



SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2013

# TURTLE TRACKS

A WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## Upcoming Events

September 10th  
Parents' Night

September 23rd-27th  
Fall Encounter Week

September 29th  
Senior Parent's Brunch

Sept. 30-Oct. 4  
Spirit Week

## VCS Kicks Off a New Year With All-School Hike



Students and faculty fanned out by grade across northwestern Vermont last week to scale some of the state's tallest peaks, including Mt. Mansfield, Camel's Hump, Mt. Abe, Mt. Hunger, Snake Mountain, and Stowe Pinnacle. Each group returned from the trip with a fresh sense of bonding, preparation for the year ahead, and of course a plethora of photos!



## WANTED: Team Manager, by Peter Goff



Do you want to be involved in the VCS community after school, maybe have some out-of-classroom experience to note on a college application? VCS Volleyball is looking for a manager or two for the boys & girls' teams. Duties could include: filming practices/matches, keeping statistics, and more. You would also be helping coaches organize uniforms, transportation and equipment. You could also play the role of sports-reporter, contributing regular articles for Turtle Tracks. Whatever your interests/abilities, we could find a role for you. You would not have to be present at all practices/matches, we would take advantage of any time you could give us. Contact Peter Goff if you're interested!

## Flying Turtles Volleyball Season Begins, by Peter Goff

After an active summer of camps, clinics, tournaments, and pick-up, the season is finally underway!

A number of veteran Flying Turtles (Ryan, Mason, Mikhal, and Nora) participated in Volleyball camps hosted at colleges around New England and California. Over the course of the summer, VCS veterans and rookies formed the core of a group of local high school players in clinics and tournaments. In the week prior to the start of school, we ran preseason two-a-days in sand, and 20 Flying Turtles participated in the 6am and 4pm practices.

During the first week of practice, we welcomed ABC-22 and Fox-44 to practice and had a great interview on local TV (<http://www.clipsyndicate.com/video/playlist/30243/4271325>). A lot of VCS athletes have been welcomed on other schools' sports teams over the years, and our volleyball team has been contacted by some local student-athletes interested in high school Volleyball--it's great that people are now coming to us!

For the first time in over a decade, we consistently have more boys than girls at practice! During the first couple of practices, we've had a few head-to-head competitions, and the boys are more than holding their own against the defending, 4-time state champions. Jalen and Peter defeated Mikhal and Anna, respectively, in one-on-one and rookie Xavier roofed All-League middle-hitter Mikhal for a walk-off win!

Our matches begin next week with a girls-only trip to Mid-Vermont Christian School, followed by a whole-team trip to take on perennial powers Enosburg Falls for their homecoming.

Go Turtles!

# Parents' Night!

Parents of new and returning students gathered at VCS last night for the 16th annual Parents' Night to get a first-hand look at the central community of Vermont Commons. The night opened with an excellent video presentation from Derrick and Deirdre Senior starring students, parents, and faculty encouraging folks to give to the Annual Fund, followed by a presentation from PACS leaders Dinah Larsen and Lisa Lillibridge, and a slideshow of current students, among other speakers. Afterwards, parents filed out by grade level around the school to attend "class," where they got a firsthand look at the school's curriculum and classroom experience, and got some face time with the faculty.



## Colleges Visiting VCS This Week!, by Sarah Soule

The college counseling department will be receiving a number of visiting colleges this week, in addition to the College Fair happening at UVM tonight. Here's a complete schedule of events for this week:

### College Fair - Wednesday, September 11, 2013 - University of Vermont's Patrick Gymnasium

Juniors, Seniors, and their parents are encouraged to attend the college fair on September 11th at UVM, over 200 college and university admission representatives will be in attendance. It is an ideal opportunity for our students and their parents to learn more about higher education opportunities across the United States!

This fall, multiple colleges and universities will be sending reps to our school to meet with interested students and parents in Sarah Soule's office. Please review the College-Senior Calendar, linked to our website for updates (seniors, the list is also on your Naviance account). For a brief update, here's a listing of who is coming to school the week of September 9th:

#### Monday, 9/9

9:45 a.m. Queens University, ON

11:30 Champlain College, VT

#### Tuesday, 9/10

9 a.m. Whitman College, WA

9:45 a.m. Beloit College, WI

1:00 p.m. Western State College, CO

**Please see Sarah Soule with any questions you might have!**

#### Wednesday, 9/11

8:30 a.m. Eckerd College, FL

10:45 a.m. Mt. Holyoke College, MA

11:30 a.m. Wells College, NY

12:30 p.m. Wheaton College, MA

1:00 p.m. Lasell College, MA

1:30 p.m. Warren Wilson College, NC

2:00 p.m. American University, DC

2:30 p.m. Guilford College, NC

#### Thursday, 9/12

11:45 a.m. University of Mary Washington, VA

12:30 p.m. Eugene Lang, The New School, NY

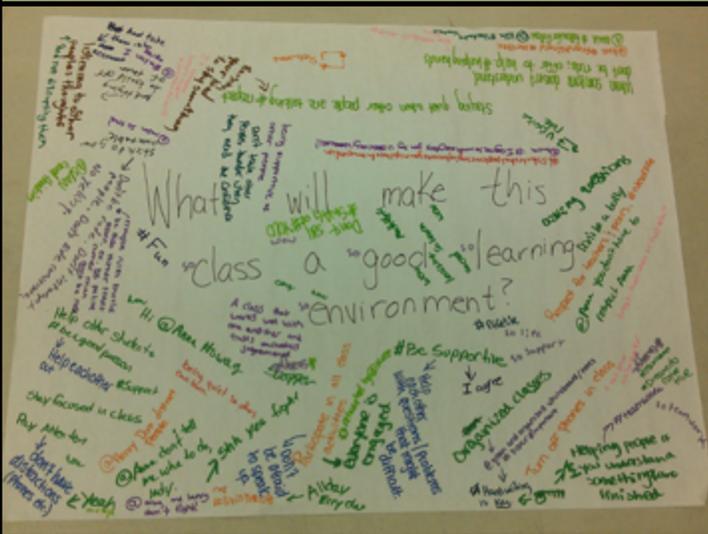
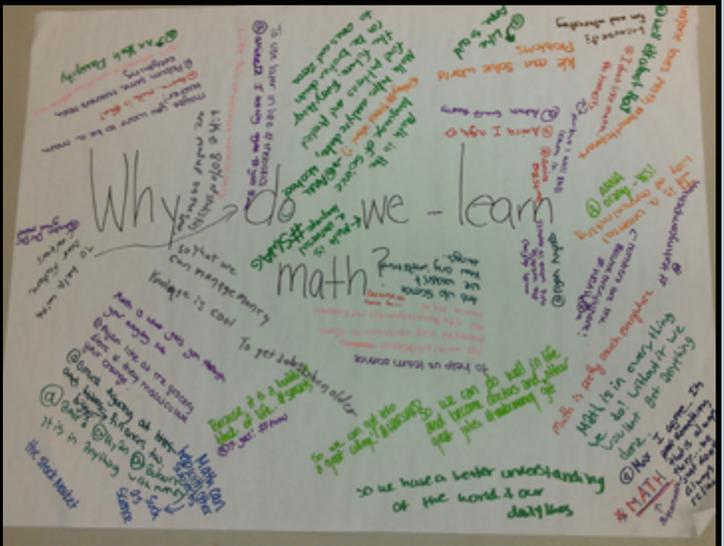
1:00 p.m. Clark University, MA

2:00 p.m. University of Denver, CO

# A Quick Correction

We would like to apologize for an error in the recent edition of the *Commons Review*. Mistakenly omitted from our list of the Board of Trustees was member Tina Mueller, mother of two Vermont Commons alums. Please add her to your list of Board member contacts.

A complete, updated list of Board members will be found soon at our web page, [www.vermontcommons.org](http://www.vermontcommons.org).



# Write In to Turtle Tracks!

Any member of the VCS community can write to Turtle Tracks! Whether you are a student, faculty member, parent, Board member, or otherwise a part of the VCS family, feel free to send in your photos and/or articles, and we will do our best to include you in the newsletter! Please forward all related materials to our registrar, Steve Lausier, at [slausier@vermontcommons.org](mailto:slausier@vermontcommons.org).



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