

## Valley Christian Gamers

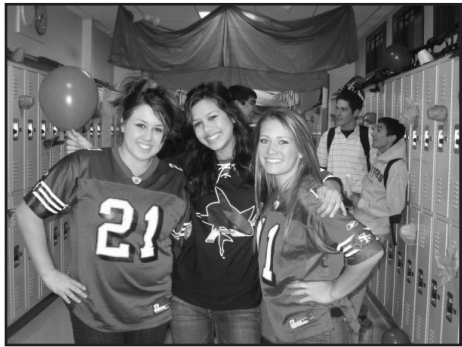
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Last week was by far one of the most spirited weeks that Valley has ever experienced. The theme for the week was board games. The seniors were Candy Land, juniors were Operation, the sophomores as Guess Who?, and the freshmen were Jumangi.

On Sunday, the class officers, along with helpful volunteers, came to decorate their designated hallways. The



Senior Girls all dressed up!



Senior Girls in the Candyland Hallway



seniors dominated the second floor and came in first place. The second floor was decorated from ceiling to floor with Candy Land characters, game pieces, streamers, balloons and paper mache. There was even a life size game board on the floor that led to the throne of King Kandy, also known as **King Malek**. The juniors came in a close second with the first floor looking like a real hospital. Their floor was equipped with an operating table, a gift shop, x-rays, and super sized band-aids. The sophomore hallway in the gym building was fantastic. It was elaborately decorated with question marks and assorted streamers. Coming in fourth place the freshmen decorated the gym lobby fabulously.

On Monday, students came to school dressed in California attire. The outfits ranged from Bay Area sports teams, to beach and snow gear, to Hollywood glam. On Tuesday students dressed in their favorite costume: pajamas! There was a mid-

day rally that included a heated basketball game between the seniors and sophomores versus the freshmen and juniors. For half-time **Ms. Katie Isaacs, Mrs. Jolene Fugate, Mrs. Julie Wilson, and Mrs. Candice Thompson** took on the varsity girls' basketball team for a 3-point competition. **Kelsey Byrd** and Miss Isaacs were the last two standing. After several shots, Byrd proved victorious. The game resumed for the second half and after much hard work, it ended in a tie. Several players on the team tried to make three pointers, but all failed. The pros had to be called in, **Max Hooper** and Kelsey Byrd came down to the court. After two missed shots, Hooper managed to pull it out on a do or die round, making the juniors and freshmen the winners.

Support our troops was the theme for Wednesday. Students and teachers were decked out in super chic camouflage, red, white, and blue, and yellow. This day was definitely a hit among the students. Later that evening, the students returned to school for the much anticipated night rally. At the night rally the sophomores, juniors, and seniors performed. The seniors took home the title for the lip-sync, but were closely followed behind by the juniors in second place. The sophomores came in third place for their valiant effort. Contestants from each class participated in games such as balloon pop relay and musical chairs. The night rally was a huge hit! On a positive note, everyone who attended the night rally received an extra credit pass to be used in any of his or her classes! Overall, the night rally was a huge success.

VC played games on Thursday. Students came decked out in attire that matched their class themes. From the senior class some girls dressed up as Princess Lollipop and Queen Frostine. One group of senior girls got together and spray painted and rhinestoned adorable shirts! Other



Senior girls sport their retro gear to cap off their final VC Spirit Week.

classes such as the juniors looked as if they just stepped out of the hospital. They were dressed as doctors and nurses in scrubs. The sophomore and freshmen classes had a little bit more of a difficult time dressing up but they still managed to support their classes. Also on Thursday was the treasured Homecoming Court Rally. The Homecoming royalty entered the gym and were greeted by an eruption of applause. First on the red carpet was the freshmen class Prince **Dakota Dominguez** and Princess **Shaye Locatelli**. Next to enter the gym was the sophomore couple Princess **Adrianna Guitierrez** and Prince **Jaamal Rose**. The junior couple, Prince **Ian Stephensen** and Princess **Victoria Smith** looked absolutely stunning. Each couple was welcomed onto the field by their loving and extremely proud parents. Following the under-classmen was the Senior Court. The Senior

Homecoming Court looked utterly glamorous. Princess **Kaylan Whittaker** and Prince **Rob Fair** were stunning. Princess **Janelle Kester** and Prince **Phillip Thrappas** appeared completely gorgeous in their attire. Dressed to impress, Prince **Anesh Chaganty** and Princess **Christine Byrne** were completely adorable. After the court was presented and a video on the court was shown, the senior and junior girls lip-sync performed again. This was a stellar rally. The entire Homecoming Court shined.

The last day of Spirit Week held a retro theme. Tie-dye, poodle skirts, side-pony tails, and white-washed denim was back in trend—well at least for the day! The final rally of the week showcased the winners from the basketball rally on Monday, the freshmen and juniors, against the teachers. The teachers came out strong with **Mr. Nathan Smith, Mr. Mario Blaughman, Mr. David Nees, Miss Katie Isaacs, Mr. Todd Baldwin, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Steve Torode**. Several of these teachers are basketball coaches or played in high school. The game was close, but the teachers came out strong. **Matt Carrol** led the junior-freshmen team. This baseball star turned out to have all the right basketball moves. **James Yoder** also demonstrated all of his skills on the court and threw in some flashy moves at the same time. The game was ultra close, but within the last five seconds, the teachers were trailing by one point. Students and teachers were on the edge of their seats waiting to see the outcome. Teachers have the ball and Mr. Smith, with a rebound by Mr. Nees, put up the final basket and scored to defeat the students 19-18. The crowd enjoyed every moment of this rally!

All in all, the week was a huge success. The freshmen class came in fourth place, losing to the sophomore class by only one point! In second place was the junior class with 17 points. Coming out on top, the seniors dominated the entire week, taking first place with 14 points. This was one of the best Spirit Weeks and Homecoming celebrations in Valley Christian history.



Seniors Janelle Kester and Adrian Rapazzini on California Areas Day.