

VCA students engage with new neighbors

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HIBBING — With rakes and trash bags in hand, Victory Christian Academy (VCA) students went door-to-door — well, yard to yard, to be exact — to help out their new neighbors.

The private school moved into the former St. Leo's School in the Home Acres neighborhood in August, and the community welcomed it with open arms.

“When we were moving in, we had quite a few of our new neighbors come help us get the school and playground ready,” said Teacher Ginny Carlson. “As a staff, we wanted to give back to this generous community. We wanted to bless them the way they have us and as God wants us to.”

That is when a community clean-up was organized. More than 30 students in grades 5 through 12 went from yard to yard to rake leaves.

Brenna Erickson, a 10th grader, said she was happy to assist others.

“It feels good to do something positive for those who've helped us,” she said. “Hopefully we're setting a good impression of our school in this community.”

Solomon Jacobson, an eighth grader, agreed.

“It's really fun to take a day away from school to give back to the community,” he said. “I hope we can more of this in the future.”

And the residents enjoyed the helping hands.

It's always nice when kids give back to the community, said Tim Hegstrom, a Home Acres resident.

“I think it's great that they're putting in an effort to clean up the neighborhood they just moved into,” he said. “I think the other neighbors will appreciate it. I know I certainly do.”



Students rake up nearby yards

Solomon Jacobson dumps a shovel of leaves into a trash bag held by Abram Fossell and Brenna Erickson Thursday during a community clean-up effort by Victory Christian Academy.