



VERMONT  
COMMONS  
SCHOOL

## Press Release

For immediate release  
May 26, 2009

Contact: Wendy McArdle  
Phone: 865-8084 x31

### Vermont Commons Announces New Assistant Head of School

---

The Board of Trustees of Vermont Commons School in South Burlington is pleased to announce the appointment of **Hans Manske** as the new Assistant Head of School. Manske holds a B. A. and M. S. in Environmental Earth Science from Dartmouth and earned his teaching credential from Humbolt State University in California. He has been at Vermont Commons for more than a decade serving in a variety of positions including Dean of Students, Chair of the Math Department, Math and Science Instructor, Basketball Coach, faculty liaison to the Parents Association at Commons School (PACS), and most recently, Acting Head of School. “It has been an incredibly positive experience working with Hans so closely over the past four months during our transition to a new Head of School,” notes Mary Hamilton-Homer, Chair of the Board of Trustees. “Hans has an excellent relationship with the VCS community and has so much history with the school. The Trustees feel confident that he and Peter Gilmore, our new Head of School, will complement each other well and make a remarkable team to lead Vermont Commons into the next decade.”

“I want to thank the Board and the entire VCS community for their support over the past four months. Looking ahead, I am extremely excited to begin work with our new Head of School, Peter Gilmore, and our faculty on moving Vermont Commons into its next phase.” Manske and his wife Sabrina live in Burlington with their two children, Avena and Ryder.

---

**About Vermont Commons School:** Vermont Commons School is an independent day school for students in grades 7 – 12. The school offers a rigorous, college-preparatory curriculum that includes a focus on community service and experiential education. The mission of the Vermont Commons School is to provide a vision of education that crosses traditional boundaries and develops ecological citizenship, with the goal of empowering students with the knowledge, character, skills, and moral vision necessary to become responsible, pro-active members of the world community. For more information, please visit [www.vermontcommons.org](http://www.vermontcommons.org).

# # # # #

---

75 Green Mountain Drive • South Burlington, VT 05403  
*phone* (802) 865-8084 • *fax* (802) 865-2429  
[www.vermontcommons.org](http://www.vermontcommons.org)