



## Join the VCS Sustainability Committee: Version 2.0!

During the first semester of this year, the VCS Sustainability Committee included only the eleven students in Bradley's Research & Service class, "Launching the VCS Sustainability Initiative." Now that this class has come to an end, we are looking to diversify the Sustainability Committee to include members from our wider VCS community. It is Bradley's hope that a few students from his R&S class will have the time and interest to continue on the Committee, as their knowledge of the work we have done so far is extremely valuable. In addition, we would like to invite other students, parents, faculty and staff, and trustees to join the Committee in its next incarnation. If you are interested in joining the Committee, or if you have questions about what a Committee member's role would entail, please contact Bradley Materick ([bmaterick@vermontcommons.org](mailto:bmaterick@vermontcommons.org)). The newly diversified Sustainability Committee will begin meeting on a regular basis next semester!



## 9th Graders Begin Collaboration with Credo Podcast Project

Inspired by Dr. Robert Lair's November visit and discussion about personal credos (see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VhBOCDHTT0M>) the 9th grade Social Studies students pursued their interest in this topic by producing a series of audio podcasts for the Credo Podcast Project. Listen to their beautiful work here:

<http://vcs-ss9productions.blogspot.com>



## VCS Hosts Families of First Prospective International Students *by Ben Wang*

VCS had the pleasure of hosting our first parents of prospective international students last Thursday. Susie Xi and Lotus Shi of China were accompanied by Suzanne Fox of Fox Intercultural Consulting, Portland Maine, for a tour of four schools through northern New England. Susie and Lotus shared with Ben Wang that they were “deeply impressed with the teachers’ passion, professionalism, and care for the students, and also with the students’ politeness, humility, and love of learning.” They were also moved by everyone’s calm self-confidence and clarity of being. Our community shined brightly as they visited classes, met with faculty and administration, and had dinner with VCS student Jordan Cannon’s family. A big thanks to everyone who helped welcome them!



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