



Turtle Tracks

May 8, 2009

A WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAY 18- 22

Spring Encounter Week

MAY 25

Memorial Day
NO SCHOOL

MAY 27

Night of Glory, VCS
6pm-8pm

MAY 29

VCS Field Day

MAY 29

VCS Prom, 7pm-10pm,
Spirit of Ethan Allen

JUNE 1 – 3

Final Exams

JUNE 5

Graduation, 10:30am

Don't Miss the End-Of-School Calendar in this Issue of Turtle Tracks!!

Teacher Appreciation Appreciation

Submitted by Hans Manske



From Left: Kim Sears, Colleen Leffler, Ginny Rowland, and Sarah McGarahan

On Wednesday May 6, the Commons Room was transformed into Commons Bistro in honor of Teacher Appreciation Day. On behalf of the faculty and staff who were appreciated, I want to send out my heartfelt thanks to all involved. First, to Colleen Leffler and Kim Sears for organizing the event. Next to Diana Reilly, Sarah McGarahan, and Ginny Rowland for helping with the setup of the event itself and finally to the plethora of you (Paula Johnson, Sarah McGarahan, Lisa Gadway, Maddy Boudette, Fran Carr, Gretchen Frey, Lee Kemsley, Calista Hollyer, Beth Kuhn, Tracey Hiatt, Dianne Villani, Mary Hamilton-Homer, Katherine Arthaud, Diana Reilly, Dawn Stanyon, Ginny Rowland, Suzanne Mantegna, Denise Verleur, Cindy Cagle, Claudia Barber, Kathleen Carrara, Kim Sears) who provided the culinary delights for the luncheon. Thank you all for making that day such a special and delicious experience.



Class of 2009 Post-Graduation Plans

Submitted by Sarah Soule



The VCS Class of 2009 applied to 140 colleges in 33 states and Canada and the results are now in. Our seniors have made their final decisions! We're very proud of this outstanding class and celebrate their many accomplishments.

As Director of College Counseling, my personal commitment is to helping each student find colleges and universities that 'fit' them in regards to specific academic program, personal profile

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Hans Manske**

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and geographic location as they leave our school. I firmly believe that each of our seniors is very well matched in where they are heading next fall. Each of these colleges and universities offer fine programs and have solid reputations. They are fortunate to be enrolling one of our (soon to be) graduates! Please join the faculty and me as we congratulate the Class of 2009 on their final decisions.

<u>Where Will They Be Fall 2009?</u>		
Benjamin Barker	University of Vermont	Vermont
Nina Brand	Queens University	Ontario
Christian Buck	Landmark College	Vermont
Matthew Conte	University of Vermont	Vermont
William Hayden	Elon University	North Carolina
Celina Hickson	Ithaca College	New York
Ian Hollyer	Carleton College	Minnesota
Jack Homer	Carnegie Mellon University	Pennsylvania
Eli Jager	Maryland Institute College of Art	Maryland
Addie Johnson	Bates College	Maine
Carly Lagasse	Class Afloat (Acadia University)	Nova Scotia
Grace Lane	Concordia University	Quebec
Ivan Marrinson	Burlington College	Vermont
Alex Mason	University of Alabama	Alabama
Ruby Russell	Carleton College	Minnesota
Melissa Stein	College of Charleston	South Carolina
Jim Trask	St. Michael's College	Vermont

Yearbook Advertising

Submitted by Mark Cline Lucey



The 2008-2009 VCS Yearbook is in the works and will be ready to go to the press soon! Each year, a number of parents like to purchase a spot in the back to either 1) congratulate a graduating senior 2) congratulate a daughter/son for a successful year or 3) advertise their business. All proceeds help defray the cost of the yearbook for everyone.

Prices:

- Full page ad (6.75 in. wide x 9.5 in. tall) = \$100
- Half page ad (6.75 in. wide x 4.75 in. tall) = \$75
- Quarter page ad (3.25 in. wide x 4.75 in. tall) = \$50
- Eighth page ad (business card size) = \$25

All checks should be made out to VCS. Please give or send a copy of the ad to Mark (m.cline-lucey@vermontcommons.org).

Greening VCS R&S Class Strikes Again!

Submitted by Adriana Comtois

Did you know that VCS is now using 100% recycled paper? The students from the Greening VCS R & S class recently spoke to the administrative team about switching to paper with 50% recycled content but it was more expensive than switching to 100% recycled paper. They did the calculations to determine how much would it cost to switch to 100% and they submitted the proposal to Hans and Emily. Since we use in average of 22,500 sheets of paper per month, this switch is definitively making a positive impact in the conservation of our natural resources. Now we just need to work on





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getting the community to use LESS paper!

Save The Date! VCS Prom!

Submitted by Mark Cline Lucey

When: Friday, May 29th from 7:00 to 10:00
Where: Cruisin' the lake on the Spirit of Ethan Allen
How much: \$35 (Checks made out to VCS; please deliver to Mark)



What could be more fun than a sunset cruise with your friends on a warm, spring evening? Everyone all dressed up and the music thumpin'!

Red Sox/Yankees Raffle: Sell 5 Tickets and Get 1 FREE

Submitted by Wendy McArdle



Please help us with the final VCS fundraiser of the school year by selling \$10 raffle tickets for a chance to see the Red Sox vs Yankees game at Fenway on Sunday, August 23 at 1pm. If every Vermont Commons student sells just 5 tickets, we'll meet our goal of raising \$5,000! And as an added bonus, if you sell (or buy) five tickets, we'll give you one FREE. That's six tickets for \$50. And the person who sells the most raffle tickets will get a Vermont Commons Flash Bag! So far, only about 60 raffle

tickets have sold, so the odds of winning are pretty darn good. These are primo seats, folks, behind home plate. Similar tickets on StubHub are going for about \$300 each!

TO BUY or SELL RAFFLE TICKETS, just print the page of tickets at the end of Turtle Tracks and return the right half and payment to Wendy McArdle, Vermont Commons, 75 Green Mountain Dr., South Burlington, VT 05403. Please make checks out to Vermont Commons. The drawing is June 12th. Info about the raffle is also on our website at www.vermontcommons.org/raffle. Thanks in advance for your help!

Drivers Ed Summer 2009

Submitted by John Viau



Learn how to drive this summer!! The summer session of Driver's Ed, offered through ASM Driving School, will begin on Monday June 29th, 2009 and run until the end of July.

Students will be in class from 8:00am until 10:00am Monday through Friday until the required thirty hours are completed, on approximately Friday July 17th, 2009. They will also be required to complete six hours of driving and six hours of observation. Driving and observation time will be one day per week after class from 10:00am until about 12:00pm and will run from the first week of the summer session until the last week of the summer session.

Driver's ed registration forms are available in the main office. Questions? Contact John F. Viau, (802) 878-4839, johnviau@msn.com.

CALENDAR - FINAL WEEKS OF SCHOOL 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18-May	18-May	19-May	20-May	21-May	22-May	23-May
Encounter Week!						
24-May	25-May	26-May	27-May	28-May	29-May	30-May
	Memorial Day No school	Review for Finals	Review for Finals Night of Glory at 6 pm	Review for finals 12-3pm Senior Exit Projects Pick-up any time after 3.	Field Day Drop off at Oakledge at 8:30- Pick up 3:30pm Bring water, snacks, sneakers, sunscreen, and your team colors! PROM 7:00 PM	
31-May	1-Jun	2-Jun	3-Jun	4-Jun	5-Jun	6-Jun
	9-11: Social Studies Exam 12-2: World Language Exam	9-11: Language Arts Exam 12-2: Science Exam Senior Overnight	9-11 Math Exam 12:00 Senior Hike up Buck Mt.	Multi-Media Extravaganza Half Day: Pick up at 11:30.	8:30-10:00 Yearbook signing, bagels, and music! 10:30 am Graduation** 12:00 Community Picnic 1 pm Early Dismissal	VCS Reunion 08-09
Students need to arrive no later than 8:45 for exams and may be picked up after 2:00. There is also an early pick up on Thursday the 4th (11:30 am) and Graduation Day (1:00 pm).						

*ALL students participate in Graduation at the UVM Horticulture Farm. Park at VCS.
Dismissal after the barbeque. Appropriate dress please.
All parents, alumni, and friends are invited to attend the graduation ceremony and picnic.

*Graduates should pick up their cap and gowns on 6/4 by 9:30 a.m.

\$10 RAFFLE TICKET – THANK YOU!

2 tickets to Fenway Park

Red Sox vs Yankees

AUGUST 23, 2009

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