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COFFEE TELLS A STORY *By: Rhianna Christian*



Book Club members at a meeting discussing "Insurgent." Sam North, Rhianna Christian, Bonnie Chiu, Nick Zajec, Kaylee Tallman, Jessica Rodriguez, Ms. Goodnough.

Where do all of your favorite movies usually start? That's right, paper! Book club is bringing the magic of books back to Victory High School's campus.

Every week students and English teacher Ashley Goodnough meet up at Starbucks to rave about whatever page slapping novel they're reading, making for one entertaining Wednesday. Students have nothing but positive things to say about the addition of book club here at Victory. "I love book club and I'd definitely do it again next year if they still have it!" Student Jessica Rodriguez said.

Book club is one day out of the week where students and Goodnough can come together and just talk about whatever book they're reading at the moment, and it's never too late to join.

Even if you don't like reading, the participation is still welcomed,

just ask student Sam North. "They should definitely keep the book club around, because the people who like reading have a groovy place to be after school," North said, "and even if they don't like reading, they could just come and listen to us talk about the book and have a good time!"

Starbucks is a convenient location for students to travel to, seeing as it's right across the street from the Victory campus. And who doesn't love a good cup of coffee, some warm tea, or a delicious blueberry muffin, right?

It really is the student's voices that make the school a better place. According to Goodnough, the students are where book club started. "I have a few students who would just come to me and say 'We need to do a book club! Let's do a book club! We need to do a book club!'" Goodnough said, "and so after a few weeks of that I was like, 'Alright!'"

In addition to being able to just hang out and talk about the current novel in the reading, book club is also an option to earn Freshman and Sophomore english credit or elective credit as well. It's a win-win situation, kiddos!

There's more to book club than just books, apparently this group has it's own little mascot. "We are mesmerized by Nick's really cute puppy, Karma," Goodnough said. What a paw-sitive addition to any club.

Book club has the golden stamp of approval from the big guy, too. "I love the fact that we have a book club here. I think it's the coolest thing!" school principal Mark Williams said. This after school activity is another option to just get out there and get to know the students here at Victory.

"Book club's brand new, and it's another way for students to express themselves," school counselor Rhonda Law said.

If books are your thing, this is definitely the place for you to be every Wednesday at Starbucks. And there's a feeling that it's going to be around for the long run. "I love it. It's awesome and I never want it to end, ever," Goodnough said.

STUDENTS AWARDED AT VICTORY *By: Tyler Casey*

At Victory there is no effort that goes unrecognized. At the Quarter Awards, Victory students get recognized for their efforts in class to get their credits done and graduate.

When asked how she felt about receiving an award, Jenna Frank said, "It feels awesome. It's nice to be recognized for doing good in school."

On Monday, March 16th, students and staff alike all gathered in the multipurpose room to recognize the efforts of the selected students. Teachers went up one by one and gave an award to one student in each one of their classes, who they felt put in the worthy effort into their work.

Mr. Williams stated, "I always tell staff to pick the students who performed well in the quarter. Other than graduation and the talent show, it's one thing I really look forward to. I love awarding students."

There are several different awards a student can get which include principal's list, honor roll, and teachers choice. It's what you have to do to be picked for an award that most people are curious about.

When asked what students need to do to receive an award Mr. Rettinhouse stated what he bases his picks off of. "Attendance, show up every day on time. Performance, doing all the work with effort and correctly. Then lastly attitude, students must have a

decent attitude in class and shouldn't give the teacher too much grief."

Being a student myself, I got to sit through this award ceremony and I must say it was amazing. All the students and staff alike were all excited for the students who worked hard to be recognized for their achievements within the quarter. The energy in the multipurpose room on that crazy Monday is almost thick enough to cut with a knife and it really is a sight to see.

A total of 54 awards were handed out, including Bonnie Chiu receiving the Student Achievement Award.

Autumn Calvert speaks on how she feels about receiving an award, "It feels good."

VICTORY HIGH SCHOOL IS VICTORIOUS

Victory High School is officially being recognized for its outstanding performance as a continuation high school.

On May 2, 2015, Victory High School will be awarded as a Model Continuation High School at the 2015 California Continuation Education Association (CCEA) State Conference for the hard work and dedication of the wonderful students and staff. This award is only given to 29 out of the 480 Continuation high schools every three years. Therefore, we can officially claim Victory High School as one of the best Continuation high schools in the state of California.

Principal Mark Williams feels the students at Victory High School play a large role in the school's success. "I've always been impressed with the students here because I think they respect the process and respect our school," Mr. Williams said.

As principal, Mr. Williams also has a big part in the success of the school. He feels that if you show the students respect, mutual respect is given and therefore results in an ideal school atmosphere.

Victory High School makes sure to "put an emphasis on education," as Mr. Williams said. "This isn't a place where we just want you to earn credits. A high school diploma without having the skills and knowledge is worthless."

Mrs. Law, counselor at Victory High School, believes the students are the magic. "We get to inspire you guys, and encourage you, and believe in you... sometimes when you don't believe in yourself. But you guys are the ones that see the light switch go on and realize, 'Hey, I can do this.'"

This award is such an honor to all the students and staff at Victory High School. The principal's message on the school website does a good job of explaining the school's supportive attitude towards the students.

By: Bethany Byrnes

"As a staff, we could not be more proud for what our students achieve while at Victory. We are constantly amazed at their determination to reach their goals... We take pride in who we are and what our students stand for," Mr. Williams said.



Victory High Staff: Marissa Goodnough, Rhonda Law, Jennifer Boettger, Debra Encallado, Ashley Goodnough, Mark Williams, Suzi Ferrari-Nugent, Paul Rettinhouse, Matt Restani, Darren Baham.

YOU HAVE NOT SEEN TALENT UNTIL YOU HAVE SEEN VICTORY HIGH'S TALENT SHOW *By: Jenna Frank and Manni Atwal*

Many Students and Staff participated in Victory High's Talent Show by expressing themselves in a variety of ways.

There are different ways to see your peers express themselves, but the very best way is getting the chance to support your school's annual talent show! Victory High School's Talent Show took place on March 11, 2015 in the school auditorium at 7p.m.

"I really felt confident. I love performing. Before I had my daughter, I played in a band and would travel all over the United States," Discipline Tech Mrs. Goodnough said. Mrs. Goodnough performed two songs at the talent show.



Mr. Rettinhouse and all the Student Performers ending with a bang singing "Mustang Sally" By Wilson Pickett.

Many students were excited to show their ability to perform in different and talented ways.

"I love performing. Ever since I was little being on stage has always been a thrill," Victory High Student Monica Ramirez said, who sang multiple songs at the talent show, including "What's Up" by 4NonBlondes.

There were many unique acts demonstrated such as Singing, Dancing, Rapping and Playing Instruments.

"It was just as good, if not better, than past years for the enthusiasm the performers had and the amount of effort they put into themselves," teacher Paul Rettinhouse stated. Rettinhouse performed a few songs as well as his ever famous, "Mustang Sally."

The auditorium was filled with excitement and cheerful yells to each and every talented student that got up on stage.

The students and staff that performed were incredible and they had great support from the audience such as their peers, staff, and loved ones.

"I love watching students be able to express themselves through their talents," said Mrs. Goodnough.

It was an awesome experience for the performers to show what they can do in front of their peers and for the audience who got the chance to be apart of the occasion.

"My favorite performance was Kat because her

dance was beautiful and she is so talented," said Ramirez. Alexis Royce also performed a dance at the talent show.

Some other performers were Kayleigh Williams and Anna Hauptmann, who both sang songs. Jesse Rollin sang as well. Blake Martin, Manni Atwal, and Mr. Rettinhouse sang "The Gambler" as a trio.

"I love watching students perform. It is by far my favorite part. I've always felt my students have had talent and I enjoy watching," Principal Mark Williams stated.

We also had a snack bar that students were able to get refreshments and food for a really reasonable price.

Since I performed in the talent show, I was very nervous and scared, but the moment I hit the stage and I started to rap I felt in place and went with that feeling. Seeing all my friends and family made me very happy and confident doing what I loved.

"I'm always impressed with the talent. We only have roughly a hundred students and each year I wonder how many students will perform. The talent show this year was awesome. I love watching the students express and show their talents on stage," Mr. Williams said.

Our principal supports his students each year in the the talent show and continues to be impressed by the unique ability Victory High Students.

GIVE BLOOD, GIVE HOPE, SAVE A LIFE! *By: Mia Coronado*

When most people think of blood, they see it as a negative thing about life. Some think of vampires, and some think of death. What most people don't think about, is that it can be a positive thing, such as helping someone, and saving another human being's life.

The students and staff at Victory High Hosted a Blood Drive on March 27, 2015 to help save the lives of those in need. Students were pulled out of their classes individually throughout the day to spend a few minutes of their lives giving blood to help someone else's life.

They had a few minutes to rest afterwards, eat some snacks that were given to them, and then were sent back to class to get back to learning.

Kayleigh Williams, a joyous senior who loves to draw and sing whenever she feels like singing, wasn't able to donate blood, because of her new tattoo she got for her birthday, but stated that she would've given blood if she could, because the thought of saving someone's life makes her happy.

Mr. Williams, the principle of VHS, also donated blood during the blood drive. "I like donating blood, not to make myself feel good, but to just help save a life."

Williams has donated blood every time Victory High School has had a blood drive, and is very proud that the VHS students have donated blood as well.

The Interact club, came up with the idea to have a blood drive at the school. They had one last semester in October. It was a big hit, and decided during their meeting that they should have another Blood Drive.



Ms. Goodnough, the English and Journalism teacher at Victory High School, giving her bi-annual blood donation at Victory High school.

GRAB YOUR EASTER BASKET; IT'S SPRING BREAK!

By: Autumn Calvert

Everybody loves Spring Break. It's a time for partying, being with your family and of course, Easter! The biggest benefit? You don't have to go to school either! What could be better?

Victory High School has numerous students and teachers who all had various, exciting plans for their Spring Break and Easter. From partying on the beaches of San Diego to skiing down the slopes of Tahoe, members of Victory High School's campus were busy as a bee from March 28th to the night of April 3rd.

"For Easter we're very traditional. We have a big family dinner. We attend a church service, and it's my favorite holiday to be honest with you because it's Spring and everything is in bloom, and it's just a new beginning," Mrs. Law said.

People everywhere gather from city to city to celebrate Easter with their friends and family.



Mr. Williams' daughters Easter egg hunting with their baskets on Easter Day.

This holiday not only brings families together, but it gives kids a great time too, with all the different Easter activities that happen.

From egg coloring to Easter egg hunting to eating the candy you find, children are able to have a great time with their families and no one has to worry about buying presents for each other or anything.

"We spend a lot of time with family. It's an important holiday for my two kids because they are beasts at Easter egg hunting," Mr. Williams, Principal at Victory, said.

A great perk of Easter Sunday this year is that it falls during Spring Break! Spring Break gives us teenagers a chance to get away and hangout with our friends for a week, after having some nice family time. It's great to be able to take a break from everything and just go relax and have fun with your friends.

A lot of kids, especially teenagers, complain of being bored and having nothing to do but sit at home on their couch during Spring Break, but they're wrong! There's plenty of activities to do, just ask the members of Victory High School!

"I'm going to Truckee. That's where my dad lives and he lives in a cabin in the middle of the woods and I just love it up there," says Mrs. Goodnough from the front office.

For spring break a few people like to travel, like Mrs. Goodnough, but not everyone leaves town for their fun and exciting vacation. Some stay inside for their Easter egg hunt.

"Me and my wife stayed home and took care of our sick daughter," says history teacher Mr. Baham. "She had Spring Break the same week as us and we had all these plans like the zoo, but she got sick so we just stayed home for a week."

From traveling to the slopes of Tahoe for a week to staying home sick the entire time, the people at Victory High School love Spring Break and make many plans for it.

"I love working hard, but I love playing hard too. We're all human. A week off? Bring it on," Mr. Williams says.

CHIU CHOSEN AS CHIEF FOR JUNIOR STUDENTS

By: Pauline Swatman

The students at Victory High School are a hard working group of people. However there is one student at Victory that we have especially recognized for her unprecedented dedication and hard work.

Bonnie Chiu has been chosen as Victory High School's Student of the Month for April. Bonnie is a very kind Junior, who has worked hard to earn her 200 credits to graduate a whole year early.

Bonnie Chiu is seventeen, has three dogs and two cats, and has a deep care for people. She transferred from Rocklin High School due to "irreconcilable differences," but has managed to stay on top of her school work and is going to graduate early.

"She is dedicated to her education and is very self-directed," said Ms. Boettger, the English and Creative writing teacher at Victory.

Bonnie, graduating sometime in May, plans on moving to San Diego, and attending San Diego Mesa College.

"I am going into Psychology," said Bonnie.

The students chosen to be Victory High School's Students of the Month tend to be outstanding citizens, and many people agree that Bonnie Chiu is one such citizen.

"Bonnie is a friendly, encouraging, strong and thoughtful young lady," said Ms. Boettger.

Most people when asked to describe what they like about Bonnie answered with short, yet sweet answers. However Bonnie's friend, Rainey, likes to go to the next level when describing her.

"Her energy, her honesty, her positivity, and her great sense of style [are what I like most about her] because you don't usually find those qualities in our generation often," said Rainey.



Bonnie Chiu was selected as this Spring's Student of the Month.

Bonnie Chiu has a few odd specific hobbies. Bonnie likes to sew, she likes to dance, she likes to draw, winning most artistic in the yearbook, and she really, really likes to drink coffee.

"Yeah I really like coffee, really, really, really like coffee," said Bonnie.

Bonnie has a clear picture of her future and what she needs to do in order to achieve her dreams. Her strong work ethic ensures that Bonnie will be successful in all that she does.

"She is the Voice of Victory," said Ms. Law, the Counselor at Victory High School.

SENIOR STUDENT OF THE MONTH: JAKE WILLIAMSON

By: Mariah Mason

Jake Williamson was not only chosen because he's a good role model, but also because he's funny and a good friend to everyone around Victory. Jake was chosen this month after voting in Journalism class over which senior would be the best to highlight. We came to the conclusion that Jake would be the best senior to highlight due to him having almost perfect attendance and being a good friend/role model.

"I like to shoot hoops, play league of legends and hangout with my family. I plan on going to Sierra after Victory, but I'm not sure what I'm going to do there yet," Williamson said.

A few of Jake's friends were interviewed to see what kind of person Jake is and what kind of hobbies they do outside of school.

"He plays league of legends, recently won a tournament. As of right now he has made probably 60-70 dollars in game currency," Zack Forsberg said.

"Jake is a really laid back guy who's good at poker and will do anything for two billion dollars," Blake Martin said.

During our press conference, Mrs. Law was asked what her feelings were towards Jake being selected student highlight of the month.

"I have seen a huge change in maturity with Jake because he wasn't used to coming to school everyday, but he has made major improvements throughout the year. He's also so faithful to Interact Club. Not only does he help out, but he brings friends with him to help out as well."

Everyone around Victory knows Jake for being a positive and friendly guy. After getting an interview from him we found out that outside of school he loves to play basketball, play video games and hang out with his friends/family. He comes to school everyday so he can graduate faster and wants to do something where he'll make a lot of money when he gets out of high school.



Jake Williamson was selected as this Spring's Student of the Month.

MRS. GOODNOUGH HITS IT OUT OF THE PARK *By: Zack Forsberg*

Choosing a staff member to highlight is never an easy task; however, this month it was won by a landslide.

Marissa Goodnough has been chosen as our Staff Highlight for the April Issue. She was chosen by the Journalism class because of her kindness and her cheerful attitude.

While not receiving awards in Academics in high school, Mrs. Goodnough received awards for playing Softball.

"I played softball pretty competitively. I was in Varsity my freshman year and played for traveling teams outside of school and have won many championship games. I made it to a lot of all-star teams and still play in the summer," Mrs. Goodnough said.

Mrs. Goodnough isn't the only one happy about her getting this job. Her sister loves that they can work together.

"I love it. We don't get to see each other often and because of this, now we can," Ashley Goodnough, English Teacher at Victory High School said.

People say that you should choose a job that doesn't feel like a job, and it seems that Mrs. Goodnough has done just that.

"It seemed really close to my heart. Before, I worked lots of random jobs and I was looking for a job to make a career from," Mrs. Goodnough, Discipline Technician at Victory High School said.

Mrs. Goodnough didn't just randomly apply to work at Victory, she received word about the open position from her sister.

"When Ms. Goodnough told me about the opening, I applied

online. I felt intimidated because the other people interviewing were older than me and looked professional. I felt so happy to get the call back from Mark," Mrs. Goodnough said.

When outside of work, Mrs. Goodnough likes spending time with family, playing music, going on hikes, and going camping. Mrs. Goodnough has been married for 2 and a half years. She also has a daughter named Bowie, who is 2 years old and isn't planning on having anymore kids right now.



Mrs. Goodnough with her daughter, Bowie.

FEAR THE BEARD *By: Demerie Riordan*

Mr. Gruessing, is the "Feared Beard" and new permanent sub of Victory High School.

The VHS Science/P.E. class has been continued by our new permanent substitute, Mr. Gruessing, a kind, yet mysterious, bearded creature. Please welcome him warmly if you get the chance.



Mr. Gruessing is Victory's newest Long Term Substitute.

"I'm enjoying my time here a lot, just getting used to keeping on top of everything and getting grades in, which for me is the hardest part," Gruessing said when we first asked how he was enjoying our school. He stated that our school was different to others he's taught at due to its campus size and student headcount.

To get down to the knitty gritty, we had to ask if he groomed his beard, how often if he did so, and if food stuck to that fancy 'stache of his. He answered with "Yes, weekly, and no..."

And finally, after a lot of chasing around, he answered my personal favorite question: What is your Zodiac sign. He's a cancer man, born on the 4th of July.

When asking both VHS students and staff, he's had nothing but positive responses. For example, here's what our very own principal, Mark Williams had to say about him.

"Mr. Gruessing has done a tremendous job in coming into a class as the long term sub mid-year and creating a strong learning environment for students. He has put forth tremendous effort to create very engaging lessons for students. In my conversations with him, Mr. Gruessing has been very open to suggestions as well as wanting to learn

what works best with our great student population. In only a short time, Mr. Gruessing has proven to both the students and myself that he was the right choice for this long term sub position. We are very happy to have him filling in during the spring."

Student Kathy Mendoza discussed Mr. Gruessing's teaching style as "a lot more book work instead of computer work." She also commented on his age noting that "he's really young." I think we can all agree with her though that having "a permanent teacher instead of multiple subs" is preferable.

"We're actually doing work. He slaps books in our face and makes us get things done. P.E. is also a lot of fun!" said Jacob Uribe about Gruessing's style of teaching.

Several students chimed in about the "Feared Beard," stating that "they feel as if he loses a lot of food in it" or that "he could easily blend in with the navy seals." Some said "he's a doppelganger for that Lumberjack, Brawny dude," and finally that "it's real nice, but could be bigger."

I think we can all agree here at Victory High School that Gruessing is a great new addition to staff, and that his beard is envied by all.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY STUDENTS AND STAFF OF VICTORY

There have been many birthdays in the months of March and April at Victory High school; eight birthdays overall. Many students celebrated their birthdays with their family.

Alex Sanchez, a student at Victory High School, had a birthday on March 26, 2015. He turned 18 years old. On his birthday this year, Sanchez bought a 2006 Lexus LS 430. He also went out to eat with his family at Olive Garden. He loves "just spending time with the family."

Most of the students that had birthdays in March and April spent time with their family.

Carly Hershberger, who attends Victory High School, had a birthday on March 29, 2015. She spent time with her friends and hung out with her boyfriend. She also said that she liked "spending time with the ones I love".

When asked what she was going to do on her birthday, Rainey, also a student at Victory High School said, "I plan on getting tattoos and piercings. I'm going to spend a few days in Cambria and tour Hearst Castle." She also said she was going to take a trip to L.A.

Students were not the only one's with a birthday though.

There was a staff member who had a birthday as well. Mrs. Goodnough, the discipline tech at Victory High School had a birthday on March 20th. Mrs. Goodnough's favorite birthday memory was "My first birthday with my daughter was very special".

There were three other birthdays in the month of March. Deven Hernandez, Olivia Arth, and Tyler Mandarich.

Deven Hernandez who is another student at Victory High School went and hung out with his friends. He said "I shot a turkey A.K.A

thunder chicken".

By: Tyler Smith

Everyone that had a birthday in March and April were very happy and couldn't wait until school was over to do what they had planned on their birthday.

Alex Sanchez was talking about everyone who had a birthday in March and April and said "All in all, I hope everyone had a good birthday".



Rainey Atkinson and Sophia Fitzsimons taking a picture together on there Birthday.

GRADUATING AHEAD OF SCHEDULE *By: Mallorie Galvez*

The senior class at Victory High School has already had several early graduates that normally wouldn't have been able to graduate. However, they were able to because Victory High School cares about their students. Some of the students who have already graduated include Makayla Benoit, Alicia Ferguson, Selena Gomez, and Monica Ramirez, among others.

"Through my 12 years experience its been rough, but I overcame everything. I never thought I could," Makayla Benoit said.

Victory High School staff helps everyone graduate as early as possible. If the seniors are not graduating early, they are at least going to be able to graduate on time, which they wouldn't at any other school.

"[School] had it's ups and downs. But, it was more like a very very long rollercoaster ride," Chase Sipple said.

Victory High School gives you the opportunity to get caught up on all your credits; however, you have to put the effort in.

Selena Gomez said that she is happy she graduated early and that her family is very happy for her with what she had accomplished.

Victory High School allows students to earn their 200 credits through classes and Odysseyware, an online program to make up a few credits that you can't in the classroom.

"Odysseyware was hard and the grad portfolio was easy, but they were both very time consuming," Gomez said of Victory's requirements.

Overall, many students have graduated and will graduate early this year.



Chase Sipple on his day of graduation.