



VHS

Vicenza High School NEWSLETTER

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VHS Mission: To provide an exemplary education that inspires and prepares all DoDEA students for success in a dynamic, global environment.

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Important Dates

2 Oct	SAC Meeting (15:10)
5 Oct	Half Day (11:05 dismissal)
6 Oct	SAT
8 Oct	Columbus Day Holiday
9-13 Oct	VHS Spirit Week
13 Oct	Homecoming Game & Dance
17 Oct	PSAT
27 Oct	ACT
1 Nov	End of Quarter 1
2 Nov	Teacher Work Day / No School for Students
3 Nov	SAT
9 Nov	Parent / Teacher Conferences & Report Cards
12 Nov	Veteran's Day Holiday

"I'm looking forward to making the most of this last year with my friends at VHS." - Kelly Wilson, senior

"I've had a great first day and hope to continue to have a great year." - Jordan Larsen, junior



Scenes from the First Day of School at VHS

SAT Test Dates

Register Online: www.sat.org/international

Registration Date	Test Date
October 4, 2012	November 3, 2012
November 1, 2012	December 1, 2012
April 5, 2012	May 4, 2013

VHS School Code: 577140

ACT Test Dates

Register Online: www.act.org

Registration Date	Test Date
November 2, 2012	December 8, 2012
January 11, 2013	February 9, 2013
March 8, 2013	April 13, 2013

Yearbooks will be sold during October at lunch in the VHS cafeteria.

\$55

Check payable to
"VHS SAF."

For additional assistance with test registration, please contact a VHS counselor:

Grades 11 & 12: Annette.Allen@eu.dodea.edu

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VHS S2S Welcomes Newcomers Now and Throughout the Year



S2S leaders and new students gathered for a welcome lunch in club sponsor, Ms. Ambruoso's classroom.



Ms. Dahlstrom offers information about CSI during VHS Open House.

Student-2-Student (S2S) is a very active club in Vicenza High School whose objective is to assist new students with adapting to a new school and city. To start off the new school year, the S2S held a new student orientation on August 22nd. The orientation helped to ensure that the new students knew the layout of the school building, the clubs and sports offered at VHS, and to overall make them feel comfortable in their new setting. The students and their families were greeted by current students and were provided lunch. New students and their families also had the opportunity to buy Cougar gear from the Booster Club. After lunch, everyone settled into the gym where admini-

stration and several of the teachers introduced themselves. The students and their families were then split up into four different groups, with each group led by a S2S student leader. The student

"It's a pleasure to introduce my country and her rich culture to the newcomers."

Ms. Ambruoso

leaders brought their groups to four sessions that discussed subjects such as sports, clubs, dress code, counseling services, and school events. Students and their families also received a tour of the school along the way. Overall the new student orientation was informative and helped new students and their families feel more comfortable in their new surroundings.

Ann Marie Francis, senior

Lady Cougars Serve it Up!

On Saturday, September 8th, the Vicenza Lady Varsity Volleyball Team held a Serve-A-Thon. Every player served 100 times to earn the money that was collected from the community prior to the event. The team would like to sincerely thank the members of the USAG Vicenza community for their generous support. Their donations allowed the team to raise almost \$1,600. This money will go towards the team's expenses at Europeans at the end of the season. The first home game is on September 29th; please come out and support us!



myDATA Button: Anytime, Anywhere

Vicenza High School is participating in the Aspen Gradebook and myDATA Button pilot. The myDATA Button is a portal that provides instant access to grades, schedules, attendance information, emergency contact information, and unofficial transcripts for students and parents. The myDATA Button allows parents and students access anytime, anywhere, from a MAC or PC computer that connects to the Internet. The Aspen Gradebook will progressively replace GradeSpeed as the official source of student grades and

information. For additional information about the myData button, please visit the DoDEA website: <http://www.dodea.edu/mydata/>

The website contains a wealth of information, including video tutorials, that will likely answer most questions.

A Form 700, which was completed by most parents while completing paperwork for the 1:1 Notebook initiative, is required to activate a myDATA account. It can also be found at the DoDEA website mentioned previously.

Tutor.com for VHS Students

The Department of Defense MWR Library Program, Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program and Navy General Library Program provide online tutoring and homework help from Tutor.com at no charge to all K-12 students in National Guard, Reserve and Active Duty military families. This is also extended to all students at VHS.

Tutor.com allows students to connect to a live tutor online at any time for one-to-one help with homework, studying, test prep, proofreading, and more.

Every Tutor.com tutor is a

carefully screened expert. Students and tutors always work anonymously and no personal information is shared during work sessions. Ongoing session review and mentoring ensure that our tutors maintain the highest standards of quality and safety at all times.

Go to www.tutor.com/military to sign up for free today!

<http://www.dodea.edu/mydata>

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Rocsi Diaz Visits VHS



Compliments of the USO, VHS students received a visit from television personality, Rocsi Diaz on September 10. Ms. Diaz addressed the themes of bullying and self worth with the student body. Her dynamic personality and youthful style engaged students.



Rosana Zapata
634-7127

Does it feel like you have no idea where your teenager came from(?)

Well, here are some ways you can get re-acquainted with your teen:

- Plan and share dinner times and/or meals, together
- Take them to the Commissary with you and have them select foods and/or snacks that they want
- If they don't want to go with you, have them make you a list of a couple of

special treats they want

- Plan fun time with each of your children ~ one on one, take turns with each
- Get to know your teens' friends
- Be the one to take them places, get to know their friends' Parents
- If you're planning a family outing or trip, give your teen the option of inviting a friend. They will be less annoyed and easier to be with if they have a friend to hang out with.
- Ask them to share about their day ~ especially not just about school and homework, but about their friends or special hobbies / interests

VHS COUGARS

FALL SPORTS

STAY CONNECTED!

Find us on the web: <http://www.vice-hs.eu.dodea.edu/>

upcoming

Home Games

October 6

Football

October 13

Homecoming

Football, Cross Country, Tennis, Volleyball

October 20

Cross Country, Tennis

October 27

Volleyball

Please come out and support our fine student athletes!

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Vision: Provide a rigorous, world class education to prepare ALL students for highest success, good citizenship, and responsible stewardship in a dynamic, global environment.

Continuous School Improvement Goals

1. By 2014, all students at Vicenza High School will increase writing proficiency in sentence structure, writing strategies, and editing across the curriculum.
2. By 2014, all students at Vicenza High School will improve their number sense through the application of and understanding of number principles to solve real world problems across the curriculum.

VICENZA HIGH SCHOOL

Continuous School Improvement

Cougars Can	
Guiding Principles	C hoose integrity.
	O wn our actions.
	U nite through diversity.
	G o beyond the expected.
	A chieve "wellness."
	R espect everyone.
	S ucceed in a global, dynamic environment.

We welcome parent involvement in the CSI process. To get involved please contact Ms. Dahlstrom: (Linda.Dahlstrom@eu.dodea.edu).