



# Vassar News

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## JANUARY 2018



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

### Dates to Remember

- 1-8 Students return to school
- 1-10 Student Council until 4:30 p.m.
- 1-12 Report cards sent home
- 1-15 **No School** - MLK, Jr. Day
- 1-23 Boys Club 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade 5-6:30 PM
- 1-23 Skate City Night 6:00 to 8:00 PM
- 1-25 Parent Workshop 6:30 to 7:30 PM
- 1-26 Bring your parent to school day
- 1-31 **1/2 Day** – School ends at 11:45 AM

### From the Administrators

As this first semester of the school year comes to an end it is a time of reflection for all of us at Vassar. We consider questions such as, what went well, how can we do better, what things do we need to change, and how can we meet the needs of every child, every day? The only way for our students to continue to grow and succeed academically, socially and behaviorally is for you to ask those questions as well. Were your children ready for school every morning on time with completed homework? Did they read every night to you or did you read to them? Is there a place for them to do their homework in a quiet place without electronics? Was school a priority in your home?

All of us can improve in every aspect of our lives and that is what we model for our children at school and at home. Being aware of our actions, words, and behaviors is important because our children see and hear everything we do. Our greatest resource is our children and we all need to work together to ensure they have the brightest future possible.

We are so grateful for the support from our parent community and continue to strive to create opportunities for you to be involved at school. The Bring your Parent to School Day is January 26<sup>th</sup> and there are similar activities planned in the coming months with Family Movie Night, Parent Workshops and the Valentines Dance.

We wish your family a new year that is full of possibilities of success! Here's to a great 2018!

*Ms. Stuart and Mrs. Treese*

### TESTING IN JANUARY

#### Access & i-Ready

January 8-16 all students in 1st-5th grade will take the i-Ready Reading Diagnostic Assessment. This assessment diagnoses individual learning needs in reading.

January 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, all students whose second language is English, will take the Access Test to measure language development in the areas of Speaking, Reading, Listening and Writing. This assessment is required by the Colorado Department of Education for all students who speak another language other than English at home. Please avoid scheduling appointments, coming late, or leaving early on these dates. We appreciate your support!



## Students Reward for Perfect Attendance

Every month students who are at school every day with out being late or taken out early will win a treat or extra recess.

### **ATTENDANCE MATTERS!**

Be sure your child is at school every day.

## ART Class

Congratulations to the four winners in the Aurora Calendar Contest!

**Anyelah Kelly** - 3rd grade

**Valeria Magallanes** - 3rd grade

**Lanecya Loggins** - 4th grade

**Shylin Collins** - 5th grade

These students will all be honored on December 12th at the Aurora Central Library for their artwork. Each student will receive ten calendars with their artwork representing a month of the year 2018 and a drawing pad with colored pencils.

*Ms. Johnson*, Art Teacher

## P.E. Class

In physical education we just finished up our dance unit and will beginning tumbling this month. This will include several dynamic and static movements on the gymnastic mats, balance beams, parallel bars, rings and trampoline challenges. We will also include some climbing activities such as the cargo-net, climbing wall, ladder, and climbing ropes. All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will be keeping track of their personal successes using a progression rubric. In February we will begin jump roping and juggling.

**Mr. Chapla**, Physical Education Teacher

## **Dress warm!**

Wear a heavy coat, hat and gloves. All students will go outside for recess if the temperature is **20 degrees or above!**



## Music Notes



### **Vassar Elementary Choir!!**

- Vassar Elementary School Choir for interested 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students begins on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m. in the Music Room. Students are welcome to join late if they missed the form with the start date.
- Choir practices are held on Monday and Thursday mornings only and only if school is in session that day. Rehearsals run from 8:00 until the beginning of the school day, but students are dismissed early if they need to eat breakfast. There may be cancellations of rehearsals due to teacher absence or other conflicts that arise. A calendar of known conflicts and performances will be available in the music room and on the Band app.
- Registration for choir is available through forms from the music classroom or on line using the following link: <https://goo.gl/forms/qSVAwX1iPlxx8xtP2>
- NOTE: Parents will be invited through email to join TEAMSNAPE. Acceptance of the invitation is not mandatory. Teamsnap is one way in which communication with parents about performances, rehearsals, schedule changes, etc. will be communicated. It can also be a handy way to arrange carpools with parents of other choir students, if desired.

**Mrs. Gonzalez**, Music Teacher

## Student Council

Student Council would like to thank everyone for making donations for the food drive. Through our efforts, we were able to make a big difference during the holiday season. Last month we created spirit day posters for December and January. The spirit day for January will be Crazy Hair Day on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>. This month we will also be getting prepared for our Valentine Chocolate Rose sale and the school dance.

Mr. Chapla & Mr. Fischer



# Bring Your Parent to School Day!

## *Winning at Writing*

**Friday, January 26, 2018 • 1 hour sessions per grade level**

Parents are invited to meet in the Library with the Principal and Assistant Principal to hear about the grade level writing block (What, Why, How) and the use of technology while students are learning.

Parents will then visit the classroom and observe a writing lesson. After the lesson, the teachers and parents will meet in the library for a 15 minute question and answer time about what was observed.

***Parents please plan on attending only during the scheduled time below.***

	Meet with Principal & Assistant Principal to discuss Writing Standards	Parents will spend time in the classroom observing a writing lesson	Parents question and answer time with the teachers in the Library
2nd Grade	9:00-9:15 am	9:15-9:45 am	9:45-10:00 am
Kindergarten	10:00-10:15 am	10:15-10:45 am	10:45-11:00 am
DLC	10:15-10:30 am	10:30-11:00 am	11-11:15 am Rm 19
1st Grade	10:30-10:45 am	10:45-11:15 am	11:15-11:30 am
4th Grade	11:00-11:15 am	11:15-11:45 pm	11:45-12:00 pm
3rd Grade	12:45-1:00 pm	1:00-1:30 pm	1:30-1:45 pm
5th Grade	1:15-1:30 pm	1:30-2:00 pm	2:00-2:15 pm

*Parents can fill out a ticket in the classroom for a drawing to win a prize basket at the end of the session.*



# ELEMENTARY & K-8 BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU JANUARY 2018



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
<p><b>8 Breakfast</b> Breakfast Burrito  Burrito de desayuno</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Chicken Alfredo  Pollo pasta alfredo</p>	<p><b>9 Breakfast</b> Peach Cobbler Biscuit  Postre de Durazno</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Super Nachos  Super nachos</p>	<p><b>10 Breakfast</b> Turkey-Ham &amp; Cheese Bosco Stick Pan relleno de jamón de pavo y queso</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Pig in Blanket  "Pig in a Blanket"</p>	<p><b>11 Breakfast</b> Banana Muffin  Panecillo de plátano</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Roast Turkey w/ Gravy  Pavo asado con salsa</p>	<p><b>12 Breakfast</b> Egg &amp; Cheese Bosco Stick  Pan relleno de huevo y queso</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza  Pizza de pepperoni O Pizza de queso</p>
<p><b>15</b> <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b> No Classes</p>	<p><b>16 Breakfast</b> Frudal  "Frudal"</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Hot Ham &amp; Cheese Sandwich  Sándwich caliente, de jamón y queso</p>	<p><b>17 Breakfast</b> Breakfast Pizza  Pizza de desayuno</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> BBQ Chicken  Pollo con salsa dulce, al estilo barbacoa</p>	<p><b>18 Breakfast</b> Bagel &amp; Cream Cheese  Pan tipo "bagel", con queso crema</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Empanda  Empanada</p>	<p><b>19 Breakfast</b> Egg &amp; Cheese Sandwich  Sándwich de Huevo y Queso</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Enchiladas  "Enchiladas"</p>
<p><b>22 Breakfast</b> Mini Loaf &amp; Assorted Cheese Stick  Panecito &amp; surtido de palitos de queso</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Mexican Combo  Combinación mexican</p>	<p><b>23 Breakfast</b> Pancake  "Panqueque"</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Penne Pasta w/meatballs  Fideo tallarín con albóndigas</p>	<p><b>24 Breakfast</b> Bacon, Egg &amp; Cheese on Toast Pan tostado con tocino, huevo y queso</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Orange Chicken  Pollo con naranja</p>	<p><b>25 Breakfast</b> Bagel-fuls  "Bagel-fuls"</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Stuffed Cheeseburger  Hamburguesa rellena de queso</p>	<p><b>26 Breakfast</b> Ultimate Breakfast Round  "Ultimate Breakfast Round"</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Breakfast for Lunch Platillos de desayuno para la comida</p>
<p><b>29 Breakfast</b> Ham &amp; Cheese Croissant Croissant de jamón y queso</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Fish Tacos  Tacos de Pescado</p> <p>RIPS- 100% fruit juice slush "RIPS" SLUSH - Jugo de frutas 100% natural</p>	<p><b>30 Breakfast</b> Cinni-Minis  Rollitos de pan con canela</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza  Pizza de pepperoni O Pizza de queso</p>	<p><b>31 Breakfast</b> Chicken Sausage Biscuit  Panecillo con salchicha de pollo</p> <p><b>Lunch</b> Chicken Patty Sandwich  Sándwich de pollo</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Early Release Day</b></p>		

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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 cereal y pan o un elemento que contenga proteína, diariamente. Una variedad de productos frescos, enlatados y congelados.

