



AUGUST 29TH, 2014

TURTLE TRACKS

A WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Upcoming
Events

September 1st
Labor Day
VCS Closed

September 3rd
All-School Hike &
Family Picnic

September 5th
Photo Day

September 8th
Parents' Night

Welcome Back!



College Fair at St. Michael's College, September 10th

The New England Association of College Counseling is hosting a college fair on Wednesday, September 10th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael's College in Colchester. All juniors, seniors, and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend as well over 200+ colleges and universities will be participating. In addition, we have over 30 institutions that have already scheduled visits to Vermont Commons this fall, students should check their Naviance accounts for specific dates and times. As always, students must check with their teachers first if a college visit occurs during class time and get permission to miss class (and they are responsible for making up all missed work). Please let Sarah know if you have any questions. Here's a "sneak peek" at what's coming up:

Hofstra University	Mon September 8, 2014	10:00 AM
Champlain College	Mon September 8, 2014	11:45 AM
The University of Tampa	Wed September 10, 2014	8:30 AM
Earlham College	Wed September 10, 2014	9:00 AM
Mercyhurst University	Wed September 10, 2014	10:30 AM
Mount Holyoke College	Wed September 10, 2014	10:45 AM
College of Charleston	Wed September 10, 2014	11:15 AM
Bates College	Wed September 10, 2014	11:45 AM
The University of Alabama	Wed September 10, 2014	12:30 PM
Kenyon College	Wed September 10, 2014	1:30 PM
Beloit College	Thu September 11, 2014	11:45 AM
College of the Atlantic	Thu September 11, 2014	12:30 PM
Westminster College	Thu September 11, 2014	1:00 PM
Guilford College	Thu September 11, 2014	1:30 PM
Marist College	Thu September 11, 2014	2:00 PM
Eckerd College	Thu September 11, 2014	3:00 PM



Upcoming Deadlines for England & Yellowstone Trips!

We are in the midst of planning for our upcoming Big Trips! Planning deadlines for two of these trips -- England and Yellowstone -- are rapidly approaching. If your child is planning to attend either of these trips, please take note of the following:

England

The deadline to apply with our tour company for their early application discount is this Sunday, August 31st! If you haven't already, please apply online NOW! If you have any questions, please contact Christie at cbeveridge@vermontcommons.org.

Yellowstone

Deposits are due! Please bring \$200 towards the trip to school by Tuesday, September 2nd in order to guarantee your spot on the trip! If you have any questions, please contact Jess at jredmond@vermontcommons.org.

Some Announcements for the New School Year

Welcome Kristin, Our New Music Instructor!

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to our new middle school music instructor, Kristin Marchilena! Kristin will be teaching music to our 7th graders for two days a week during the Fall semester. She will be working with the 8th graders in the Spring for two days a week as well. Welcome to Vermont Commons, Kristin!

New Shuttle Expectations

With the arrival of the new year, we have outlined some new expectations for those students who will be riding in our school shuttles. We ask that these students and their parents [fill out the agreement form](#) for these expectations and bring it in to Jill at the front office as soon as possible. Thanks!

All-School Hike & Family Picnic, Wednesday, September 3rd

Next Wednesday, September 3rd, is our annual all-school hike. Each grade-level core group will go on a hike in a unique location, with our six groups spreading out into our local mountains. We depart after normal morning arrival and return to campus by the end of the school day. Immediately following is our annual community picnic, to which all of our Vermont Commons families are warmly invited. Parents, guardians, and siblings are encouraged to attend, and food is provided by the school and PACS. If we experience exceptionally foul weather that causes safety concerns, our hike and picnic will be postponed to the next day, September 4th.

Photo Day, Friday, September 5th

Photo Day is next Friday! Please complete the appropriate form from Ambient Photography, and bring the form with payment *on Photo Day*. The forms can be found on our website by [clicking here](#).

Parents' Night, Monday, September 8th

Please join us on Monday, September 8th for our annual Parents' Night. Come learn about the school year, get to know your child's schedule first-hand, and meet with the teachers who work with him or her.

Grandparents' Day, Friday, November 7th (Save the date!)

Our Grandparents' Day date is set: Friday, November 7th, from 8:30am - 12:30pm. We would like to send out invites ASAP, so if you have not populated the grandparents' section of RenWeb, please do so. If you have questions on how to do that, please contact Steve Lausier (slausier@vermontcommons.org). Also a quick note: "stand-in" grandparents are welcome should a child not have grandparents or they are too far away to attend. Please send in contact info to Mary Hamilton (mhamilton@vermontcommons.org) for those folks whom your children look to for that special connection and we will insure they receive an invite.



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