



SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2014

# TURTLE TRACKS

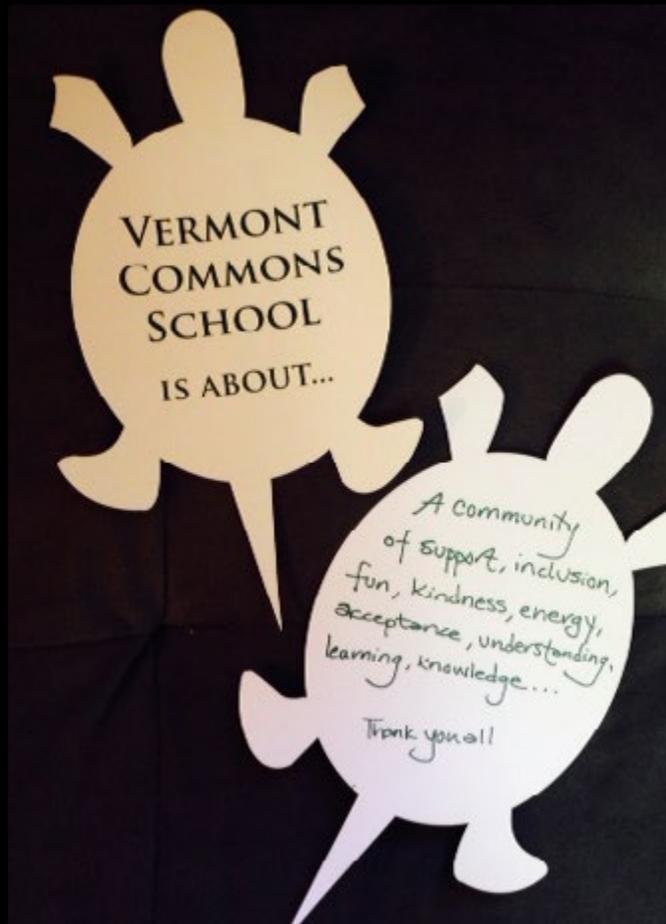
A WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Upcoming Events	September 13th ACTs	September 15th-19th Fall Encounter Week	September 16th Parent Encounter Week Dinner	September 19th PACS Encounter Week Lunch
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## Parents' Night



# Everyone Has a Role to Play; Everyone Has a Way to Give



Derrick and Deidre Senior introduced this year's Annual Fund Campaign at Parents' Night with heartfelt words, blinked-back tears and turtles. Everyone in attendance was asked to finish the sentence: "Vermont Commons School is About..." on the pictured turtles. Our goal is to create an art installation in the school with responses from every member of our community; families, students, faculty and staff.

If you were not able to be at Parents' Night, Mary Hamilton has lots of blank turtles in her office. Stop on by and fill one out! We will also have them available at all school events.



## Women Can Do Save the Date: October 16th

Vermont Works for Women will be hosting the 16th annual "Women Can Do" conference for high school girls on Thursday, October 16th.

"Women Can Do" promotes STEM and Trades careers for women, and is described as "A one-day immersion experience for 9th-12th grade girls from across Vermont. Hands on workshops led mostly by women professionals."

[Click here to register for the Women Can Do conference!](#)



## Coming Soon: Dumpling Mondays!

Check out *Turtle Tracks* after Encounter Week for details on Dumpling Mondays, to benefit our Big Trip to China!

# Sarah Ramsey Strong 5K Race, October 4th

by Camille Bartsch

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The VCS National Honor Society is pleased to participate in the first ever Sarah Ramsey Strong 5k Run (walk) on Saturday October 4th along the Burlington Bike Path. The Run begins at 4:00 and there is a party at Arts Riot after the race from 5:00-7:00 on Pine Street.

The National Honor Society supports academic achievement as well as community involvement; this is a perfect partnership. The Sarah Ramsey '12 Strong Scholarship Fund at Champlain College awards a top Marketing student for an abroad scholarship in the advertising industry.

This is a 5k race starting at the Champlain College Miller center on Lakeside Avenue off of Pine Street in Burlington. The race starts at 4:00 and runs along the Burlington Bike Path, with the half way mark at the Lake Champlain Sailing Center where the course loops back to the Miller Center where it began.

If you are interested in getting involved with the VCS Team, contact Camille Bartsch (cbartsch@vermontcommons.org).

## DETAILS FOR THE RACE

October 4th, 2014

**Registration:** 2:00pm-4:00pm, 175 Lakeside Ave, Burlington (Miller Center Parking Lot)

**Race Start:** 4:00 on Burlington Bike Path / Island Line Trail next to Miller Center, Burlington

**Race Halfway Location:** Lake Champlain Sailing Center, 234 Penny Lane, Burlington

**Race End:** ~6:00pm or until last runner has finished on Burlington Bike Path / Island Line Trail next to Miller Center

**After Party:** 5:00-8:00 at ArtsRiot, 400 Pine St, Burlington

## COST

\$20 per high school runner

*or*

Flat \$100 for a team of 10+ runners.

I am confident we can get at least 10 people for this \$100 expense

**See you there!**

# College Visits at Vermont Commons

It's been a busy week at Vermont Commons! We've had a myriad of colleges and universities visit our school to meet with our students as they contemplate the road to higher education. The college fair was held at St. Michael's College and many of our juniors and seniors attended with their parents to learn about admissions and the process of applying. More colleges will be coming to visit us in the weeks ahead. Juniors and seniors should keep in touch with Sarah as to the schedule.

For interested students and parents who would like to learn more about the process of applying for financial assistance as it relates to college costs, VSAC will be sponsoring a series of "Paying for College" nights. Here is a link to the dates of these sessions that are held at high schools around Chittenden County in October and November.

[VSAC's Paying for College presentations](#)



## VT Code Camp, September 20th

UVM, MyWebGrocer, and Dealer.com, amongst other sponsors, are hosting their Vermont Code Camp at UVM next Saturday, September 20th.

### From VT Code Camp's website

Vermont Code Camp is a full day event that brings together technology community members, students and professionals from around Vermont and beyond. Join us for sessions on a variety of software topics including programming, databases, web, business and more.

### Where and When

Saturday, September 20th, 9am-6pm, Kalkin Hall, UVM School of Business Administration.

[www.vtcodecamp.org](http://www.vtcodecamp.org)

## Make-a-Wish Walk, September 14th

Juniors Camille Bartsch, Anna Leffler, and Nina Mantegna are captaining Vermont Commons' team to attend the Make-a-Wish Walk this Sunday, September 14th, at 10:00am at the Shelburne Museum.

Help support Vermont Commons' team by donating and/or walking! To sign up, visit their registration page by [clicking here](#). Be sure to sign up for the "Vermont Commons Flying Turtles."

To check out their team page (created by the team captains), [click here](#) for the Walk for Wishes website.

**Thank you!**

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