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#### Dear Parents.

One of the greatest compliments we receive as a school is when parents say, "I want my kids to be like your teachers." At West Valley Christian School, this is not just a statement-it is our mission. Education is more than academics; it is the shaping of character, wisdom, and faith. Jesus said in Luke 6:40, "The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher." This truth guides everything we do. We want our students to reflect the character of their teachers, and we want our teachers to reflect the character of Christ.

Looking back on this year, I am filled with gratitude for the many ways our students have grown—not just in knowledge, but in confidence, leadership, and faith. I have loved seeing our students worship with the same passion as our staff and watching them shine in performances at Veterans Day, Christmas, Easter, and Grandparents' Day. Our students have conducted chapel interviews with deep thought and insight, and our fourth graders had the unique opportunity to write letters to children in Uganda, then see those same children reading their words in a video. The excitement in our middle schoolers has been contagious as they have embraced new electives, social events, chapel newscasts, and even led ASB games and outreach projects. And of course, our boys' football championship was a highlight of the year, a testament to their perseverance and teamwork.

This has also been a year of growth in our academic programs, expanding both rigor and real-world application. We have introduced new resources in STEM, media production, worship technology, and career-focused skills, ensuring that our students are prepared for both higher education and the modern workplace. Whether designing earthquake-resistant buildings, constructing solar-powered cities, or programming robotic arms, our students have had opportunities to engage in hands-on learning that challenges their creativity and critical thinking. In our media and technology courses, students have worked with professional-grade video and sound equipment, used PTZ cameras and green screens, and even created animated AI characters to narrate time-lapse documentaries of their artwork. Chapel has been enriched with live Zoom interviews, where students have learned to use teleprompters and develop their public speaking skills.

Academic excellence at WVCS goes beyond textbooks; it is about deeper learning and practical application. This year, we have focused on strengthening writing development, persuasive reasoning, and communication, ensuring that our students not only understand concepts but can articulate them effectively. Our math and language arts curriculum remains college-prep aligned, setting the foundation for AP and SAT readiness. Through personalized learning platforms like IXL and NWEA, we have used data-driven instruction to help each student grow at their own pace. Beyond academics, our students have been engaged in faith-driven learning that connects knowledge to action. They have ministered through music, dance, and art at senior homes, prayed for children with cancer in Uganda, and supported sustainable agriculture projects. They have stepped into leadership roles by conducting chapel interviews, leading ASB events, and developing confidence in public speaking.











One of the most inspiring aspects of this year has been the way our students have taken ownership of their learning and faith. Have you noticed the way our elementary students conduct chapel interviews with depth and confidence? Have you seen the joy on their faces as they worship? Have you watched our middle schoolers articulate real-world experiences on video, connecting their education to the world around them? These moments are not just milestones—they are the evidence of a transformative education that goes beyond the classroom.

This year has also been filled with unforgettable moments of inspiration. We welcomed guest speakers like Dr. Jason Streubel from Convoy of Hope, who challenged our students to think about global food security, and Brian Wasimba, who shared the mission of providing care and housing for children with cancer in Uganda. These experiences have broadened our students' understanding of the world and deepened their compassion for others. Meanwhile, our students have tackled projects that integrate faith, technology, and hands-on learning, from engineering maglev tracks and pneumatic dump trucks to producing chapel video bumpers and animated documentaries.

What makes West Valley Christian School truly special is not just the curriculum, but the values that are woven into every subject, activity, and relationship. Our students are learning perseverance, integrity, collaboration, curiosity, responsibility, growth mindset, and kindness—not just as concepts, but as guiding principles for life. These values, deeply rooted in biblical truth, shape the way our students interact with the world, preparing them to navigate life's challenges with wisdom and faith. As Jesus said, "When one is fully trained, he will be like his teacher." Our goal is not just to educate but to disciple, ensuring that the character of Christ is modeled through every lesson, every conversation, and every opportunity to serve.

This year has also reminded us of the strength of our school community. When we faced the heartbreaking loss of Susan Chavez, we mourned together, prayed together, and walked alongside her family in support. When wildfires devastated parts of Altadena and the Palisades, our students and staff responded with faith and action. These moments, though difficult, have reinforced the truth that we are more than a school-we are a family, bound together by our shared faith and commitment to one another.

As we close this chapter and look forward to the next, I want to personally thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. We do not take this responsibility lightly. Our mission remains clear: to equip the next generation to think critically, lead courageously, and live boldly for Christ. Through rigorous academics, real-world learning, and unwavering faith, we are shaping students who will make a difference in this world-not just through what they know, but through who they become.

With gratitude, Derek Swales West Valley Christian School

P.S. One of my favorite things about WVCS is seeing a staff that not only loves their students but also loves working together. It is a joy to be part of a school where Christ-centered education is lived out every day.













Darlene Arevalo Walter Arevalo



Rachel Bertrand



**Ashley Barnes** 



Sienna Barnes



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Abbie Bonjorni



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Christina Calzada Munoz



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Joseph Lampechkun



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Michelle Swales



Mike Van Holten



Rhonda Wilcox

### Faculty Candids

























## Elementary Life Candids

















































### TK

#### Mrs. Roberts & Ms. Molly



My Dearest TKers

What a truly amazing year we have shared together! It has been an absolute honor to be your teacher, watching you grow, learn, and shine each day. The love and kindness you show each other, the way you lift one another up, and the beautiful friendships you have built have made our classroom such a special place. Each morning, we started our day with excitement, smiles, and our "Buenos Dias" song, filling our room with "muy biens." Our fun workouts, and crazy dance parties kept us moving, laughing, and ready to learn! Throughout the year, you have worked so hard, learning your letters, sounds, and how to write them properly. I watched with pride as you grew into beginning readers, blending CVC words, and as your writing became stronger, forming sentences with spaces, punctuation, and beautiful letter formation. Worshipping together in chapel was such a special time, lifting our voices in praise and learning all about Jesus' endless love for us. As Matthew 19:14 says, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Seeing your hearts grow in faith was such a blessing. We also had so many exciting adventures, from exploring our community with our field trips, to learning about collaboration and teamwork with our Stone Soup, to celebrating class parties, and diving into hands- on science experiments like real scientists. Each experience was filled with wonder, discovery, and lots of fun! My sweet TK students, you are all so special, and I am beyond proud of you. Thank you for filling this year with laughter, learning, and love. Keep believing in yourself, keep spreading kindness, and never forget how amazing you are!

> With all my heart, Mrs. Roberts









Iris Chi

Adonis Davis









Maxim Fonseca

Nolan Huff

Kingston Jones

Zoe Lai









Eliana Marston

Amara Martin

Sunny Ramirez

**Everett Theriot** 



Shawn Zhao

## Kindergarten

Ms. Downs & Ms. Sophia



Kindergarten 2024-2025 has been an incredible year, and I have loved every moment of it! This group of students worked so hard in all areas of learning, from Science and Math to Bible and beyond. But one area where they truly excelled was in Reading. Their hard work with phonics and reading skills has been amazing to watch. It has been such a joy to see them use these skills not only in their reading but also as they explore the world around them and dive into other subjects.

Beyond academics, what stands out most to me is the kindness and love they share with one another. They encourage and celebrate each other every day, building deep and meaningful friendships. Their love for music and dancing brings so much energy and joy to our classroom, and it's been such a blessing to witness.

This year, these students taught me just as much as I hope I taught them. The relationships we've built and the joy we've shared are memories I'll treasure forever. I feel so blessed to be their teacher and to have had the opportunity to watch them grow.

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." – Matthew 5:16

TTYL Kindergarten, Ms. Sophia and I love you!! - Ms. Downs



## 1ST GRADEZ

Mrs. Calzada-

Mrs. Veta

Ms. Mure

Ms. Celeste



To my sweet 1st grade class,

What an incredible year we've had! Our first day to our last has been filled with memories, joy, and lots of learning. I've loved seeing your unique energy and personalities shine through, the hard work you put into your learning and your curiosity about the world around you. You have shown a truly beautiful love for God and interest in learning about Him and His word. It has been a joy being your teacher this year, and I'm so thankful for the time we've had together. You are a remarkable group of students with many different gifts that God has given you, and I'm excited to see how He continues to work in your hearts and lives as you transition to second grade!

Love, Mrs. Calzada Munoz



Daniela Deh Gratzia



Austin Fletcher



Dylan Garfield



Reggie Green



Violet Greenberg



Elizabeth Gulick



Sebastian Hanna



Ella Hays



La'akea Kelly



Elliott Ketcham



Matthew Krapivkin



Tucker Kropacek



**Eduard Lattassa** 



Johnny Lepito



Roman Lindsey



Vova Lukashev



Ryan McClain



Elowyn Rawlinson



James Raymond



Ashur Shamoon



Zane Villasenor



Demera Wilkins





## Second Grade

Mrs. Romero and Mrs. Chavez



This year in second grade was filled with curiosity, growth, and unforgettable moments. We explored new ideas, tackled challenges with perseverance, and built a classroom community rooted in kindness and collaboration. From mastering math facts to diving into our favorite books, every day was an adventure. We laughed, learned, and supported one another, celebrating both big and small victories. As we move forward, we take with us not just new skills but the friendships and memories that made this year so special. Second grade was a journey of discovery, and we are so proud of how far we've come! It was such a pleasure to work in second grade this year!

Love, Mrs. Romero



Ysabella Babayan



Vincent Boccuti



Cherise Cabrera



Ayden Camarena



Sylvanie Clark



Evan Doop



Kacy Dworsky



Bradley Fiske



Ruby Gazca



Luca Gherman



Austin Goble



Athena Jacobs



Devin Kelly



Aliya Latipov



Shirina Lu



Liliana Manouchehrian



Marston Evalina



Kenzie McKean



Nathan Rabadi



Luca Schoensiegel



Olive Stanley



Kira Tetriak



Aliyah Tyson



Angela Vartanyan



Veronica Vartanyan



Daniel Yurkin



What an absolutely fantastic year we have had together! I am so incredibly proud of each of you. I have cherished every moment we laughed, learned, and grew together. Your flexibility, diligence, patience, kindness, courage, teamwork, and sense of humor made this year truly unforgettable! Each of these qualities will serve you well as you head into fourth grade and beyond.

Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." – Philippians 1:6

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One of my favorite memories was taking you on your very first overnight field trip to the Santa Barbara Zoo—what a special milestone to share together! Always remember to follow Jesus, be kind and brave, take risks, and know that Mrs. Bertrand and I love you so much.

We miss you already!!!

-Mrs. Stalboerger







What a memorable year 4th grade has been! From exciting field trips to heartwarming moments, this year was filled with learning, growth, and fun. Inside the classroom, we had so many fun learning moments! Whether it was working on creative projects, solving math puzzles, or diving into science experiments, we enjoyed every opportunity to grow and discover new things. Each day was filled with laughter, curiosity, lots of singing, and learning.

One of the highlights of the year was our 4th grade spotlight chapel, where we shared everything we've learned. From studying important math concepts to learning songs in Hebrew, it was a special moment to come together and reflect on our hard work. We loved showing our families and friends all the knowledge we've gained and the pride we have in what we've accomplished.

We also had a life-changing field trip to Poverty Encounter, where we learned about poverty and how we can make a difference in the world. It was an eye-opening experience that inspired us to think about how we can help others and work together to fight against poverty in our community and beyond. We ended the year with a thrilling overnight Gold Rush field trip to Riley's Farm. We learned about California's rich history and got to experience life as miners, panning for gold and taking part in historic activities. It was a wonderful adventure that brought history to life in a way we will never forget.

4th grade has truly been a year that we will treasure. We are looking forward to seeing how our learning takes us above and beyond in the year to come! -Mrs. Roseberry



Anders



Elysha Bellinger



Jose Bernardo



Jetson Bosch



Kurtis Cho



Kai Clark



Katelynne Cunningham



Scarlett Curtis



Tyler Doop





Aryana \* Hayatdavoodi



Daniel Hernandez



Abigail Holthaus



Taylor Lindsey



Chloe Minassian



Collette Minassian



Olivia Stout





Mrs. Lopez & Ms. Rhonda



To My Incredible Fifth Graders,

As this school year ends, you are closing one chapter and stepping into a new adventure—middle school! I have loved watching your creativity shine and seeing the enthusiasm you bring to life and learning. Your curiosity and imagination are truly special—never stop questioning, exploring, and seeking truth.

As you move forward, remember that the world will try to shape you, but stay true to who you are. Keep your heart and mind focused on Jesus, even when others try to lead you in a different direction. You are not defined by grades or achievements but by your faith, character, and kindness. Hold on to your passion and joy—I know you are going to do incredible things.



I will always be cheering you on! With love always,

Mrs. Lopez







Amy Fiske





Adele Davidian







Gianna Hanna



Genavieve Hooper



Bells Hughey-Valdettaro



Elsie Kropacek



Connor Lewis



Isaiah Melo



Andrew Rabadi



Lilia Rawlinson



Max Reyes



Jude Noble-Sciacca



Nathaneal Tica



Tealen Wolf



Benjamin Wolpe



Angelos Yennaris



This school year has been an incredible journey, and I have loved watching you grow in so many ways! You have gained new academic skills, deepened friendships, and experienced God's presence in meaningful ways. From your desks in the classroom to the outdoor adventures of Science Camp in Santa Barbara, from Fan the Flame to visits to the senior home, from chapels to play productions to exciting sporting events,

I have cherished seeing the many sides of who you are. My hope is that you will always find encouragement in God's truth and continue to uplift those around you. "Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." – 1

Thessalonians 5:11.

Mrs. Fiske





Olivia Massara



Christian Minassian



Zara Reed



Harrison Sinor



Elijah Wellington



What a year it's been with my amazing 7th-grade homeroom! From exploring World History to sharing laughs and creative ideas, this group has made every day exciting.

They're full of energy, personality, and some seriously impressive thinking. It's been such a joy to watch them grow this year—and yes, I'll admit, I've learned a few things from them too (like how to survive on caffeine and creative chaos).

I'm so proud of all they've accomplished!

-Ms. Bonjorni



Shohmelian Stewart



This 8th-grade class will always hold a special place in my heart. Each of you has brought such fun and unique personalities, making every class an adventure—never a dull moment. I will truly miss the wonderfully chaotic mornings with you all and the countless daily visits, even when we didn't have class together. I hope that when you look back on this year, you remember my scolding as coming from a heart full of love and a desire to see you grow. My greatest hope is that I've inspired you to think for yourselves, to read, to keep learning, and to continue growing.

You each carry a light that can shine so brightly if you continue seeking the Lord. Remember Matthew 5:14-16: "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden... let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Never forget the impact you can make. Keep shining!

Mrs. Arevalo



#### 8th Grade Superlatives

Ashlyn Lathrop
Teacher's Pet

Justin White Most likely to be a stand up comedian Kaylee Ton Best Hair

#### PROOF

Mycah Hughey-Valdetarro Most nonchalant Joleen Ngo Most likely to get caught eating in class Evelyn Nesterenko Most likely to spill the tea

Ashley Montenegro Kindest Heart Lila Farley Most likely to be president Presleigh Fierro Most likely to be late Hope Villereal Most Artistic Ferran Rincon Most Dramatic Dominic Sanchez Most Energetic

Novi Bosch Star Student Emma Gherman

Most likely to move to another country

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Nazih Rabadi Most likely to wear new shoes everyday

Tensley Wolf Most Asthetic Nathan Brown Most Athletic

Kaydein Pleasant Most likely to brighten your day

Brianne Ang Human Calculator

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#### PROOF

### Astrocamp



AstroCamp was an epic adventure that left us in awe of science! We dove into hands-on experiments and thrilling outdoor challenges, from launching rockets to scaling rock walls. Every activity pushed us to think creatively, collaborate as a team, and step out of our comfort zones. Gazing up at the stars, we were amazed by the vastness of the universe, sparking a passion for physics, astronomy, and engineering. But it wasn't just about the science, it was about building lasting friendships, conquering new challenges, and discovering the power of teamwork. AstroCamp was a thrill of excitement, adventure, and memories that will stick with us for years!













"Perseverance was key at AstroCamp—giving up meant missing out on the fun! Rock climbing was tough, but I kept trying, and reaching the top felt amazing.

trying, and reaching the top felt amazing. My friends cheered me on, which made all the difference." -Amy, 5th Grade













"Critical thinking was key at AstroCamp—it helped us solve challenges and make experiments more fun. When something didn't work, we figured out why and improved it." - Jayla, 5th Grade







#### HOLY BIBLE

### MS CHAPEL



"My favorite thing is how they bring tons of different speakers to teach us about the Lord."
-Nathan, 8th Grade



"My favorite thing is hearing Ms.
Angie and Ms.
Mure sing. You can tell God is touching their hearts."
-Ashlyn, 8th Grade









"My favorite thing about chapel is the videos we watch. WVTV is always keeping us updated." -Levi, 7th Grade



"I love the worship!
I love the music
and singing about
the Lord!"
-Justin, 8th Grade



"What I love about chapel is the hype and how they really connect to us as a younger generation." -Lisa, 6th Grade "My favorite part is the speakers. I like learning life lessons and learning more about the Bible through them." -Marcus, 7th Grade





"My favorite part is when I get to listen to Mr. Swales speak and talk about God." -Sophia B., 6th Grade









# CONVOY OF HOPE

# Dr. Dirt Day!

Convoy of Hope is a non-profit organization that helps people in need, especially during natural disasters. They provide food, clean water, medical care, and other important supplies to people who are struggling around the world. They work with local groups to make sure help reaches communities that need it the most. Convoy of Hope also supports kids through sponsorship programs and works to reduce hunger and poverty on a global scale, offering hope and support to those facing tough times. Dr. Dirt is a key figure with the organization and he visited our school this year! He makes sure to get resources and support to those who need it most, using his expertise to guide effective reflect and development programs. He told the students that even though we are young and we may feel like we're not making a huge difference in the world, we can help by dreaming big and being ourselves, just the way God created us.







# Suessical the Musical



The musical production of Seussical Kids was performed by students from 1st through 8th grade. It was a high-energy showcase filled with inspiring performances. The music and dancing were electrifying, capturing the attention of every audience member. Beyond the excitement and entertainment, the production delivered a powerful message about the importance of commitment and loyalty to friends. It served as a reminder that dedication and support for one another are key values that resonate both on and off the stage.







"I made new friends and had fun exploring a new character." -Scarlett, 4th Grade

"I grew as an actress and it was fun."
-Aryanna, 4th Grade

"I loved the whimsical theme of this play." -Olivia 4th Grade

"The dances were fun and we had crazy costumes." -Abby, 4th Grade

"I finally got to be on stage in a production." -Kenzie, 3rd Grade

"It was very creative and had unusual characters." -Lilianna, 3rd Grade















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# VETERANS DAY CHAPEL

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Veterans Day Chapel offered a meaningful space for the community to come together in tribute to those who have served in the military. It is a moment to express gratitude for their sacrifices, remember their stories, and reflect on the importance of service and dedication. During this chapel, students listened to veterans

performed to honor them. There were dances, songs, and poems from several classes to show respect and to thank the veterans for their service.

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"My favorite part of Grandparent's Day was seeing my grandparents at school and performing for them." Journey, 3rd Grade

"I loved all the dancing and when we got to dance with our grandparents out on the floor." Daniel, 1st Grade













"My favorite part was seeing my grandparents and doing our dance!" -Amara, TK



My favorite part was singing about God with my grandparents."
-Mikah, Kindergarten











"My favorite part was making the video about why we love our grandparents so much. When I talked with them after, they really enjoyed it." -JJ, 4th Grade

"Our fifth and fourth grade dance was a lot of fun." -Andrew, 5th Grade













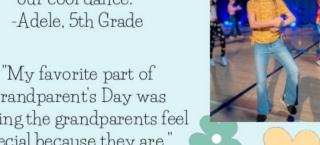




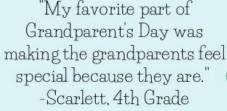




"My favorite part was showing my grandparents our cool dance." -Adele, 5th Grade















"My favorite part of Grandparent's Day was at the end when I ate donuts and went home with them." - Demera, 1st Grade

My favorite part was dancing for my grandparents. -Luca, 2nd Grade

"My favorite part was getting to see my grandparents and spending time with them." -Elizabeth, 1st Grade







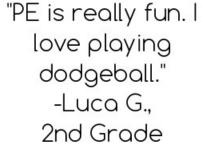
"My favorite part was the video and saying what we love about our grandparents. Also, when we all got on the dance floor." -Elowyn, lst Grade

#### **Elementary School Enrichments**

## Physical Education



"One thing I love about PE is playing fun games. My favorite is tail tag." -Ray, 3rd Grade





"I like all the different songs. I like the warmups when we go really high and low with our voice." -James, 3rd Grade



"I love PE because we have to collaborate in

we have to
collaborate in
games and become
stronger."
-Lexie, 3rd Grade



"I love music because Mrs. Ortiz is so joyful. She wants us to sing perfectly. I just love how she makes us feel special." -Ryan, 1st Grade



"I like Mrs. Ortiz because she wants our voices to be better and better. She really teaches us how to do music." -Asher, 1st grade

## Spanish



"I speak Spanish, but I get to learn more words, and my grandma only speaks Spanish, so it helps me talk to her more." -Genavieve, 5th Grade



"My favorite thing about Spanish is to learn the names of our grandma, grandpa, mom, dad, and others." -Collette, 4th Grade



"My favorite thing about Spanish is learning what all the different words mean." -Kate, 4th Grade



#### Dance

"My favorite part of dance is all the different dances." -Everett, TK



"My favorite part of dance is stretching together because it feels like exercise." -Alana, Kindergarten



"The best thing about dance is breakdancing in freeze dance." -Elias, Kindergarten

#### Art



"I love art because I like to experiment with different things. We get to try a bunch of

different activities."

-Cora, 5th Grade

"My favorite thing about art is showing my creativity because I like making things." -Desi, 5th Grade



"I've always really liked drawing and coloring. I also enjoy the clay sculptures. I like playing with Play-Do so sculpting is a lot of fun."
-Connor, 5th Grade



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"I love the games we get to play. I've made a lot of friends and we get to grow and learn." -Aryana, 4th Grade



"My favorite things is using our creativity. We get to come up with skits and glorify God. I also like the teamwork part." -Ely, 4th Grade



"I like how you can play around and act things out. Then, we have to follow the rules of certain acting games." -Pepperly, 4th Grade

#### STEM



"My favorite part is playing with the robots. And just making all the different projects." -Shirina, 2nd Grade



"My favorite part is we get to make cool projects. Especially the leprechaun trap." -Ruby, 2nd



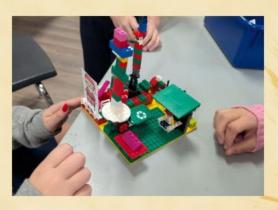
"My favorite part is when we get a star. We get a star by being good and nice to others." -Devin, 2nd Grade



"I like all the different projects because it really makes me think." -Elijah, Kindergarten



"My favorite part is building all the different projects!" -Bradley, 2nd Grade



"My favorite part of STEM is building stuff and it's fun." -Caleb, Kindergarten

# STEM















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"I like when we dance and when people play the piano. I also like to worship God." -Tealan, 5th Grade

"My favorite thing is worship and the activities." -Lion, Kinder

"I love the songs and singing about God." -Miyah, Kinder



"I love that we get to worship God." -Genavieve, 5th Grade



"I like the skits, the spotlight chapels, and the music." -Emilee, 3rd Grade









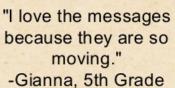
"My favorite thing is how much we include all of elementary in our chapels." -Olivia, 4th Grade



"My favorite part is Farmer Fran and the skits. Plus, when she says skibidy at the beginning." -Daniel, 2nd Grade









"My favorite part is when we sing the first song and it goes really fast."

-Evan, 1st Grade



"My favorite thing about chapel is praising God and telling him that we really love him." -Scarlett, 4th Grade

"I love the fun songs that we sing and the spotlight chapels." -Ray, 3rd Grade



## **Middle School Tribes**







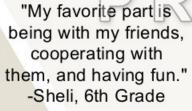






"My favorite part is having fun with my friends, playing the games, and trying to win for my team." -Samuel, 7th Grade











"My favorite part about the tribe games is working together with my teammates." -Mycah, 8th Grade













In middle school, teamwork and collaboration are key to success. At the beginning of sixth grade, students are divided into one of four groups; the Red Dragons, Golden Cobras, Purple Pumas, or Green Geckos. Throughout the year, games related to physical and mental abilities were played. Students learn to work together and not only strengthen their individual abilities, but also contribute to the success of the entire group.







# Middle School Life

Candids















































# CJSF WALLES

California Junior Scholarship Federation is a statewide organization of over 600 chapters. Its goal is to foster high standards of scholarship, service, and citizenship in middle school students of California. Membership offers opportunities for students to participate in service projects such as serving the elderly in Varenitas, packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, and more. Students in CJSF also raised funds through tribe challenges like Penny Wars and activities like Panda Express.











"CJSF had a lot of hard workers and we all managed to get a lot of work done to help our community. I'm proud of all the students who joined this year." -Brianne CJSF President

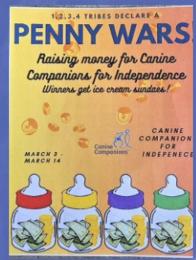




















"I love that CJSF is student-led! Brianne and Emma did an incredible job leading the club this year, and I'm so proud of all they and the other members accomplished. All of them were truly committed to serving, and they weren't afraid to get outside their comfort zone to do it."

- Mrs. Garcia







#### Art

The "Exploring the World of Art" course helps students develop artistic skills through various mediums, including drawing, painting, and sculpture, while learning design principles and art history. It fosters creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration, preparing students for future art and design studies and careers.

#### Dance Studio

"Performative Dance" allows students to explore dance through various styles like ballet and hip-hop, developing technical skills, discipline, and stage presence. The course emphasizes storytelling through movement and prepares students for careers in performing arts, choreography, and stage production by fostering teamwork and creative problem-solving.









# Digital Media

Digital Media teaches students how to create engaging content for the school Instagram, focusing on visual storytelling and social media management. The course fosters creativity, digital literacy, and communication skills, preparing students for careers in digital marketing and visual communication.





# Early Education

Early Education offers a hands-on mentorship experience, where students assist educators in shaping young minds from preschool to lower elementary grades. Participants engage in activities like reading, math, crafts, and promoting healthy eating, while learning about child development and teaching methods.









# Entrepreneurial

Business and Marketing introduces students to the basics of innovation, market analysis, and promotional strategies. The course fosters creativity, strategic thinking, and business acumen, preparing students for careers in entrepreneurship and business management.





## Multimedia Journalism

Multimedia Journalism immerses students in storytelling, screenwriting, and content creation, enhancing communication and collaboration. Students write scripts for the Newscast team, Theater Arts skits, and newsletters, while gaining skills in video production and journalism for future careers in broadcasting and digital media.











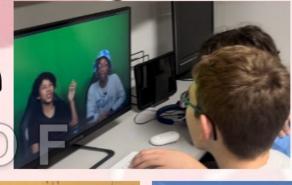


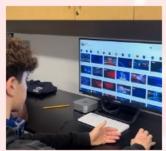
#### Newscast

Newscast teaches students speech preparation, delivery, and performance, focusing on crafting engaging narratives for various media platforms. The course covers vocal techniques, interviewing, and live event coverage, preparing students for careers in media with an emphasis on clear communication.

## Newscast Post Production

Newscast Post Production provides students with hands-on experience in recording studio production, editing content for chapel presentations, YouTube, and Instagram. The course covers green screen technology, video editing, and multimedia integration, preparing students for careers in media production and communications.













## Newscast Tech

Newscast Tech teaches students video and audio recording for live studio production, focusing on teleprompters, video switching, and audio mixing. The course develops technical skills in video production, lighting, and camera work, preparing students for careers in media production and technical support.

# Strategy Games

Tactical thinking and competitive play introduces students to the world of strategy games such as chess and Risk. This course develops critical thinking, decision-making, and strategic planning skills through guided gameplay and analysis. Students learn game mechanics and collaborative competition, preparing for careers in game design and strategic analysis by honing their tactical and analytical abilities.









STEM Makerspace

STEM Makerspace engages students in hands-on engineering projects, including designing and testing models like dragsters, airplanes, and solar-powered cars. Students learn key concepts in aerodynamics, circuits, and material properties while using specialized equipment like dragster tracks and solar kits.





STEM Mechanical Engineering

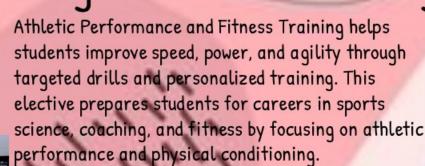
STEM Mechanical Engineering introduces students to engineering through projects on Transportation, Alternative Energy, Pneumatics, and Hydraulics. Students design and build maglev vehicles, wind turbines, and pneumatic systems, learning key concepts like fluid dynamics and alternative energy while using equipment like maglev tracks and wind turbine kits.







# Strength and Conditioning







# Student Leadership (ASB)

ASB provides a platform for students to develop leadership and organizational skills. Students plan and execute school events, manage student government initiatives, and foster a positive school culture. The course emphasizes communication, teamwork, and project management, preparing students for leadership roles in various settings, including community service, event planning, and organizational management.









## Crafts

This course immerses students in various crafting techniques, such as jewelry making, pottery, and textile arts, while emphasizing personal expression and creativity. Through hands-on projects, students develop design and craftsmanship skills, preparing them for future studies in visual arts and artisanal crafts.





## Theatre Arts

Theatre Arts develops students' skills in performance and storytelling through skits, play productions, and newscasts. The course covers stage presence, vocal projection, scriptwriting, and media techniques, preparing students for careers in acting, journalism, and media.









# Video Editing and Graphic Design

Video Editing and Graphic Design teaches students video production, editing, and graphic design skills. The course covers video projects and layout design, preparing students for careers in video production, graphic design, and multimedia arts.





## Yearbook and Newsletter

The Yearbook elective allows students to develop skills in photography, design, and writing while creating the school's annual yearbook. Students work collaboratively to capture memorable moments and design layouts, gaining experience in visual storytelling and teamwork.









AS WE FACE CHALLENGES, WE CAN HOLD ONTO THE PROMISE FOUND IN ISAIAH 41:10 "DO NOT FEAR, FOR I AM WITH YOU: DO NOT BE DISMAYED, FOR I AM YOUR GOD. I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU AND HELP YOU: I WILL UPHOLD YOU WITH MY RIGHTEOUS RIGHT HAND." TRUSTING IN GOD'S PRESENCE GIVES US THE COURAGE TO MOVE FORWARD, KNOWING WE ARE NEVER ALONE IN OUR STRUGGLES.









"My favorite part of Fan the Flame was the fact that I got to worship God with all my friends" -Ashlyn, 8th Grade

"My favorite thing about Fan the Flame was the worship and singing with my classmates and the other classes." -Nathan, 8th Grade



"My favorite part was spending time with my team and cheering them on through events." -Emma, 8th Grade

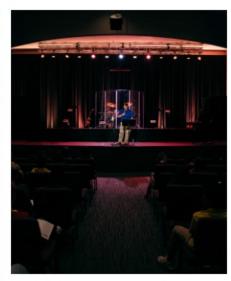














"My favorite thing was going into the breakout groups where we learned more about Jesus and how to keep our faith."

-Richard, 7th Grade





The Associated Student Body (ASB) represents students in a school, aiming to enhance their experience. It organizes events, advocates for student interests, and promotes school spirit. ASB collaborates with school administration to address student concerns and facilitate communication. Through various activities, it fosters an inclusive environment where all students feel valued.





"ASB has taught me the power of teamwork and leadership. From the times I was secretary to vice president, I have had the chance to grow, create memories, and build school spirit. Every challenge and event has been an unforgettable part of my journey, and I'll carry these lessons with me forever." -Emma, 8th Grade





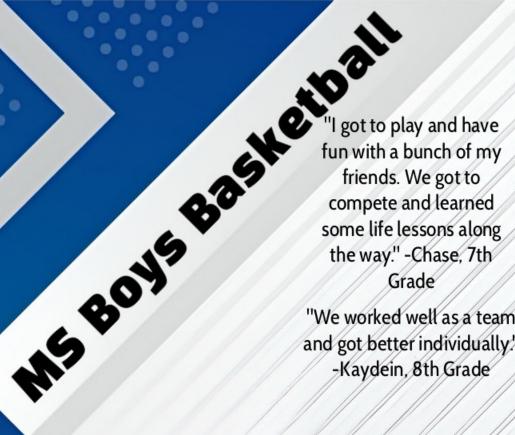


"As president of ASB, I am glad and proud of all our ASB members and how much more we have done this school year. For example we led chapels, helped our peers as much as possible, and entertained them with fun events!" -Ashley, 8th Grade









"We worked well as a team and got better individually." -Kaydein, 8th Grade

"We got to work together to build friendship and brotherhood. No matter what, we had each other's backs." -Anson, 7th Grade

"My favorite part was playing with my friends. We fought through adversity, learning from our mistakes, and did our absolute best." -Nathan, 8th Grade

"The middle school boys' basketball team faced tremendous adversity this season, pushing through every challenge with heart and determination. While the results weren't always what we hoped for, the growth they experienced-both on and off the court-was undeniable. Through hard work, perseverance, and teamwork, they became stronger players and even better young men. The lessons learned this season will stay with them far beyond the game." -Coach Matt



# CHEERLEADING



"This year really defined cheer at West Valley Christian School. We watched our boys get the championship trophy as they fought hard in the last game and cheered our whole hearts out as our basketball boys fought till the last minute during their playoffs."

"I am so honored I got to coach these girls through the year. I've watch them grow into beautiful young girls, bonding with each other like never before and am excited to continue to watch them grow."

-Coach Angie





C'enna Corral



Adele Davidian



Gianna Sanchez



Jayla Cabrera



Taylor Lindsey



Genavieve Hoopen



Gianna



Kendrie Mendoza

"Making bonds with other people was so much fun also while cheering our heart out!" - Taylor





"My favorite memory in cheer was when we got to cheer at the football championship and I loved being able to throw up my Pom Poms at the end of the game. It was awesome watching the boys play every week and they won most of their games! I love being a cheerleader." -Kendrie





Aiden Rutzen



Dominic Sanchez



Ferran Rincon



Anson Balton



Nazih Rabadi



Justin Eghbal



Elijah Wellington Chase Stewart





Nehvan Mena



JJ Bernardo





Nathan Brown



Justin White



Levi Cunningham







"This season was one for the books for the West Valley Christian Middle School Flag Football team! After starting the season with a tough loss to our cross-town rivals, Laurel Hall, we bounced back in a big way, dominating every other team we faced.

Our 8th-grade leaders—QB/FS Dominic Sanchez, WR/DB Nathan Brown, and Naz Rabadi—kept us focused and determined all season. The championship game was a testament to their grit and our team's heart. Down 14-0 with just minutes left, we rallied to secure a thrilling 16-14 victory over Laurel Hall, capped off by a game-winning defensive stop. This team showed what true perseverance looks like, and I'm so proud to have coached them to the championship!" -Coach G

"I loved the communication that we had during the games."
-Ferran, 8th Grade

"I loved when everyone changed positions and played in different spots."
-Anson, 7th Grade



"My favorite part was scoring a touchdown on my birthday. And hanging out with all my friends." -Nehvan, 7th Grade

"I enjoyed warming up with the team before games.

We always had so much fun."

-JJ, 4th Grade

"Lenjoyed learning the plays and different routes." -Aidan, 7th Grade

"I loved getting to hang with my friends at practice while learning new thing. And winning the championship!"
-Nathan, 8th Grade







# Elementary Boys Basketball

The elementary boys' basketball team deminated their league, going undefeated and proving their skill and teamwork on the court. Not backing down from a challenge, they stepped up to face a middle school team, showing their heart, resilience, and fearless mentality. Their hard work and determination made this season one to remember, and the future looks bright for these rising stars! -Coach Matt

"My favorite part about basketball is doing the drills because they're fun. I'm also new to the sport so it was very fun trying new things." -Christian, 6th Grade

"My favorite part about basketball is being around my friends and playing the sport I love." -JJ, 4th Grade "My favorite thing is having fun with my friends. I get the opportunity to be around them more and learn more about them." -Ely, 4th Grade

"My favorite part of basketball was playing with all my friends." -Justin, 6th Grade



Elijah Wellington Trevin Chang Nathan Tica Angelos Yennaris

Isaiah Melo Kai Clark Andrew Rabadi

#### PROOF

JJ Bernardo Ely Bellinger Harrison Sinor

Justin Eghbal Ben Wolpe Christian Minassian

Ashlyn
Lathrop
Fierro

Sofia Lasalvia



Brianne Ang

Sophia Krapivkin

#### Sheli Deh Gratzia

I loved just hanging out with friends and having fun. Working together and learning new skills, it was a lot of fun. -Sheli, 6th Grade Vera Ishkhanian

I'm a big fan of basketball. Coach Matt taught me new skills I had never learned before. It helped prepare me for games. -Vera, 6th Grade Bells Hughey-Valdettaro

My favorite memory
was driving to a
game with Vera,
Sheli and Sofia L.,
and doing karaoke in
the car.
-Ashlyn, 8th Grade



The middle school girls' basketball team showed incredible heart and determination throughout the season. Through every challenge, they grew stronger, built teamwork, and never backed down. Their resilience and commitment to improving made this season one to be proud of. The Falcons never quit! -Coach Matt



## Boy's Soccer



Christian Minassian



Justin Eghbal



Elijah Wellington



Trevin Chang



Marcus Cowley



Nehvan Mena



Nathan Brown



Ferran Rincon



Kaydein Pleasant



Dominic Sanchez



Anson Ballton



"This season was about more than just soccer—it was about growing as a team and learning how to be young men of God. I'm proud to have helped show what it means to live like Christ, both on and off the field. Hard work, discipline, and commitment are lessons you'll carry with you long after the season ends."

-Coach Ethan

"I really enjoy soccer and playing with all my friends. The same friends I played with in basketball and football. We like to win a lot." -Justin

"I really want the team to win a championship!"
-Ferran

"I play soccer because I like to have fun. I also like winning a bunch of games."

-Marcus

"One thing I'm most excited about is scoring a goal!"
-Christian

## **Elementary Soccer**





"I'm proud of the heart these students showed this season. Their hard work paid off as we went undefeated! More importantly, they learned to be respectful and humble—win or lose. It was a blessing to coach them and see their love for the game grow." -Coach Ethan

"My favorite part about soccer is I get to practice more, learn new things, and have fun." -Kai, 4th Grade

"My favorite thing is having fun, while playing with my friends, and scoring goals." -Cora, 5th Grade "My favorite thing about soccer is scoring goals." -Elsie, 5th Grade

"My favorite part of the soccer is teamwork. Passing and scoring goals."
-Elijah, 6th Grade

## Girl's Volleyball

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"I've loved getting to see them grow throughout the season. We have challenged these girls day in day out and they have accepting the challenge each time. Our team has been very dominant and it's been so fun to coach these girls."

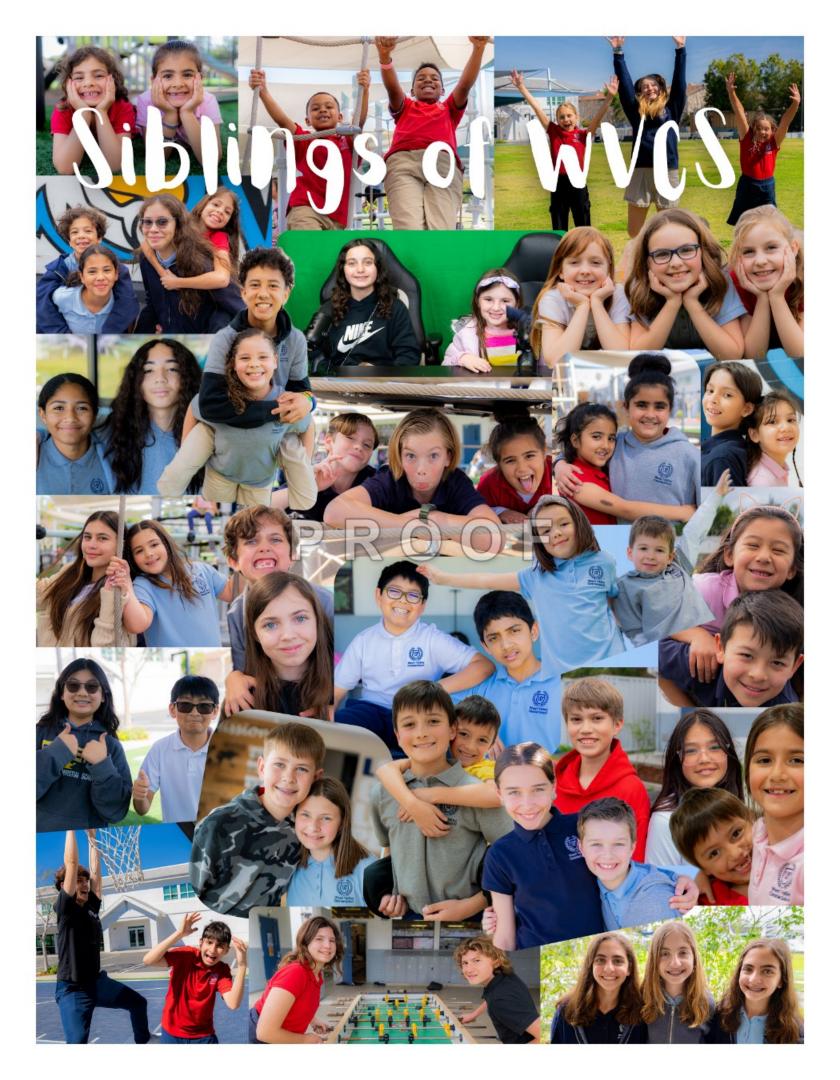
-Joseph, Head Coach

"It's been such a fun experience watching these girls grow throughout practice. I don't think there's been a moment where I haven't seen growth within the girls, and I think it's because they truly want to grow and they want to do better and they take our discipline and they are understanding what it means to be a team. It's been beautiful watching these girls mature into not just great players, but great women. They're amazing, and I'm excited to just continue this season strong. I believe it's gonna be a great season."

-Mure, Assistant Coach

Evelyn Nesterenko Novi Bosch Vera Ishkhanian Joleen Ngo Presleigh Fierro Ashlyn Lathrop Sofia Krapivkin Lisa Fox Ruby Crawford Mary Kasabyan **Brianne Ang** C'enna Corral "I love this team "Volleyball is a very competitive sport and because it makes me it really helped me feel confident on playing and because I learn how to work with get more practice." a team." -C'enna, 6th Grade -Presleigh, 8th Grade "I love this team because all my friends are on it and we have so much fun playing!" -Ashlyn, 8th

Grade





## Peter Pan Live



































"As I wrap up my final year at West Valley Christian School, I couldn't think of a better production than Peter Pan—one of my favorites—to celebrate this journey. This cast is full of incredibly talented students, and watching them grow in confidence, acting, singing, and dancing has been an absolute joy. I am so grateful that the Lord has











#### Lilia Rawlinson

Goodbye 5th Grade, Hello Middle School!

We love you so much and constantly thank God for creating such a sweet, empathetic, smart, and talented sweetheart. We couldn't be prouder of the young lady you are becoming.

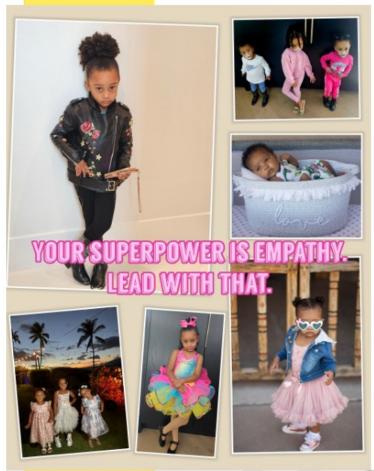
Love, Mom, Dad, Keeva, Elowyn, Luke and your chickens (Chicken Noodle Soup, Chicken Little & Murray).















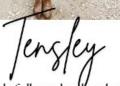


We're incredibly proud of you, Justin! Remember that you are destined for greatness - keep chasing your dreams! Congratulations! Love, Mom and Dad













We are so very proud of all your har work and accomplishments throughout not only middle school but also in your competitive dancing and life all around. We have cherished every single moment of watching you grow into the beautiful, driven, wonderful girl you are today. Keep shining bright and always remember "with God all things are possible" Matthew 19:26

We Love You So Much - Mom, Dad and Tealan















Lila,Watching you grow into the amazing girl you've become has made us all so incredibly proud. Everything you do, you do with so much determination and passion. You bring such a bright light with you, wherever you go~ we have no doubt you will continue to shine in high school. Always remember to lean on your faith, know how much we love you and that we will always be your biggest fans. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

Love, Mama, Daddy, Gavin (and Bullet)



Celebrating you, our dear Nathan!
We are incredibly proud of you.
Please continue to shine your light
and be faithful to our Lord God.
We love you! ( Mom and Dad )



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#### Congratulations! my sweet babies

I have always taken pride in celebrating all of your accomplishments and milestones no matter how small they have been and making sure I don't miss a moment. Watching you grow and achieve so much has been an absolute joy. As each of you step into this exciting new chapter, I want you all to remember that God

has a beautiful plans for you. This journey may bring new challenges, but never forget that God is walking beside you. Lean on Him in moments of uncertainty, seek His wisdom, and trust that He will guide your path. I could not be more proud as I watch you all blossom into the incredible individuals you are becoming. Hold on to the values you've learned along the way, and let your light shine brightly wherever you go. Each of you have been blessed with so many gifts and are destined for greatness. A you pursue your dreams, remember that God's love surrounds you, and His grace is always sufficient. Go forward with courage, knowing that He is your source of strength and wisdom. I love you three more than you could ever comprehend. No matter what life brings, you can always count on me to be by your side, believing in you

can always count on me to be by your side, believing in you endlessly and cheering you on through every step of your journey.

Dadly & Martiny Jove you

Proverbs 22 : 6



Congratulations, EMZY!!!

We are so very proud of you! This is the first of many successes that will come your way.

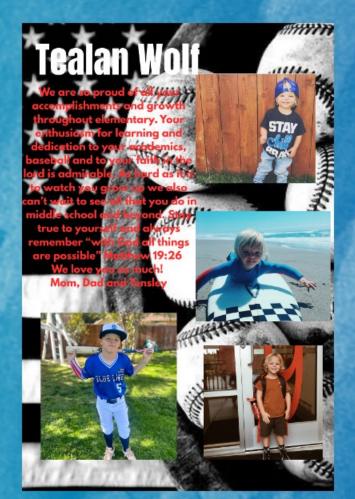
We love you,

Mom, Dad & Luca

# Dear Ava.

From the moment you came into our lives, you have been a shining star. Your kindness, humor, and intelligence light up every room, and we are beyond proud of the incredible young girl you are becoming. Your dedication and hard work inspire us every day—from earning your green belt in karate (on your way to black!), to playing piano beautifully, to bringing stories to life in theater. And of course, your love for math proves that your brilliance knows no bounds! No matter where life takes you, always remember: the sky is the limit—never settle for less than what you deserve. Mom and Dad will always be your biggest supporters, cheering you on every step of the way. A special thank you to West Valley Christian School for not only providing a strong education but also shaping the hearts and character of its students. Your impact on Ava's life is truly a gift.

With love and pride, Mom & Dad



#### Tensley and Tealan,

We are so proud of you both. Keep working hard to achieve your dreams and grow into the wonderful people you are meant to be.
You are loved so very much and add unbelievable joy to our lives.
With much love and aloha, Mimi and Poppi xoxo



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Anthony, we are so proud of your accomplishments this year. You've had your challenges, but you overcame them with maturity and self-determination. You have grown into a beautiful person, inside and out! We are so proud of your dedication and hard work. Continue to work hard, and you will continue to achieve whatever you want to be.

Because you can accomplish anything you set your mind to! We are so proud of the young man that you have become. Your strong character, determination, and hard work will take you far in life. You are an amazing person, full of life, confidence, drive, affection and brains!

"Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of somebody else." -Judy Garland
"Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice, heart and intuition." -Steve Jobs

















Congratulations to our amazing Gigi, who even inspires us adults with her grace, selflessness, dedication, and kindness. You are an amazing sister, daughter, and friend. We couldn't wish for a better daughter, as you have surpassed all our expectations. May God bless you and give you according to your amazing heart.

## Donuts and Dad



## Beach Day



































## Santa Barbara Christian Camp









#### A School Anchored in Stability, Safety, and Community

One of the greatest gifts we can offer our students is a place of safety, stability, and belonging—a place where they feel protected, valued, and supported from the moment they arrive until the moment they go home. West Valley Christian School is more than just a campus; it is a carefully woven community of people whose daily dedication makes it a place where students thrive.

Every morning, as families drive onto our campus, they are met with a reassuring presence—Sam and Peter, our armed security guards. Their steadfast watch over our school is more than just a role; it is a promise of protection that allows parents to drop off their children with confidence, knowing they are in a secure environment. In a world where peace of mind is invaluable, we are deeply grateful for the resources God has provided to ensure our students' safety.

Right beyond the security gates, another layer of warmth and welcome greets every child and parent. Atsuyo, Molly, and Sophia stand at the front lines of our morning drop-off, offering cheerful smiles, clear directions, and a spirit of joy amidst the whirlwind of morning routines. Their presence is not just about efficiency—it's about setting a tone of warmth and belonging for the entire day.

Once inside, students and parents encounter the heartbeat of our school—the office staff. Michelle Swales, Trish Herget, and Debbie Corsino c<mark>reate an</mark> environment where every need is met with grace, patience, and care. Whether a student needs guidance, a parent has a question, or a teacher require<mark>s support, they</mark> are the ones who keep the wheels turning with kindness and efficiency. Over in the preschool office, Martha Severo and Trish Shaffer are an unwav<mark>ering support</mark> system for our yo ungest learners and their families. Preschool is often the first experience parents have with our school, and these two women e<mark>mbody the</mark> patience, consistency, and loving presence that make those early years a joy.

As the school day unfolds, an entire network of staff members works behind the scenes, making sure that every student is engaged, supported, and encouraged. Our elementary and middle school teacher aides, and after-school daycare staff ensure that students are not only supervised but also known, cared for, and invested in. At the end of the day, parents return to pick up their children, greeted once again by the steady presence of Sam and Peter and the cheerful energy of our after-school daycare team. Whether on the playground, at study tables, or enjoying creative activities, these staff members foster an environment of joy, play, and care, creating an extension of the school day where children continue to feel at home.

Beyond the daily rhythms of safety and stability, our school thrives because of the extraordinary contributions of so many individuals who pour their talents into every aspect of campus life.

- Walter Arevalo has truly revolutionized the way we showcase our school to the world. His ability to capture the joy, passion, and excellence within our classrooms and special events has elevated our social media presence beyond anything we could have imagined. Every week, Walter sorts through an endless stream of school experiences, finding the moments that best tell the story of our teachers' dedication, our students' excitement, and our school's mission. From middle school students feeling cool about being featured on Instagram to teachers nervously wondering which angles and soundbites will be captured, Walter has a gift for putting people at ease while making them shine. His video and song choices have transformed our Instagram into something truly unique, allowing us to proudly showcase the best of our school. But his work extends beyond social media—he is also mentoring staff and students in media production, equipping the next generation with valuable skills in videography, editing, and storytelling.
- Ashley Barnes is the unseen orchestrator behind the magic of our chapels, school-wide events, and productions. She has worked tirelessly behind the scenes, ensuring that every event is seamless, impactful, and visually stunning. If you've ever wondered how our chapels, Grandparents' Day, Veterans Day, the All-School Christmas Chapel, or the Easter production come together so flawlessly, the answer is Ashley. Her ability to synchronize teams, manage logistics, and support teachers and students in delivering their best performances is truly remarkable. This past year, her dedication has lifted an enormous burden from our office staff and event coordinators, allowing them to focus on the details that make these gatherings even more special. What makes Ashley exceptional is her ability to serve not only as a production leader but also as a caretaker of the people involved. She ensures that every teacher and performer feels valued, prepared, and encouraged. Her commitment to excellence and her selfless work ethic have made an unforgettable impact on our school's culture.
- Some other vital behind the scenes people for events include: Trisha Herget, Caitlin Phillips, Daniel Cabrera, Michael Van Holten, Joshua Mhin, Romeo Manitag, Ryan Jorgenson, Kevin Kruse, Matt Dy, and Joseph Lampunchkin have played essential roles in technical production, lighting, sound, and media coordination, ensuring that every event reflects the heart and mission of our school. For Grandparents' Day, over 18 people worked together to produce an unforgettable event—not just the students performing on stage, but also the enrichment teachers, elective instructors, and production team behind the scenes. They are seamlessly synchronized all aspects of creative arts, making sure dance, vocals, and staging came together seamlessly—not just for Grandparents' Day and Easter production but now in the future for every major school event throughout the year so that our students can eventually take their roles and be the hands and feet of this team.

Another vital part of our school's success is the Summer Camp program, led by Molly and Sophia. Beginning in January, these two young leaders begin structuring camp trips, interviewing and selecting color group leads, recruiting CITs (Counselors-in-Training), budgeting for trips, and ensuring prices reflect staffing and activity costs. Their work goes beyond logistics—they design graphics, create promotional videos, write newsletters, and strategize how to build excitement for the April launch. They collaborate closely with Trish Herget to ensure a smooth online registration system, making sure that every family can sign up with ease. What makes their contributions even more remarkable is that they are both college students working full-time at our school as teacher's aides, yet they have taken on the immense responsibility of running a Summer Camp program. Their leadership, creativity, and dedication have built a camp culture that is vibrant, engaging, and reflective of the values of our school. While Molly may be moving on to pursue her career, and we don't know where their futures will take them this: if any business or organization is looking for young, capable leaders, these two are among the best.

As we reflect on this year, it is clear that West Valley Christian School is more than just a place of learning—it is a place of refuge, joy, and unwavering support.

Through the highs and lows, through moments of celebration and heartache, we are blessed with a staff that carries the weight of our mission with grace, resilience, and faith.

To every member of our team—whether seen or unseen, whether leading from the front or working quietly in the background—thank you. Your dedication does not go unnoticed. You are what makes this school special, and we are grateful for the immeasurable ways you serve our students, our families, and the Kingdom of God.

With deep appreciation,

Derek Swales

West Valley Christian School

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## In Loving Memory of Mrs. Chavez

"Hove how she loved worship music. We went to Christian concerts together." -Mrs. Swales

'Susan Chavez was more than a friend-she was my partner in crime in all things theater. Together, we co-directed countless plays, always sneaking in a cameo and playfully competing for the spotlight. We poured our hearts into writing and performing chapel skits, bringing stories to life with creativity and laughter. I have no doubt she's starring in one of Heaven's grandest productions right now. Her legacy on and off the stage will never be forgotten." -Mrs. Lampechkun

"It was such a blessing to get to work with Susan for the short time that I did. She made such an impact on me and our class. She was always going above and beyond to help and show her love for all of us. She was someone I could always count on and I love getting a chance to worship the Lord with her every morning in our classroom." -Mrs. Romero

"I always loved to spend time with Mrs. Chavez in her classroom listening to worship music and talking about our love for Jesus. She loved to share Jesus' love with all of her students. She was a true light on this campus."

-Mrs. Angie

"Mrs. Chavez was my side buddy, so I absolutely enjoyed spending recess and lunch by her side daily. We would talk about so much. She would help me with personal issues that I wouldn't normally be open about with anyone. She helped me navigate my thoughts and always pointed me back to the Lord. She loved Jesus so much. Always had a smile on her face. Will miss her love, joy, and Godly wisdom forever." -Ms. Mure

"Susan loved her family, students, coworkers, friends with a love that only comes from a heart devoted to Jesus. She was such a thoughtful and encouraging friend to me." - Mrs Stalboerger











As I look back on my final year at West Valley Christian School, one of the things I'll miss the most is stepping into character for chapel skits. Every year, I've had the joy of bringing Bible lessons to life as a tough-but-caring coach, a sharp private detective, a fearless superhero, or, most recently, the lovable Farmer Fran teaching the Beatitudes.

It's been an absolute blast—not just because I get to wear fun costumes and act a little silly—but because I get to do it with an amazing skit team! We brainstorm, write, rehearse, and laugh our way through every performance, all while sharing God's truth with our school community. Chapel skits have been more than just a creative outlet—they've been a powerful way to connect with students and help them see how God's Word applies to their everyday lives. This year may be my last, but the memories (and maybe a few ridiculous props) will stay with me forever! — Mrs. Lampuchken







"Shiela, I love you dearly and am so thankful for our sweet friendship that has grown over the years. I have loved going to concerts with you and I get so much joy watching you do your thing on stage. Our friendship is a forever blessing to me and I will miss you so much!

Love you bunches." -Mrs. Swales

"Shiela's a joy to work with. She makes everything, even daunting projects, fun and exciting. Her creativity, vision, and ability to pull other's giftedness out are among my favorite things about her." -Mr. Walter







Shiela, I am so incredibly blessed to call you my friend! I am in awe of the gifts the Lord has given you and the impact you've had on both Tyler and Riley's lives. I still can't believe you got Tyler to wear makeup and step on stage! And then there's Riley...your God-given ability to recognize his strengths and nurture his talents has been an incredible blessing. The shows, the experiences, and the confidence you've helped him build are truly invaluable. It is a privilege to do life with you, my friend, and I will love and cherish you always! Love always~Trisha

