

Veritas Activities Year-at-A-Glance 2019-20

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 2:40-3:30 PM in Room 16 (known as Girls AWANA Room).

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 26th, 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, May 11** (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!

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 Margo Mesch at mmesch@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 on November 8); Spelling Bee: Saturday, January 24, 2019, Calvary Chapel Christian School; Creative Writing: February 21, 2019 (Mail in); Art Festival for Grades 1-8: March 27, 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 10/3; SOL 10/15; SOR 10/17

- 2nd Quarter Exchanges @ 2:40: SOG 1/9; SOL 1/13; SOR 1/16
- 3rd Quarter Exchanges @ 2:40: SOG 3/5; SOL 3/16; SOR 3/19

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 12th/13th – October 4th):

Athletics: Girls Volleyball (Grades 5-8), Boys Flag Football (5-8), HS Girls Volleyball

Parents Athletic Meeting: We will have a parents meeting on **Tuesday, August 13**, 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! (Students are eligible for 5th-8th sports if their 15th birthday is after September 1.)

August 26– First Science Monday (Grades K-6)

September 5 – PAIDEIA 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 30 – Science Monday (Grades K-6)

October 4 – Last school day before Fall Break

October 7-11 Fall Break – No School

SECOND QUARTER (OCTOBER 14TH/15TH – DECEMBER 13TH):

October 17 – 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 15 – 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, and Tennis (Grades K-6). Winter sports start in November: Boys Basketball (Grades 5-8), Girls Soccer (Grades 5-8) and HS Boys & Girls Basketball (Grades 9-12).

October 21 – Report Cards viewable on RenWeb

Parents Athletic Meeting: We will have a parents meeting **Tuesday, October 29**, 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 28 – Science Monday (Grades K-6)

Week of October 28 – Parent/Teacher Conferences Begin

November 2 – Barn Dance at 3:00 PM – Family games and House competitions start on Saturday afternoon, followed by a potluck dinner and dancing in the courtyard.

November 18 – Science Monday (Grades K-6)

December 5 – Information Meeting at 6:30 PM

December 13 – A Classical Christmas: Our annual Veritas Christmas program which starts at 6:30 PM. Students should be in the theater venue at 5:30 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 16-January 3

Third Quarter (January 6th/7th – March 6th):

Athletics: Winter sports: Boys Basketball (Grades 5-8), Girls Soccer (Grades 5-8) and HS Boys & Girls Basketball as desired.

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

January 9 – Latin Club Parent Info Meeting – 4 PM in Room 10

January 21 – Information Meeting at 6:30 PM

January 24 – ACSI Spelling Bee at Calvary Chapel Christian School (Grades 1-8)

January 27 – Science Monday (Grades K-6)

February 11 – Information Meeting at 6:30 PM

February 13 – 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 16 -- Valor Honor Society Induction at 6:30 PM

Eighth Grade Getty Trip February 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!

February 21 – ACSI Creative Writing (mail-in activity) (Grades 4-12)

Time to re-apply for tax credits and scholarships

School Re-enrollment for the 2018-19 school year **Early Bird Discount by March 1**

March 2 – Science Monday (Grades K-6)

March 3 – Information Meeting at 6:30 PM

Spring Break – March 9-13

Fourth Quarter (March 16th/17th – May 19th & 21rd):

Activities: Latin Club (3-12) and Tennis (Grades K-6)

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

March 28 – Veritas 5K Fundraiser at location to be announced!

- 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!

March 30 – Science Monday Field Trip (Grades K-6)

April 7 – Information Meeting at 6:30 PM

April 7 & 9 – ERB Standardized Testing (Grades 1-8)

April 10 & 13 Good Friday & Easter Monday Holiday

April 25 – 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!* We have had interest in a Swing Dance theme. If anyone wants to help, please contact Mr. McKinley.

April 27 – Science Monday Field Trip

May 8 – 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 We will have multiple music presentations. Details to be announced in the spring. 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 11 – 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 15 – Veritas Graduation 2010 – 6:30 PM We are excited to celebrate our second graduating class! We will host the graduation in the BOLCC Sanctuary.

May 19 – 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 21 – Last Day for SOG & Convocation at 8:30 AM (Students are to wear uniform dress with VAT blue logo polo shirts.)