

The Vasquez Post

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In Memoriam

We will never forget. This is something we say, and must remember to do. Never forget. Never forget that on September 11, 2001 The United States of America lost 2,996 people as a result of terrorist attacks on the country. As a school and community, it falls on us to hold this torch and remind those who have forgotten and teach those who do not know. History has and will continue to repeat itself, and we need to remember that when we as a nation were truly hurt we came together. We set aside our differences and worked to rebuild our infrastructure and our soul as a nation. Watching the first two planes hit the twin towers was a traumatic event for anyone who witnessed it as it was happening. *Continued on second side.*

Upcoming School Events

September 14:

Board Meeting

September 18:

Student Picture Retake

September 18-22:

Spirit Week

September 22:

Rally Day

September 22:

Homecoming Game

September 23:

Homecoming Dance

September 28:

Board Meeting

The Birth of The Vasquez Post

Vasquez High School was established in the year 1993. Today we are happy to announce the Vasquez High School newspaper is now established in the year 2023, thirty years after the establishment of our school. Since the beginning of the 2023 to 2024 school year the journalism elective has been working to start publishing The Vasquez Post,

With the leadership of teacher Mr. Mangel, students began learning about modern-day news and the difference between biased and unbiased news. It is The Vasquez Post's goal to provide the students of VHS with unbiased updates about what is currently happening in the school and communities. Occasional bias will be seen in the newspaper as our journalists show enthusiastic support for our school and school spirit.

The students collaborated on the creation of the layout of the Post. Voted on what will be covered in every article, and then volunteered or assigned articles to write for. Readers can expect new editions posted bi-weekly

Readers can expect to see articles on dates and results on sports throughout the year. Upcoming community and school events. Interviews of our staff members around campus. Item readers can look forward to participating in polls that will be conducted by our staff, the results of each will be posted in the following edition.

Editions of this newspaper can be collected in the office or found in a digital format online. We, the staff, are excited to present this newspaper and we are optimistic about the future of this paper.

Article by Aeslin Cameron

Meet Your Staff: Mr. Sparks

When did you decide to become a teacher?

This is my second career. Before I became a teacher I used to be a construction worker. And then I became a teacher 12 years ago. This is my 12th year starting my 13th year at Vasquez.

When you were little, what was your dream job?

Being a helicopter pilot

How did you discover Vasquez High School?

I chose Vasquez to come here. I was teaching it as CDI down in casting, and I was looking to make a transition. I wanted a small school and I wanted a baseball program so I could be a coach. So, I knew about Vasquez because I grew up in Santa Clarita. Vasquez was always on my radar when it was coming to teaching. I knew once I became a teacher that I was going to end up at Vasquez High School.

What's your favorite memory that you remember being at Vasquez?

I think my first year the girls volleyball team made the playoffs and they opened the gym that year. The place was rockin and it was loud and had so much energy.

What's your advice that you would give to a student struggling in school?

You got this kid, school is definitely a challenge for some kids. A lot of times, they don't understand why they have to attend, learn to read, learn to write and learn how to get along with people. Problem solving is the number one skill that teens can learn. If you can't get along with people and work with people, you're not going to be successful in life.

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Horoscope

Happy birthday, Virgo! It's your season and the spotlight is on you. You're focused on your needs, and personal goals. And guess what: It feels good to give to yourself the way you so selflessly give to others! *Continued on second side*



Vasquez Press Team

Sports News

Varsity football is going for the big win!

Boys and girls basketball tryouts have started!

Our cross country team is running to victory as Logan and Jayden from our home team placed second!

Boys baseball has also started up!

Girls tennis is up and ready to get those games going.

Article by Battey, Wiley, and Wilson

Weather

This month will be mostly cloudy but will still have that September heat. The hottest day of the month will be the 30th with a high of 90 degrees. Our coldest day of the month will be the 14th with a high of 81 degrees. Our nights will be average around 55-62 degrees, so no need for big, comfy blankets, just yet. Sunrise this month will be around 6:30 am, and sundown will be around 7:10.

Article by Nico Olmos

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The terror in the realization that this was not an accident was something no one should have to go through. Then hearing about the Pentagon attack and a missing plane still in the air that no one could locate made things that much worse... when was it going to end? Flight 93 was heading towards Washington DC, and some believe the White House or Capitol Building. The passengers overtook the plane from the terrorists and then flew the plane to a safe place to crash it without harming any other souls. In Pennsylvania, in an open field, you can visit the site where these American heroes crashed their plane and sacrificed their lives to save others. We all should aspire to be as brave and caring as the individuals on that plane. This was a dark time for our country. But we came together as a result, something we need to also remember. *We will never forget.*

Article by Mr. Mangel/Estevan Preciado

Continued from the front page: Horoscope

In a couple weeks you're ready to get a little more serious with your situation/crush. In celebration of your season here are some traits of Virgo! On the appearance, Virgos are humble, modest, hard working, and practical, but under the surface, they are mostly natural, kind, and sympathetic, as befits their zodiac sign. Virgos are also very organized and quick thinkers, yet they have so much mental energy that they are frequently stressed and tense. Their passionate desire for excellence and hard effort might lead them to be overly critical at times. Virgos are amazing negotiators who use their sharp intellects to win debates and people hearts and minds.

Horoscope by Angelina Newell

Acton Agua Dulce Community Events

Sweetwater Parade on September 16th, starts at 4PM at Agua Dulce Canyon RD. Thanks to the Agua Dulce Women's Club for hosting this event!

- (Tickets for the Parade & Fair are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students/ages 6-17, and free for kids under 5!)

Agua Dulce County Fair on September 16th, fair gates open at 5PM, taking place at Agua Dulce Canyon RD. There will be shopping, live music, food trucks, an auction, dancing, raffles, and a stunt show! So swing by for a bit of fun!

- (Go to www.aguadulce-countryfair.com for more information)

And for those who are interested in vintage & homemade clothes, gifts, decor, and more, there will be a fall boutique on September 30th from 10AM-4PM at the Real Life Church parking lot in Valencia!

Student Polls

Barbie vs Oppenheimer

Drake-For all the dogs vs Taylor Swift-1989

Crocs vs yeezy slides

Links to the poll will be given shortly

Results will be posted on the next issue of the paper

Polls by Valentino Orlandoni

Inspirational Quote:

Words have no power to impress the mind without the exquisite horrors of their reality by Edgar Allan Poe

Aeslin Cameron: Student Editor
Shoned Carr: Student Editor
Mr. Mangel: Senior Editor in Charge

Continued from the front page: Meet Your Staff

When do you leave Vasquez and retire?

I'm 55 and plan on staying for another 20 years.

Are you looking forward to retirement, what are you going to miss at Vasquez?

I don't anticipate myself retiring. I've worked well with teens. It keeps you young, keeps you on your toes. And I really enjoy doing what I'm doing. So I don't see myself retiring anytime soon.

In all of your years of teaching, what is the most wild thing that has happened?

We had a fight at a football game. That was my second football game as athletic director. This was about five years ago and was complete chaos.

What are you most looking forward to this year?

My whole job this year is to change culture. There's a lot of clicks there's not a lot of conflict resolution. This is a small and safe campus. And I think a lot of times kids just don't know how to talk to each other. They're used to posting something on social media and not thinking that there might be a consequence to that.

What are your goals for this school year?

The Goal for this year is to raise attendance. Our Attendance is down and that affects our school and revenue. We have a lot of kids who are always tardy and also, again...trying to create a culture where it's a community where kids accept people for who they are. They may not agree with them. They may not like them, but they respect people and they treat people with respect even if they don't look the same, act the same, or dress the same.

If you weren't working in a school, what would you like to do?

I would buy Grizzly Burger and rename it to "Sparky Burger" and start running it.

Article by Shoned Carr and Hailey McCarty