

# The Vasquez Post

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## Football Team Comeback

The year 2016 The Vasquez Mustangs went 6-4 and ended a decent season. Since then, the Mustangs haven't had a winning record. During covid, Vasquez couldn't play going into the 2021 season. They lost 4 consecutive games only winning the last game against Silver Valley 30-26. For the 2022 and the 2023 season The Mustangs lost every game going 0-19. Vasquez has changed football coaches 3 times. Going into the 2024 season with a brand new coaching staff and a 40 player roster. The preseason the Mustangs went 0-3, despite everyone thinking it was going to be another 0-10 season, the Mustangs stayed strong and made it into the league! After a hard fought game their win streak came to an end against Desert Christian Academy(DCA). The game score was 14-21. Soon after the Mustangs beat Nu View Bridge 36-0, having their first shutout out in 6 years! "16 years watching Vasquez play" is how long Offensive coordinator Gary Rowe has been watching us play.

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## Weather

The weather here in Acton Agua Dulce has been fairly cold lately and it doesn't seem to be changing any time soon! The weather this week will be at a high of 70 with a low of 45. The following we will have a high of 70 and a low of 42. This is perfect for those who enjoy the wonders of winter. This is the time of sweater weather, so make sure to grab the fuzziest sweater you have! We are expecting wind throughout this week and next week. Especially wednesday this week! So hold on to your hats and keep cozy!

*Information provided by Alexandria Van Blarcom*



## The Fall Festival

The long awaited fall festival has come to an end. After a successful day filled with games, prizes, raffles, creative vendors, face painting and costume contests, it's safe to say this fall festival was one to remember! If you swung by during the festival, you'll have been met with a gym full of independent businesses selling their goods, and a table stacked with baskets generously donated by establishments throughout the area for the raffle. Some of the baskets were filled with gift cards, various household supplies, and even a mystery basket with secret wrapped items estimated to value around \$200! The vendor booths were all a delight as well, from crocheted animals to freshly baked goods, there were tons of amazing small businesses to support.

Another thing you'd find in the gym was a gallery of "Mixed Media" student art, which had younger students drawings of pumpkins, cemeteries, ghosts, and other halloween imagery! There were also some spooky cakes, decorated by classes from our schools! Visitors to the festival could take a look at the various cakes (unfortunately they couldn't take a taste test) and vote on their favorites!

The club booths did quite well for themselves too, a few hosted games, a few sold food, and our very own Journalism booth sold beverages! There were prizes to be won at the booths with games as well, and hopefully everyone tried their hand at winning some!

One of the most notable parts of the festival was the library, which was filled with various reptiles! Snakes, frogs, and even giant monitor lizards! Anyone who paid four tickets was able to hold and pet all the animals available. Another part of the festival worth mentioning was the haunted house, which was hosted by Ms. Owens's VAPPA class! This year's haunted house was as scary as ever, and the class did a phenomenal job of pulling it off! And of course, one of the most advertised parts of the fall festival was the costume contest, which happened near the end of the festival and had multiple different categories. The winners got gift cards and small trophies.

All in all, hopefully everyone agrees this year's festival was a success, and all the club booths had a good time and turned a profit. Even though this festival was amazing, that shouldn't stop us from aiming to make the next one even better!

*Article by Charlotte Hernandez*

*Photo taken by Mrs. Hernandez*



## Meet your staff: Mrs. Salsedo

### What made you wanna be a counselor?

I had a really good high school counselor who I felt I could go to if I had a question whether it was about school or anything else going on and I love helping people.

### What was your job before becoming a counselor?

I actually became a counselor straight out of school, I started my counseling program two weeks after finishing my bachelors degree. I was on the fence about becoming a teacher or a counselor, but I went straight into counseling.

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## Fun Facts

- Bananas are berries, but strawberries aren't.
- Humans can't walk in a straight line without looking at something
- You can smell your lungs but your brain filters it out.
- The first animals to travel outer space were fruit flies.
- When dinosaurs were alive, there were active volcanoes on the moon.

*Information provided by Mason Berger and Cailin Perdomo*

## Sports

Here at Vasquez, we are having a bit of a change with our Sports this season. Switching from our summer sports to our winter sports. Our football team is looking to get their next victory this Friday against Hamilton High School that will take them to the playoffs! If they win this next game their final record will be 5-4. Flag football also had a great season with an overall record of 10-10, they still captured great memories in their season. We are now looking forward to Basketball girls and boys, Baseball, and Soccer. Vasquez Basketball will have their first game next month on 11/18 followed by another game the day after on 11/19.

11/1-VR vs Hamilton

### Basketball

- 11/18-Boys JV @Knight, Pete
- 11/18-Boys VR @Knight, Pete
- 11/19-Boys JV vs Silver Valley
- 11/19-Girls JV vs Silver Valley
- 11/19-Boys VR vs Silver Valley
- 11/21-Girls VR @Fillmore
- 11/22-Boys JV @Rosamond
- 11/22- Girls VR @Rosamond
- 11/22- Boys VR @Rosamond

### Soccer

- 11/18-Girls VR vs Antelope Valley
- 11/18-Boys VR vs Antelope Valley
- 11/22-Girls VR @Palmdale Academy Charter
- 11/22-Boys VR @Palmdale Academy Charter

### Cross Country

- 11/5-Boys VR vs Trinity Classical Academy
- 11/7-Girls VR vs Desert Christian/Lancaster

### Baseball

- 11/16-Prov @VHS Baseball VR
- 11/23-JV Castaic @VHS Baseball JV

*Information provided by Adam Hernandez and Jenna Dematteis*

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When Coach Gary was asked what he felt had changed he responded "We have a culture now and a community backing us up." He was then asked how it feels to help the team with the recent victories, he said "It feels good for the players to finally get them in a position to win".

The team has a new head coach/defensive coordinator David Perez. Coach Perez has been coaching since 1996. "I've seen it all, the wins, the losses, the ties and have overcome these situations" said David Perez. Is what he said when asked what he brings to Vasquez. He also wanted to tell the Kids at the school That have been thinking about playing or that he would love for them to come and try out and give them the chance to play. After talking to the captain Jessy Ruelas He said "The team is closer together now it's more like a brotherhood". I asked Captain Colton Prosser who's been on the football team since he was a freshman, if he had anything to say to the future player, "Embrace it, don't take it for granted because time moves fast." Both new and old players have improved so much this year with the district and the school supporting them. We are all expecting more great wins and games. Ride on Mustangs!

Article by Mikayden Matson

## Inspirational Quotes

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched- they must be felt with the heart." - Helen Keller

"I hated every minute of training, but I said, 'Don't quit. Suffer now and live the rest of your life as a champion.'" - Muhammad Ali

"Don't wait around for other people to be happy for you. Any happiness you get you've got to make it yourself" - Alice Walker

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." - John F. Kennedy

Information provided by Lina Rodriguez and Abby Garcia

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### Why do you like Disneyland?

Because I haven't grown up, I really like the atmosphere and I go more with my friends, so it's like a fun outing or an escape from daily stressors... And I like star wars and they added more star wars things.

### Will the Wellness Center be opened soon like it was last year?

What's been happening the last few months, so we have different service providers come on to our campus that support students so that space has also been by our school psychologist and our speech pathologist and our social workers. The days that their here accessing students or providing support we have to have it closed down so that way their sessions are not interrupted, but I believe it will be opened in the next two weeks.

### How did you and Mr. Salsedo meet and was working at the same school planned?

We met in college, he had a different baseball team then I did and I may have been talking crap about his team. He used to work out in the valley at a charter and we were having a hard time finding a math and science teacher. I convinced him to come over and Mr Krolik actually came from the same school as him and they both came over at the same time.

### What sport do you coach and how long have you coached it for?

I coach softball and I have coached for 15 years.

### What do you think about Star Wars?

I like the different worlds of it, the different worlds within it and how there is different story lines. I like how there are so many ways you can go at it and I love the fantasy aspect of it.

### What was your dream job when you were little?

When I was younger I actually wanted to be an interior designer, but you don't get that great of money out of that, and I realized what I want is different then what other people would like, so I kinda gave up on it.

### How different was Vasquez when you were in high school?

I didn't know too much about it when I was in high school, but when I got here 10 years ago the education wasn't as strong as it is now. But apart from that the students may have had a little more school spirit then they do now and the campus culture was a little more engaging. But I know ASB has been working really hard to turn that around. Even though the class options are way better, the school is nicer and stronger academics the students are a little less engaged.

Interview conducted by Gerardo Pelayo

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## Acton/Aqua Dulce Events

### Clinic 2: Body Control w/ Obstacles

11/9: Sat, 6:00 - 9:00 PM  
Location: 2450 Sand Creek Dr Acton, CA

### Smarty Pants Storytime

11/6 and 11/18: Wed, 10:30 - 11:30 AM  
Location: Acton Agua Dulce Library, 33792 Crown Valley Rd Acton, CA

### Hayrides Thru the Vineyard

11/9: Sat, 12:00 - 5:00 PM  
11/10: Sun, 12:00 - 5:00 PM  
11/17: Sun, 12:00 - 5:00 PM  
Location: Agua Dulce Winery, 9640 Sierra Hwy, Santa Clarita, CA

### Acton Women's Club Annual Fall Luncheon

11/13: Wed, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Location: Acton Community Club, 3748 Nickels Ave Acton, CA

### Free Vaccine Clinic: Flu and COVID-19

11/18: Mon, 1:00 - 3:00 PM  
Location: Acton Agua Dulce Library, 33792 Crown Valley Rd Acton, CA

### Book Party: Own Babies

11/19: Tue, 11:00 - 11:30 AM  
Location: Acton Agua Dulce Library, 33792 Crown Valley Rd Acton, CA

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- Holidays
- Fun
- Windy
- Rain
- Cold
- Weather
- Crisp
- Thanksgiving
- Native
- Gourds
- Dry
- Fall
- Turkey
- American
- Snow