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## Our Shining Students by Ryan Silva



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After a whole quarter of waking up early and hard work, it's that time of year where the first student awards are handed out at Victory High School.

Every student at Victory High School is outstanding in their own way, but some stick out more than others. The end of the first quarter is right around the corner and with that comes Student Awards. All over campus, teachers pick one student from each period to highlight during an assembly.

When asked about receiving a reward, Senior, Jacob Uribe replied, "Yeah, that'd be cool, I'd feel special. I'd prefer to get an award from Rettinhouse or Boettger. I do hard work in those classes and they are both respectable teachers."

The award show is given to students with excellence in the subject, while also showing the capacity of the persona in the student. The first ceremony will take place in the multi-purpose room at Victory on Monday, October 19th. Not only will teachers be showcasing students, but the office has a few awards they can present as well.

The award ceremonies aren't a one time thing, though. There's many chances to be able to receive an award with a ceremony every quarter.

Each ceremony is held at the beginning of every new quarter, in which the awards are given by the staff, to the students based on the previous quarter. The criteria is strictly up to the teacher.

According to Principal Williams, "Each teacher has their own preference." In other words, awards could be given because of academic ability, how much the students have improved, or just simply by being a respectable student on campus.

Here are the typical factors of getting a student award:

**Honor Roll:** To get this award, students should have a 3.3 – 3.5 Grade Point Average, No D's/F's, Minimum of 9+ credits earned, and an 80% Attendance.  
**Principal's List:** This award is given to the students with 3.7-4.0 Grade Point Average, No D's/F's, Minimum of 9+ credits, and also an 80% Attendance.

**Perfect Attendance:** This award is for the students that don't have any absences (excused or unexcused). They should have no more than two tardies in a quarter.

**Student Achievement Award:** This award is given to the best overall academic student performance with 95% Attendance

**Qualifier:** Highest Grade Point Average, No discipline record, Enrolled for entire quarter

If a student earns the Student Achievement award, which is the highest possible award they can get, then their name is put on a plaque and hung in the front office forever! There is no limit to how many you awards a student can get, but only one student can get one per-teacher per-period.

"The awards ceremony is one of my favorite assemblies of the year." Principal Mark Williams said, "To honor the students and the hard work they do is really important to me."

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The awards always bring positive energy to the Victory campus and it can be seen in the smiles of the students, watching them return to their seat holding an award from their teacher after putting in hardwork in their class. It's always a pleasant sight too see friends happy, especially when they deserve it.

"It is a good way to show students that the staff pays attention and cares about us, while acknowledging our efforts." Uribe said.

## **Students in a Snap by Sam North**

School pictures came to Victory High School on September 17, giving students a reason to glam it up for a day. Representatives from the Lifetouch company came to take photos of all Victory students for their school I.D. and the pictures for the yearbook. It took place during third period while students went to the multipurpose room to have their picture taken.

Lifetouch has been the professional photography choice for schools and families for nearly 80 years. As far as setup goes, Victory confirms a date on the calendar and Lifetouch representatives come on that day. Victory promotes the ordering of school pictures two weeks ahead of time so students have enough time to order the photos.

"The company [Lifetouch] runs picture day with every high school in the area," Principal Mr. Williams said, "Then we need to get through every student, starting from period three, hopefully getting everyone in before third period ends, to get their pictures taken."



Picture day comes around every year so students can receive their student I.D.'s. If any students miss picture day, there will be a make up day. Although, the reason behind picture day is not to just have our pictures taken.

"The purpose of picture day is so we can update our aries database so we have a current photo of every student," stated Mr Williams. "Although it's mandatory, it is also so every student can get their picture I.D to use on campus, as well as in the community."

Even though all students are obliged to have their picture taken, they are not all happy about it. The way pictures are taken now are much different than how they were taken in the past.

"The poses are uncomfortable and the angle is not the most flattering," senior Kaylee Tallman said, "I'm going to buy the senior pictures this year."

Lifetouch has students stand up and pose instead of sit down and tilt their head, like they use to do. Some may say they this is better, some may say this is worse, it depends on a person's own point of view.

"Picture day is alright, but it's too expensive," student Carly Hershberger stated, "I'd rather get the senior portraits this year, they're so glamorous."

So while some students are not excited for picture day, others enjoy it.

"I like picture day because it gives me a chance to dress up and accentuate my beauty. It's a great time, it really channels my inner Beyoncé, and I love that." Student Rhianna Christian said. "And as Beyoncé would say, 'I woke up like this. Flawless.'"



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Victory High School's Bowling Team

## Bowling Rolls Into New Season

by Chris Curry

The Bowling team lost a great leader in Ms. Goodnough last year, however, this year will be different with Mr. Baham taking the reins of the team.

Last year's team won first place in the 2014 season. In order to be apart of the bowling team and stay on the team you must have your own ride, you must be passing half of your classes, and you must be respectful of other bowlers. Also, three tardies result in removal from the team, and you must have bowling shirt in order to participate.

"We are like a family and love equally and fairly with no unjust discrimination." Member of the 2015 bowling team member Ryan Silva said regarding the team's strong bond.

Bowlers get out of school 20 minutes early on Mondays in order to attend the match. Multiple people from the team have said that bowling gives them better hand eye coordination.

"It helps you meet new people." Team member Jacob Uribe said. Sounds like bowling is more than just strikes and knocking over pins, but a time to make new friends as well.

The team is more connected than a normal bowling team would be and at the forefront is Mr. Baham leading them into another sportful season. This year will be a real test for the team as it is only the team's second season and they have a lot to live up to with last years team coming in first place.

Having faith in Mr. Baham and doing their best, they could pull off another great season! "It really helps improve my social life." Silva said.

## You Can't Rush Deliciousness

by Jacob Uribe



Students attending the ASB School BBQ

The Associated Student Body (ASB) got to hold a BBQ for all students of Victory to bring friendships closer, or maybe create a few new one's. Although most of the students only went for the great food, what's really important is the preparation behind the grill.

An important question that has been going around campus is whether ASB will be serving food that will fulfill all of the students needs. Senior and also member of ASB, Sam North, answers this question by stating, "They will be serving meat as well as vegetarian food." With that question out of the way, we knew that every student at Victory High School would have more than one option of what they'd get to eat for lunch.

Sure, eating the food was one of the big factors of hosting this event, but the cooking is also another one. Sam North had previously mentioned that "Rettinhouse and maybe one or two students will be cooking." Some have heard otherwise from President of ASB, Rhianna Christian. "Lexi's dad will be cooking." Christian said. Besides all the confusion, the food was overall great according to most of the students that attended the event.

One of the main objectives of the BBQ is to bring the students together. In Victory, there are many cliques dividing student relationships. With this task at hand, the ASB President hopes to bring harmony between the students. "We hope to help the students feel comfortable with each other, while making Victory a better place to be." Christian said. That being said, The Associated Student Body hopes to bring students together, instead of sitting separately at lunch.

Not only do students look forward to this BBQ, they hope to see more in the future. Not too far into the future, Student Body plans to have more BBQ's according to North. "This is not supposed to be a one time thing." She says. After hearing the news, students are looking forward to more school functions such as BBQ's. If this is true, ASB's goal of raising student morale is not too far around the corner. In the end, the preparation was well worth the work. Students came to school looking forward to the BBQ, and were more than pleased with the outcome than anticipated. Student and bowler, Ryan Silva, had nothing but good things to say about the BBQ. "It was pretty good, the food was delicious and worth the wait." But that was not all, "The socializing was hectic while waiting for the food to be ready. It took a while to cook, but hey, you can't rush deliciousness!"

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## Teaching What Matters

by Brian Slater

A new minimum day schedule is being implemented this year at Victory High School, giving teachers the opportunity to provide useful knowledge to students to have for when they leave high school and take on the responsibilities of being an adult.

Beginning this year, rather than going to six classes for thirty minutes each minimum day, the students will go to three different classes that are organized in alphabetical order, going by last names.

During the three classes, teachers will be teaching life skills or certain things that they believe to be important for students to know. This new schedule was created as a result of previous experiences in which the teachers were able to do very little during the short minimum day periods. Now, they can teach things to students life skills that few high school students learn while they are in high school.

English teacher Ms. Boettger is among the Victory teachers helping students understand and learn the skills by providing them the knowledge of how to budget their money so that students will know how to efficiently spend money that they have earned on necessities such as rent, utilities, insurance, car repairs, etc. When asked if she would continue teaching budgeting life skills Boettger responded, "I am going to stick with what would be more beneficial for you guys, the ones I figure will be more helpful for you."

In the first semester there are a total of nine minimum days, so Victory students can expect to learn a lot from their teachers during these days. Some of the



Gov. teacher Mr. Baham has experienced Political Party members speak to students about political parties and how to vote during a minimum day life skills class.

life skills that have been taught is how to fill out tax forms, how to prepare for an interview, and budgeting. The teachers feel that the new schedule is better because they are teaching students helpful skills rather than just sitting around for twenty minutes. Teachers also enjoy the new minimum day schedule because it allows them to get to know students that they would otherwise not know due to not having them in their class.

One of the drawbacks to the new minimum days is that all students, regardless of when they normally have to be at school, must arrive in the morning at 8:45. Along with this, some students seem prefer the old schedule, "I don't like the new schedule because now you have to go to three classes for an hour instead of getting to go to all of your normal classes for twenty minutes." said Victory High School senior Derrick Johnston.

Even though this might be a negative to most students, they are still given the opportunity to learn the skills that will be needed after high school. "I think that the things we can teach you, you are

maybe not getting anywhere else and I think that they are important things for you to know, because life after high school can be exciting but it can also be stressful." Boettger responded when asked why she thought that it was important for students to learn about these thing. Whether or not students choose to attend a college after high school, they will already have real world knowledge that they can apply to their life after high school. With this knowledge, students can hopefully eliminate some of the stresses that come with being an adult.

## Junior of the Issue by Brooklyn Arrington

Victory High School junior, Michael Raeside, earns an award titled Junior of the Issue. Hard work has really paid off for Raeside, considering he was recognized for this valuable position.

To receive the recognition of being Junior of the Issue, one must have great; attendance, grades, attitude, and of course, a great motive.

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Michael Raeside and best friend, Max Dillon

After receiving this award, Raeside says, “I’m shocked”. Raeside is considered to be a good student because he listens to everything the teachers say. His favorite class is Government with Mr. Baham, it has been said that he enjoys this class because he can joke around with people and still get his work done.

Raesides’ friends had quite a lot to say about him as well. Ryan Silva, Jonathan Gilsdorf, Michael Husmann, and Max Dillon all participated in an interview on how they felt about their friend getting this recognition.

Senior Ryan Silva described Raeside as, a “funny guy”, also noting that, “He’s a quiet guy, but once you get to know him, he’s very sociable.” Silva and Raeside have been close friends since the beginning of the 2015-16 school year. Silva also mentions that Raeside “Indeed deserved this recognition,” Silva continues, “he’s an honorable student is definitely worth it.”

Long time friend Max Dillon, says that Raeside “Works on cars a lot but, still works hard at school.” Dillon also mentioned how “that just goes to show how much of a hard worker he really is.” When asked about how he felt towards Raeside getting the award, Dillon says

“Oh, he definitely is worth the award,” Dillon continues, “I don’t even know anyone else that would deserve it.”

Third of many of Michael’s friends, is senior Jonathan Gilsdorf. “He’s not judgmental.” says Gilsdorf. He was also asked how he felt about his friend receiving the recognition, and he instantly exclaimed, “He completely deserves junior of the month.”

Raeside plans to move to North Dakota once he completes high school.

“I honestly felt like he would get some sort of award.” Michael Husmann said. Apparently, Raeside is a very honest person as his friend, Husmann, says, “He’s open minded and tell the truth all the time.” Husmann admits he was a little bummed out when he didn’t receive the recognition, but still shows his support for Raeside, “I’m not as upset as I should be considering Michael was the one that got the award,” Husmann continues, “he really did deserve the recognition, like, his work pays off.”

## **Lunchtime Gossip** by Rhianna Christian

Victory High School is a place of learning, friendship, and achievement. But what fuels those brilliant young minds? Food! People need three meals a day to function properly, and lunch plays an important part in student’s lives. Find out if the school lunches are fulfilling the needs of Victory High School students, and what goes on behind the scenes.

School principal Mark Williams provided more information on the process the lunches go through before they make it to Victory.



“I have zero control over school lunches. That is run through the Rocklin Unified Nutrition Services Department. They have certain guidelines that they need to meet from the state.” Williams said.

So there you have it, the big guy is not in charge of what we get fed, but that doesn’t mean he’s powerless when it comes to our feedback. It seems Williams does have his connections with those who can make changes, and he is always looking into situations students may bring into question.

“Someone yesterday asked about the calzones, so I have a post it that says calzones, and I plan on asking the food department people ‘Is that a possibility?’ Any input I’m able to give, I do.” Williams said.

It’s been made clear that Williams takes notes about the concerns students bring up about the food that they’re being served, but are all problems being heard?

Victory High School student Jessica Crockett has her own issues at hand with school lunches. “The time frame isn’t fair at all.” Crockett said. “I start the period right before lunch, so say I come to school during lunch time where I’m a little late and that lunch bar is closed, I don’t get lunch for the day. And I am

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starving. I'm upset." Crockett said.

School lunch is available to students from 11:49 until around 12:15, when the food is packed up and shipped back to Rocklin High School.

Others may not have a concern with the time frame as much as they do the product that is served out. "I only order on Fridays because that's the only day that they have real food, the chicken wrap. The other days it's like...dang what the heck is that?!" student Sam North said.

The school lunch menu has changed since last year, but they still seem to bringing in unhappy reviews from students, especially relating to the pricing of meals.

Student Carly Hershberger raises concerns involving the pricing of school lunches. "I've only paid for a hamburger like maybe once, because I have free lunch, and it was like \$3.25, something around there, and that's not really cool for those who don't qualify for free lunch." Hershberger said.

There have been suggestions for an open campus for lunchtime at Victory High School, ever since the campus was deemed a closed campus an estimated three to four years ago.

"I'd prefer to go across the street to Subway or to get like real pizza at the pizza place across the street." Hershberger said.

School lunches have never been a particular favorite in the lives of students, from being cringe-worthy in the early 2000s and before to being semi

-tasteful in present day, they still have some work to do.

Student Sam North gives advice on how to make school lunches better for everyone. "Make them taste more like they haven't been stepped on and ten days old." North said.

## **The Man** by Nadin Baddawi



State champion and 2nd place winner in the sport horseshoe happens to also be a custodian, Tim Thomas, at Victory High School. He doesn't just keep our campus immaculate he does a variety of things such as playing ping pong, which Bryson Welsh, one of Tim's components, who said that he is a "ping pong machine". Welsh also mentioned that "he is an overall great guy to be around and I hope one day to be as good at ping pong as he is". You can almost always see him around campus either cleaning or socializing with students, "I see him working really hard all around campus whether it's cleaning windows or picking up other students trash he's always gives 100 %.He's a really good guy and I enjoy being around him, he's good company." Welsh commented.

Tim has been married for 37 years to his wife, Debby Thomas, father of three

children and 4 grandkids. Before coming to Victory High School he trained at Whitney, and worked at Rocklin, and Breen. He's a very generous person, so much so, that back in 2001 he gave his kidney to his brother because he was on dialysis. Tim prayed to be a match and low and behold out of a scale of 10 Tim's kidney came back as an 8, the closest match between him and his other siblings.

Although him and his brother weren't as close then after the kidney transplant they became a lot closer. Tim is also a trooper, when told by the doctors that people usually stay in recovery after that kind of transplant for 3 days, "Tim only stayed for 1 day .According to Victory High School Junior Elizabeth Ledger" He is a very good guy and goes out of his way to keep this campus clean."

Besides being an amazing custodian for VHS, he's also loves watching sports, his favorite team are the San Francisco Giants and the San Francisco 49ers, he can be seen around campus on any given day wearing a 49'ers and Giants merchandise. His favorite movies are the Lethal Weapon movies. He really enjoys playing horseshoe in his free time, aside from playing in horseshoe competitions. Adding to the generosity Tim also has been working at Loaves and Fishes located in Sacramento which feeds the hungry, and sheltering the homeless.

It is important to notice that Tim isn't just a custodian, he's also a very nice and down to earth guy. Although at first look he seems to be a quiet guy, once you get to know him he's a very fun guy to be around and he's great company. He has endless stories to tell and it makes for great entertainment. All in all VHS has one of the best janitors in the nation.

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## Is it worth it?

by Jacob Uribe

Along with the new school year, Saturday school has started. What is Saturday school, you ask? Well, the name is self explanatory. Students attend school on Saturday, but only if they meet the criteria. A student must miss three class periods or be tardy to school six times in order to be qualified for Saturday school. Although Saturday school is meant to be a positive place to earn credits you missed, most students resent going.

Why do students resent going to Saturday school? For starters, it's on Saturday. Secondly, it starts even earlier than coming to school first period; 45 minutes earlier at eight o'clock to be exact. Waking earlier may be an important factor, but it's not the only factor students resent.

Another reason students do not like Saturday school is because you have to attend it from eight to twelve. It may not seem like a long day, but students like to say otherwise. Chris Eastwood voices his opinion on Saturday school times, "When you go there, you just sit there for four hours wasting your Saturday." Although this is an opinion, it gives students another reason why they should be at school on time.

Besides the time, what you choose to do in Saturday school can ultimately determine whether your going to be bored or busy. "It sucked, you just sit there and do nothing." Chris Curry said about the topic. But when you arrive, you have two choices to choose from. You can either be proactive and catchup on work, or do nothing for the four hours. If you're at Saturday school you can skip doing work, but no matter what you choose to do there will always be the 4 hours you are required to spend on Saturday school.



## 1000 Permanent Words

by Nadin Baddawi

Tattoos are a way of showing how creative you are. When Mrs. Goodnough part of Victory High Schools staff, Savannah Martin, and Christopher Curry both students of Victory High School were interviewed they explained that all of their tattoos have a significant meaning to them. They didn't get tattoos to just to have ink on their skin they did it because they almost always have a special meaning to them.

Christopher Curry expressed how his tattoos have significant meanings to him. Chris talks about his most recent and only tattoo which is a black and white rose, he said the meaning behind it is "Beauty comes from all colors even black and white". In addition about being asked if they hurt he said "Yes, it felt like a continuous cat scratch". When asked if he wanted to get anymore tattoos Christopher said "I want to get an alchemy symbol, for life, and from surviving a hard time that I went through". He also said "I want to get a tattoo of a crown later on, to represent how later in life i'm gonna be rich".

Savanah talks about how her tattoos have very special meanings to her, her most recent being a peace sign, "My tattoo on my shoulder is of stars and each of those are a family member with

their birthstone colors" she also followed that up with "I have my Dad's initials and those are really important to me". She talked about how, "All but one of my tattoos did hurt, which was the one on my shoulder, because it hit the bone". Savannah also said she wanted to get another tattoo "I want the goddess of the sun and moon". Furthermore when the question of why she got them was asked she said "I got them because they have special meanings and their cute".

Our very own Mrs. Goodnough talks about her tattoos, which in total are 20. Her newest addition is a portrait of her and her daughter on her left bicep, furthermore she said "Most of my tattoos have special meanings". She also talked about how they all hurt when getting them done. When asked about why she got them she said "I've just always liked the way that they look, it's a cool way to express yourself". Also when asked if she wanted anymore tattoos she said "Yes, definitely more".

All in all, it is shown that tattoos aren't just ink on your skin. Most of them have special meanings to people, whether it be about significant other or a time in life they either want to remember or survived. Savannah, Chris, and Mrs. Goodnough all are creative on what their meanings are behind their tattoos and how incredible looking their tattoos are.

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Might as well make it worth it!

The final question on everybody's mind, is it really worth it? Is ditching school or being late everyday really worth attending Saturday school? From the interviews given, it seems that everyone has the same answer for these essential questions. When asked, multiple people said NO. In fact, they even proposed a new time to fit the crime. When you miss classes for an understandable reason, students should be issued a lunch detention rather than a Saturday school. Although students agree with this proposal, it's ultimately up to the school staff to determine if the time fits the crime.

Saturday school was made to be a positive place for students to catch up on missed school work. Although students may disagree, it can be a beneficial place. But in all honesty, nobody wants to go to school six days a week, especially if you're not a morning person. So, if you can't do the time, don't do the crime.

What do you like about VHS?

"The teachers are very helpful and always here for me."

Nicholas Ambrose  
- Senior

"Nice staff, supportive, funny, and straight to the point."

Stephen Tyler Lillback  
-Junior

## Giving Blood

by Sam North

The blood drive at Victory High School annually comes in October to help people in California with our communities lifesaving blood donations.

BloodSource has been devoted to doing what's right since 1948. They grew from a single blood bank underneath a water tower in Sacramento to one of the highest ranked blood centers and blood research corporations in the world.

While certain students want to give blood, they have trouble with it. "I am going to try again but they have trouble finding my veins," senior Jessica Rodriguez stated, "I drink a lot of water before but I guess they're tiny."

For people who have never given blood before, it can be scary.

When students, and some staff, were asked about giving blood. "Giving blood is important for the people who need it," senior Kathy Mendoza said, "but I'm scared of needles, like what if I faint."

BloodSource has created a new design for this year's t-shirt.

Last year's shirt design is different than



this years. "Oh yeah!" senior Rodriguez exclaimed, "I love this years shirt design, it's actually cute." Some students agree with her. "I do like this years shirt design," senior Rhianna Christian agreed, "it's very fashionable compared to the past shirt designs."

In 2014, Victory came short of their blood goal for the October blood drive. However, this year the goal has been lowered to 25 pints, with hopes high that enough people will donate in order to achieve it.

Reasons behind people giving blood varies from person to person, but one student was particularly involved in why she loves volunteering. "If someone were to go to a hospital and they were in critical condition and their blood type wasn't found in anyone else being that one percent chance to save their life, I would want to take that chance," Senior Laial Murtada said, "plus after you give blood you get banging snacks."

Many students agreed that giving a little bit of their blood to help saves a person's life is pretty awesome.

"The blood drive is important," states Christian, "without it they would have a difficult time collecting blood."

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People who haven't tried giving blood before are motivated by the high spirits of Victory. "I am going to give blood even though I've never done it before, because i was too scared," Christian said, "but I figured life is short and we all die so I might as well give my blood to makes someone's death sentence shorter you know?"



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## Gamers Unite

by Anthony Allen

The videogame club in room C-4, monitored by Mr. Handling, has been running smoothly for a little over a month at this point, and it's still going strong. The gaming club has had three tournaments so far; one for the club president, and two tournaments for fun. The first tournament, to decide club president, started as three people playing against each other in a free for all in Call of Duty Black Ops 2 in the one in a chamber game mode. In this game mode, you were given one bullet to kill an opponent. If you hit, you were refunded a bullet, but if you missed, you were left to your wits in an attempt to outsmart your opponent and get in range for close quarters combat. This tournament got to the grand finals after one lunch period. The next friday, we were left to a three man free for all in Halo Reach.

The club president was decided as Michael Waldren, and we moved onto the next tournament.

I'm a competitive gamer and an avid member of the Super Smash Bros. Melee and Project M community. The community recognizes me as an honorable mention in the Sacramento area ranking system for Project M. Regardless, it's not unusual for me to bring a console and small television, often referred to as a setup, to the tournaments I go to. Because of this, my parents had little to no problem with me bringing a Wii console and various games to the gaming club.

Currently, our third tournament continues. Super Smash Bros. Melee for the Nintendo Gamecube is a game that has a massive eSports community that has been going strong for about 14 years. The twist is that this is a doubles



tournament. That means it's set up into a two versus two match, and functions through a round robin system. This ensures that everyone gets several rounds. The winner is decided by who wins the most amount of rounds in their respective groups. Two winning teams move on from each group, and then play each other in a final set. Besides that, competitive Smash Bros. players, such as Aldair Jimenez, Wilson Reeves (visiting for gaming club from Rocklin Independent Charter Academy), and I have to play as characters that are considered to be bad in the Super Smash Bros. Melee community, such as Pichu, Roy, Mewtwo, Mario, Kirby, and Yoshi. The tournament continues to be incredibly fun and fast paced as students compete to see who is the best at Super Smash Bros. Melee. This tournament also uses the capabilities of the website Challenge, so results and upcoming matches can be followed from anywhere on your mobile device at [www.challenge.com/vhsssbmelee](http://www.challenge.com/vhsssbmelee).

Aside from tournaments, everyone is just happy to be in the gaming club. It creates a solid, unified community. I asked Hunter Evaro, Ryan Silva, Terah Fallon, and Jacob Uribe about their opinions on gaming club. For the most part, they all had the same things to say; the unity created by gaming club allows them to come together and show a side of

them not usually shown when out to lunch or hanging out usually. People get to talk about the things they truly enjoy, and nerd out about their favorite video games. Ryan said "gaming club gives students an opportunity to gather in a community where we can all play and get along together." This community shows the second side of gamers, which Hunter worded well when he told me "gaming club is not only brings out my gaming side which is basically me times two, it's also a place where we can come together and have a lot of great fun." Terah brought up how she appreciated the casual atmosphere that many people had, "it's a fun experience even for people who aren't hardcore gamer just to hang out and enjoy videogames together."

There are a few downsides to the gaming club so far, however. The club is still fresh, and we're all still working to improve as much as we can. Hunter brought up how tournaments sometimes drag on over weeks and don't go fast enough, and proposed doubling up on the amount of days people can enjoy video games together. Jacob suggested more available consoles and games available to people to play while they wait for tournaments to proceed, or tournaments for other video games. More diversity is something we at the gaming club are working towards as often as possible. Jacob also proposed a prize system for

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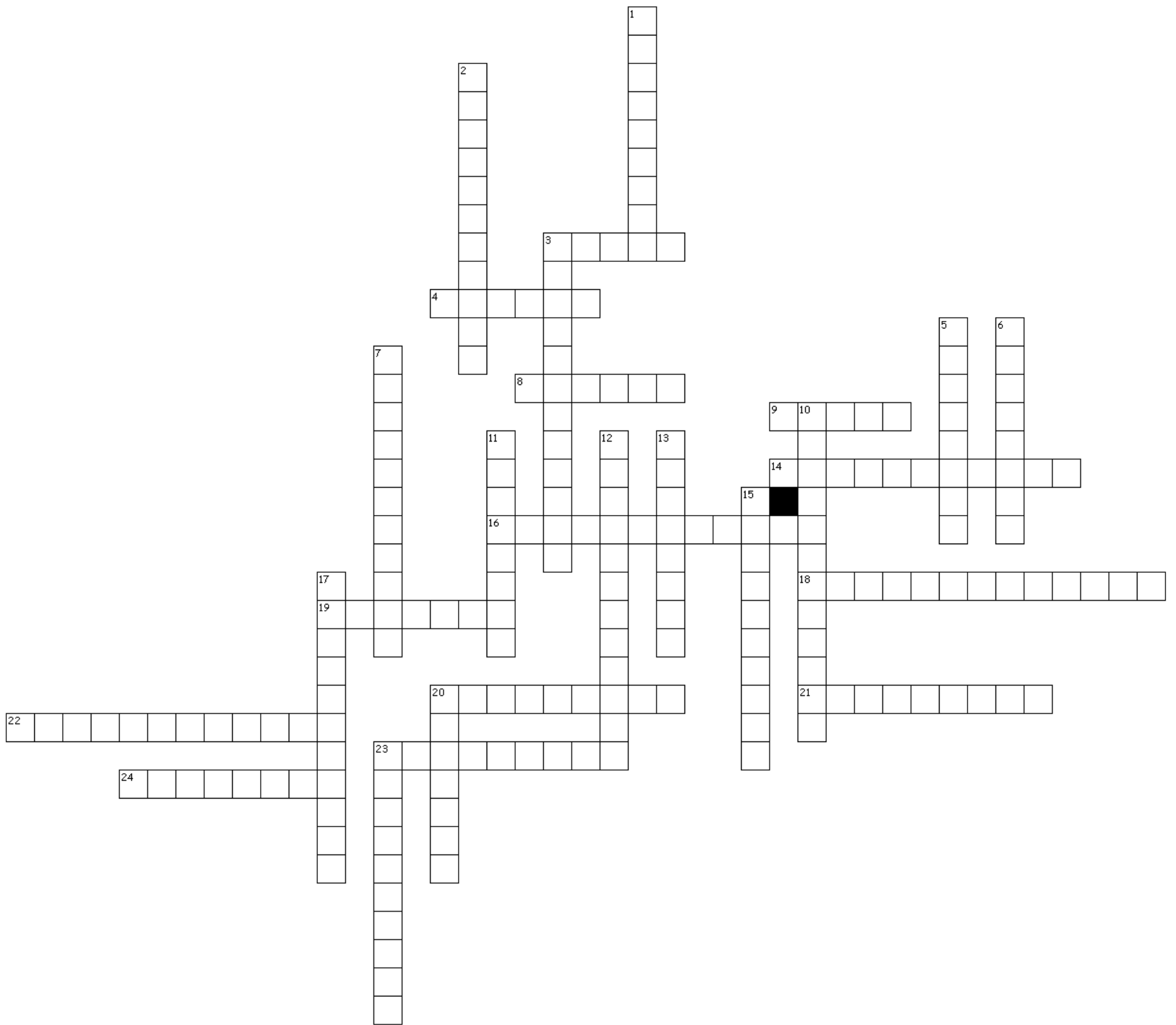
3. to incorporate (territory) into the domain of a city, country, or state
4. a figure of speech in which two unlike things are explicitly compared. That explicit comparison often takes the form of the word like or as
8. When one part of a country that wants to become independent, like the South during the U.S. Civil War
9. religious duty of Muslims to maintain the religion
14. The movement emphasized intense emotion as an authentic source of aesthetic experience
16. the formation of a word, as cuckoo, meow, honk, or boom, by imitation of a sound made
18. An art form derived from freely brushed colours that took precedence over lines and contours
19. Realism in the arts is the attempt to represent subject matter truthfully, without artificiality and avoiding artistic conventions, implausible, exotic and supernatural elements
20. a political philosophy that advocates self-governed societies with voluntary institutions. These are often described as stateless societies
21. a social and economic system characterised by social ownership and democratic control of the means of production, as well as a political theory and movement that aims at the establishment of such a system
22. a person who favors the abolition of a practice or institution, especially capital punishment or (formerly) slavery
23. an alliance for combined action, especially a temporary alliance of political parties forming a government or of states
24. is a figure of speech in which a term is applied to something to which it is not literally applicable in order to suggest a resemblance, as in "She is a rose."

## Down

1. an obvious and intentional exaggeration, such as "I read a million books this summer."
2. the enforced separation of different racial groups in a country, community, or establishment.
3. the commencement of two or more nearby words with the same letter or sound, as in the schoolyard staple "She sells seashells by the seashore."
5. an indirect reference to a person, place, event, or artistic work.
6. the deliberate killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation.
7. Arranged or existing for the present, possibly to be changed later.
10. a policy of remaining apart from the affairs or interests of other groups, especially the political affairs of other countries.
11. The state of existing or acting separately from others. The power or right of a country, group, etc., to govern itself
12. a population shift from rural to urban areas, "the gradual increase in the proportion of people living in urban areas", and the ways in which each society adapts to the change.
13. a system of ideas and ideals, especially one that forms the basis of economic or political theory and policy.
15. abstinence from alcoholic drink.
17. workers or working-class people, regarded collectively (often used with reference to Marxism).
20. the illustration of one idea by a more familiar or accessible idea that is in some way parallel
23. a thing that is granted, especially in response to demands; a thing conceded

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those who win tournaments. Glory is satisfying, but it only goes so far.

Regardless, the tournaments and community is always improving. People are always attending and continuing to enjoy what modern technology has to offer. In the future, we at the gaming club are hoping to see more video games, more tournaments, more diversity, better prizes, better efficiency, and an overall more entertaining experience for everyone. The one thing though, besides that, that we are hoping for is more players, which is a thing that only you, the reader, can assist with. Don't be shy; on Fridays, feel free to tune in to C-4 and get a taste of the gaming club with the rest of us!



What do you like about VHS?

"We have the freedom to express ourselves."  
-Jacob Uribe  
Senior

"I like that it is a small environment and most of the teachers are willing to help."  
-Alexis Allen  
Senior

## The Math Teacher

Victory High School is the campus to hold many subjects and teachers. However, math class is a little different around here. There is only one teacher for this subject, Ms. Newkirk.

Newkirk wasn't always a teacher or did not even always want to be a teacher. When Newkirk was just starting off and went to college, she subbed for schools just to make some extra money on the side. That's when she said, "when I went to college I wanted to be a computer programmer but I subbed for money and fell in love with teaching." That is how Newkirk's teaching career started.

At Victory one thing almost all students have noticed is the student staff connection. Victory high school makes sure that we have good and extra caring teachers that care about all of us on campus. This is especially true when it comes to Newkirk. Most students feel that the connection between them and Newkirk is unlike any other they have had with their teachers before.

Senior, Andrew Kachmar, was in Newkirk's 4th period math class. He says, "she just made me a happier person, really, after meeting her" he continues, "and I don't want that to change."

Another senior, Carly Hershberger, attended "she's honest and when she gets into her zone when she's flat out being honest it's funny," Hershberger continues, "I like it when she calls peoples shoes ugly".

By most, Ms. Newkirk is thought of highly and there haven't been any negative reviews about her.

Ms. Newkirks' colleague, Mrs. Selerno,



claims, "she has been teaching here at Victory longer than me and is a good person I can bounce ideas off of", Salerno and Newkirk have no off campus relationship but Salerno said, "when we have free time we just talk about life and what we do at home it's a really good stress reliever and we both really good people persons".

Ms. Newkirk, being the one and only math teacher here at Victory had a slight twist this year. Starting this year Ms. Newkirk also started teaching biology. She also tried taking a more computer based approach that involved online work. Ms. Newkirk realizing that this didn't work for us all soon went to a worksheet and more lessoned based teaching tactic but has allowed students who learn on the computer better continue this route.

At the end of the day it is safe to say the students who have gone to this school will remember it for being very different special and even life changing for us. One thing that will stick out in our heads the most is the relationship that we had with our math or biology teacher Ms. Newkirk!