

MAY 29, 2015

TURTLE TRACKS

A WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 30
Prom at the Intevale Barn

June 2
U.S Naturalization Ceremony at VCS

June 4
Field Day

June 5
Graduation!

9th Grade Short History Films

Mark Cline Lucey

Months of hard work paid off for the 9th Grade Social Studies students who worked in teams of three to produce their own short history videos. The project began during the 1st semester when each student chose their own topic from the Classical and Medieval periods to research and write a scholarly 8-page paper about. At the beginning of the 2nd Semester, the students were grouped based on similarity of topic and they began the long, challenging, exciting process of figuring out how to communicate the lessons they learned via the medium of video.

The project took the students through the step-by-step process of:

- 1) Brainstorming
- 2) Storyboarding
- 3) Scripting
- 4) Shooting video
- 5) Editing and finally
- 6) Presenting their work and reflecting on the process.

As their teacher, it was awesome to see how hard they worked, how they persevered through problems - whether technological or inter-personal, and how they grew as collaborators and communicators. Watch their excellent productions by [clicking here!](#)

VCS Summer Wear

Jen Oldham

We're approaching the last chance to get some VCS summer wear and show your school pride all summer long! It's definitely T-shirt and baseball cap weather! And don't forget a hoodie for the cool evenings! And a water bottle for the long hikes! And put what you will in a VCS pint glass! Check out the price list below and see photos on line at <http://vermontcommons.org/our-people/goods-and-gear>. Gear will be for sale at Field Day or can be picked up at school or A Little Something in Shelburne any day through the end of the school year — just email Jen Oldham (jenontheroad@yahoo.com) to let us know what you want.

T-shirts	\$18
Hoodies	\$45
Water Bottle	\$12
Pajama Pants	\$28
Baseball Caps	\$15
Pint Glasses	\$5 each; \$18 for a set of 4
Maple Syrup	\$20



The Final Week of School!

Hard to believe we're already fast approaching summer vacation! We have a plethora of events coming up next week, so here's a breakdown of the day-by-day between now and Graduation:

Saturday, May 30th

-- 7:30pm: **Prom at the Intervale Barn**

Monday, June 1st

--9:30am: **Social Studies Final Exam**

--1:30pm: **Afternoon Shuttle to the Islands Departs**

--Evening: **Senior Overnight at North Beach**

Tuesday, June 2nd

--Midday: **Senior Hike**

--9:30am: **World Language Final Exam**

--1:00pm: **U.S. Naturalization Ceremony @ VCS** (open to VCS community!)

--1:30pm: **Afternoon Shuttle to the Islands Departs**

--4:00pm: **Sarah Soule Farewell Reception**

Wednesday, June 3rd

--9:30am: **Mathematics Final Exam**

--12:30pm: **School Clean-Up & Graduation Rehearsal**

--3:30pm: **MME: Multi-Media Extravaganza**

--4:30pm: **Afternoon Shuttle to the Islands Departs**

--6:00pm: **Night of Glory: Sports & Activities Awards** (open to VCS community!)

Thursday, June 4th

--8:00am: **FINAL Morning Shuttle Service of the Year**

--8:45am: **Field Day!** (pickup/dropoff at Oakledge Park in Burlington)

--4:30pm: **FINAL Afternoon Shuttle to the Islands of the Year Departs**

Friday, June 5th (Graduation!)

--8:00am: **NO Morning Shuttle**

--8:30am: **Bagels and Yearbook Signing** (all VCS students attend)

--10:30am: **Graduation Ceremony** (all VCS students attend, open to VCS community!)

--12:00pm: **Graduation Luncheon** (open to VCS community!)

--1:30pm: **NO Afternoon Shuttle**

Please let us know if you have any questions! Also, we highly recommend all VCS community members attend graduation, even if your child will not be graduating. The ceremony involves the entire student body, and is always a wonderful way to punctuate the school year! We hope to see everyone there!



Summer Hours & Construction

Due to the high volume of construction work being done at 75 Green Mountain Drive, our normal summer schedule will be a bit different normal.

Starting Monday, June 8th, Vermont Commons will be open for regular summer hours: **9am-3pm, Mon.-Fri.** We will be maintaining only a skeleton crew of staff at any one time, but at least one administrator should be on-campus during these hours.

Also, due to construction, during the weeks of **June 29th-July 3rd** and **July 27th-31st**, Vermont Commons will be **closed** and no staff or administration will be present on campus. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

2015-16 Community Calendar

Our 2015-16 Community Calendar has been posted! Please [click here](#) to visit the Google Calendar page on our website to take a peek at next year's schedule.

As it says on the page, please note that the calendar's content begins in August, and you will need to adjust the viewed month accordingly. Also keep in mind that some of the events listed are subject to change, although the First Day of School (**Tues., August 25th**) Encounter Weeks and School Breaks are finalized.

Also, as our Fall Encounter Week will take place a bit early next year (**Aug. 31st - Sept. 4th**), we plan for students to take the regular survey next week, before everyone leaves for the summer.

ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT!



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