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Fall Festival

It is that time of the year to gather up candy and spend time with our families! The Fall Festival is an event that Vasquez High throws every year, this year on October 18th, to celebrate fall and host local small businesses and fundraisers. There are bouncy houses, face painting, pumpkin patch, carving, and so many more. They also have a competition between which kid has the best Halloween costume. Aside from food and local businesses, we also have a reptile showcase. If you do go this year, I urge you to check out the haunted house put together by Ms. Owens and the VAPA club. The outside booths are the games and ticket stands! We also offer a cake decorating contest hosted by the Meadowlark PTO and raffle baskets. The raffle baskets will also be in the gym and are provided by all the different AADUSD organizations! You will find booths that contain all kinds of food, games, and other fun festivities put on by sports teams, class officers, or PTO/PTSO groups in our school district. It's a fundraising chance for a lot of organizations and can help your teams and school!

Article by Amy Wang, Sophia Gonzalez, and Isabella Laviolette

Fun Facts

- Scotland's national animal is a unicorn, symbolizing purity and power.
- Earth's rotation is changing speed. It's actually slowing.
- Crocodiles can't stick out their tongues, a crocodile's tongue is attached to the bottom of its mouth.
- Wearing a tie can reduce blood flow to the brain by 7.5 per cent.
- A lightning bolt is five times hotter than the surface of the Sun.
- The average dinosaur lifespan was surprisingly small
- A chicken once lived for 18 months without a head.
- The Sun makes a sound but we can't hear it.
- Mount Everest isn't the tallest mountain on Earth.

Article by Rylie Wagner

Agua Dulce Fair

Every year Agua Dulce holds a fair. It is actually a pretty big fair for such a small town. People from Acton also show up for the fair. They have a very diverse range of food selections. They had cheese pulls. For an option some were filled with cereal or chocolate. Mexican Cuisine, pizza, and cheeseburgers were also some foods included. The fair also included some animals. There was a mammoth donkey, chickens, horses, and some cows. There was a game show where you had to guess a song and you would win a prize. There were plenty of rides to go on at the fair. A haunted house, bumper cars, a ride called the zipper, and a ferris wheel just to name a few. There was also a DJ at the fair playing music as well. The bumper cars broke down in the middle of the fair however thanks to quick service they were able to repair them in the next minute. Near the haunted house there were scare actors running around. One of the rides, called the Big Splash, used these logs that were operated via a velcro system. The velcro would pull the logs up to the top of the ride and then drop them back down the slope which would splash water everywhere. A gravitron ride called the Alien would spin you around and push you against the wall. The mats on the wall would move up and down as the ride spun. The fair would started at noon and ended at midnight. There were photo booths at the fair as well. When the fair started there were not that many people there. But around five a lot of people started showing up. The fair itself was considered a success as it attracted a lot of people this year, especially for a small town, it had a lot of rides and things to do.

Article by Colton Todd, Photo provided by Aron Van Blarcom



Interview with Ms. Graff

Have you ever been a substitute teacher for another school other than Vasquez?

Yes, I have subbed as a teacher at all of our school sites in this district

How are you liking your classes in Culinary Arts as the long term substitute?

I was a little nervous at first, but Miss Waggoner and I got to know each other better over the years, and so I felt comfortable teaching as a substitute for Culinary Arts without her there.

Do you plan on ever becoming a full time teacher? Or is there something preventing you from doing so?

I have my credentials, but I never cleared them, and I started having kids, so I would have to basically redo it all to teach full time.

If you could have lunch with any historical figure, present or past, who would it be and what would you say?

I would have lunch with Ruth Bader Ginsburg. She was a Supreme Court justice during the time when women were barely allowed to be admitted into law school, and I would ask her how she pushed forward no matter how many times doors were slammed in her face.

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Electives:
Construction

Construction class is one of the elective classes students can take at Vasquez High School. This class offers an all around rewarding experience that challenges students and tests their problem solving skills and ability to find solutions to any problem they may face while constructing. The teacher behind everything is Mr. McKelvy, who goes over the steps on how to use tools properly, how to use them safely, the hazards of using a tool incorrectly, and the real life challenges on a construction site. This elective is one of the best ways students of any kind can teach themselves the art of craftsmanship. Building something from nothing is an experience not a lot people have experienced, this class is a great opportunity to not only find a career path but to show what abilities and skills you are capable of doing outside of class. Students that want to take a break from all the academic aspects of school can find enjoyment in crafting many everyday objects.

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Quotes

- “Don’t let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do” - John Wooden
- “It is never too late to be what you might have been” - George Elliot
- “Keep smiling, because life is a beautiful thing and there's so much to smile about.”-Marilyn Monroe
- “Life is what happens when your busy making other plans” - John Lennon
- “To succeed in life, you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone, and a funny-bone.” - Reba McEntire
- “Happiness depends upon ourselves.” - Aristotle
- “Live for each second without hesitation”- Pablo Picasso

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In this class, students get hands-on experience and work on real projects, not just worksheets or textbooks. You'll learn the fundamentals of how and what to measure, cut, and build using wood. You will also be taught how to spot imperfection in the wood itself like warps, splits, and cracks. It's a great feeling to see something you made with your own hands come to life. Whether it's a bench, a birdhouse, or something more complex, there's always a project to look forward to. Construction is also a team based class. You'll learn how to work with others, communicate clearly, and help each other out to finish projects. These are real skills you'll use in any job or career. If you like working with your hands, solving problems, or just want to try something different, Construction is the perfect elective to take.

Article by Shane Roque



All art by Sofia Hernandez

Weather

Good Morning, Mustangs! As of now, we will be experiencing chilly Fall weather and even possible opportunities of wind and/or rain. Make sure to bring jackets and hoodies to stay warm and dry, especially for our athletes who are traveling to far harsher climates. As well as purchasing any Vasquez hoodies or blankets, as you watch our Mustangs excel in our Fall sports. Football has been doing amazing recently so make sure to attend this Friday! Speaking of this Fall weather, wear appropriate attire. Fall is also known as flu season and we always want to make sure that everyone is present and healthy.

Article by Lina Rodriguez

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What is your favorite movie/show, and what makes it significant to you?

The Help is my favorite movie, and I watched it with my oldest daughter, at a very impressionable age, and it really connected with her.

What is your favorite hobby?

I would say watching my oldest daughter dance, and watching my younger two play soccer.

Pretend you have a genie with 3 wishes, what would you wish for?

- 1. I would wish for my daughters to achieve whatever they set forth as their dreams.
- 2. I would also wish for the opportunity to continue my education for as long as I want.
- 3. A little more financial freedom would be nice, not a selfish amount of money, just enough to stay comfortable.

What role model do you look up to the most?

Personally, I would say my mom. Professionally, It would be my professor in college who made me realize I wanted to major in history.

Did you ever do sports in school? And if so, which one(s) did you participate in?

Soccer was my jam, I played soccer and I tried so hard to get all of my daughters to play too.

Was there ever a profession you would like better than teaching?

When I first went to college, I saw the movie Swat, and I literally went home and changed my major to criminal justice. That lasted about one semester.

Did you grow up here in Acton, or have you lived elsewhere?

I've always lived in southern California, not just Acton.

What is your favorite annual activity that we have at Vasquez?

My favorite would have to be Night of the stars because I love to see your guys' achievements.

Interview conducted by Elijah Hernandez

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LEAVES, MYSTERY, HIKING, FAMILY,
PARADE, FALL, WIND, FESTIVAL, NIGHT,
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Local Events

Here are some of the upcoming events that are happening in our community!

- Oct 18, **Fall Festival VHS**
- Oct 8, Little One Nature Hour at Vasquez Rocks Natural Area and Nature Center
- Oct 8, Smarty Pants Story Time at Acton Agua Dulce Library
- Oct 8, Family Night at Acton Faith Bible Church
- Oct 9, Karaoke Thursday at The Pizza Place
- Oct 10, Sunset Stroll at Vasquez Rocks
- Oct 11, Nature Center Discovery at Vasquez Rocks
- Oct 12, Gentle Yoga at The Clubhouse
- Oct 12, Family Story & Activity Vasquez Rocks
- Oct 14, Rise & Shine Walks at Vasquez Rocks
- Oct 14, Sierra Youth Sports Board Meeting at the Acton Community Club
- Oct 15, Little One Nature Hour
- Oct 15, Smarty pants storytime at Acton Agua Dulce Library
- Oct 15, Family Night at Acton Faith Bible Church
- Oct 16, Amateur Radio Operator at Acton Agua Dulce Library
- Oct 16, Karaoke Thursdays at The Pizza Place
- Oct 17, Sunset Stroll at Vasquez Rocks
- Oct 18, Space Rock Trail at Vasquez Rocks
- Oct 18, Nature Center Discovery at Vasquez Rocks
- Oct 19, Gentle Yoga at The Clubhouse
- Oct 19, Family Story & Activity at Vasquez Rocks
- More information available at <https://actonaguadulce.org/calendar-events>

Article by Abby Garcia

