

Veritas Activities Year-at-A-Glance 2018-19

Here is a brief overview of some of the activities and events that occur throughout our school year. Please note that activities, details and dates are subject to change. *The best way to keep informed about current and upcoming activities is to thoroughly read the Monday Memos each week and regular school emails.*

ON-GOING:

Moms In Prayer: Attention all ladies (mothers, grandmothers, aunts, etc.)! We want to extend an open invitation for any/all moms to join together to pray. Moms in Prayer is a ministry devoted to praying for one hour once a week for our children and school. Each week, there is a different attribute or characteristic of the Lord that we use as our prayer theme (i.e. God is Truth). We pray for our children, a specific teacher and grade, as well as any general school prayer requests. It is encouraging to know that there are other moms praying for your children – not only on Tuesday but throughout the week. If you would like more information and/or you would just like to be included on the MIP email distribution list each week, feel free to contact Amy Klumpp at four26@comcast.net or call/text (520) 390-1855. Prayer makes an eternal difference! (Luke 18:1) MIP will meet at 2:30-3:30 PM in Bistro #2.

Science Monday: Science Mondays occur once a month for students in grades K-6. Students come to school during normal classroom hours dressed in their blue VAT polo shirts. They should bring their green science folders, their science journals, a pencil, a lunch and a water bottle. You should have already received an email from Science Monday director, Mrs. Meagan Mott, containing important information about **the first Science Monday on August 27th, including...**

Note the following:

- 4th and 5th grade will have a separate curriculum with textbooks and laboratory type manuals for Science Mondays.
- 6th grade students will have a robotics & technology curriculum for Science Mondays.
- Each family is urged to sign up to help with at least one Science Monday this year!
 - o A Sign Up Genius email will be coming out soon. Please follow the instructions to sign up.
- Please save all of your children's Science Monday projects. We will use them at the end of the school year for our Science Museum. Mrs. Mott will keep the bigger Science Monday projects.
- **Science Museum** (Grades K-6) displays what the students have been learning on Science Monday throughout the year. Parents are invited to hear their children's presentations and tour the displays starting at 1:45 PM on this Science Monday in May.

Moms Coffee: Join us for treats and fellowship the first Thursday of each month at school after drop off. Great place to find support and encouragement!

Ballet: Ballet will be offered as an after school class throughout the school year on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning August 14 from 3:45-4:45, taught by Rebecca Guthrie. All ages are welcome. Each girl will need a black leotard, pink tights, and pink ballet shoes. Each boy will need black leggings/tights, a white shirt and white ballet slippers. Cost: \$65/quarter or \$55/quarter for families with multiple children. Be looking for details on RenWeb in the announcements section. There will be ballet recitals at the Classical Christmas Concert and Spring Fine Arts Festival.

Veritas Family Forum: Use this forum to announce a variety of topics to our VAT community (e.g. picnics, pool parties, carpooling, and the like)! Here's the link: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/vatfamilyforum>. If you have any trouble accessing the Forum please email Amanda Starks at astarks@vatucson.com.

ACSI Festivals/Competitions: Each year the Association of Christian Schools International (of which we are members) offer opportunities for students to develop their academic skills. The four festivals in which we participate are: Speech Meet (presently to be held at Northwest Christian School in Phoenix at a date TBD); Spelling Bee: Saturday, January 19, 2019, Casas Christian School; Creative Writing: February 22, 2019 (Mail in); Art Festival for Grades 1-8: March 29, 2019 at First Southern Christian School. Please contact the office for further details.

EXCHANGES – We have scheduled times for parents to get together by grade levels to ask questions and share concerns with the Head of School.

- 1st Quarter Exchanges @ 2:40: SOG 10/4; SOL 10/16; SOR 10/18
- 2nd Quarter Exchanges @ 2:40: SOG 1/10; SOL 1/15; SOR 1/17
- 3rd Quarter Exchanges @ 2:40: SOG 3/7; SOL 3/19; SOR 3/21

Eighth Grade Getty Trip 2020 – Our eighth grade students travel to Los Angeles over Rodeo Break to present on art pieces at the Getty Museums, visit Disneyland, and go swimming in the ocean!

First Quarter (August 13th/14th – October 5th):

Athletics: Girls Volleyball (Grades 5-8), Boys Flag Football (5-8), HS Girls Volleyball, & Ballet (all ages)

Parents Athletic Meeting: We will have a parents meeting on **Tuesday, August 14**, in Room 14 from 3:45 - 5:00. We will answer questions, sign up students to our rosters, create carpooling lists to drive to away games and discuss the VAT Athletic Handbook. If any parent is interested in Veritas Athletics, they need to be at this meeting!

August 27 – First Science Monday (Grades K-6)

September 6 – FEW II at 6:30 PM – Now that you've got a few weeks under your belt, our special training can help you be more effective. Topics will be announced and RSVPs required.

September 24 – Science Monday (Grades K-6)

October 4 – School Pictures – Students need to wear their Veritas polo shirts: Grammar school wear cobalt blue; School of Logic wear heather gray; School of Rhetoric wear black.

October 8-12 Fall Break – No School

SECOND QUARTER (OCTOBER 15TH/16TH – DECEMBER 14TH):

October 16 – Information Meeting at 6:30 PM - These meetings are for families interested in Veritas. Help us by spreading the word!

Athletics: Girls Soccer (Grades 5-8), Boys Basketball (Grades 5-8), HS Girls Volleyball, Tennis (Grades K-6) and Ballet (all ages). Winter sports start in November: Girls Basketball (Grades 5-8), Boys Soccer (Grades 5-8) and HS Boys & Girls Basketball (Grades 9-12).

October 20 – Report Cards viewable on RenWeb

Parents Athletic Meeting: We will have a parents meeting **Tuesday, October 30** after school in Room 14 from 3:45 - 5:00. We will answer questions, sign up students to our rosters, create carpooling lists to drive to away games and discuss the VAT Athletic Handbook. If any parent is interested in Veritas Athletics, they need to be at this meeting.

October 29 – Science Monday (Grades K-6)

Week of October 29 – Parent/Teacher Conferences Begin

November 3 – Barn Dance at 6:30 PM

November 26 – Science Monday (Grades K-6)

December 1 – VAT Vendor Fair at El Camino – 10 AM to 4 PM – Various Tucson vendors and crafters are invited to this fair just in time for Christmas shopping. The proceeds benefit student activities like the Eighth Grade Getty Trip.

December 6 – Information Meeting at 6:30 PM

December 14 – A Classical Christmas: Our annual Veritas Christmas program which starts at 6:30 PM. Students should be in the sanctuary at 5:45 PM. Dress requirements for our gentlemen are: black, or navy slacks and a collared shirt, and Christmas dresses or skirts for the ladies in accordance with Veritas modesty policy.

Christmas Break – December 17-January 4

Third Quarter (January 7th/8th – March 8th):

Athletics: Winter sports: Boys Basketball (Grades 5-8), Girls Soccer (Grades 5-8) and HS Boys & Girls Basketball as desired. Spring sports to start in late Feb. & early March – Girls Basketball (Grades 5-8), Boys Soccer (Grades 5-8), HS Girls Soccer & Boys Volleyball.

Activities: Latin Club (grades 3-12 are welcome); **Tennis** (Grades K-6), and **Ballet** (all ages)

January 19 – ACSI Spelling Bee at Casas Christian School (Grades 1-8)

January 20 -- Valor Honor Society Induction at 6:30 PM

January 22 – Information Meeting at 6:30 PM

January 28 – Science Monday (Grades K-6)

February 12 – Information Meeting at 6:30 PM

February 14 – Grandparents Day – We invite as many of our grandparents to come enjoy their grandchildren, the school and each other. Please be sure that we have accurate contact information, especially email addresses.

February 22 – ACSI Creative Writing (mail-in activity) (Grades 4-12)

February 25 – Science Monday (Grades K-6)

Time to re-apply for tax credits and scholarships

March 5 – Information Meeting at 6:30 PM

Spring Break – March 11-15

Fourth Quarter (March 18th/19th – May 19th & 23rd):

School Re-enrollment for the 2018-19 school year

Activities: Latin Club (3-12), Tennis (Grades K-6) and Ballet (all ages)

March 19 – All School Picture Day – All Students in their school shirts!

March 25 – Science Monday Field Trip (Grades K-6)

March 30 – Veritas 5K Fundraiser at Brandi Fenton Park!

- Each family will receive a fundraising packet before the event. There are great prizes for all students who participate in the fundraiser, including gift cards, dress down days, and the opportunity to win a special party for the class.
- There will be many additional fun race day activities, so invite your friends to join us.
- Would your business or employer like to officially sponsor the 5K? Sponsors will have their name printed on our 5K shirts and also have the opportunity to sponsor a special event the day of the race!

April 9 – Information Meeting at 6:30 PM

April 16 & 18 – ERB Standardized Testing (Grades 1-8)

April 19 & 22 Good Friday & Easter Monday

April 27 – Historic Ball from 7-10 PM – Schools of Logic and Rhetoric Veritas Academy of Tucson & Friends. *Start sewing or thrift shopping for your historic ball attire!*

April 29 – Science Monday

May 10 – Spring Fine Arts Festival: This annual event will be held on campus with many activities between school (fine arts display and Living Wax Museum) and the music program in the Book of Life Community Church sanctuary at 6:00 PM. All family and friends are invited to attend. Dress requirements are as follows:

- For our gentlemen: black, navy or tan dress pants and a collared shirt (navy is preferred)
- Dresses, skirts or navy pants (navy is preferred) for the ladies in accordance with Veritas modesty policy

May 13 – Science Monday – Science Museum (Grades K-6) – Displays what the students have been learning on Science Monday throughout the year. Parents are invited to hear their children's presentations and tour the displays starting at 1:45 PM.

May 16 – Moving to Logic from SOG - SIXTH GRADE PARENT MEETING: Parents with students who just completed 6th grade will gather to discuss the transition to the School of Logic.

May 21 – Last Day for SOL & SOR (normal school attire) /**Promotion at 6:30 PM** (Students are to wear semi-formal attire: slacks and collared shirts for the gentlemen, modest dress/skirts for our ladies)

May 23 – Last Day for SOG & Convocation at 8:30 AM (Students are to wear uniform dress with VAT blue logo polo shirts.)