



From the Principal's Desk **MR. CHRIS SMITH**

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a great holiday break and is excited about all of the wonderful possibilities for the New Year. I am truly thankful for the wonderful students that attend the VLA and the investment that NNPS has made in this innovative program. We will continuously look at ways to improve the delivery and quality of instruction while providing a safe environment with social-emotional support.

Please take time to reach out to your teachers and show your appreciation for their contributions to this program. We all need love and support as we move forward into 2023. The first semester ends on January 26th and our students have work to complete before this date. Please make sure that assignments, Zoom meetings, and exams are completed on time. We see success at the end of the semester but we must finish strong in order to obtain this goal.

We all **STAND** for Richneck!

Thank you for your continued support at the **BEST** school in the Commonwealth...the VLA!



COUNSELING CORNER: 5TH GRADERS

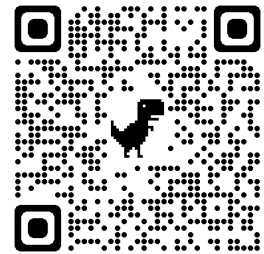


All rising 6th graders (current 5th graders) will complete their course requests for the 2023-24 school year. **Mrs. Horrigan will be meeting with students during their classroom Zoom time to guide them through choosing middle school electives.** Middle schoolers will request their electives by February 24th!

For steps on how to complete course requests, check out [this document](#) (or visit bit.ly/cssteps).

After completing your course requests, please feel free to set up a Zoom meeting to discuss with Mrs. Horrigan-Smith using the information to the right.

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757-524-0141 (call/text during school hours)
Canvas Inbox (great for students)



To schedule a course request meeting with Mrs. Horrigan-Smith, scan the QR above or use the link: bit.ly/horrigan-smith

IMPORTANT DATES:

- JANUARY 16: MLK DAY; SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED
- JANUARY 25: END OF 2ND QUARTER
- JANUARY 26: TEACHER WORKDAY; SCHOOLS CLOSED
- JANUARY 27: TEACHER PROF. LEARNING DAY; SCHOOLS CLOSED
- JANUARY 30: 2ND SEMESTER/3RD QUARTER BEGINS
- FEBRUARY 7: REPORT CARDS ISSUED



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I hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving Break and relaxed for a couple of days. We welcome the month of December and are almost halfway through the 2nd 9 weeks. There is only one week remaining until our Winter Break. Please make sure that students are checking grades regularly and communicating with teachers if they have questions about assignments.

Our teachers continue to amaze me with hands-on activities on our Student Support Days. Please check the testing calendar for future state-required assessments.

Congratulations to all of our students that made the Honor Roll for the 1st Quarter. 50% of our VLA students made the Honor Roll and we are very proud of this achievement. We will recognize all of our Honor Roll students on their Student Support Days during the week of December 13th. Our VLA teachers are here to educate and inspire learning. Please don't forget picture week is December 13th - 15th.

Congratulations to our VLA Students of the Month – Justin Cady, Amya Cabell, Ania Shope, Sasha Crowder, and Donovan Crowder.

Thank you for your continued support at the VLA.

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As we move into the final weeks of 2022, Mrs. Horrigan will be continuing our character education themes of self-awareness and self-management while working with our elementary virtual students on the concept of developing a Growth Mindset and how their attitudes play a vital role in their academic, career and personal journeys. As always, if a student or guardian would like to schedule a one-on-one meeting with Mrs. Horrigan, please email or send a Canvas inbox message!

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IMPORTANT DATES:

- DECEMBER 14: PICTURE DAY (DURING IN-PERSON SUPPORT)
- DECEMBER 14: HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS
- DECEMBER 19--JANUARY 1: WINTER BREAK
- JANUARY 2: SCHOOLS REOPEN
- JANUARY 16: MLK DAY; SCHOOLS & OFFICES CLOSED
- JANUARY 25: END OF 2ND QUARTER
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