

# 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)

## CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

-ROBERT CASTRO

The most wonderful time of the year is upon us, and we're thrilled to invite you to our enchanting Christmas Program on Thursday, December 14! Get ready for a joyous celebration filled with music, laughter, and holiday cheer. Dress Code for students: Wear your festive spirit with a nice Christmas colors blouse or button down shirt. You can wear nice jeans with no rips/tears.

Please ensure your student is dressed according to the dress code for the event. Early dismissal at 12:00 PM to allow everyone time to prepare for the festivities. Please be back at the Mountain View Church by 4:30 PM. We encourage everyone to participate in the s'mores sale to support SA. Come celebrate the Christmas Extravaganza with VVAA!



## THE GIFT OF GOD

-JAMES W. GILLEY

Jesus who came into this sinful world as a man. He lived and died as the Son of God and human. He was from his mother Mary who was untouched; a virgin. He was then sent to this world to perform miracles and to prepare us for the Father. Christmas is about giving to others. God gave us the most beautiful and amazing gift; His son's life. Jesus took all of our sin and even as they were persecuting Him and yelling at Him, He said, "Father, forgive them. For they do not know what they are doing." Even as they were killing him and torturing Him, He still forgave us. He took all of our pain away, so we can join Him in the Clouds of Heaven and be with Him eternally. Through his story he showed us how to act by forgiving each other no matter how bad it may be. To be compassionate and respectful. God doesn't command us to do stuff like an angry god, He shows us the way Himself.

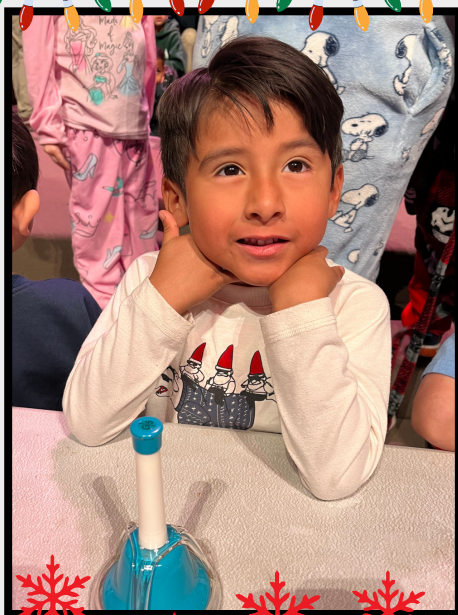


## PICTURE PERFECTION

-MARIÉ ENTERINA

Attention students! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, January 3, as the VVAA Yearbook staff have a special event planned just for you. On this day, we are requesting all students to wear their class shirts as the yearbook staff will be capturing memories with a whole school picture. This is your chance to showcase your class pride and be a part of the spirit of our school community. The yearbook staff will also be snapping class pictures to make our yearbook even more special and personalized. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be a part of our school's history. See you there!





### THE NUMBER 1 SONG, "ROCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE"

-JOSHUA M. SILVER

There are countless Christmas-themed songs being played on the radio and on music services during this time of year. "Last Christmas", "Run Rudolph Run", "It's the most wonderful time of the year", and "Let it snow" are some of the most well-known songs during Christmas. Among some of these songs is "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" sung by Brenda Lee. Although it was sung by Brenda Lee, it was actually written by Johnny Marks. Brenda Lee was chosen to sing at 13 years old. Brenda had been singing since she was just five, so her singing talent helped get her the spotlight on this song. This song has become a staple in Christmas playlists, as well as on radio stations. In fact, recently, it went number one on the Billboard Top 100. Although many of the songs played during Christmas may be old, that does not mean they can't be enjoyed by millions.

### RECORD SMASHING

-MCRYLEIGH PIERRE-LOUIS

The Los Angeles Lakers win the first In-Season Tournament with LeBron James as the MVP. Even though Anthony Davis should have gotten it because he scored 41 points and 20 rebounds! LeBron had half of AD's points with 11 rebounds and 24 points. The Kansas City Chiefs lose their third game in a row. The Raiders lost in a disappointing match against the Vikings 3-0! Titans and Dolphins have set a new record for longest game played in NFL history. The game lasted an immense 7 hours and 8 minutes with the Dolphins losing by one point. Baseball star, Shohei Ohtani broke the record in MLB, NFL, NBA, NHL, for having the biggest active contract of \$700M joining the LA Dodgers. The Las Vegas Golden Knights hope that they can continue to extend their winning streak and obtain their second Stanley Cup.

### SILENT NIGHT

-CALLIE SAMANIEGO

The song Silent Night is one of our most beloved and beautiful Christmas songs. Where did this song come from? Shortly after the Napoleonic wars had ended in 1816, a young Austrian priest named Joseph Mohr wrote the beautiful words. The young priest took a walk and was inspired after looking over his now "peaceful town". Over the years the composition evolved and was translated into over 300 different languages. It was sung in churches and even on the battlefield during World War I when there was a temporary truce during Christmas Eve. The English version is typically sung in three verses: -Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright. 'Round yon Virgin Mother and Child, Holy Infant so tender and mild. Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace. -Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight! Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia! Christ, the Savior is born, Christ, the Savior is born. -Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light. Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace. Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth. Today, the Silent Night Society—hosts a virtual Silent Night museum, and promotes the use of all six verses, which in the words of Silent Night Society president "encourage peace and demand responsibility for the globe."



### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Whatever you do, be it small or big; have a goal and believe in yourself.

### SILLY GILLEY

Two peanuts were walking down the street. One was A-salted

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