

VEGAS VALLEY ADVENTIST ACADEMY

Friday, April 19, 2024

CALENDAR

April 18
VVA Vespers
April 20
7-10 Choir @ Salem
Game Night @VVA
April 25
NVC STEAM Fair
April 26-28
MAP TESTING
April 27
7-10 Choir
Performance at
Mountain View SDA
SA Open Night
(Involvement, ages 12+)

NON-SCHOOL NON-WEEKEND EVENTS

—JACOB ESTERLINE

Dear Students and Parents, We are excited to announce the schedule for the upcoming NVC Science Fair Weekend Events! We welcome all members of our community to join us for these fun activities. Please note that on Friday, April 19th there will be no vespers. Then on Sabbath Morning, April 20th the 7-10 Choir will be singing at Iglesia Adventista del Séptimo Día - Salem. Saturday Night, April 26th, everyone is required to attend the vespers and game night. Lastly, on Sunday, April 27th from 10 AM to 12 PM the NVC Science Fair will be held. Attendance is required for all VVA students.

TESTING TIPS

—JILLIAN SANDERSON

MAP testing is coming up! We will have it from April 25 - 28. Here are some tips for when you are testing. Take your time and just relax. Eat a healthy breakfast in the morning before testing starts. Bring healthy snacks to munch on while testing. Bring a fun activity to do once you are done testing, you can bring a book, drawing supplies, or work on any missing work once you are done testing. Get enough sleep the night before, we need our brain well rested so we can focus while testing. Do not stress because it is just to see how much you have improved this year. Happy testing!



VVA WEEK OF PRAYER 2.0 - JOIN US FOR A SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE

—FEBEL GONZALEZ

Attention VVA Family! Don't miss out on an exciting Week of Prayer 2.0 featuring Pastor Larry Dierwischer as the guest speaker. Join us at Mountain View Church from April 23-27 and experience a powerful spiritual journey. All parents are encouraged to attend and witness the VVA Choir's performance at Mountain View SDA Church on Saturday, April 27, at 11:15 AM. This year's theme is "It's All About Jesus," so mark your calendars and don't miss out! See you there.

PRESERVING CULTURE THROUGH TECHNOLOGY AND ART

-JOSHUA M. SILVER

Social media has recently revived a unique technological culture. Miniature sketches used to be made frequently by engineers and put into microchips. These small art pieces could range from animals such as owls or sharks, to well-known characters like Waldo from Where's Waldo? Willy McAllister, a retired electrical engineer from Hewlett-Packard (HP) says that he and other engineers did this for themselves (NPR). These findings that were shared through social media have given us ways to preserve culture and history going forward. They represent a "collision of technology and art" (NPR), and they are often one of a kind. Keeping these chips intact and preserved helps us to remember the unique ways cultures are blended and appreciate our history.

NEW BEGINNINGS

-MCRYLEIGH PIERRE-LOUIS

This past Monday the 2024 WNBA Draft was held at the historic Brooklyn Academy of Music for the very first time! The WNBA this year had a huge spike in viewership. The WNBA Draft had little over 2.446 million people watching. That was a 327% growth from last year's Draft! Talking about the draft the Iowa Hawkeyes superstar Caitlin Clark was selected first in the WNBA draft to the Indiana Fever. The Chicago Sky have made a superteam picking up the 3rd and 7th picks in the draft. Two of the best players women's college basketball has ever seen, Kamilla Cardoso and Angel Reese. Over the years more women have taken part in all sports. Basketball as well as other physical sports have typically only been meant for men. Women now have the opportunity to participate in these sports wherever in the world. The past few weeks have been a huge leap for Women's basketball. They proved that women are just as skilled as men, if not

DECODING DECEPTION

-ROBERT CASTRO

Four organizations have been awarded by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) for their innovative technology in detecting artificial intelligence-generated synthetic voices. OriginStory, developed by Arizona State University researchers, uses sensors to identify human-like speech patterns, while DeFake, created by Washington University, inserts data into recordings. AI Detect, developed by Omni Speech, uses machine learning algorithms to distinguish between authentic and synthetic audio. However, experts warn against relying solely on AI-based detectors as a long-term solution due to issues like inconsistent sound quality and media formats. Experts also caution against decreasing efficacy over time, comparing it to past AI-generated text recognition challenges. Authorities like the FCC have implemented measures to counter AI-powered robocalls, while businesses like ElevenLabs are developing tools to identify artificial speech. State-level and international legislation aims to control deepfakes, emphasizing cooperation between scientists, tech companies, and legislators.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
- Winston Churchill

SILLY GILLEY

Do fish go on vacation?
No, because they're always in school.

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM & FACEBOOK

@vegasvalleyadventist

@Vegas Valley Adventist Academy

READ MORE AT

<https://www.vvaa4u.org>