



# The Vista Real Sun



## • Spring Semester

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### “Do it yourself” By Mr. Robert Trunz III, VRCHS Math Teacher

A wise person once asked “Why pay somebody to do something when you could do it yourself for free?” These days everything is made for us, usually in China or in a different, far-away country. We have a variety of megastores to choose from that sell us everything we could ever need. In a sense, the handmade, do-it-yourself object doesn't exist. The art of crafting our belongings has dwindled down, and down and now we are virtually helpless when it comes to using our hands to make and build things. We expect and want everyone to do it for us.

We miss out on a lot by not doing things for ourselves. Fixing things around the house, making clothing from scratch for our friends or our children, building things with our hands, and being creative with what we have are all related to math.

On the surface, the relationship is obvious. We need to be able to accurately measure before we cut. “Measure twice, cut once,” as it is often said. This is why fractions are so important. We need them for cooking and other basic household tasks.

But it goes deeper than that.

It's very easy to do Algebra 1 and think to yourself, “Why do I need to know this?” It seems so distant from anything we encounter in our regular lives. But it's not. Doing Algebra, Geometry, Algebra 2, and other math courses teaches us how to use our minds in a mechanical way. It helps us do things for ourselves because it helps us solve problems and rearrange numbers to help them fit and balance each other. This is how we need to think when doing things ourselves with our hands in our homes. Being able to think mechanically and solve problems helps us be more capable at everything we do. So try your best to appreciate math books, because they are the gym class for your brain!



Robert Trunz III - Math Teacher



If you are more than 15 minutes late to your appointment, it WILL be an absence

## Attendance Policy Reminders

► Please be sure to keep the following attendance policies in mind:

- You must be ON TIME to your weekly appointment! If you are more than 15 minutes late, you will be absent.
- You must come PREPARED to your appointment. If homework is incomplete at the time of your appointment, you will be absent.
- If you receive any more than three absences in a semester you will be dropped from VRCHS.
- If you fail to comply with any school policies, you may be marked absent.

◦ Absences are only excused in the following instances:

- You are sick, AND bring a note from the doctor
- You have to go to court AND you bring proof from the Court
- There is a death in the family AND you bring proof
- You have to work AND you bring proof from your employer

► If you are excused on one day, you **MUST** reschedule for another day in **THE SAME WEEK!**

## Remember the Dress Code

► The VRCHS Dress Code is **STRICTLY** enforced.

- No hats, bandanas, beanies, or hoods
- No socks to the knees with shorts
- No gloves
- No short shorts or short skirts. Shorts and skirts must be longer than your fingertips when arms are placed by your side.
- No midriff tops, no stomach showing
- No low-cut shirts, no cleavage
- No logos of any kind on clothing
- No sports team apparel of any kind
- No chains connected to wallets, no key chains with sport team logos
- No under garments exposed
- No white shoes with black laces

► Failure to comply with the dress code will result in an absence for the week!



Tutoring is offered Monday-Friday  
8:00am- 6:00 pm



## Recommended by your TEACHER!



- ★ "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown
  - A fictional adventure about the lost blood lines of Christ and its connection to a secretive real-life cult that has many famous people in history as in its membership, past and present. Short chapters, lots of suspense, imagination and cool Renaissance period art history references makes it **Mr. Nardiello's** favorite!
- ★ "1984" by George Orwell
  - "1984" is a required reading for 12<sup>th</sup> graders. What is amazing about this book is that a British author shortly after World War II basically foreshadowed several 2009 American realities, such as cameras on traffic lights, "Big Brother" watching us and The Patriot Act, which allows our government to read our snail-mail, emails and tap our phones without a court order. The book emphasizes what a county could erode to without proper checks and balances. It also ties in a love story that offers hope in a world that desperately needs hope. Recommended by **Mr. Cohen**.
- ★ "A Child Called It" by Dave Pelzer
  - This book is based on a true story. Dave Pelzer was starved and beaten by his mother who was an alcoholic. One of the worst child abuse cases in California history. Dave had to come up with ways to survive his mother's abuse. This book isn't only about being abused but it's about surviving the abuse as well. While reading this book you feel the pain that Dave felt and you can't imagine how a mother could do this to her son. Dave was known as "IT". **Miss Allison Hawley** couldn't put it down!

## NEW HOURS for Success Now!

### ► NOTE: New Hours begin December 1<sup>st</sup>

The Success Now! program is **required** for students who have scored below the 9<sup>th</sup> grade level in Math and Reading. It consists of weekly 60 minute small-group classes with emphasis in Math and English/Language Arts.

### ► Eva Novak teaches Success Now! Math

<u>Monday:</u>	<u>Tuesday, Thursday:</u>	<u>Friday:</u>
9:00 – 10:00	9:00 – 10:00	9:00 – 10:00
10:00 – 11:00	10:00 – 11:00	10:00 – 11:00
11:00 – 12:00	11:00 – 12:00	11:00 – 12:00
	1:00 – 2:00	12:00 – 1:00
	2:00 – 3:00	

### ► Allison Hawley teaches Success Now! English

<u>Monday:</u>	<u>Tuesday, Wednesday:</u>	<u>Friday:</u>
9:00 – 10:00	9:00 – 10:00	9:00 – 10:00
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### ► PLEASE NOTE:

Success Now! **Math CAHSEE Prep** – Thursday @ 2:00  
 Success Now! **English CAHSEE Prep** – Tuesday @ 2:00

## What is STAR testing?

Star testing is made up of different components and the CSTs (California Standards Tests) are a major component of California's accountability system for schools and school districts. This test is a reflection of what you have learned during the school year and becomes a part of your academic portfolio. Every student should take pride in their school and do their very best on STAR in order to make our school shine throughout the community. **Please refer to**

**Important Dates to know when STAR Testing is scheduled.**

### Tips for Success:

- ✓ *Ask your teacher for study material.*
- ✓ *Get plenty of rest the night before the test.*
  - ✓ *Eat a well-balanced breakfast.*
- ✓ *Take your time and try your very best. If you are unsure about an answer eliminate the ones that you know are not correct and then make an educated guess.*

## Our Education Staff

<u>Morning Teaching Team</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
▪Ms. Day-Palma – English	201-9926
▪Mr. Murphy – Math	201-9914
▪Ms. O'Donnell – Math	201-9916
▪Ms. Smith – Math	486-5449
▪Ms. Tidwell – English	201-9924
▪Ms. VanEnkevort – Science	201-9933

<u>Afternoon Teaching Team</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
▪Ms. Bowen – Social Studies / Art	201-9911
▪Mr. Chavez – Math	201-9919
▪Mr. Cohen – English	201-9930
▪Ms. Jacobs – Science	201-9920
▪Mr. Novak – English	201-9904
▪Mr. Trunz – Math	201-9917

### Tutors

- Kristie Grubbs 201-9923
- Allison Hawley 201-9912
- Eva Novak 512-7459

### Administration

- Corrine Manley – Principal
- Jon Oates – Education Support Assistant
- Julia Gocke – Administrative Assistant

► **FOR GENERAL QUESTIONS CALL 486-5449**

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## Important Dates to Remember!

**-February 20<sup>th</sup>-** Lincoln's Birthday- No School  
(Friday Students – see your teacher to reschedule)

**-February 23<sup>rd</sup>-** President's Day- No School  
(Monday Students – see your teacher to reschedule)

**-March 8<sup>th</sup>-** Daylight Savings Time- Spring Forward

**-April 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>-**Spring Break- No School

### TESTING

**-March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>-** CAHSEE 10<sup>th</sup> grade make-ups

**- April 27<sup>th</sup>-May 19<sup>th</sup>-** STAR TESTING (9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders)

**- May 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> -** CAHSEE 12<sup>th</sup> grade

**- June 18<sup>th</sup> – GRADUATION!!**

