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JUNE 1ST, 2017

TURTLE TRACKS

A WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1st - 7th
Final Exams

June 2nd
Senior Project
Final Presentations

June 3rd
SATs, Ultimate State
Championship, & Prom

June 7th
Multimedia Extravaganza
& Night of Glory

Spring Encounter Week 2017

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Spring Encounter Week 2017 Continued

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Yearbooks: 12 Copies Left!

by Adriana Comtois

This year we have made them more affordable and dropped the price to \$45. Get your copy by clicking on the image below:



Summer Music Lessons

by Matt Davide

Do you play an instrument, or have you always wanted to? VCS Music Teacher Matt Davide is currently putting together his private lessons schedule for the summer. Lessons are at VCS and tailored to each student's interest and learning style.

Matt teaches kids and adults on a range of instruments including saxophone, guitar, bass, piano, clarinet, ukulele, and trumpet. Lessons can be 30 or 60 minutes and weekly or every other week. Email mdavide@vermontcommons.org for more info!

JazzFest Performances: VCS Band & Barika

by Matt Davide

I hope this stressful time of year is treating you all well! I wanted to do a little shameless self-promotion and spread the word about two Jazzfest shows coming up in the next few days:

Sunday June 4th Barika @ Lakeview Garage Rooftop (Cherry St.) 3-4pm

Barika is a West-African influenced dub/funk ensemble that I've been fortunate to play with since the beginning of the year. It's a great mix of dance music and polyrhythmic groove. [Here's a taste.](#)

Monday June 5th VCS Band @ Top Block Stage (Church St) 4:15-4:45pm

Come see the VCS Band make our public performance debut playing a range of tunes from composers including Herbie Hancock, Miles Davis, John Coltrane and Amy Winehouse.

Both performances are free-let's hope for some good weather!

How'd We Get Here?

by Mark Cline Lucey

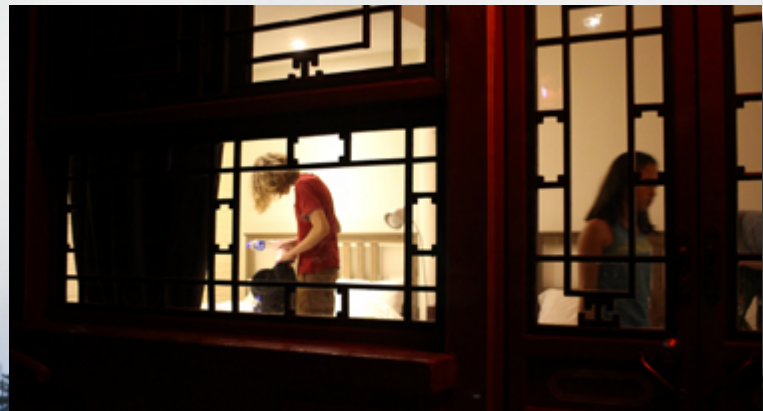
10th grade Social Studies students dug into the question: Which inventions of the early modern and modern eras have most shaped our world today? They each chose something to research and argue for, and their results are [here for you to watch](#) . . . and decide for yourself!



Senior Project Presentations

by Mark Cline Lucey

Families, please join us on **Friday, June 2** for one of our proud VCS traditions: The community presentations by the Senior class, sharing their Senior Project experiences! Presentations will run from 12:30pm-3:00pm.



Seeking Hosts for Student Visitors from Peru in October

article & photos by Adriana Comtois

After a very successful visit from the Peruvian students last fall and an amazing experience in Lima, Peru this past week, we are inviting another group from the Colegio Santa Ana to come to Vermont next fall.

Colegio Santa Ana will be bringing 13 students (8 boys and 5 girls) this time and we are looking for families to host them during the time they are here. They will be arriving on **Sunday October 8th, 2017** in the afternoon and will be with us until **Wednesday October 18th, 2017**.

This is a great opportunity to broaden your child's view of the world and make long lasting friendships. If you are interested, please let me know [via e-mail](#) when you have a chance.



Housekeeping Announcements (with love!)

by Jory Hearst

1. Missing tupperware or a water bottle? Come look in the kitchen tupperware cupboard -OR- the water bottle bin near the lost & found to claim them before they get donated over the summer.
2. Have any extra cups/mugs or silverware you're looking to clear out of the kitchen? Please donate to the VCS kitchen -- we're low on silverware again :)
3. If you borrowed a book from Jory this year, either in the 6th grade room or from my office, please return them before you leave for the summer!

Goods & Gear

Greetings! Quick heads up that Vermont Commons Goods & Gear will be available next **Thursday, June 8th**, during the Field Day festivities at Oakledge Park. Hope to see you there!

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