



**Parent Advisory Council Meeting  
Principal's Report  
Valleyview Secondary School**

**January 21, 2019**

**New on Staff:**

- Two new positions have yet to be filled. One for career and the other for junior science
- Mr. Mike Faisthuber as our new VP! He is bringing a lot to Valleyview:
  - 13 years teaching experience at Chase Secondary
  - Athletic Director there and previously played football for the University of Manitoba
  - Coordinator of Pedagogical Practice
  - Implemented an Elder Project at Chase Secondary



**What has been happening at Valleyview Secondary:**

- Senior girls Basketball team took 1<sup>st</sup> at the Fulton Cup at Christmas
- Dance class had their final recital on Jan 17
- Capstones for CLC 12 were well received. This was the first time we did this.
- Ground will be broken for the new addition to VSS in early March
- Course selection for next year will start in three weeks!
- Additional portables are being discussed to tide us over until we have the new addition
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Athletics Alumni is meeting this week to decide on when our alumni event will be

**Mark on your calendar:**

- Jan 23-24 Project completion days. Students need not attend unless they have unfinished work
- Jan 24 Semester 1 ends
- Jan 27 Term 3 starts: Students go to their new block A class
- Jan 29 FLEX day
- Feb 4 Report cards go home
- Feb 7 Non instruction day
- Feb 11 Grade meetings and course selection for next year starts
- Feb 11 Parent Meeting at 7 in the library
- Feb 14 course selection sheets are due
- Feb 17 Family day
- Feb 24-26 Students enter course selection into the computer

**Our School Goals this year:**

These school goals are something that the staff and I are committed to working on this year, and in order to do that, we will be meeting in small groups on Thursday mornings while students are in FLEX block. These goals are based on international research from the OECD which is an organization that looks at influencing factors on economic development. I think many would agree that how well our

students do in school really will have an impact on the Canadian economy. From this research then are our goals:

1. **Putting learners at the centre:** This means we are working at designing learning environments that focus on students' cognition and growth. It means exploring inquiry-based and co-operative learning experiences and it means developing self-regulated learners
2. **Building horizontal connections:** This means we are working at designing learning environments that focus on the core competencies that focus on thinking, communication and personal and social awareness that can be transferred to other new situations. It also means connecting the classroom environment to the wider environment and society.