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Vermont Commons Students Take the Plunge And Raise \$3,300 for Special Olympics



Seventeen students and faculty from Vermont Commons School donned superhero costumes for the Penguin Plunge on Saturday, February 7, 2009. Wonder Woman, Batman, The Joker, and even a Flying Turtle (the VCS mascot) were part of the group that took the plunge in Lake Champlain to raise more than \$3,300 for the Special Olympics. "I'm really proud of our students," said faculty member Mark Cline Lucey, who has organized the school's Penguin Plunge team for the past 5 years. "We had representatives from every class in grades 7 – 12. Next year, I'm hoping the whole school will take the plunge!"

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Group photo on left:

Front row: Cat Silverstein (St. Albans), Jodie McMahon (South Burlington), Addie Johnson (Shelburne), Sophie Daigle (Burlington), Carly Lagasse (Grand Isle), Zannah Johnson (Charlotte), Elena Mudd (Colchester), Vivian Enriquez, Ali Hanson (Burlington), Baxter Barber (Shelburne)

Back row: Mark Cline Lucey (Burlington), Travis Connolly, Conor Driscoll (Burlington)

Not pictured: Jessica Redmond (Hinesburg), Celina Hickson (St. George), Hannah Stanyon (Colchester), Jason Cushner (Burlington)

About Vermont Commons School: Vermont Commons School is an independent day school for college-bound 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.



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