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# **OUR MISSION**

Vacaville Christian Schools exists to provide, in partnership with home and church, a distinctive, Christ-centered education in a nurturing environment that equips young people to excel in life and in service to Jesus Christ.

# ACCREDITATION

Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) & Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). VCHS is a proud member of the College Board.

# **OUR CAMPUS**

We enjoy a lovely, 26-acre campus in Vacaville, CA. Our beautiful, state-of-the-art high school building includes well-equipped classrooms, three college-level science labs and equipment, a 32-unit computer lab, media-technology center, radio/TV station, a multi-purpose facility, band rehearsal room with three practice studios, and a fully staffed kitchen and hot lunch program. Our athletic facilities include football and soccer fields, baseball and softball fields, full-court basketball gymnasium, a second full-size basketball court, a weight room, and spacious locker rooms.

# **OUR FACULTY**

Our faculty is comprised of highly gualified and dedicated Christian educators, 50% having advanced degrees, who are committed to VCS's written philosophy, mission, vision, and core values. They engage in ongoing professional development that promotes sustained growth for themselves, their students, and for VCS's academic programs as a whole. Our Advanced Placement (AP) teachers are trained through the AP Institute.

# SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS

We integrate biblical truths into every subject area. Daily, our students are taught a Biblical world-view with the Bible being the authority on morality. All students have daily Bible classes, bi-weekly chapels, weekly small-group Bible discussions led by staff, and clubs with biblical themes supplementing the Christian growth experience. Our Chapel Leadership students lead us in worship and local pastors present chapel messages. Annually there is a spiritual retreat, held at Alliance Redwoods Christian Conference Grounds. Every year, a great many students make

decisions to be more committed to their walk with Christ, and some accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior for the first time.

# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

VCHS offers a complete and excellent range of academics designed to prepare students to excel at the university level. Our graduation requirements are specifically designed to meet and exceed the California A-G requirements for admission to a California State or a University of California campus. We offer eighteen Advanced Placement classes, and all teachers provide tutoring a minimum of three times throughout the week. We offer a wide variety of electives in the areas of Visual and Performing Arts, Practical Arts, and general electives, as well as Spanish, and French. Students use Moodle, a learning-management system, to access uploaded coursework, PowerPoint presentations, and videos. We use PowerSchool, a web-based program that enables parents and students to check assignments, grades, and attendance on-line. We offer one-to-one integration of iPads and Moodle within the high school, for enhanced curricular experience.

# **COLLEGE ADMISSIONS**

At VCHS, 99 percent of our graduates attend college. Approximately 83 percent attend four-year universities, while the rest are attending two-year colleges. We provided students with a College & Career Resource Center for students exploration of college information, college/career counseling and hosting college representatives for campus visits. VCHS sponsors College Application Boot Camps, offers grade-level-specific college-preparatory workshops for students and their parents, on campus SAT/ACT professional preparatory courses and provides individual college counseling and PSAT testing beginning in 8th grade.

# Statistics for the Graduating Classes

2019 Average SAT Score Top 10% 1496 (based on 1600 point scale) 2019 Average SAT Score Top 25% 1442 2019 Average SAT Score Top 50% 1331 100% Graduation Rate 83% 4-year Universities 17% 2-year Colleges 3+ Million Dollars in Merit-Based Scholarships Annually

# Vacaville Christian High School

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# **Advanced Placement Courses**

AP English Lit & Comp AP Calculus AB AP Statistics AP Chemistry AP Euro History AP US Government AP Psychology AP Studio Art Drawing AP Spanish Lit AP English Lang & Comp AP Calculus BC AP Biology AP Physics 1 & 2 AP US History AP Micro Econ AP Studio Art 2D AP Spanish Lang

# FEATURED PROGRAMS

### Academics

VCHS offers the following featured programs:

Bio Medical Science VCS Music Conservatory 3D Printer/ Coding Film Production Media Arts Digital Photography 4 year art program Radio Broadcasting NASA Quest VCSTV Newspaper Production

# Athletics

VCHS has established an extensive athletic program with seventeen high school teams. Our sports program includes the following:

### Fall

Football Women's Volleyball Men's Cross Country Women's Cross Country Cheerleading

### Spring

Baseball Softball Men's Volleyball Swimming

### Winter

Men's Basketball Womens' Basketball Men's Soccer Women' Soccer

Men's Track Women's Track Men's Golf Women's Golf

### Clubs and Organizations Honor Societies / Academic

National Honor Society (NHS) California Scholarship Federation (CSF) International Quill & Scroll Mu Alpha Theta Science Club Spanish Club Chinese American Culture Club Film Club Business Club Broadway Club Art Club Dance Club

### Leadership / Service / Interests

Student Council / Student Government Student Ambassadors Interact (Rotary) S Club (Soroptomists) Student Athletic Advisory Council Military Prep The Leaven Sports Clinics

### Discipleship

Men of God Bible Study Thrive Ladies' Bible Study Do Hard Things Club

### **Social Activities**

Homecoming Parade, Floats & Dance Talent Show & Winter Dance Winter Dance Prom Sadie Hawkins Dance Junior / Senior Banquet Tech Games Senior Trip/ Grad Night

### HS Publications produced by High School Students

The Talon – monthly newspaper (print & @ www.vchstalon.com) HS Yearbook – full-color, hardbound yearbook FM Radio Station- KVCB 100.9



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# College Acceptance List

Merit Scholarships Average \$3 Million Annually

# **University of California**

UC Berkeley UC Davis UC Irvine UC Los Angeles UC Merced UC Riverside UC San Diego UC Santa Barbara UC Santa Cruz

# **California State University**

Cal Poly CSU Channel Islands CSU Chico CSU East Bay CSU Fresno **CSU** Fullerton CSU Humboldt **CSU Long Beach CSU Los Angeles CSU Monterey Bay CSU** Northridge **CSU** Sacramento CSU San Bernardino CSU San Diego CSU San Francisco CSU San Jose CSU San Marcos CSU Sonoma **CSU** Stanislaus

# **Competitive Universities**

Arizona State University Auburn University Boise State University Boston College Boston University California Maritime University Colorado School of Mines Colorado State University Cornell Cuny-York College DePaul University Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Full Sail University George Washington University Ithica College

James Madison University Johns Hopkins University Middleburg College Montana State University Mt. Saint Mary's University New York University NYU Institute of Technology Northern Arizona State Northwestern Military Prep **Oklahoma State University Occidental College Oregon State University** Pacific Union College Pennsylvania State University Pepperdine University Pratt University Purdue-College of Technology **Purdue University Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute** Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Rutgers San Francisco State University Santa Clara University Seattle State University St. John's University Syracuse University **Temple University** Texas A&M **Texas Southern University** Tokyo Dental College, Japan Tokyo University United States Air Force Academy United States Military Academy - West Point University of Alabama University of Arizona University of Colorado, Boulder University of Colorado, Colorado Springs University of Connecticut University of Hawaii, Manoa University of Houston University of Idaho University of Illinois-Chicago University of Massachusetts-Lowell University of Missouri University of Nevada, Reno University of Oregon University of the Pacific University of Pennsylvania University of Portland

University of Puget Sound

University of San Diego University of St. Andrews,Scotland University of Southern California University of Tennessee University of Utah University of Washington Valley City State University Valparaiso University Washington State University Westminster University Willamette University

# **Christian Universities**

Abilene Christian University Azusa Pacific University **Baylor University Biola University** Briar Cliff University California Baptist University Carroll College **Chapman University Corban Univeristy Creighton University Dallas Baptist University Dominican University** George Fox University Grand Canyon University Hastings College Holy Names University Loyola Marymount University Masters University **Oral Roberts University** Pacific Lutheran University Pepperdine University Point Loma University Saint Mary's College San Diego Christian Seattle Pacific Simpson University **Texas Christian University** William Jessup University Word of Life Bible College



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# College Bound 25 Questions Every Parent Should Ask Before

# Choosing a High School for Their Child.

- 1. On average, how many seniors take the college board exams? 98.5%
- 2. What is your running average SAT score for the graudating class of 2019? (1600 point scale) Average SAT Score Top 10% 1496 Average SAT Score Top 25% 1442 Average SAT Score Top 50% 1331
- 3. What percentage of your seniors graduate from high school? 100% graduated
- 4. What percentage of your seniors are accepted to colleges? 98.5% (9 year average)
- 5. Do all students take PSAT in preparation for the college-board exams? Yes
- 6. When do students begin taking PSAT? 8th Grade
- 7. Do you offer college-board prep courses on your campus? Yes. (Kaplan SAT and ACT Prep Courses, daily math and English SAT prep exercises). We also bring in University of California (UC) personnel to provide training classes for writing college entrance essays.
- 8. In what year does college counseling officially begin on your campus? 8th Grade. Our College and Career Resource Center is available to all students.
- 9. Does your school offer advanced or college level courses? Does your school offer technology learning? Yes. We offer numerous AP math, science, and a variety of technology courses including NASA Quest, 3D Printer Program. We use iPads as a 1:1 learning tool in 9th -12th grade.
- 10. How many of your MS/HS staff have Masters Degrees or Doctorates? 50% with Masters Degrees and 1 with a Doctorate.
- 11. How many AP courses does your school offer? 18

- 12. Are those courses taught by a certified/experienced AP instructor? Yes. 100%
- 13. What is your AP Participation Rate? 90%
- 14. What is the pass rate for students taking AP exams? 76% of students earn a 3 or higher
- 15. What percentage of your students were national AP scholars? on the average 61% of students earn a 3 or higher on 3 or more AP exams
- 16. What was your average AP scores? as an average 3.4 across all subjects on a 1 5 scale.
- 17. Does your school offer the following: Fine Arts (Drawing, Painting, and Sculpture), multiple instrumental music offerings (Symphony, Jazz, etc...), Theater Arts, and Practical Arts (Graphic Design, Film Production, Journalism, Yearbook, Media Arts, Digital Photography, Microsoft Applications, etc...)? Yes, 100%
- 18. Do you offer college fairs and college campus visits at your school? How many times per year? Yes. 8-10 colleges and universities visit our campus annually. We also have visits to schools such as UC Berkeley, UC Davis, Sonoma State, and Stanford University.
- 19. What percentage of your graduates are University of California (UC) and/or California State University(CSU) eligible due to SAT scores? How does this compare to other schools? 90% of VCS graduates are eligible to attend the UC or CSU of their choice. VCS's college attendance rates are significantly higher, than other local schools. (\*See the SAT Analysis)
- 20. How many instructional minutes per week do students recieve? 1692 (28.2 hours)
- 21. How many outisde tutoring minutes per week are offered by each of your teachers? 90 -100



# College Bound

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- 22. What types of service and leadership opportunities are present, on your campus, to help students meet the service and leadership requirements for college admissions? Is this volunteer time tracked by the school? All students are required to serve 20 volunteer hours per year. Most greatly exceed this number. Here is sampling of opportunities provided at VCS:
  - 1. Mu Alpha Theta
  - 2. National Honor Society
  - 3. California Scholastic Society
  - 4. Student Government
  - 5. Student Ambassadors
  - 6. Student Athletic Advisory Board
  - 7. S Club (Soroptimist)
  - 8. Interact Club
  - 9. Chapel Leadership
  - 10. Student Athletic Coaches
  - Organized Missions Projects supporting Mission Solano, Opportunity House, San Francisco City Academy, Operation Christmas Child, Toys for Tots, The Leaven, Alpha Pregnancy Resource Center
  - 12. Outside Student Selected Service Projects
- 23. How many competitive athletic teams does the school have? Which sports are represented? 17 Teams – Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, Baseball, Softball, Golf, Swimming, Cross Country, Cheerleading, Track
- 24. Do you offer additional science and technology programs? KW#ZH5E ZSeS@3E3 CgW#f bdaYd5\_ ł %6 bd` fWøbdaYd5\_ ł DSV[a 4daSVUSef[`Ył H5EFH FW/Z` a ′aYk Ł 6₩e[Y` ł? W/[S 3dfeS` V S 4[aŽ? W/[US^ EU[W UWLagdeWZ
- 25. In what ways does your school work to develop the whole person, not just the academic student?

<u>Leadership</u> – Student Council, Student Ambassador Program, Interact Club, Boys State, Girls State, Camp Royal, Student Athletic Advisory Council, Chapel Leadership <u>Academic</u> - California Scholarship Federation, National Honor Society, Mu-Alpha Theta, Spanish Club, Science Club, and National Quill and Scroll

<u>Spiritual</u> - Weekly chapels, annual retreat, daily Bible classes, Men of God Bible study, Thrive – Ladies Discipleship, Mission's Club, Meet at the Pole, Senior Sunrise and Senior Campfire

<u>The Arts</u> – Art classes, Film Production, Culture Club, The VCS Music Conservatory, Musicale, Radio Broadcasting, Broadcast Journalism, Concert Choir, Anime Club, Art Club, and Annual Talent Show.

<u>Social</u> – Winter Dance, Prom, Junior/Senior Banquet, Homecoming Parade, Dance, and Game, Sadie Hawkins Dance, Spirit Weeks and Rallies, Senior Grad Night, Spring Dance, Back to School BBQ, Yearbook Signing Party, Senior Trip



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#### Access Application https://smartaidforparents.com

School ID: 10638 School Name: Vacaville Christian Schools

Eligible Grades: KR 5A-12

### Smart Aid Application Fee: \$35

### **Required Supporting Documentation**

Applications submitted without documentation will not be processed.

- Most recent paystubs
- 2020 or most recent W-2 forms for all jobs.
- 2020 or most recent filed tax return: 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ with all schedules.
- 2020 or most recent filed business tax return: 1120, 1120S, 1065 (if applicable).
- Supplemental income documentation: Social Security income, Welfare, Food Stamps, Child Support, 1099-M Forms, Worker's Compensation, Unemployment, Veterans Benefits, Housing Allowance, etc.
- If you are unable to provide any of the aforementioned items, please submit a Special Circumstance Letter indicating which document(s) you are unable to provide and why. This information will be shared with your school for consideration.

### Creating Your Account

Please visit <u>https://smartaidforparents.com</u> and create your account by entering your primary email address as your username. Smart Aid will use this email address to contact you in the event that your application is "on hold" for missing documentation. Once you create your username and password, you will receive a verification email. Once you click the verification link to verify that you are the account holder, you will be able to log in using the username and password you created. Please be advised that if you do not click the verification link that is sent to your email address, you will not be able to log in or reset your password.

### **Submitting Documentation**

Documentation should be submitted at the time the application is completed. Application IDs must be included on all documents. Failure to include your ID will delay processing of your application. Please be advised that each document must be uploaded separately under the appropriate document type in order for your application to automatically move into the review status.

• Direct Upload: https://smartaidforparents.com (login with your username and password)

### **Application Rollover**

If you created a Smart Aid account to apply for financial aid in a prior year, your application will roll over into the next school year. Your username and password will remain the same, as well as your application ID number (with the exception of the first two digits as that indicate the school year). The Parent/Guardian and Dependents section of the application will be auto-filled for you, you will simply need to confirm the information before advancing to the next sections of the application. If any information from the Parent/Guardian and Dependent section should be updated, please make the necessary changes.

### **Smart Aid Contact Information**

- Phone Support: (800)-360-8027
- Email Support: support@smartaidforparents.com

### **Notification of Financial Aid**

Once your application is processed, a financial aid recommendation will be forwarded to **Vacaville Christian School**. All final financial aid decisions, including notification of an award amount (if any) will be made by **Vacaville Christian School**. If you have not received notification regarding financial aid, contact the financial administrator at **Vacaville Christian School**.



### **1. Online Application**

Visit: https://smartaidforparents.com

### 2. Section 1 – Household Information

Parent/Guardian: Enter the parent or guardian's contact information. Dependent: Enter all dependents that live in the household. For dependents in college, select the "attending another private school" status option.

### 3. Section 2 – Selecting A School

Enter your school's five-digit code (10638) or name in the search box. If you want to search for schools near you that are participating in the Smart Aid program, you can search by city and state. Make your selection by checking the select check box. Once a school or multiple schools are selected, you will then need to select the student(s) you wish to apply for aid at the appropriate school(s). After the school(s) have been selected, you will then need to select the upcoming grade for the student, student code (if applicable), and expected tuition (if applicable) for the upcoming year. Clicking "next" after each section will allow you to move on to each subsequent section.

### 4. Section 3 – Income & Expenses

Enter any income the household receives; employment, business or supplemental. If the work status is selected as 'employed', 'self-employed', 'unemployed, receiving benefits', or 'disabled, receiving benefits,' you will be required to enter this income source in the appropriate section before moving through the application. Please enter all expenses as they pertain to your household.

### 5. Section 4 – Assets & Debts

Enter all assets and debts as they pertain to your household.

### 6. Section 5 – Special Circumstances

Check off any special circumstance that pertains to your household. If no option available best describes your household's circumstance, please check 'other' and describe your situation. This information is confidential and will only be available to designated School Administration and Smart Aid staff.

### 7. Section 6 - Submit

If your school uses family school codes, please make the appropriate selection. Agree to Smart Aid's terms and conditions, then click SUBMIT to complete your online application.

### Please be sure to enter all fields with accuracy.

### Frequently Asked Questions

### Q: Who should complete this aid application?

A: Whomever the child resides with should complete this application whether it is a parent, grandparent, aunt/uncle, or legal guardian. There is a section within the application where you can enter contributions from non-custodial parents and relatives.

### Q: Why do I need to input my spouse's information if I am remarried and they are not legally responsible for my children?

A: Smart Aid's calculation works off of the total household income, therefore including all income, whether the party is legally responsible for your children or not. Our system however, does take into effect your spouse's expenses as well as their income. It is important to list all expenses that are asked of within the application.

### Q: I do not have the required tax documents. HELP!

A: Include the most recent tax documentation you have available. If you are asked for a specific line from a tax document that you have not yet completed, please estimate the projected amount.

### Q: How will I know if I qualify for aid or not?

A: We do not disclose information about the results of your application. All final tuition aid decisions, including notification of an award amount (if any); will be made by your school. For the date on which award notices will be given, please contact your school directly.

### Q: What if I want to edit my application?

A: Once an application has been submitted and paid for it can no longer be edited by a parent. However, if changes are necessary a written statement with the change (including the application ID), should be sent to support@smartaidforparents.com.