



THE VISTA REAL SUN



SUMMER SEMESTER

Cohen's Corner By Mr. Joe Cohen, VRCHS English Teacher

I love everything about this school. Principal Manley gave me five bucks to say that. I'm kidding...it was ten. Seriously, I love teaching at Vista Real. I often tell students that we are the best game in town. Motivated students have a chance to complete an entire year of English in less than three months at our school. Our June graduation rewarded 31 students (27 walked) with real high school diplomas. Nicole Kott was one of those graduates who I had the privilege of teaching. She collected her diploma in our June ceremony at age 16. Nicole took full advantage of our program, cranking out the maximum amount of credits every week while working two jobs. When you or your child is complaining this summer about doing homework, think of Nicole, grab a pen and some paper and do the work. It pays off. Ask Nicole.

Graduation was engineered by our fantastic tutor/ former Success Now teacher Allison Hawley. Allison is amazing. I watched Allison do so much for graduation, including trimming flowers, tying graduation programs carefully together with royal blue ribbons, and even conducting a graduation run through less than an hour before the big event. Did I mention that graduation went off flawlessly? It was a beautiful night when friends, family, teachers, staff and even the owners of our company came together to applaud the hard work of 31 kids who earned a high school diploma; a diploma that they may not have ever seen if attending a "traditional school." Our math teacher Terry Murphy tickled the ivories beautifully with Pomp and Circumstance as the students marched from childhood to adulthood with the flick of a tassel. Our science teacher Debbie VanEnkevort sang like an angel and our math teacher Antonio Chavez read the names of the graduates amongst roaring applause and yells from their families. It was a great night.

Every teacher who attended graduation could tell a story about at least one of the graduates. Our entire school genuinely cares about our students; about your kids. We are lucky to get to know them every week. We watch them grow and develop good habits that only an independent school can offer a teen. They learn discipline and responsibility. Every week is a chance for instant gratification; do the work and get rewarded with credits. If your child needs tutoring, we have it. Free tutoring from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The bottom line is Vista Real rules. We simply rule. The combination of a caring staff, flexible hours, weekly meetings, and free tutoring are just a few things that separate us from many of the surrounding schools. We aren't going anywhere and we sincerely hope that you as a student or parent take advantage of this oasis of hope known as Vista Real; the school that I proudly put a tie and a smile on for every weekday. Now get to work.



Joe Cohen - English 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

Vista Real Credit Crushers!

Completing a semester's worth of credits on independent study takes hard work, but making up credits (or getting ahead!) takes even more dedication and endurance! That is why we created the Credit Crushers incentive program to recognize all students who earn more than 30 credits per semester. Students receive a certificate of achievement, their name on a wall of recognition, and prizes donated by local businesses including **Paschen Management Corporation** (owner of several local McDonald's restaurants), **Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf**, **Jamba Juice**, and **The Habit**. For fall semester, we had nearly 100 students earn more than 30 credits, with over 25 of those earning more than 40 credits, and even students earning 50, 60, and even as high as 77 credits! These students are full-time achievers! Look for our spring semester achievers on our recognition wall in July!

HOURS for Success Now!

The Success Now! program is **required** for students who have scored below the 9th 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	

► Justin Gocke 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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STAR TESTING RAFFLE!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS!

*Jessica Reed
Mykal Rodriguez
Ruben Rivera
Justina Garcia*

Each winner received an IPOD Shuffle thanks to the generous donations from Wal-Mart in Oxnard.

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
▪Mr. Roberti – Social Studies	201-9940
▪Ms. Smith – Math	201-9938
▪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
▪Ms. Rooney – Math	512-7479
▪Mr. Trunz – Math	201-9917

Important Dates to Remember!

- **June 29th - July 2nd** - Staff Development- No School

- **July 4th** - Independence Day

- **July 3rd - July 10th** - Summer Break- No School

- **August 17th** - First day of Fall Semester

- **August 26th** – Parent Advisory Committee Meeting
5:00 pm at the Oxnard Campus

- **September 7th** - Labor Day- No School
(Monday Students – see your teacher to reschedule)

Tutors

- Aaron Freyschlag 201-9939
- Justin Gocke 512-7478
- Allison Hawley 201-9912
- Eva Novak 512-7459

Administration

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

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