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Things to Over Winter Break

Winter break is getting closer and closer! By this time, the stress of midterms is starting to build up as well, so everyone is especially ready for this semester to come to an end. Most people probably have a few plans already, but there's three weeks of time to kill, so there's plenty of new things to try and places to go! With Christmas just around the corner, why not spend some time at Wakefield Winter Wonderland with friends and family? Grab some hot chocolate and walk through a neighborhood of houses decorated to the brim with beautiful and elaborate Christmas lights! Another great place for Christmas light displays is The Arboretum, which does an annual light display that is absolutely incredible! Walk along a trail through the lovely gardens that have been decked with tons of gorgeous light displays, some are even interactive!

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Students Of The Month

Hannah Witmeyer – Ghafourian

Hailey Honicky – Krolik

Ivy Rios – Lepp

Hazel Gondwe – Maddux

Guadalupe Avalos – Mangel

Autumn Klaus – Moghaddas

Zoe Quiroz – Owens

Angelo Armas – Park

Rebekah Bullard – Pasio

Adam Hernandez – Rogers

Josselyn Ochoa – Salsedo

Oliva Alaniz – Santa

Juliana Gurrola – Sparks

Mio Mabaquiao – Stilwell

Xenia Avelar – Tabit

Samantha Valdovinos – Torrez

Gavin Parrillo – Waggoner

Information provided by Shoned Carr

All artwork by Sofia Hernandez



End Semester Review

As the semester comes to a close it's great to reminisce on the great time we have had this year. Starting off the school year with the senior sunrise where they could watch the sun and eat delicious food. Leading into the second week we had our very first football game of the year, all though we lost we would see a lot more out of the football team later in their season. In the following weeks we would have an amazing Back to School Night. At the Homecoming game, our Football team secured the first win in years and that would be the start of their win streak and winning every home game for the rest of the season and going to playoffs. We would then go on to have one of the best homecoming dances in years with people dressing up for the theme "Old Hollywood". The dance was filled with school spirit and food trucks. Football wouldn't be the only team finding success this year as the basketball team currently is top two in their division and with more wins on the way. Not too long after that we had the Fall Festival, hosted on campus where we had all of our sports teams fundraising through booths whether it was facepainting, mini soccer games or just shooting around on a basketball hoop, there was also a costume contest and a DJ. In November, our winter sports (soccer and basketball) started their seasons. This semester the school has been filled with pride and spirit, with students participating in spirit week and activities our ASB team has been providing . All these activities have been photographed by the yearbook team and we will be able to relive it all again.

Article by Mikayden Matson and Liam Bryne

Meet Your Security Guard: Alan!

Why did you decide to pursue this job?

By accident, I was at my friend's house who owned a security company, and at the time, Vasquez had a security company. The industry that I use to work in was on strike. So when I overheard my friend I said, 'I'll take that, there's a baseball field out there. I'm great with the age group' and that was it.

Are you from New York?

When I got from Cuba, I moved to Jersey but grew up in Miami Beach.

Why'd you move to the West Coast?

I used to work in an industry that required us to work out here. So yeah, we moved out here. I just finished doing a movie with Eva Gloria, she was from Desperate Housewives. She got on the phone with my wife, and said 'Get him out here, they're gonna love him out here'. So she lied. Um and then we came out and started a new life.

Was being an actor the job you always wanted or did you have something else in mind?

Either a baseball player or an actor. In college, while playing baseball, one of my coaches said 'Why don't you get into drama? You're driving me crazy so I said, 'Okay'.

What type of responsibilities does an aid have?

Oh well, responsibility number one is to make sure that you're all safe. If ,God forbid, any harm to make its way here, I'm what stands between that harm and you. Another one is to make sure that you're all in class. Those are the main two, keep the peace among the students.

What was your favorite movie that you worked on?

It just got finished. It's called 'What Happened to Susie?' It just recently came out, so it's not viewable for a lot of people yet. But I did one that's called 'It's a Wonderful Binge'. It's a big Hulu movie, It's a Christmas movie, kinda it's really crazy. But in the end, the message is very simple, love and family.

Did you play any sports in High School?

Baseball, I played football. And I wrestled.

What's something that California has that other places you've been to don't?

The mountains. I fell in love with the mountains when we got here. I said I'm never going back.

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Fun Crazy Facts

-Winter lasts 21 years on Uranus.

-The average snowflake falls at about 3 mph.

-The largest snowman was 122. ft tall.

-Cold weather brings people together, because we yearn for warmth, love, and connection.

-Days get shorter and nights get longer during Winter.

Information provided by Domenic Olmos



Advice for Midterms

Find out whether open notes will be allowed for the test.

The reason why it would be important to find out if you can use open notes is because it will be a useful tool. It can help guide you through the test as well as it can. Taking notes is very important because it acts as a sort of recap of the entire semester.

Finish all missing assignments and get your grade up as high as possible before the tests.

Finishing all missing assignments will give you a positive effect to raise your grade higher. Since your grade will be higher, once you take the exam and feel as though you didn't do well. It might not drop your grade too much.

Ask teachers what will be needed for the tests, be prepared.

Asking your teachers about what you'll need for the tests is very important as well. For example, when you take your math test, it would be great to know if you'll be using a calculator. This means asking teachers what will be necessary to bring or have to take the test is important to know in advance.

Information provided by Caillin Perdomo

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If you're not tired of doing work already, and are looking to use your free time to fill out your resume, you could take up a short internship or volunteer and give back to your community too! Animal shelters, senior centers, or shelters could always use an extra hand in making our community a better place. If you need a break from the indoors, go hiking, maybe at Placerita or Vasquez Rocks! Switzer Falls or Trail Canyon Falls are favorites too. Might as well make the most of the chilly weather before it goes right back to being 80 degrees day and night. Maybe you're an avid movie watcher, in that case lots of theaters all around LA play plenty of flashback Christmas films during the holiday season. You could catch *It's a Wonderful Life* or *Home Alone* on the big screen over your break! Maybe go ice skating at The Cube with a few people, do some baking, check out a bowling alley or arcade, or go to a strip mall! There's lots to do over winter break, and hopefully everybody is ready for the long three weeks off. Spend some time with your loved ones, relax, go out, whatever you do over winter break, just be sure to have a good time doing it! Good luck on your midterms everyone!

Article by Charlotte Hernandez

Events

- Cookies with Santa**
Sun, Dec. 15 - Mon, Dec. 16:
33326 Santiago Road
- Cousins Maine Lobster**
Sun, Dec. 15: Agua Dulce Winery
- Red Cross Blood Drive**
Thu, Dec. 19: Crown Valley Road
- Christmas jubilee**
Dec. 15: Lancaster
- Winter wonderland arts and crafts**
Dec. 21: Lancaster
- Elks lodge Christmas Party**
Dec. 14: Lancaster
- Milk and cookies with Santa Claus**
Dec. 10: Lancaster

Information provided by Gerardo Pelayo

Meet your staff continued on the front side

How do you feel about being interviewed?

All right, I guess because I've been interviewed. I've gotten some practice from time to time. Yeah, not a lot, but so you just have to relax and answer some questions.

How did you feel about the most recent fights?

I'll tell you what, I was very proud of that during my time here for almost a full year. Last year, there was one fight while I was out here. And then this year, We'd had one too many because we've had about four. So, I was very proud that the streak of time had gone without fights. And I hope I can always talk the peace into the students, you know like when I hear ladies might be like, 'Oh, tell her'. No, first of all, remember you're a lady and you're growing up now and you're becoming a young woman and you don't get into fighting. And with the boys, I let them know you're better than that, you know. So, I don't feel great about fights. To make a long story short, I do wish I could do more to prevent them.

What's the top thing on your bucket list?

I would love to spend a couple of years of years living in the wilderness and living off of it, like hunting or fishing.

When you were younger what did you want to be when you grew up?

The first thing I ever wanted to be was a garbage man, but once I got a little older, I wanted to be a baseball player.

Why did you decide to move to California?

He had finished doing a movie with a famous actress and she kept insisting that he should move to California, and even started calling his wife and telling her that they should move to California, and eventually they did.

What is your favourite Cuban dish?

My favourite dish is rabo encendido.

Interview conducted by Lina Rodriguez and Abby Garcia

Boys Tennis Team

In the past, here at Vasquez we have sadly not had enough player interest in a boys' tennis team. This year however, we are really trying to garner enough interest in order to be able to have a boys' tennis team for this upcoming semester. This is a fantastic opportunity to try out a different sport as well as to try something new. One of the best parts is that to join, you won't be required to have any prior experience. Just show up with an attitude that is ready and willing to learn. Tennis is an incredibly exciting sport that offers thrills and enjoyment for everyone involved! Due to being a team based sport, you will have many opportunities to meet and make new friends, as well as hanging out in a new and exciting environment.

Whether you're just starting or have been playing for years, you will be able to enjoy your time on the team, making memories and having fun. The team itself will mostly be made up of players who are new to the sport, so you won't have to worry about whether or not you are good enough. Together, you and your team will learn how to play, and you will all work to get better together throughout the season.

The season itself will run from February through April, with practices averaging to be around 2-3 days of play per week per week. We heavily recommend and ask that anyone interested in playing for our boys' tennis team in this upcoming season, to please email Mr. Sparks or Coach Ashley at ashmceach15@gmail.com to get on a contact list for the spring season. If you think you have a friend who might be interested, please make sure to tell them about us! Anyone who emails either Coach Ashley, or Mr. Sparks will be provided with more information about the upcoming season. If you or a friend are interested, but are unsure or on the fence, please feel free to come join us for our free tennis clinics on Thursday 1/16/25, and Thursday 1/30/25. If you are interested, please email Coach Ashley for more information. Again, this is an amazing opportunity to bond with others over something new. So if you are wanting to play for Vasquez this upcoming season, please come and check it out!

Article by Elijah Hernandez

Weather

Winter is here yet it's still decently warm outside. This week (15th - 20th) is still warm with temperatures around the 60° and 65° starting off the week partly cloudy to mostly sunny later on in the week. Next week (23rd - 27th) is winter break. The weather is relatively the same but being a few degrees warmer, it should feel the same.

Information provided by Khloe Roque

Fall Semester Mid Term Block Schedule

Wednesday, December 18, 2024 (Minimum Day!)

Period 1	7:40am - 9:48am
Break	9:48am - 10:03am
Period 4	10:08am - 12:07pm
Lunch	12:07pm - 12:37pm

Thursday, December 20, 2024 (Minimum Day!)

Period 2	7:40am - 9:48am
Break	9:48am - 10:03am
Period 5	10:08am - 12:07pm
Lunch	12:07pm - 12:37pm

Friday, December 20, 2024 (Minimum Day)

Period 3	7:40am - 9:48am
Break	9:48am - 10:03am
Period 6	10:08am - 12:07pm
Lunch	12:07pm - 12:37pm

Information provided by Alexandra VanBlarcom

Inspirational Quotes

"Even the strongest blizzards start with a single snowflake."
- Sara Raasch

"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn."
-Hal Borland

"Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face."
-Victor Hugo

"Advice is like snow. The softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon and the deeper it sinks into the mind."
-Samuel Taylor

Quotes provided by Shoned Carr

