



# Vassar News

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## SEPTEMBER 2017

Principal: **Stacey Stuart**  
Vice-Principal: **Janelle Treese**

### Dates to Remember

9-1 **Half Day** – School ends at 11:45 a.m.  
No lunch will be served. The 1/2 day bus schedule is on the Vassar Website

9-4 No School – Labor Day

9-12 Lifetouch School Picture Day

9-15 No School – Teacher In-Service

Note: Vassar will have 6 half days this year. School will end at 11:45 a.m. Buses will leave Vassar at 11:52 a.m. and drop off students. If your child does not ride a bus, please plan on picking up your child at 11:45 a.m.

Students who are at school on time, every day for the entire month will receive a small reward. The reward could be an extra recess or a special treat.

### ATTENDANCE COUNTS



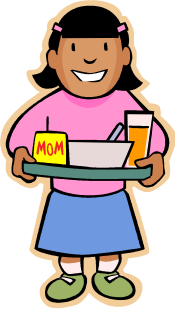
**EVERY DAY, ALL DAY**

### From the Administrators

At Vassar we pride ourselves on exhibiting S.O.A.R behaviors! One of the expectations is that everyone is at school and on time every day. Research shows that part of your child's education is learning to be responsible. The school experience teaches children how to meet expectations. They learn to follow schedules, obey rules, complete assignments and keep track of their materials.

- The most crucial learning hours of a school day are the morning hours, because they are when students are most attentive. Students who are tardy miss the beginning of their morning classes, and they also cause a distraction when they arrive late to class.
- Chronic tardiness in elementary and middle school is linked to failure in high school. Tardiness causes students to feel disconnected with school, leading to behavior problems and dropouts.
- Tardiness takes other students' attention away from a teacher's lesson, leading to more behavior problems and missed instruction.
- Being on time to school is teaching our students a valuable life skill.

*Stacey Stuart & Janelle Treese*



## Breakfast served from 8:25 until 8:40 a.m.

If your child eats breakfast at school, they may be dropped off by the cafeteria doors. The cafeteria will stop serving breakfast at 8:40 a.m. Students arriving after this time will go to the playground and line up with their class.

## PICTURE DAY

Lifetouch picture day is Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. All students will have their photo taken for the school computer system. Order forms will be sent home and more forms are available in the school office.



## PTO meeting September 19th

The PTO meetings are held in the cafeteria starting at 5:00 p.m. Please join us as we will be going over ideas and events for the school year. You do not need to be a member to attend but we would love for you to join! If you would like information on upcoming events or to volunteer for school activities please contact the PTO at: [vassarelementarypto@gmail.com](mailto:vassarelementarypto@gmail.com)

## BOX TOPS

Don't forget to collect your **BOX TOPS** for the school. The class with the most box tops collected by **October 21st** will win a pizza party! Please clip box tops neatly and make sure they are NOT expired. Place them in a bag and send them to school anytime throughout the year.



# STUDENT COUNCIL

Student council is a leadership opportunity for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students to meet once a month to discuss ways to improve our school environment and community. Student council members are involved with spirit days, fundraising, community charities, etc.

Information will be handed out to any candidate that would like to take part in student council this year. Each class will elect two members to represent their homerooms for the year. The candidates will need a parent signature, and they will need to be elected by their classmates to become members. The voting process will take place in mid/end September.

The first student council meeting will be after school on Wednesday, October 11, 2017. If you have questions about student council, feel free to ask a sponsor. Sponsors: Mr. Fischer & Mr. Chapla

## Attention Parents

**Are your phone numbers correct?**

**Do you need to add or change contacts?**

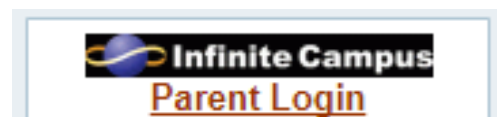
It is now the responsibility of the parents to change or update their child's information in the computer through **Parent Portal**.

Parents will need to login with their user I.D. Call the office if you do not know your login.

Visit the **Infinite Campus Parent Portal** at:

<https://sis.aps.k12.co.us/campus/portal/aurora.jsp>

You can also click on the Parent Portal link on the Vassar Website.



# Music



Vassar students are learning many types of music.

3rd-5th grade students use recorders every year – 4<sup>th</sup> grade in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades across part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> quarters.

- Grade level music concerts are performed by 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades: 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades in November and 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade in April.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students have an opportunity to participate in the Vassar Choir. The choir begins in January and runs until the beginning of May. Rehearsals are before school on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:00-8:40 in the music room. Students in choir have 3-4 extra performances including a combined concert at Rangeview H.S. and singing the National Anthem at a Colorado Rockies game.

*Mrs. Gonzalez, Music Teacher*

# Art

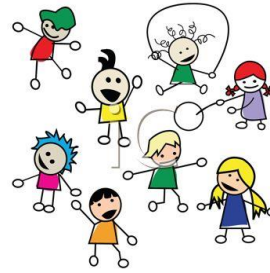
## **Welcome to the Visual Arts at Vassar!**

Vassar students are encouraged to express themselves creatively through different mediums in art. They are assessed on four Colorado State Standards: Observe and Learn to Comprehend, Envision and Critique to Reflect, Invent and Discover to Create, and Relate and Connect to Transfer. They are also assessed on effort, classroom community, and participation. Enjoy the halls of Vassar throughout the school year as artwork decorates the walls.



*Ms. Johnson, Art Teacher*

# Physical Education



Physical Education programs are the cornerstone of an active lifestyle for all students. School programs provide the skills, knowledge and attitudes

that facilitate choosing physical activity after school, at home and in the community. As a qualified physical education teacher, I pledge to:

- Teach a variety of physical activities that make physical education class fun and enjoyable
- Create maximum opportunities for students of all abilities to be successful
- Promote student honesty, integrity and good sportsmanship
- Assist students in achieving personal goals
- To teach students about the importance of making good choices.
- Prepare and encourage students to practice skills and be active for a lifetime

Last, please make sure you dress your child appropriately for physical education. Wearing open-toed shoes or boots can cause an ankle injury. Students wearing these types of shoes will be limited on the activities that they can participate in physical education. Also, please make sure your child is wearing some sort of shorts, leggings or coverings if they come to school with a dress.

*Mr. Chapla, Physical Education Teacher*



## ELEMENTARY & K-8 BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU SEPTEMBER 2017



MENU MAY CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE/MENU PUEDE CAMBIAR SIN AVISO PREVIO

*Variety Cereal is offered daily as a second breakfast option/ Diariamente se ofrece una variedad de cereales como segunda opción para el desayuno  
Cold sandwiches offered daily as a second lunch option/ Diariamente se ofrecen sándwiches fríos como segunda opción para el almuerzo*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				<b>1 Breakfast</b> Turkey-Ham & Cheese Bosco Stick  <b>Lunch</b> Enchiladas "Enchiladas"  <b>Early Release Day</b>
<b>4 Labor Day No School</b>	<b>5 Breakfast</b> Pancakes "Panqueques"  <b>Lunch</b> Mexican Combo Combinación mexicana	<b>6 Breakfast</b> Ultimate Breakfast Round "Ultimate Breakfast Round"  <b>Lunch</b> Penne Pasta w/meatballs Fideo tallarín con albóndigas	<b>7 Breakfast</b> Bacon, Egg & Cheese on Toast Pan tostado con tocino, huevo y queso  <b>Lunch</b> Orange Chicken Pollo con naranja	<b>8 Breakfast</b> Bagel-fuls "Bagel-fuls"  <b>Lunch</b> Stuffed Cheeseburger Hamburguesa rellena de queso
<b>11 Breakfast</b> Ham & Cheese Croissant Croissant de jamón y queso  <b>Lunch</b> Chicken Tenders Trocitos de pollo	<b>12 Breakfast</b> Cinni-Minis Rollitos de pan con canela  <b>Lunch</b> Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Pizza de pepperoni O Pizza de queso	<b>13 Breakfast</b> Breakfast Burrito Burrito de desayuno  <b>Lunch</b> Bean and Cheese Burrito Burrito de frijoles y queso  	<b>14 Breakfast</b> Blueberry Muffin Mollete de arándano  <b>Lunch</b> Beef Pot Roast Carne de res rostizada	<b>15 In-Service Day No Classes</b>
<b>18 Breakfast</b> Breakfast Pizza Pizza de desayuno  <b>Lunch</b> Beef Hard Taco Taco de res, con tortilla dura	<b>19 Breakfast</b> Mini Cinnamon French Toast Pan Tostado al Estilo Francés con Sabor a Canela  <b>Lunch</b> Meatball Sub Sándwich de albóndigas	<b>20 Breakfast</b> Beef Sausage Sandwich Sándwich de Salchicha de Carne de vaca  <b>Lunch</b> Teriyaki Chicken Pollo con salsa "teriyaki"	<b>21 Breakfast</b> Pancakes "Panqueques"  <b>Lunch</b> BBQ Sandwich Sándwich de pavo con salsa dulce, estilo barbacoa	<b>22 Breakfast</b> Yogurt and Graham Crackers Yogur y galletas de canela  <b>Lunch</b> Cheese Sticks w/ Marinara Sauce Palitos de queso, con salsa de tomate estilo "marinara"
<b>25 Breakfast</b> Chicken Sausage Biscuit Panecillo con salchicha de pollo  <b>Lunch</b> Fish Tacos Tacos de Pescado	<b>26 Breakfast</b> Waffles "Waffles"  <b>Lunch</b> Baked Potato w/Chili Papa al Horno con Guiso de Carne Molida	<b>27 Breakfast</b> Pancake on Stick Panqueque en un palito  <b>Lunch</b> Lasagna Lasaña	<b>28 Breakfast</b> Ultimate Breakfast Round "Ultimate Breakfast Round"  <b>Lunch</b> Cheeseburger Hamburguesa con queso	<b>29 Breakfast</b> Egg & Cheese Sandwich Sándwich de Huevo y Queso  <b>Lunch</b> Macaroni and Cheese Macarrones con queso

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Daily Breakfast and Lunch Selections: Milk Variety: Skim and 1%. Variety of fresh fruit or 100% fruit juice. A variety of Cereal & bread or protein item are offered daily Variety of fresh, canned, & frozen produce. Selección diaria de desayunos y almuerzos. Se ofrece una variedad de leche: descremada y con el 1%. Una variedad de fruta fresca o jugo 100% de fruta. Una variedad de cereales pan o un elemento que contenga proteína, diariamente. Una variedad de productos frescos, enlatados y congelados.

\* Contains Pork/Contiene carne de cerdo

