



## Valley View High School Parent Information Packet 2016-2017

### **Parental Involvement:**

The faculty, staff and administration of Valley View High School welcome all parents, grandparents and guardians to participate in school activities. The more parents participate in schooling in a sustained way, at every level – in advocacy, decision-making and oversight roles, as fundraisers and boosters, as volunteers and paraprofessionals, and as academic supporters at home – the better for student achievement. It is the belief of Valley View High School that all students can learn and that parents and the community are an important part of creating a culture of learning. Parents as well as other members from the community will act as partners in the life-long learning process for all students, and we wish to provide opportunities for students to have these experiences with individuals outside the school setting while the students are still in high school.

### **Parent Responsibilities:**

Parents play an important role in every child's education. Parents are to ensure that students attend school each day, arrive on time and ready to learn, provide a place and time at home for their child to study/complete homework, and review homework assignments, offering assistance when needed. Also, parents should show an interest in their child's education by attending school conferences, supporting school activities and regularly communicating with the school regarding their child.

### **Student Responsibilities:**

Students must accept responsibility for their own educational achievement. Each and every day, students should strive to have a positive attitude, be responsible for their own work and behavior, cooperate with others in order to grow intellectually and socially, and interact with teachers and peers in a positive way. In addition, students must obey all classroom rules and participate in class lessons to ensure full academic success.

### **Teacher Responsibilities:**

The teachers at Valley View High School hold numerous responsibilities in regard to their students. Included in those responsibilities are:

- Providing a variety of teaching strategies that help all students learn
- Teaching grade level standards and skills that address the individual needs of all students
- Assigning appropriate homework with clear instructions
- Correcting and returning work in a timely manner
- Keeping his/her gradebook and webpage updated
- Helping students follow school and classroom rules
- Assisting parents with how to help their student at home

Our teachers are committed to developing instruction in the classroom that challenges student learning. Teachers establish communication with parents and create a warm atmosphere for participation in school and class activities.

**School Responsibilities:**

Valley View High School has a responsibility to meet students' needs by recognizing the cultural diversity of the students, along with their differentiated learning styles, and by providing a variety of instructional approaches to support their individual learning needs. Data driven, research based instructional materials will be used to provide a high quality curriculum. Our school will conduct parent/teacher conferences annually during the months of October and February. In addition, we will provide parents with current grades through the use of our home access center which is easily accessible through our school website. Paper progress reports will be sent home every 4 ½ weeks for parents to review. Furthermore, we will provide a safe environment conducive to learning so that all students can meet their ultimate potential.

**Parent Volunteers:**

The school welcomes parents in the following types of roles and activities to increase their involvement and support student learning:

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| *Library assistant    | *Homecoming activities | *Fine Arts performances |
| *Mentor               | *Guest speakers        | *Booster Clubs          |
| *Teacher assistant    | *Student Orientation   | *Various committees     |
| *Tutor                | *Open House            | *Athletic Events        |
| *Senior Day           | *PTA                   |                         |
| *Awards presentations | *Concession volunteers |                         |

Parents are encouraged to volunteer and participate in all school activities. A parent volunteer registration sheet is included at the end of this packet.

**Parent Communication:**

Parents are encouraged to communicate with school faculty and administration at any time. All employees have an active email account provided by the school district for parents to use when communicating. Daily announcements are posted on the school website for parents to view. Announcements and information are also posted regularly on our Facebook and Twitter (@VVHSBlazers) accounts. Valley View High School uses an email and telephone alert system to let parents know of important upcoming events or closure due to inclement weather. We host an open house before school begins for parents to meet classroom teachers and provide important information and supply lists. Each teacher has created a class website, updated weekly, with information for parents as well as students. Our school understands the more intensely parents are involved, the more beneficial the achievement effects.

# Volunteer Sign Up

Check all you are interested in learning more about and/or volunteering for:

(We will send out an email or text with event/date/times volunteers are needed)

- Library Asst.
- Teacher Asst.
- Athletic Hospitality (cooking/serving)
- Tutor/Mentor
- Guest Speaker
- PTA Membership Drive / Committees
- Athletic Booster (Band/Football/Basketball)
- Fall Festival
- Fundraisers (various organizations)
- High School Committees

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Text:  YES  NO

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisory Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_