

## WEST VALLEY CHRISTIAN AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS:

# A World of Fun, Learning, and Creativity

This March, West Valley Christian School's after-school clubs have taken student engagement to a whole new level! From kindergarten through 8th grade, students had the exciting opportunity to explore a variety of clubs that offer something for every interest. Whether it's athletics, culinary arts, or STEM, these after-school activities have given students a chance to discover new passions, develop valuable skills, and make unforgettable memories.

### A Club for Every Interest

The club offerings at WVCS were designed to cater to the diverse interests of its students. In the cheerleading and dance clubs, students have had the chance to learn coordination, teamwork, and performance skills. Meanwhile, the culinary club has sparked creativity in the kitchen, allowing budding chefs to experiment with delicious dishes.

Kira, a second grader, talked about how much fun she had in the culinary club. "I was super excited to be in the club because I love cooking," Kira said. "We made spider crackers. We had our crackers, and we put cream cheese on it, then added straight pretzels for the arms and legs. It was really fun".



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## **A Fun and Engaging Learning Experience**

The after-school clubs have been an incredible experience for students, blending fun with learning. The engaging atmosphere has allowed students to form new friendships, collaborate with peers, and immerse themselves in activities that extend beyond the regular school day. From the moment students step into their chosen club, they're immersed in an environment of creativity, growth, and excitement.

The teachers have enjoyed their time with the students and I think it's so valuable for students to check out. "It's a beautiful thing the school offers," said Ms. Mure, the worship teacher. "It helps kids explore what they want to try and see what they're good at. The kids can explore and parents get to see what their child is interested in. It's great that we have a variety of options. I enjoy being the worship teacher. I love seeing how much the kids love singing!"

Ms. Yana teaches the culinary club as West Valley offers unique clubs. "The students are excited to see food and work with it," Yana said. "I always encourage the kids to try different foods. They can hold it and mold it. The hands-on learning is very valuable. To taste and see what foods can go together."

These clubs offer more than just after-school care; They enhance academic learning but also foster a sense of community and belonging, creating a school environment where students are encouraged to reach their full potential. They also provide a valuable opportunity for students to explore new hobbies, refine their talents, and make memories that will last a lifetime.

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