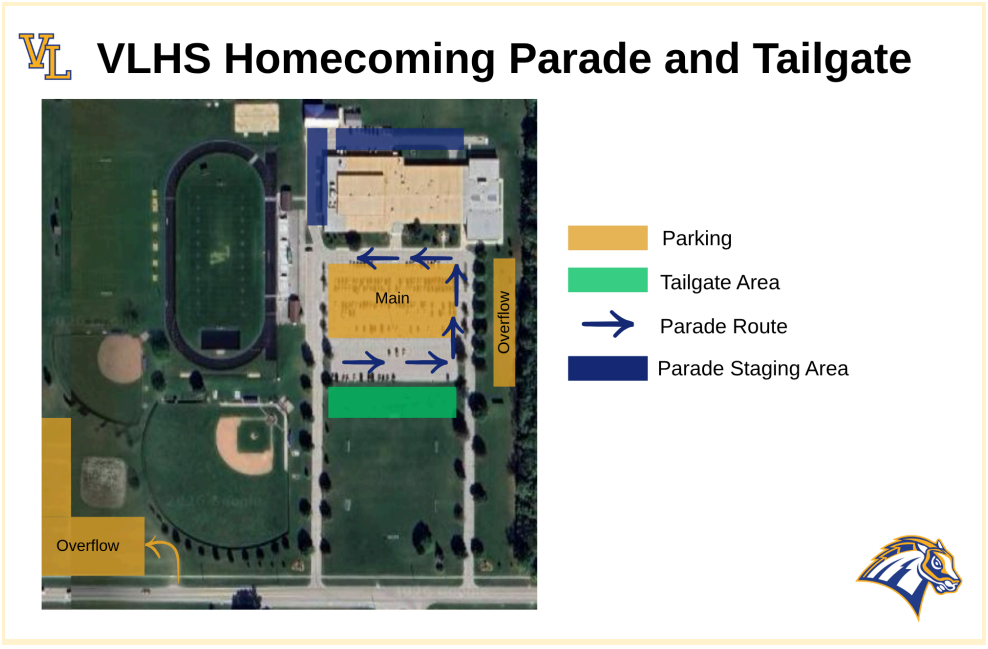
We want to stay for the game afterwards. What do we need to know?

The game begins at 7 pm. Game tickets are $7 (purchase online at www.vlhs.com/tickets or with cash at the gate….or if your child has an Event Pass from Valley you may bring it for complimentary family admission!). If purchasing tickets, online preorder is requested to help expedite the ticketing line.

There will be 3 entry gates as noted on the map below. Gate #1 will be for general admission, both GoFan (advanced purchase) and day-of purchasing. Gate #2 will be open for any passholders. Gate #3 will be open to Valley students only. Gate #1 will open at 6 pm. Other gates will open at 6:15 pm.

Please refer to the map for seating areas. Additional home bleachers will be located on the high jump area beyond the south endzone. Note: For the safety of our student-athletes and fans, track seating will only be available if necessary for overflow.

UPDATE: VL band and student section will be seated on the high jump area leaving their regular area open for home seating!



VLHS Homecoming Stadium Seating and Entry Map

Entry Gates
1 - GoFan & Purchases
2 - Passes Only
3 - VLHS Students

Visitor Seating

Home Seating

VLHS Band and Student Section

Specific Information for Tailgate Hosts

When can we arrive to set up?

Please arrive no earlier than 3:30. There will be an unloading zone to drop off passengers and any items that need to be unloaded by the tailgating area. It will be roped off but can be entered for unloading only.

Where should we put our tent?

Tents/tables can be set up in the grass between the in and out driveways, along the parking lot. There are no assigned spots, other than the Valley tent in the middle. If there are more tents than fit along one row, start a second row!

What do we do with our trash afterwards?

There will be multiple trash cans throughout the tailgate area for your use. Please leave them where they are so others can access as well. There will be additional bags inside each can if needed.

Are there any directions or limitations to what we can bring?

Please remember that VLHS Is a drug, smoke (including vape), and alcohol free zone.

We look forward to celebrating Homecoming with you! If you have any additional questions please contact Amy Cooper at acooper@vlhs.com. Go Chargers!