

# VEGAS VALLEY ADVENTIST ACADEMY

## CALENDAR

Dec. 14  
 Christmas Extravaganza  
 Dec. 15  
 2nd QTR Ends  
 Dec. 18 - Jan. 1, 2024  
 Christmas Break  
 Jan. 2  
 School resumes  
 Jan. 3  
 Class Shirt Picture Day  
 Jan. 10  
 9/10 Field Trip  
 Jan. 15  
 MLK Birthday (NS)

## VVAA MERCHANDISE

-JUNIA STAMP

Hey VVAA! We have new, nice, uniform friendly hoodies that Miss Contreras is selling right now! She has sizes of plenty for both adults and kids so any and everyone can stay warm! You can even match with your friends if they get one as well along with that. Not only will you be sold a comfy hoodie, you will be helping for the 9/10th grade(s) funding for the Biology-class field trip! For purchasing please contact Miss Contreras via email: [mcontreras@vvaa4u.org](mailto:mcontreras@vvaa4u.org)  
 Pre order by December 15 to get yours ASAP!

## NEW TRADITIONS = NEW MEMORIES

-CALLIE SAMANIEGO

Do you love Christmas as much as I do? Then join us for our new tradition, VVAA's Christmas Extravaganza! It will begin with musical selections performed by our VVAA students at Mountain View SDA Church at 5:00 pm on Thursday, December 14. We will then end the night at the VVAA Campus for a Christmas party. There will be hot chocolate, cookies, s'mores, food, live music and games. On Thursday, December 14, There will be an early dismissal at 12:00 pm. Call time for students will be at 4:30 pm. This will be an opportunity to bring our community together and to get everyone into the Christmas spirit. Bring family and friends to help us kick off our new annual Christmas Extravaganza!



## EPIPHANY

-YESEL GONZALEZ

Have you ever wondered why the "Three Kings Day" holiday is considered Epiphany? It is called Epiphany because it commemorates the revelation or the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, symbolized by the arrival of the Magi or Three Wise Men. Epiphany is a Christian holiday celebrated on January 6. This holiday marks the day the three wise men first saw baby Jesus and brought him gifts. Celebrating Epiphany means buying unique pastries and receiving small gifts for children. Epiphany is originally from the Eastern church. One fun fact is that in some European countries, children leave their shoes out the night before Epiphany, and others leave water and straw for the three Kings' camels.





## KWANZAA

-JOSHUA M. SILVER

In 1966, Maulana Karenga made Kwanzaa, a secular African-American celebration. It celebrates history, family, community, values, and culture. This celebration occurs for the seven days that come after Christmas day, leading up to the last day on New Year's Day. Each day, one candle is lit to represent a specific value. Seven candles of a kinara symbolize the seven principles of Kwanzaa: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. During the week of celebration, traditions such as exchanging gifts, eating celebratory foods, and wearing traditional African clothing take place. For almost six decades, Kwanzaa has been celebrated every year. It is an important tradition in African-American culture.

## HANUKKAH

-ALEX GUZMAN

The Hanukkah festival was invented by Antiochus IV Epiphanes and it commemorates the recovery of Jerusalem, and the rededication of the Second Temple. A menorah is used on Hanukkah for the lighting of candles. The Maccabees only had enough oil to keep the menorah's branches lit for one day after the Syrians destroyed their temple. Then a miracle came which made the flame stay alive and lasted for eight days and eight nights. That's why Hanukkah lasts for eight days to commemorate how long the holy light burned. The way Hanukkah commemorates the Second Temple of Jerusalem by the lighting of candles on each day of the festival. Hanukkah starts on the evening of Thursday Dec 7, and ends Friday Dec 15. The menorah holds 8 candles and each night you light one candle for eight days. This Hanukkah, make sure you spend the memorable eight days with family and fun.

## "SCOREBOARD SHENANIGANS

-MCRYLEIGH PIERRE-LOUIS

Four-time NBA Champion LeBron James loses drastically to the Philadelphia Seventy-Sixers by forty-four points. The NBA In Season Tournament has started and teams are disappointing everyone. Greatest kicker of all time Justin Tucker loses his streak of field goals bringing his percent to 80. While Atlanta Falcons kicker Younghoe Koo passes him with ninety percent! Making him Number 1 kicker. In our College football they have started bowls in a four game elimination. In my opinion this has been the most boring week of sports.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising everytime we fall."

-Confucius

## F1

-ROBERT CASTRO

Grand Prix often known as Formula 1 competitions are a series of races held all over the world. Twenty five points are given to the winner, and eighteen to the second place finisher. If the driver and team are in the top 10, they will receive an additional point for having the fastest lap in the race. The F1 Las Vegas Grand Prix is still in the aftermath of an incident involving a street manhole screw damaging an automobile, causing Carlos Sainz Jr.'s first practice run to be canceled and the competition to examine the entire track. The race did come to a conclusion as Max Verstappen beat out Charles Leclerc, and Sergio Perez to win his 19th Formula 1 race, and Las Vegas did get their money's worth as the Las Vegas Strip generated a total of \$1.2 billion.

Although there was a great success in all of this, a major amount of people in Las Vegas did not like the fact of how this Formula 1 track resulted in a toll on traffic, since the track goes around most of the Strip, where major casinos reside. This became an issue for casinos, and transportation in Las Vegas.

## SILLY GILLEY

What do hippies put on their thanksgiving potatoes?

Answer: Groovy

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