



# Turtle Tracks

March 5, 2010

A WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### MAR 5

VCS Coffee House  
6:30-8:30 pm

### MAR 11

Localvore Dinner  
Kitchen Table Bistro

### MAR 12

Pi Day (Observed)

### MAR 14

Daylight Savings Time

### MAR 15

Governor's Institute  
Applications Due

### MAR 17

March Mudness

### MAR 25

PACS Coffee Hour  
VCS Library  
7:45 am - 9:00 am

### MAR 26

End of Third Quarter

### APR 2-3

School Play  
"Thoroughly Modern  
Millie"

## VCS Coffee House Tonight!

Submitted by Sarah Mueller

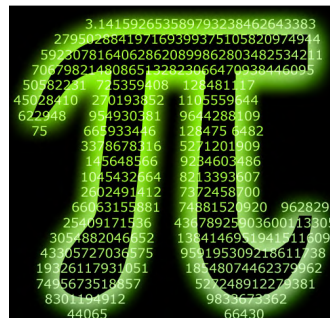
The March 5<sup>th</sup> Vermont Commons Coffee House is tonight! For those of you who have not attended a coffee house before, it is a showcase of talents from the school community. So far there is a wonderful lineup of performers!



The Coffee House will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 pm; admission is \$7 for students and \$10 for adults. There will be refreshments for sale, some pastries and baked goods, along with drinks like coffee, tea and water. All proceeds to benefit the Spain/China trips and the VCS Environmental Club. We would love to see everyone there - bring a friend!

## Pi Day!

Submitted by Mikhal Yudien



Start memorizing, pie baking, and stirring up old movies facts, because Pi Day is next Friday (March 12<sup>th</sup>)! (We are celebrating two days early as Pi Day is on a Sunday this year.) We will split up into Green/Gray teams for Friday Common Hour and will be competing in three different areas. We will be reciting the digits of pi (contact Mikhal if you would like a list of 300 digits) and the top three reciters will get points for their team (Green/Gray). Next, we will play Jeopardy. The winning team gets to pie two teachers from the opposite team in the face! If Green wins, two people get to pie Peter Goff and Jasmine in the face

(with cream pies, of course)! If Gray wins, two people get to pie Jess and Hans in the face! Get your trivia together and throwing arms ready! Lastly, we will hold a PIE contest. Whichever team brings in the most pies and/or cakes will receive Green/Gray points and everyone will eat them at lunch. Get ready to have some 3.14 related fun!

## Awesome April Auction

Submitted by Wendy McArdle

By now we hope you've heard about the 3rd Annual Awesome April Auction! We're currently accepting donations of goods and services from the VCS community and beyond. We thank those of you who have already donated. Below is a glimpse of a few of the more exciting items we have so far:



- 4 tickets to a Red Sox vs. Yankees game at Fenway Park in May

**Head of School:**

**Peter Gilmore**

**FACULTY & STAFF**

Greg Askew

Chance Cardamone-  
Knewstub

Mark Cline Lucey

Jennifer Cohen

Adriana Comtois

Conor Driscoll

Peter Goff

Kathy Hockman

Zhenyan Li

Hans Manske

Ben Patrick

Jessica Redmond

Jordan Romm

Cara Simone

Jasmine Walker

Ben Wang

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Registrar:  
Allison Fayle

Marketing:  
Wendy McArdle

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Hannah Stanyon and  
Allison Fayle

- 2010 pool membership for your family at Burlington Tennis Club
- Headmaster for a Day opportunity for one lucky student
- 1-hour private concert with Tammy Fletcher
- Paella Dinner Party prepared by Jordan Romm

To preview more items, please visit [www.vermontcommons.org/silent-auction](http://www.vermontcommons.org/silent-auction) and click on the Donate an Item Online link. From there you can click on VIEW ALL ITEMS on the left sidebar. You can also complete the donation form online. Online bidding will start April 2, but donating early will maximize the preview time for your item and/or business and help generate a buzz about our auction!

We're also looking for businesses to sponsor the VCS auction website. Sponsorship includes a linked logo of your business on our Bidding for Good page (which will likely reach 1000+ people in the VCS community of friends) plus a half-page ad in the playbill for the VCS production of Thoroughly Modern Mille April 2 & 3 at Waterfront Theater in Burlington.

For more information about sponsorship or making a donation, please contact the VCS Auction Chair, Ginny Rowland at [ginny@virginiarowland.com](mailto:ginny@virginiarowland.com) or 734-1113. And remember, auction donations and sponsorships for your business are fully tax deductible!

## For Sophomores and Juniors, and their Parents

### Submitted by Sarah Soule

Below is a listing of the colleges and universities, and one 'gap year' program that will be participating in a mini college fair at Vermont Commons on Wednesday, March 31st at 11:50 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Attached is a link to a website that highlights information about each college and university. Carly Lagasse, VCS '09, just completed a semester with the Class Afloat Program.

<http://www.edunova.ca/members-and-partners/university.php?lang=eng#1>

Acadia University  
 Dalhousie University  
 Mount Saint Vincent University  
 Nova Scotia College of Art and Design  
 Saint Mary's University  
 St. Francis Xavier University  
 Université Sainte - Anne  
 University of King's College  
 Class Afloat

Parents are encouraged to attend, too. All Sophomores and Juniors will be attending this event, to be held in our Commons Room during the lunch hour.





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## Upcoming Tuesday Hot Lunches

**Submitted by Kristin Decatur**

Delicious Tuesday Hot Lunches to support the Trips Abroad Program will continue starting on next week. Here is the schedule of upcoming lunches. Don't forget your \$5.00!

**Tuesday, 3/9:** Harvey-Berino Family Lunch

**Tuesday, 3/16:** Frey Family Chicken Soup, Roll, and Cookie

**Tuesday, 3/23:** Magowan Family Lunch

**Tuesday, 4/13:** Kemsley Family Lunch



## Thoughts on the Upcoming Ultimate Season

**Submitted by Joe Congdon, Team Co-Captain**

What is ultimate? And why is there so much fervor encircling this little known sport at VCS? A deserving portion of the credit goes to our coach Chance, who has kept the team going throughout the years, all the while demanding our best. Ultimate for me is the single most binding and unifying force at VCS. It is what drives me through the long months of winter and wards off aimlessness in the spring. Ultimate is the reason I gained upper class respect, and reciprocated with



devotion. I believe the "team mentality" is good for everyone, something beyond your day-to-day life. Something which demands selflessness and commitment of the highest regard, can only be beneficial to one's character. Camaraderie is healthy. For these reasons I encourage you all to come check us out. Whether you think playing with a Frisbee (actually, the correct term is disc) requires a dog or not, come out, catch a "deep huck," get the blood pumping, and feel what can only be described as exhilaration.

So what's up for this year? In terms of hopes and expectations, we believe we have a good chance at winning states for our third consecutive championship, however, it won't be as easy as in years past. These past two years our roster has been golden. From our trusty goldy locks (Will Hayden), zipping paramedic (Ben Barker), to our 6'7 Carleton Varsity freshman (Ian Hollyer), our team was stacked. The Flying Turtles remain a force to be reckoned with, though perhaps not as feared as before. This will however, give our newer and younger players a chance to shine and really pack in some quality playing time. We look forward to working to seeing what athletic guys like Joey Carrara, and Oban Galbraith. This will be an exciting year. In my opinion, all students should consider playing with us and if not maybe you will come root us on, helping us to soar a little higher.



## Reminder to ALL Juniors About Approaching SAT and ACT Registration Deadlines:

Submitted by Sarah Soule

It is the responsibility of the student to register for the SAT and/or ACT for the spring 2010 test dates. To register please go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) or [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). The Vermont Commons School code is 460 417 and you will need this upon signing up for either test.



Deadline dates are as follows - these dates are also posted to the VCS on line community calendar:

***For the May 1st SAT test: deadline is March 25th***

***For the June 5th SAT test: deadline is April 29th***

***For the April 10th ACT test: deadline is March 5th***

***For the June 12th ACT test: deadline is May 7th***

There are extended registrations allowed, meaning you can register after the deadline, but a late fee is assessed. Please see Sarah if you have questions regarding registering for either the ACT or SAT.

Also, regarding NAVIANCE, our new on line college counseling partner, if you have not yet made an appointment with Sarah regarding signing up for Naviance, now is the time to do so!

**Don't forget! The VCS SAT preparation course will begin on March 8<sup>th</sup>!!**