



Turtle Tracks

December 11, 2009

A WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DEC 13

VCS Barnes and Noble Book Fair

DEC 21

First Day of Winter Break

JAN 4

School Reopens

JAN 14

VCS Gear Exchange

JAN 15

Second Quarter Ends

JAN 18

Martin Luther King Day

JAN 20-22

Exam Days

JAN 25-29

Winter Encounter Week

The Coffee is in!!

Submitted by Alison Ackert

The Trips Abroad Program has one-pound bags of whole bean coffee for sale starting next week. The cost is \$5 per pound.

Students traveling to China and Spain in 2010 are selling coffee to help raise funds for this exciting program. Please help support the Trips Abroad Program by purchasing your coffee through one of the traveling students.

These beans are medium roasted and blended from South and Central American growers. Thank you for your support!

STUDENTS TRAVELLING TO SPAIN:

Callie McGarghan
Vivien Enriquez
Keenan Villani-Holland
Milo Self
Sarah Mueller
Julian Lenz
Tim Sears
Alexandra Ackert-Smith
Justine Magowan

STUDENTS TRAVELLING TO CHINA:

Willie Strausser
Christian Frey
Patrick Magowan
Mae Kemsley
Josh Decatur
Grey Switzer
Teddy Retzloff
Joey Carrara



Bottles?

Submitted by Ted Retzloff



Do you have a bunch of bottles lying around your house, waiting for redemption at your local gas station? The VCS China/Spain trips are still collecting bottles in an attempt to fundraise. If you have not already, please bring in your collected bottles and dump them in our conveniently located collection bins, right outside of school. If you have no such pile, or have already brought them, please start collecting redeemable bottles, then bring them into school. We appreciate your support for our trips abroad!

Head of School:**Peter Gilmore****FACULTY & STAFF**Chance Cardamone-
Knewstub

Mark Cline Lucey

Jennifer Cohen

Adriana Comtois

Conor Driscoll

Glenn Etter

Peter Goff

Kathy Hockman

Zhenyan Li

Hans Manske

Ben Patrick

Jessica Redmond

Jordan Romm

Cara Simone

Jasmine Walker

Assistant Head of
School: Hans ManskeDean of Faculty:
Cara SimoneDirector of Academic
Enrichment Center:
JoAnna EastonDirector of Admissions &
College Counseling:
Sarah SouleDirector of Development:
Jordan RommBusiness Office:
Emily TupperRegistrar:
Allison FayleMarketing:
Wendy McArdleTurtle Tracks Editors:
Hannah Stanyon and
Allison Fayle

Subaru Forester Needs a Home

Submitted by Glenn Etter

Teacher Glenn Etter, quite sad to be leaving Vermont though happy to become a father, is selling his 1998 Subaru Forester at the end of the semester. It's an excellent snow car with all-wheel drive, runs great, and comes with snow tires and no rust (only one winter here in the east). It's also a good deal! Email Glenn at getter@vermontcommons.org if interested.



Attention Skiers, Boarders, and Parents!

Submitted by Ben Patrick

Winter marks the beginning of our ski club! We will be skiing/boarding at Bolton Valley this year and will be leaving school at 2:30pm and arriving back to Vermont Commons School at 8:00pm on Thursday evenings. This should allow for four hours of exercise and fun. All abilities of skiing/boarding are welcome to join us. Our group is all-inclusive, and everyone rides/skis with a group of peers. The only requirement is that you bring a helmet and be prepared for cold weather conditions.

The cost this year for transportation is \$120.00 per student for six rides to and from the mountain. This pays for a large bus and a driver and allows all of us to be together with plenty of room for our gear. If you do not have a Bolton Valley Ski Pass, the cost for skiing will be twenty dollars a visit. All together, the price to ski six times will be \$120.00 per student. If parents want to join us, there is plenty of room on the bus, and we receive three chaperone passes every time we visit the mountain. These chaperone passes will be given out on a first come first serve basis.

I look forward to having a safe and fun skiing and boarding season. Below is the list of dates that we will be at the mountain. At the end of this issue of Turtle Tracks there is a permission slip. Please return this with a check payable to Vermont Commons School by Wednesday, December 18, 2009.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Outing Club Trip Postponed

Submitted by Conor Driscoll

This weekend's Outing Club hike up Mount Mansfield has been postponed due to a scheduling conflict. It will be rescheduled for next weekend (exact day TBD.) Please see Conor for more details!





Vermont Commons School

75 Green Mountain Dr.
So. Burlington, VT
05403

Phone: 802-865-8084

Fax: 802-865-2429

Email: info@vermontcommons.org

Website: <http://www.vermontcommons.org>

Nutritious Foods to Donate to the Food Shelf!

Submitted by Adriana Comtois

Have you brought in non-perishable food items for the epic Green-Grey Food Shelf Donation Battle? Grey is currently winning by 15 items! You will get extra points for your team if you donate the following items specifically requested by the staff at the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf:

- Kidney Beans (Low sodium)
- Sweet Kernel Corn (Low sodium), canned
- Tomato puree, canned
- Sliced carrots (Low sodium), canned
- Cut yams, canned
- Pear halves in juice, canned
- Peach slices in juice, canned
- Chunk pineapple in unsweetened pear juice, canned
- Unsweetened applesauce, jar
- Peanut butter, creamy unsalted
- Old fashioned oats
- Long grain brown rice
- Pasta (whole wheat)
- California Seedless Raisins
- Dry Roasted mixed nuts (unsalted)
- Canned tuna (in water)
- Canned chicken (in water)
- Low sodium non tomato soup
- Cereal (sugar content < 10g)
- Spaghetti sauce (**Low sodium**)



Don't Forget!
Barnes and Noble Book Fair This Weekend
Sunday Dec. 13th from 10:00 am – 9:00 pm
Proceeds benefit VCS Trips Abroad!

2009-2010 VCS Ski Program Permission Slip

December __, 2009

I give permission for my son/daughter to ski/board on Thursday afternoons at Bolton Valley Ski Area from January 7, 2009 through March 4, 2009.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Attached is a check for:

_____ : \$120.00 for transportation

_____ : \$240.00 for transportation and six lift tickets.

Vermont Commons SAT Course Registration Form

The Vermont Commons School is offering an SAT preparation course targeted for the **official SAT dates of May 1, 2010 and June 5, 2010**. This course provides 16 hours of instructional time taught by teachers specializing in language and math, who are deeply familiar with the SAT format. It offers one proctored, four-hour practice SAT test and one evening of analysis and feedback after this test.

Dates and times of classes: Mondays, March 8th, 15th, 22th, 29th, and April 5th, 12th, 19th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 17th from 8:30 to 1:00

Where: Vermont Commons School – 75 Green Mountain Dr. South Burlington, VT 05403 – Room #4

Class size limit: Maximum 10 students

Materials: Peterson's 2009 *Master the SAT* workbook (provided in class)

Fee: \$625.00

Teachers: JoAnna B. Easton M.Ed. and Jasmine Walker

Your check and a copy of the student's official PSAT scores must accompany this registration form and must be received no later than January 15, 2010 in order to secure a place in the class. After January 15th, 2010 the class will be open to the public.

Student Information:

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Student E-mail _____ Phone _____

Parent Name and E-mail _____

Home Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Student's year in school: sophomore junior

PSAT scores Math _____ Critical Reading _____ Writing _____