



SEPTEMBER 5TH, 2014

# TURTLE TRACKS

A WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Upcoming  
Events

September 8th  
Parents' Night (6pm)

September 10th  
College Fair -  
St. Michael's College

September 13th  
ACTs

Sept. 15th-19th  
Fall Encounter Week

## All-School Hike 2014



## Athletics Calendar

The Front Office would like to notify the members of the community that our Athletics Calendar is fully up-to-date!

Practice times can be found on the Athletics Calendar, which is posted on our website. Games are also scheduled on the Community Calendar.

[Click here](#) to check out our updated Calendars page for more information!



## Parents' Night, 6pm Monday

Parents' Night begins this coming Monday, September 8th, at 6 pm sharp. Join us and learn about your child's classes for the year, as well as get to know his or her teachers in person.

The program begins in the Commons Room with a few brief announcements and presentations, followed by a condensed school day during which you'll get to attend each of your child's classes. The evening should conclude shortly after 8 p.m.

We look forward to having you here!



## 2014-15 Guest Speaker Series

# Sowore Omoyele

As part of our featured guest speaker series, Vermont Commons School hosted Sowore Omoyele, a former student activist and prisoner of conscience from Nigeria. Sowore is one of Nigeria's most outspoken pro-democracy activists and now resides in the United States as a journalist. He arrived in the United States to seek treatment for the torture he endured while he was in detention.

Amnesty International works to end torture worldwide and recently relaunched a Global Campaign to Stop Torture documenting torture and other ill-treatment in 141 countries from every region of the world. Sowore was accompanied by Cynthia Gabriel Walsh, a Senior Organizer with Amnesty USA.

Past speakers in our series have included General Keith Alexander, former Director of the National Security Agency, Senator Bernie Sanders, novelist Howard Frank Moshier, and filmmaker Colin Trevorrow. Our next featured Common Hour speaker is Anne Dillon in late October; more details forthcoming!



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