



Turtle Tracks

September 11, 2009

A WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SEPT 16

Senior/7th Grade Get-Together
5:00-6:30

SEPT 17

College Fair and Pizza Night

SEPT 21-25

Fall Encounter Week

OCT 7

Early Dismissal
Parent Conferences
12:00

OCT 9

Common Text Day

OCT 14

PSAT Testing Day
Early Dismissal 12:00

OCT 16-17

Homecoming

OCT 22-24

NO SCHOOL
Fall Break

OCT 30

End of First Quarter

IT Upgrades = Energy Savings

Submitted by Wendy McArdle



This summer the IT Committee worked diligently to upgrade our computer system at Vermont Commons. We have a new HP Proliant server in our server room and a computer lab room full of new flat screen LCD monitors. The new server replaces three older HP Proliant servers and has special Intel Xeon low power processors. Special thanks to committee members Brian Leffler, Paul Lamberson, Matt and Lisa Fargo, and Cara Simone for their vision and expertise. Their efforts have resulted in a state-of-the-art IT system that facilitates learning and saves energy.

Below is a snap shot of the electricity VCS is saving with the new server and the new monitors in the computer lab. This analysis was compiled by Brian Leffler.

Old Servers: 3 servers X 250W X 24 hours/day X 365 days = 6,307 kWh
New Server: 1 server X 160W X 24 hours/day X 365 days = 1,401 kWh
78% reduction

Old CRT monitors: 14 X 85W X 10 hours/day X 180 days = 2,142 kWh
New LCD monitors: 14 X 29W X 10 hours/day X 180 days = 730 kWh
66% reduction

Bottom line: VCS is saving approximately 6,318 kWh per year. Assuming a kWh costs about \$0.14 here in Vermont, this represents a savings of about \$900 per year.

"As you all know, the school has an environmental mission in addition to our educational mission. As we make changes to our IT infrastructure, we are trying to be as green as possible." Brian Leffler

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Senior-7th Grade Dinner

Submitted by Sarah Soule



The annual Senior 7th Grade dinner, hosted by the Class of 2010 to welcome our 7th grade class to VCS, will be held on Wednesday evening, September 16th. Activities kick off at 5:00 p.m. in the Commons Room and pizza and games are on the menu. Students can be picked up at 6:30 p.m. Class Advisors and Sarah Soule will be in attendance, too.

Student Guide and PACS Survey

Submitted by Hans Manske

Did you receive a VCS 2009-2010 Guide for Students and Families and a copy of the PACS Survey at Parent's Night this week? If you did not attend the event or did not pick one up, please remember to stop by the front desk next week and see Allison to pick up your copies. The student guide is a valuable resource for the upcoming school year!



College Visits for Juniors and Seniors

Submitted by Sarah Soule



We have 18 Colleges coming to visit Vermont Commons the week of September 14th-18th! Visits will take place in Sarah's office and parents are encouraged to attend, too. The calendar of college visits is on our school website in the 'calendar section'. If a visit takes place during the time a student is in class, the student must get their teacher's permission in order to meet with a visiting representative.



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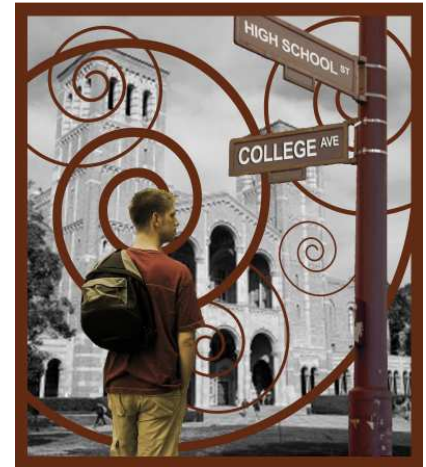
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College Fair and Dinner at Uno's on Thursday, September 17th

Submitted by Sarah Soule

Juniors, Seniors, and their parents, are strongly encouraged to attend the College Fair at UVM's Patrick Gym on Thursday evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. Prior to the fair, a group will be going to Uno's for a 'dutch treat' pizza dinner. Please RSVP to Sarah at ssoule@vermontcommons.org or call 865-8084, ext. 27 if you would like to go to Uno's.



Google Troubleshooting

Submitted by Allison Fayle



If you are having trouble accessing Google Calendar or a Google class website, please contact Cara Simone at 865-8084x17 or csimone@vermontcommons.org. Cara is our resident Google expert!