



SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2013

# TURTLE TRACKS

A WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## Upcoming Events

September 23rd-27th  
Fall Encounter Week

September 27th  
PACS Lunch

September 29th  
Senior Parents' Brunch

Sept. 30-Oct. 4  
Spirit Week

## Cross Country Kicks Off Season With Stellar First Meet

*by Christie Beveridge and Bradley Materick*

The VCS Running Turtles competed this past Saturday at the Burlington High School Invitational at North Beach. Fourteen students participated in both the middle school and high school divisions! Running for the middle school team were Caleb Morehouse, Oliver Bijur, Nicholas Mantegna, Nicholas Bortzfield, Jacob Decateur, Megan Hosmer, Sasha Pearson, Maxine Senft-Miller, and Kyla Muzzy. Competing in the high school races were Miles Lamberson, Alex Duchac, Lincoln Pierce, Sophia Webb, and Lauren Howe. Everyone beat their set goal times, and highlights of the meet were the boys middle school team coming in 17th place (out of 21 teams), Oliver Bijur coming in 24th out of 234 runners, and Sophia Webb coming in 8th place out of 193 runners!

We are so proud of our runners, and look forward to our next meets!



# A Message From PACS, by Dinah Larsen and Lisa Lillibridge

We have successfully managed the first month of school. Welcome to the new families! PACS asked for Photo Day volunteers and Hike Day picnic volunteers - thanks to all that pitched in!

We have new class parents for this academic year -

<b>7th grade</b> - Deidre Senior	<b>10th grade</b> - Rose Webb
<b>8th grade</b> - LaTrisha Gibbs	<b>11th grade</b> - Linda Gilpin
<b>9th grade</b> - Hillary Stransky	<b>12th grade</b> - Amy Bernhardt

And last, but not least, Lisa and I are passing the PACS torch on to Steph Muzzy (Kyla's mom) and LaTrisha Gibbs (Jalen's mom). Steph and LaTrisha will be co-chairing PACS - please answer their calls for help this year! Lisa and I will be consulting and helping, but we are relieved to say that, as parents of seniors, we are happy to see PACS safely in the hands of younger grade parents.

It has honestly been a pleasure meeting other parents and fostering good relationships with our staff and faculty.

## Tips for the Big Trip Lunch Fundraiser

*by Mary Hamilton-Homer*

- Lunches cost \$6.00
- PLEASE order early, lunch providers need to have numbers to be able to make the right amount of food AND we need to order the pizza the day before so we get a break on the cost!
- Sign up in Renweb under *Student Information, Lunch*, click on *Create Web Order*
- You can pay in bulk or by the day. Note if you pay ahead and your child brings lunch or forgets to eat, we cannot give credit for that meal as they were included in the count.
- If there is additional food after everyone who ordered has theirs, we will sell more plates.
- If there is additional food after everyone who wants to buy has bought, we will give seconds.
- Thank you to all the families who are making DELICIOUS food for our students (and adults!)
- And thank you to all who are participating in our lunch program and supporting Big Trips!



# Nadia Niva '18 to Perform in Lyric's Production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*

by *Simona Sharoni*

Those who know Nadia are aware of her love for the performing arts, especially musical theater. For the past decade, she has been acting, dancing, singing, and drumming with various schools and community groups in Vermont, New York, and Washington State. Nadia's passion for musical theater was inspired mostly by watching Broadway musicals in New York City and by her enthusiastic participation, over the past five years, in the Creative Theater Experience, an intensive summer-long musical theater program in Olympia, WA.

Joseph is Nadia's first role in a Lyric production and she is very excited to be part of the children's chorus. Having traveled to Egypt, Israel, and Palestine from a young age, she has a special connection to the story Joseph tells. For those unfamiliar with the performance, this musical uses an engaging array of musical styles to bring to life the biblical saga. The result is a vibrant family show, including a children's chorus that Nadia is part of.

I want to extend a personal invitation to the VCS community to come see one or more of the five performances at the Flynn Center for Performing Arts. The dates for the show are Nov. 14th-17th with evening shows at 7:30pm every night except for Sunday evening, when the show is at 6:30pm. In addition, there are two matinee shows on Saturday and Sunday at 2:00pm. Ticket prices range from \$16-\$35. While you can order tickets directly through the Flynn Center or Lyric, there is a 15% on orders of 15 tickets and more for a single show. Also, there is a \$5 discount for students (under 18) and seniors (62+). If you are interested in joining a VCS group on one of these dates, please feel free to e-mail me ([simona.sharoni@gmail.com](mailto:simona.sharoni@gmail.com)) with your date preferences and number of tickets you want and I will be happy to purchase the discounted tickets and deliver them to you. I was told that these shows tend to sell out fast, so the sooner we get the order in, the better chance there is to get good seats.



## Community Volunteer Opportunity to Tutor in Citizenship Classes

by Mark Cline-Lucey

Serve Burlington is preparing to launch their third semester of Citizenship Classes in just a few weeks, and are looking for tutors to pair up with students. Classes meet each Tuesday, 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Sustainability Academy. This class provides a very practical way to serve our new American neighbors from places like Bhutan, Somalia, Burundi, and Burma. We're hosting a mandatory volunteer meeting on September 24th, 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Sustainability Academy. Please email Kevin Pounds if you want to volunteer or have questions: [kevinpounds@mac.com](mailto:kevinpounds@mac.com).



## Call For Fiber Artists!

Calling all knitters, felters, spinners, and weavers! We're looking for some local experts from our parent community and beyond to come mentor new knitters and demonstrate skills in any of the fiber arts! E-mail or call Cara if you'd like to help out!



## VCS Community Participates in Walk for Wishes

Kudos to the VCS students and teacher, Adriana Comtois, who participated in the Walk for Wishes on Sunday, September 15th. VCS' involvement was choreographed by senior Miles Lamberson. The Walk for Wishes helps to fund the famous Make-a-Wish Foundation, which grants wishes to severely and terminally ill children. Together the VCS participants raised over \$400 in support of this worthy cause!

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