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Important Dates

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 21, 2019
No School

Principal's Message to WVOC Students

Welcome to the Spring Semester! Even though we experienced a teachers' strike, we want students to know we are here for you. The staff here at West Valley Occupational is committed to helping all students achieve their educational and career goals. No matter what your opinion of the teachers' strike is, your thoughts on the matter are respected. We want to thank all of those students who came to school, walked the picket line with teachers, called for information, and/or came to register for the Spring Semester. As principal, I am happy to report there were very few incidents of disruptive or disrespectful behavior by anyone.



In spite of the strike, last week WVOC conducted open registration. Returning students may have noticed the procedures for enrolling in Career Technical Education classes changed. The registration process is now more structured. Classes were assigned specific days and times for students to come for enrollment. Now instead of waiting in long lines that extend around the building, students were given numbers and lines moved in a more streamlined and organized manner. Considering it was the first time trying this new system, most students were satisfied with it. The administrative team will be evaluating the system and making changes as necessary. If you have any input as to how we can improve the registration process or anything at WVOC, please stop by the main office and complete a suggestion form. We would be delighted to hear from you!

This semester we look forward to lots of positive, life-changing activities like high school equivalency testing, high school diploma completions and career technical education certifications. In addition we will continue to encourage participation in Student Council and Job Club to provide opportunities for students to develop as leaders.

Let's all work together to make the Spring Semester a good one for students and staff!

Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Junior Day



Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. is arguably the most influential black leader in American

history. He spearheaded a nationwide effort to end legal segregation while working to enact such laws as the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. His most famous speech continues to be a staple in American culture. Discussed below are five interesting facts about Martin Luther King Jr.

King's birth name was Michael, not Martin

The civil rights leader was born Michael King Jr. on January 15, 1929. In 1934, however, his father, a pastor at Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church, traveled to Germany and became inspired by the Protestant Reformation leader Martin Luther. As a result, King Sr. changed his own name as well as that of his 5-year-old son.

King entered college at the age of 15

King was such a gifted student that he skipped grades nine and 12 before enrolling in 1944 at Morehouse College, the alma mater of his father and maternal grandfather. Although he was the son, grandson and great-grandson of Baptist ministers, King did not intend to follow the family vocation until Morehouse president Benjamin E. Mays, a noted theologian, convinced him otherwise. King was ordained before graduating college

with a degree in sociology.

King received his doctorate in systematic theology

After earning a divinity degree from Pennsylvania's Crozer Theological Seminary, King attended graduate school at Boston University, where he received his Ph.D. degree in 1955. The title of his dissertation was "A Comparison of the Conceptions of God in the Thinking of Paul Tillich and Henry Nelson Wieman."

King's "I Have a Dream" speech was not his first at the Lincoln Memorial

Six years before his iconic oration at the March on Washington, King was among the civil rights leaders who spoke in the shadow of the Great Emancipator during the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom on May 17, 1957. Before a crowd estimated at between 15,000 and 30,000, King delivered his first national address on the topic of voting rights. His speech, in which he urged America to "give us the ballot," drew strong reviews and positioned him at the forefront of the civil rights leadership.

King was imprisoned nearly 30 times

According to the King Center, the civil rights leader went to jail 29 times. He was arrested for acts of civil disobedience and on trumped-up charges, such as when he was jailed in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1956 for driving 30 miles per hour in a 25-mile-per-hour zone.

For more facts, please visit www.history.com/news/10-things-you-may-not-know-about-martin-luther-king-jr



CTE Open Enrollment

WVOC | Open Enrollment Schedule
Career Technical Education (CTE)

Final Week of Open Enrollment*

Jan 18 Friday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Jan 22 Tuesday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM & 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Jan 23 Wednesday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM & 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Jan 24 Thursday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM & 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Jan 25 Friday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
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* For classes starting January 22, 2019 through February 25, 2019

• Enrollment is first come, first served.
• All fees must be paid at time of registration.
• As indicated, some classes require that an entry reading and/or math assessment test be passed prior to enrollment.
• Please refer to the CTE prerequisite sheet for a complete listing of enrollment requirements.

Open enrollment for Career Technical Education (CTE) classes continues from Friday, Jan. 18 through Friday, Jan. 25th in room 102.

All classes starting Jan. 22, 2019 through February 25, 2019 are currently registering. Enrollment is first come, first served. All fees must be paid at time of registration. If a class requires a prerequisite, it must be completed prior to registration.

Please check the prerequisite sheet, included in the registration schedule, for complete enrollment requirements. The schedule is available online at wvoc.net/schedule/ and in the Counseling/Registration office, Room 102.

Class Terms

Quarter 1 10 Weeks 08/14/18 thru 10/19/18	Quarter 2 9 Weeks 10/22/18 thru 01/18/19	Quarter 3 10 Weeks 01/22/19 thru 03/29/19	Quarter 4 9 Weeks 04/02/19 thru 06/07/19
Trimester 1 13 Weeks 08/14/18 thru 11/09/18	Trimester 2 13 Weeks 11/13/18 thru 03/08/19	Trimester 3 12 Weeks 03/11/19 thru 06/07/19	
Semester 1 19 Weeks 08/14/18 thru 01/18/19	Semester 2 19 Weeks 01/22/19 thru 06/07/19		

ESL Registration

Current WVOC ESL Students

Registration starts the week of Jan. 22, 2019.

Morning: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Evening: 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Clients on Wait List

Wait List clients will be called on Monday, Jan. 28, 2019 for registration.

Prospective Clients

Visit Room 102 to register for assessment.

Graduation 2018-2019

This year, our graduation schedule is tentatively set for the last week of May. The English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL), Academic and Career Technical Education (CTE) departments will each have their own evening ceremony in WVOC's Dellefield Park. The High School Diploma/HiSET Graduation will be Wednesday, May 29th.

Each department has a planning team which is currently seeking student speakers for each event. Suggestions for dignitary speeches are also welcome.

If you are interested in volunteering for any or all of the events, please speak with your instructor or a department leader. Show your fellow students your support and excitement by participating in each of these wonderful program culmination events! You may be next.

Spotlight: Culinary Arts

Do you consider yourself a foodie?

Do you like working in a fast-paced, hands-on environment?

If so, a career in Culinary Arts may be your calling. In our Baking and Catering programs, Chef Prieto will take you on an artistic and mindful journey where you will master kitchen skills, practice classical cooking techniques, and learn to balance the art and science of baking; all while experiencing what is like to work in a commercial kitchen. To find out more about our Culinary programs, you may visit with a Career Technical Education Pathway advisor in our Counseling/Registration office, Room 102.

Competing at SkillsUSA



This year WVOC will be a major contributor to the regional Skills USA competition schedule to take place from 8:00AM to 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 26th. Not only do we have students participating but WVOC will host several of the events. The cosmetology, HVAC, construction and culinary arts competitions will be held right here on our campus.

We encourage teachers, classified staff and students to come watch the excitement and cheer for our student competitors. The Café will be open so stop by and say hello to Tania and George as well.

If WVOC students are successful in winning their contests, they will move on to the state level competitions. WVOC is proud of their outstanding students and Skills USA will give them an opportunity to shine!



Schoolwide Learner Outcomes

Use spoken and written communication in their field of study
Follow verbal and written directions
Work independently and collaboratively

Demonstrate technological skills that support their goals
Learn skills necessary to enter the workforce or continue their education