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At What Level Will YOUR FAMILY Support the VERITAS Fundraiser?



Put the Wind in Our Sails

SUPPORT DELICIOUS AND FRESHLY PREPARED MEALS FOR ALL VERITAS STUDENTS

Let's come together as a school community to ensure that freshly prepared, delicious meals are available to our students every school day. VERITAS funds our meals program out of its operating budget. With your support, we can repurpose money from our operating budget to provide even more innovative and engaging instructional support in our classroom than we already do.

How much are you able to give?

Each student is assigned to a House, and with every dollar given, a student earns House points.

WHICH HOUSE WILL PREVAIL? Set a Family Goal and commit to collecting this amount from your family and friends by December 19th. Every dollar counts!



BREEZE GIVER

\$30 BUYS 10 MEALS
GIVES THE STUDENT
30 HOUSE POINTS



GUST GIVER

\$300 BUYS 100 MEALS
GIVES THE STUDENT
300 HOUSE POINTS



GALE FORCE GIVER

\$3,000 BUYS 1000 MEALS
GIVES THE STUDENT
3,000 HOUSE POINTS

BE SIGNIFICANT

To promote an engaging and focused school environment, we set high expectations around behavior for our students. We've been focusing on following directions quickly. Support your child in building this habit of success by expecting them to follow directions quickly when you give them at home. If your child is reachable, he or she is teachable!

House Update

Our students and team members sure look great in our House shirts! Each Friday, everyone will wear their House shirts to school. They are welcome to wear jeans with their House shirts on Fridays for the low, low price of a \$1.00 donation. This money will go into our general operating fund to keep paper in the copier and project materials in the classrooms. On our first Friday, we raised \$80. At this rate, we'll collect over \$3,000 this school year!

Uniform Update

In the November Board meeting, the VERITAS Board of Directors approved the addition of black trousers, shorts, and skorts to our uniform list. They also approved a zip-up VERITAS hoodie and a pullover VERITAS hoodie with our very own mascot, Nora, on front. It's ready for ordering now and will be available for in-store purchase in two weeks. It would make a great holiday gift for your VERITAS Viking!

Please be sure that your child's attire follows the approved uniform list that can be found on our website. Every school day, children must wear a shirt with the VERITAS logo, approved bottoms, and tennis shoes. Thank you for helping us ensure the safety and cohesion of our school community.

Progress Reports

Second quarter progress reports will go out on December 7th. As you review them, discuss areas of pride and areas of concern with your child. Set realistic improvement goals and monitor your child's progress throughout the rest of the quarter. Focused, intentional goal-setting can really improve your child's academic, health, and socio-emotional achievement!

News from the VERITAS PTO

Who: Every Viking Family.

What: Join us for an afternoon of family fun at Defy Gravity!

When: December 20th from 4:30-6:30pm.

Where: 8116 University City Blvd.

Why: To have fun together!

Defy Gravity can only hold 135 people every two hours, so purchase your tickets in advance at <http://www.defygravity.us/charlotte>. Be sure to fill out the waiver online before arriving.

In the spirit of the giving season, bring a coat that the PTO will donate to Crisis Assistance Ministry to make sure every child and adult stays warm this winter.

Note: Children either need to be barefoot or have on Defy Gravity grip socks (\$4 - \$5). Arrive 15 - 20 minutes before your scheduled time.

Attendance

School attendance is absolutely vital. 33 students were awarded a Perfect Attendance Certificate for first quarter. This is an award we'd love to give every child next quarter. The only way we are able to teach your child is if he or she is here. Regular school attendance also builds motivation, work ethic, and character—vital traits for every person!

Lost and Found

We've collected a remarkable assortment of student items in our Lost and Found. Students have until December 19th to claim their lost articles. After that, all items will be donated to Crisis Assistance Ministry.

Spread the VERITAS Love!

Word of mouth is the best way to advertise our innovative school program. We have Open Houses scheduled for February 3rd and March 7th. To encourage VERITAS families to invite friends and family members to enroll in VERITAS, we are offering a VERITAS uniform shirt for referrals. Refer one student, we will give you one VERITAS shirt. Refer two students, we will give you two VERITAS shirts. Refer three students, and we will give you a VERITAS hoodie. Be sure that your friend or family member tells us who referred them, and once their child is fully enrolled, we will give you a new uniform shirt!

Important Upcoming Dates — Mark Your Calendars, and Join Us:

- 12/7: 2nd Quarter Progress Reports are sent home. How will you challenge your child?
- 12/8: PTO Meeting from 6:00-7:00pm. Join in to learn how you can become more involved in the VERITAS community.
- 12/15: Holidays Around the World from 6:15pm-7:45pm. Join us for a fun family event where we learn about how different cultures celebrate around the world. You'll visit a new country every time you switch classrooms. It'll be a night you won't soon forget!
- 12/23: First day of Winter Break. Have a peaceful holiday!
- 1/03: Teacher Workday
- 1/04: First day back in 2017 and the first day of Open Enrollment for new students for the 2017-2018 school year.
- 1/10-1/14: Winter MAP testing. We can't wait to see how much our students have grown academically!
- 1/12: PTO Meeting from 6:00-7:00pm.
- 1/16: School Holiday: Martin Luther King Day. Go learn about this American civil rights hero.
- 1/17: Parent Workshop with Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Ellis at 8:00am: How to be Successful in School.
- 1/25: Coffee with Katy at 9:00am. Come talk with our school leader about upcoming events, updates on our students' success, and plans for the future.
- 1/27: Parent University at 1:00-3:00pm. Bring your child, and join us in an exploration of Singapore math.

The VERITAS Identity...

I am SMART. I am STRONG. I am PEACEFUL.

This is who we are. Let's live it everyday.