

FEBRUARY 29, 2016

# TURTLE TRACKS

A WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 1st**  
Enrollment Contracts &  
Financial Aid Applications  
due

**March 3rd**  
Evening of Readings,  
Part II

**March 4th**  
6th-9th grade viewing of  
*The Giver* film

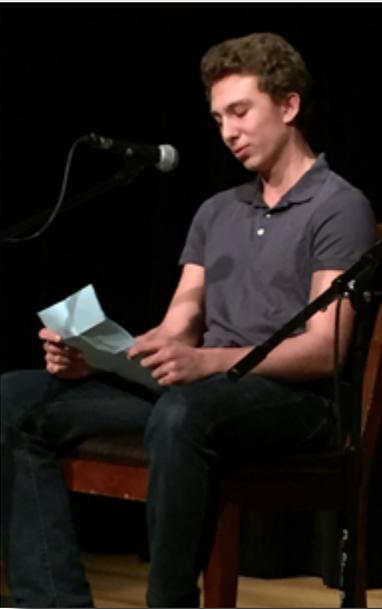
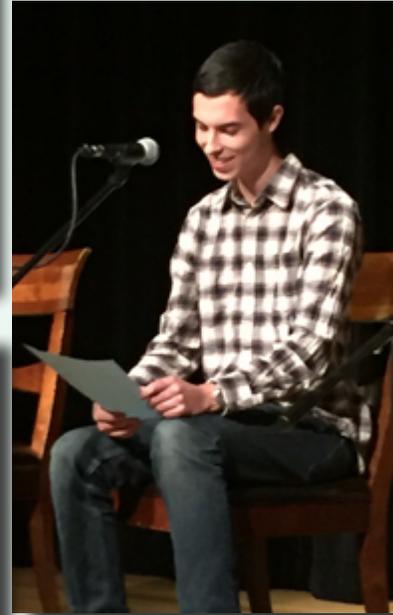
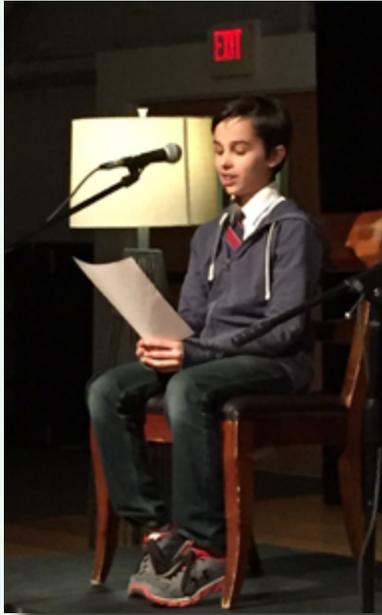
**March 5th**  
SATs

## First Evening of Readings!

*by Christie Beveridge*

The first of two Evenings of Readings took place on Thursday, February 18th. Students in grades 6 through 12 shared poems, short stories, and memoirs that they have written in their Language Arts classes this year. The audience of parents, siblings, friends, and teachers were treated to a wide array of pieces--some were funny, some were moving, and some were simply beautiful! Please join us for the second Evening of Readings at 6 pm on March 3rd, when students with last names beginning with A through K will share their work.





# World Language Celebration Day!

*photos by Henry Harder*



# First Folio

by Christie Beveridge

In the past two weeks, the 9th and 11th graders traveled to Middlebury College's Center for the Arts to see a copy of what is known as the "First Folio", the first time all 36 of Shakespeare's plays were collected in one book. The folio, published in 1623 (seven years after Shakespeare's death), is on loan from the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, DC. One of only 233 copies that exist in the world, it is preserved in a temperature and humidity controlled case, and arrived at the college in an armored car! At each museum, the folio is turned to the page containing Hamlet's "To be or not to be..." soliloquy, the most famous speech in all of Shakespeare's plays. During our second visit, a rare book expert was on hand, providing us with more context around the creation of this priceless book.



# Flynn Matinee

by Christie Beveridge

The 6th through 9th grade went to a production of Lois Lowry's *The Giver* on Wednesday, February 17. *The Giver* is a dystopian novel that explores many different themes, including conformity and coming of age. The American Place Theater adapted the novel one woman show, with a versatile actor playing upwards of six parts! The production led to some great discussions about how to interpret and present a complex work of fiction on stage.



# VCS Basketball Closes Season with OT Win!

*By Kris Mohlman*

The VCS basketball team ended their season with a dramatic overtime victory against Trinity Baptist. It was a full team effort - 7 different players scored and everyone contributed to the win. After a narrow loss to Cabot the week before, a game that literally came down to the last second, it was wonderful to turn the tables and pull out a win in the closing seconds of this game. It was a fitting end to a season that included 3 team victories, some incredible individual performances, and huge improvement from every player. Go Turtles!



# Building & Bouncing R&S Works with Schoolhouse on Trail Construction

By Adriana Comtois



## Bring a Friend Day!

*by Jill Strawbridge, photo by Henry Harder '17*

Our annual Bring a Friend Day is coming up on Monday, March 21st! Students are encouraged to invite a friend from outside our community to come hang out for the day. Please contact Jill either in person or by e-mail ([jstrawbridge@vermontcommons.org](mailto:jstrawbridge@vermontcommons.org)) for more information.

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