

SPRING BREAK EDITION

Spring Break Vacations 2011

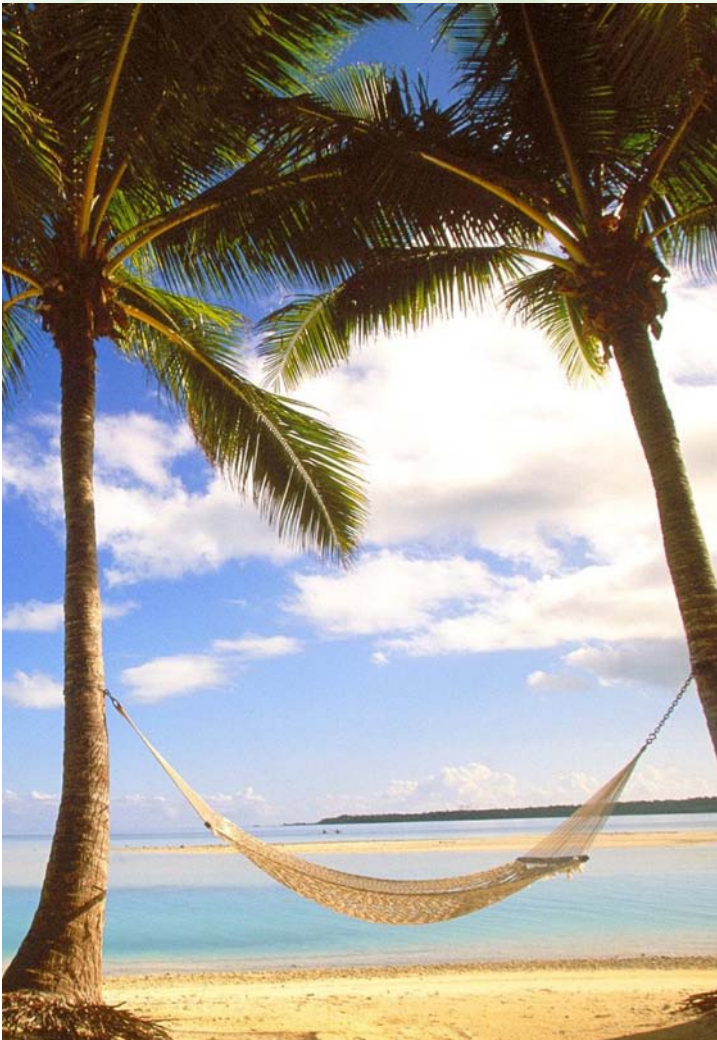
Spring Break's right around the corner, and VHS students are planning trips to a variety of destinations with their friends and family. From beach trips to staying at Universal Studios, or even a youth trip to Daytona Beach, the kids here at VHS are certainly looking forward to their long awaited time off.

Rachel Rockey, a junior, is particularly excited for her trip this year. She has been in the process of planning it since October of 2010. Rachel is very involved in her church's youth group, and has played a part in planning the Florida-Georgia District Lutheran High School Youth Gathering for Spring 2011 in Daytona Beach, FL. She's been working behind the scenes to help pull the event together for months. It will without a doubt be a Spring Break to remember for Rachel: "I've enjoyed being a part in the planning of the gathering, and I'm looking forward to being a part of the actual event as well," she says. Rachel is definitely not the only student who's looking forward to vacation this Spring.

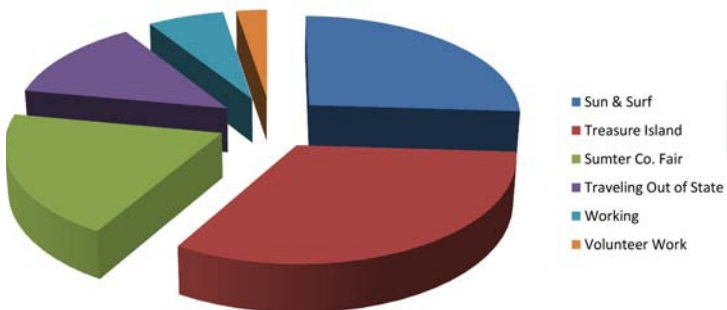
A good number of VHS students will be living it up at Treasure Island this year, including Matt Shank, Dennis Ragosta, Hudson Parr, Tyler Stokes, Blake Counts, Stephanie Lebert, Steven Dunbar, Kaitlyn Blanton, and many more, with assorted parents and family members as well. "There should be somewhere around 30 people there with us all break, it's gonna be insane. We're all pretty pumped for Spring Break to get here" says senior Dennis Ragosta.

From the Atlantic coast to the Gulf, Villages students will be enjoying their break this year as much as any. For Rachel and the Treasure Island crew, it's certain to be a unique vacation that they will remember.

By: Robbie Houston



Spring Break Survey



What's Hot What's Not



Spring break is almost here, which means that it's time to sort through the latest swimwear trends and decide what's hot and what's not for this season. There are many different trends to fit whatever style you are looking for. From bikinis to one pieces for the girls, and board shorts for the guys, there is something for everyone looking to stay in style while lounging by the pool or beach.

Girls, if you're looking to be a trendsetter at the beach, try mixing and matching bold prints and colors to find a stylish swimwear look. Roxy's spring 2011 swim line has lots of variations to suit many different tastes. If you're looking for something fun and bright, opt for Roxy's bandeau floral-print one-piece in neon yellow. Floral patterns and bold neon hues are definitely fashion-forward this spring. If you're looking for something a little more subtle, try Roxy's take on a simple tankini in a light coral color. The simple color will make a sweet statement when you're going for a swim.

Guys, if you're headed to the beach over break, don't forget to pack those boardshorts! Quiksilver's 2011 boardshort collection has lots of different prints and patterns to choose from that will keep you in style while hitting the waves. For a more classic look, try going for Quiksilver's black and red plaid boardshorts. Classic plaid with simple colors is a print that's always in style. If you're up for something that makes a statement, try Quiksilver's camouflage print boardshorts. The camouflage print will help you translate your love of hunting into a trendy swimwear look.

A definite not for spring break swimwear for the guys is wearing Speedo's. Don't plan on starting any trends if you plan on wearing those. For the girls, remember to be modest. No one wants any wardrobe malfunctions if you decide to jump in the pool. Also, mixing and matching colors and prints is fine, but try not to go overboard. Try to stick to one to two patterns at most in your swimwear, and the same goes for colors.

Whatever style you prefer, don't be afraid to express it in your choice of swimwear. If you follow these fashion trends, you're sure to be in style while in the water over spring break.

By: Shelby Revis



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Saint Patrick's Day

Beer, Irish midgets, and fighting. This is what the average person thinks about when it comes to Saint Patrick's day. Here is the history behind it all. Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated throughout the world on March 17th and is one of the more unique holidays available today. It is most widely celebrated in Ireland, Canada, and the United States but there are also celebrations in Russia, South Korea, Japan, and South America. The most massive of Saint Patrick's Day celebrations are of course in Chicago and New York City, which the parade in NYC has a average of 150,000 marchers a year.

The holiday is an feast day and an homage to Saint Patrick, the Catholic Patron Saint of Ireland, who converted much of the population after being kidnapped from Rome and spent much time in Ireland in captivity. Saint Patrick used to the three leaf clover to relate Christianity to the Irish pagans, thus creating one of the main symbols of the holiday. The people in

Ireland viewed him as a hero and the holiday is said to be celebrated since the early ninth and tenth centuries, in other words, it has been celebrated for over one thousand years.

The holiday is often celebrated through celebration, partying, feasting, and drinking even though technically a religious holiday. There are many different Saint Patrick's Day celebrations around the world and in places one would not expect. Many of these places and celebrations include:

By Samuel T. Pynes

Teacher Spotlight

There are many new teachers this year and one that stands apart from the rest is American History teacher, Mr. Lucas. He moved here over the summer from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He's been teaching for three years and what brings him back year after year is the thrill of working with young adults and "blowing students' minds with exploding facts".

When asked about his hometown he answered quickly, "I miss my friends and family in Pennsylvania. I also miss being around fellow Steelers fans. But waking up to 75 degrees every morning certainly makes up for it." He likes to pass the time going to Buffalo Beats, supporting the music program, and cheering on the Buffalo at different sporting events. He's going to be back next year surprising more students with his cataclysmic explosive classroom.

By: Clara Hottinger

Movie Review: The Roommate

The Roommate is a psychological thriller starring Leighton Meester, Minka Kelly, and Cam Gigandet. You start off with small town girl Sarah (Kelly) from Des Moines starting her first year of college at ULA after giving up going to Brown to go to college with her boyfriend, Jason, who ended up ditching her to go to Brown anyway when a spot opened up. So now

the newly single Sarah starts off college first meeting Trish (Ali Michalka), her party girl dorm neighbor who invites her to a Frat Party on her first night where she meets Stephen (Gigandet), hottie Frat boy drummer, who "accidentally" spills beer on her to get the chance to talk to her. He becomes her savior for the night though when he helps walk an intoxicated Trish back to the dorms and lands himself a good night kiss well the slightly intoxicated Sarah walks herself back to her dorm where she finally meets her Roommate, Rebecca (Meester), for the first time. That's where the whole story begins. At first, Rebecca seems like a normal, overprotective Roommate until a series of events leads Sarah to believe otherwise.

By Brittany Barnum



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Book Review: Cycle of the Werewolf

It seems like its just a normal day for Alfie Knopfler as he was closing up the chat n' chew... well, it did until a man came into his shop just before he left. This mysterious man transforms into a beast resembling a werewolf and tears Alfie limb from limb. This month's book review is of Steven King's "Cycle of the werewolf". The book has an exciting start by opening with a terrible and gory werewolf attack. The book goes month by month and gives detailed reports the month's werewolf attack but you don't know who the killer is. It remains a mystery to the reader until the last pages when some of the townspeople reveal who it is, and it sure is a shock when the reader finds out. In conclusion, this book was a real thriller and i would recommend it to anyone who enjoys a good mystery book.

By: Justin Lenhart

Music Review: Jamie Cullum

When you turn on the radio who do you expect to hear? Maybe Taylor Swift, Lil Wayne, or just the D.J. telling you the daily dirt. But wouldn't it be nice to turn the radio on and listen to something completely new and fresh? Jamie Cullum, a creative and funky English jazz singer- songwriter and multi-instrumentalist might just be that. His new album The Pursuit is full of up- beat songs and even some covers of artists like Rihanna, Cole porter, and Aphex Twin. Jamie brings something new to the standards of music. The Pursuit fills your ears and mind with melodies unlike any artist. Jamie's cover of "Don't stop the Music" by Rihanna has more than four million views on YouTube. The Pursuit was inspired by Nancy Mitford's classic novel "The Pursuit of Love". "It's my fiancé's favorite book, and the line in 'Love Ain't Gonna Let You Down' that says 'The pursuit of love consumes us all' is a reference to that," Cullum explains. "The reason I made it the album title was that I've come to realize that life is one long pursuit.

JAMIE CULLUM THE PURSUIT.



Being a musician is not about any obvious goal; it's about appreciating the journey as opposed to the destination." One reviewer of the new album says that "Jamie continues to develop as a musician with each album. I love all of the different styles he incorporates. From the standards to pop he has something for everyone."

The Pursuit is astounding, there is a song on the album for every mood one could be in, to encourage you or make you want to dance. Watching videos of Jamie playing live just adds to the talent you already hear on the album. He puts beats together by slapping the side of piano or pulling a string in the piano to make an odd sound, or has a drum and pedal at his feet under the piano to beat on while playing. His ability to amaze an audience is limitless; he plays multiple instruments while keeping his singing steady and perfect. I recommend this album to any person who wants to hear something new or try a different genre of music. Jazz music can be categorized as boring or dreary but Jamie brings something enjoyable and energizing to the world of jazz music that is far from uninteresting.

By: Hattie Corbin