

Sports

BY: Brody Wolfe & Sawyer Murray

Sports at Veritas have been quite successful due to clutch wins and hype moments within the sports communities at Veritas.

Soccer pulled through with an impressive 6W/3L/2T Winning season with two mercy rules. The team won their first VCA soccer Senior Night and our Charlie Kirk Memorial Game, congrats to the seniors Keegan, Evan, and Jason. However the soccer season has come to a close ,the team is considering starting back in the spring.

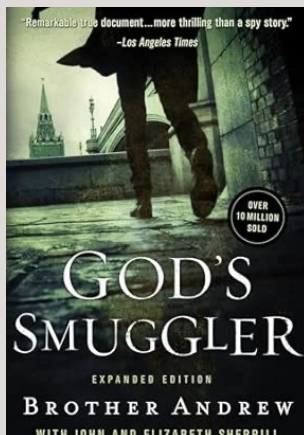
VCA Basketball has just started and has already played 5 games. Best of all is that the team won all 5 games. The team has the upcoming JKW tournament to prepare for. GO VCA!

The VCA Girls Varsity Volleyball team have done well so far this year with 5W/9L though they did have some losses the team seeks to do better in the Winter season. GO VCA!

God Smuggler

By : Halle Harms

What are you willing to give up for Christ? What would you do for the growth of the kingdom? In his book, God's Smuggler, Brother Andrew retells his story as a missionary, speaker, and bible smuggler into some of the most infamously anti-christian countries in the world. From Saudi Arabia to Romania, from behind the iron curtain to the land of communist China, Andrew has helped to smuggle millions of bibles, encourage suffering Christians and give aid to the Church universal. His story stands as an encouraging reminder of the battle Christians face world wide, and as a call to live out our faith anew.



THE ORACLE

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TURNING POINT USA CHAPTER

BY: JEREMIAH REYNOLDS

Charlie Kirk was an American Political Activist who toured around America and college campuses debating and speaking, attempting to find and spread truth wherever he could. On September 10th of this year, he was tragically shot and killed by a politically motivated Tyler Robinson. His death hit the Christian community hard, but ultimately made him a martyr. The death of Charlie Kirk ignited in schools across the nation a passion for what he stood for, which motivated many to start a Turning Point USA Chapter, which Veritas has chosen to take part in, in honor of Charlie Kirk. TPUSA is a non-profit organization founded by Charlie Kirk in order to promote civic education and civil discourse on high school, college, and university campuses. It is designed to educate students on the political environment and how to navigate it effectively and efficiently. TPUSA is meant to prepare the students of this generation to uphold America's core values through political movement. Charlie Kirk started the TPUSA organization to not only educate young people on politics, but how to make a difference in America, adhering to the core American values and without violence. Veritas is now much closer to forming a chapter due to the generous donation of \$5,000 from the Wooten family. Kirk's death inspired them to continue his legacy by funding and supporting the organization he built to keep current generations politically informed.

Government Shutdown

By: Jeremiah Reynolds

The federal government has temporarily shut down due to budget disputes between Democrats and Republicans. The budget dispute has stemmed from a disagreement on the spending plan, which is a bill that details how much money will be spent on organizations and expected revenue for that year. The proposed spending plan needs 60 more votes to pass. These 60 votes are what the Democrats are using as leverage and negotiating power to have the spending plan tip in their favor. The spending cuts that Donald Trump has implemented on health agencies, like Medicaid, are opposed by the Democrats. This government shutdown also has caused many government services to be suspended. Organizations like the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Health and Human Services, Environmental Protection Agency, and Department of Education have all been impacted by this shutdown severely. About 1.4 million federal workers are on unpaid leave or still working without pay. Medical-care workers, Immigration and Customs and Enforcement, law enforcement, border protection, and air traffic controllers have all been expected to continue work without pay. Thousands of flights have been cancelled and ongoing research projects have been affected or even halted due to workers being unpaid or laid off. Government shutdowns have happened before due to funding gaps or budgeting not being completed in time, with varying degrees of severity and consequence. The results can range from closing national parks to furloughing hundreds of thousands of workers. In the span of the current shutdown, October 1st to October 23rd, 900,000 government employees have been furloughed and 2,000,000 have been suspended pay. The disagreement on budgeting hasn't appeared to make any headway as of now, so the effects of the shutdown will remain until then.



THE BARN DANCE

BY: SAWYER MURRAY



Here at Veritas we work then we play, one of the ways we play is having special events like the Barn Dance. The Barn Dance was amazing ,and the atmosphere was enticing. It was nice that the entire school was brought together to focus on something other than schoolwork. The dances were exhilarating, especially fast paced songs like Footloose and after that you can take a break from fast paced and move to a slow paced dance like Two step.

There were two types of dances: line dances and partner dances. The electric slide was really simple ,but very fun line dance. Then there were dances like the Virginia reel , a partner dance where you and everyone else has a partner in a line. Though you could say one type is better than the other ,it really depends on the dancer.

Then finally it was nice to take a break and delight ourselves with some barbecue and chicken wings after a long time of Dancing ,or maybe even treating yourself to a sweet treat. Which I'm sure everybody did.

After all the main dances it was fun to freestyle dance along to any song that starts to play. Getting in a group with your friends and shouting along with the song. However, every great thing came to an end and so did the barn dance. The dance officially ended after a school photo. The barn dance was a great time with lots of merry making. Though we won't be able to enjoy it until next year , we have many more events to keep us busy.

The Spot Light

By : Brody Wolfe

There are people in the community who don't know who helps and supports this school. I think it is important to understand the people behind the events, government, and organization during the school day. Chelsea Strong, who guides students that are confused to the right location, also has secret tasks that she does behind the scenes for VCA that help Veritas become an even more stable environment. There are so many figures behind the amazing work put into the different events, sports, and parties at Veritas, and it's amazing to see it so masterfully put together by the multitude of important people behind the Veritas community. One of these people, Mrs Strong does attendance, transcripts, and the yearbook, she also calls herself the "Hallway Mom".

She takes care of different jobs at events which is an important part of our many fun events taking place at Veritas. Mrs. Strong believes that VCA has a successful system of education because she is "Hallway Mom" and sees a lot of improvement and growth in the community every day. She believes that there is a decline of values in public schools and says that "every day is exciting at Veritas". Mrs. Strong is excited to see that a Turning Point Chapter is appearing here at Veritas because the values of people in Veritas will be elevated to another level. I know some suffering Christians out there are suffering and so does Mrs. Strong so Psalm 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength,a very present help in trouble". If you see Mrs. Strong out and about make sure to thank her for her hard work!

HOT TAKE!

As October comes to a close , Veritas gets ready to celebrate with the annual harvest party. From a Pumpkin decorating contest to the upper schools competition , the event is a blast!. Whether you love crafts or just love to see the kids in their costumes, Harvest party is a beloved tradition. But controversy has arisen— how much of the work is done by students? Does too much responsibility fall to the parents? Here's our hot take!

HOT TAKE!

Opening Statement:

The harvest party class themes are a fun way to come together and build class unity, while being creative to build something that will really wow the teachers and kids. But is it fair that the competition has become a lot of money and the effort of the parents and not of their children? In the last few years, the best tables were the ones where the parents spent the most money and effort, often leaving the kids milling around without much to do as most of the wow factor came from store bought props. Students should step up as this is an opportunity to come together and take responsibility to complete a project, learn to work hard, and be creative and innovative. Also, it will take stress and monetary pressure off families and classes. We already ask a lot of donations and time from the parents. From ceremonies to class parties, fundraisers to other events, Veritas parents are truly a dedicated crew. Furthermore, each year a new mom helps lead the class in many events. This responsibility is only boasted by the harvest party, where all other participating parents are looking to her to often design or at minimum, make students' dreams come to fruition. This can cause a lot of stress and often costs this mom a lot of extra time and money to order all the needed supplies. Harvest parties should also be a time to step up and showcase our own creative works; oftentimes ideas will have more origin if the class comes together to brainstorm designs and execution together, bringing new ideas and new bonds! Furthermore, students will feel more engaged and excited to participate if they have put the work in themselves. They also must learn to overcome the difficulties that accompany all craft projects, as at this age, it may have been a bit since their last 'arts and crafts' . Students, let's step up and wow parents by doing the work ourselves, by showing responsibility and creativity.

-Pietho

Opening Statement:

The Harvest party is always a very fun event at the school and the most anticipated part is always the decorated tables. I believe that parents should help the students decorate these tables. The first reason that I believe it should be mostly parent led, is that it will make it a better experience for the little kids. While the competition aspect of the harvest party is a very fun part, overall, this experience is for the little kids. Almost all of the parents have a lot of experience creating and decorating things. In fact, several of the parents at Veritas are also teachers. Therefore, it is often necessary for them to think outside the box and be creative. While I am not saying that the parents should do ALL of the work, I do think their creative skills would take the tables to a whole new level and make it a much more enjoyable experience for the younger children in the lower school. Another pro is that it gives the parents time to bond with their kids. Creating all the props for the table is a really great opportunity for parents and students to bond and create a tighter community in the class.

-Ogmios

HOT TAKE!

Rebuttal:

Perhaps parents working on the project will improve the overall look. But, having the kids to do it gives the booths charm. By having students create their own booths, they look more like kids did it, the whole purpose of the event! And while all can agree that bonding with one's children is a wonderful experience, is this the best place to do so? Often the environment makes tensions high or brings out grumpy attitudes. We should learn to work through these situations, but is it not better for parents to help their children grow in responsibility? To see their kids go and make something for themselves, to accomplish something they can be proud of without doubt of, "my mom did it"?

-Pietho

Rebuttal:

While it is true that many of the harvest party tables do cost a bit of money, removing most of the parent help from the equation would not fix this problem. The students would still end up buying the same props from the store. They would probably even end up asking their parents for money anyway. Many of the tables DO end up costing quite a bit of money, but I believe that removing parent help would not change this issue. While the homeroom mom provides a lot of help to the students in creating the tables, they are not the ONLY parents who end up helping. Every year many of the parents in each class come to help out with the harvest party tables, this helps take a lot of the pressure off of the homeroom mom. Therefore, the harvest party table should not put too much pressure on the homeroom mom. While it is important to build kids' creativity and responsibility, I believe these things can be done just fine with the help of the parents. Even if the project is mostly parent led, students are still learning useful creative skills while helping the parents. In fact, they are probably learning even more than if they were just doing it by themselves. The parents can teach their kids useful tricks that students wouldn't learn otherwise, in order to take their table to a whole new level.

-Ogmios

HOT TAKE!

Closing Statements:

Overall, the harvest party is a time to have fun and celebrate with the little kids. But when responsibility is placed on the shoulders of adolescents, we shouldn't allow parents to bail them out every time. Someday, we won't have ten moms armed to the teeth with hot glue and glitter and ready with Pinterest-board-worthy sets—students need to learn to complete these projects themselves!

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