

March 13, 2013

TURTLE TRACKS

A WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 19

Second Evening
of Readings
6-8 PM

March 21

9th-Grade
Potluck 6-8 PM

March 22

Third Quarter
Ends

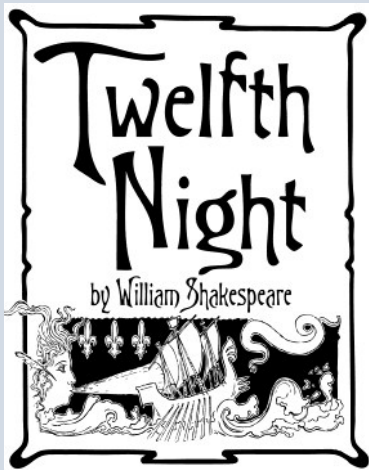
March 25-29

Spirit Week

April 3

Noon Dismissal
Morning Schedule

Support the Cast and Crew of *Twelfth Night*!



Place a playbill ad for the Vermont Commons School's production of *Twelfth Night*.

Business Card Sized: \$25
Quarter of a page: \$50
Half a page: \$75
Full page: \$10

Please send a check made out to Vermont Commons School to Cara or Liz's attention.

Sincerely,

The Cast and Crew of *Twelfth Night*

P.S. Please include a copy of the ad that you would like us place when you send us the check or email an electronic copy of the ad to lpeck@vermontcommons.org.

WOOF for 100%!



Second Evening of Student Readings



At 6 pm on March 19, 2013, the VCS Language Arts department will host the second of our two Evenings of Readings! This evening is a time-honored tradition at VCS, in which students from all grades share the poetry, short stories, and personal essays that they have written over the course of the year

Come support our student writers! The readings will take place in the Commons Room, and will last from 6 to around 8 pm.

Thank you! -Christie, Cara, and Jennifer

Join us for the March 20th Common Hour –by Mark Cline Lucey



All families and community members are invited and encouraged to join us for Common Hour on March 20 - 9:50-10:45 a.m. The sophomore Social Studies class will share their experience with their NAIS Challenge 20/20 service project with the Sudan Development Foundation (SUDEF). Throughout the 1st Semester, the class worked to create a video and a web campaign to support the important work that SUDEF is doing to build health clinics in South Sudan. The hour will include a screening of the documentary short *Grace Under Pressure* about the village of Kalthok where SUDEF has been working, and a question and answer session with Peter Keny, one of the Lost Boys of Sudan who co-founded SUDEF. The sophomores will also share the video they produced and discuss the service learning process that took them from idea to product. Please join us in the Commons Room!

Schedule

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| 9:45 a.m. | Introduction and Welcome, Mark Cline Lucey, Social Studies Department Chair |
| 9:50 a.m. | Screening of <i>Grace Under Pressure</i> , a documentary short produced by SUDEF |
| 10:05 a.m. | Presentation by Vermont Commons students on their service partnership with SUDEF and Challenge 20/20, highlighted in this press release |
| 10:25 a.m. | Screening of <i>A Campaign for Healthcare in South Sudan</i> , a short publicity video produced by Vermont Commons tenth grade students for SUDEF. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Me6A3yh7GnU |
| 10:30 a.m. | Questions and Answers with VCS students and representatives from SUDEF |
| 10:45 a.m. | Conclusion |

College Counseling Corner –by Sarah Soule



Just a reminder to all sophomores and juniors that this weekend, Saturday, March 16th, is College Pathways, a special workshop sponsored by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation. It is designed specifically for students in 10th and 11th grade, and their parents, to share information about the college counseling and financial aid process as they contemplate higher education. Our students and parents are encouraged to attend this worthwhile program! For further information please [click here](#).

Twelfth Night Play Needs –by Cara Simone

The Vermont Commons School production of *Twelfth Night* is coming together, but we could use your help! We need the following:

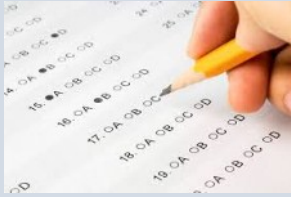
- Women's slouchy and flat boots, size 8
- Men's slouchy and flatboots, size 12 wide
- A sewing machine and sewer? Our canvas has arrived and we need to sew it together into a drop--pretty straight forward.
- Latex paint in light colors to prime the set and drops
- Latex red, green, and yellow paint for a landscape painting on the drop
- A "stoup" or tankard, supposedly for wine
- Three fake swords with scabbards
- Fake gold coins
- Your time to build sets on a Saturday or Sunday



The costume look we are going for

Thanks very much in advance! On behalf of the cast, we look forward to seeing you on April 5th and 6th at 7 pm at Contois Auditorium, located in City Hall on Church Street!

AP Testing Information



Calling all juniors, seniors, and the rare sophomore student who would like to sit for an AP Exam this spring!

Once again, we are happy to proctor AP Exams for interested students. Please visit <http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/Controller.jsp> to see the 2013 exams offered, exam schedule, fees and fee reductions, as well as advice for how to prepare.

The fee for taking an AP exam is \$89, which is nonrefundable. In addition, there is a \$13 fee for an exam that is ordered but not used. The deadline for ordering an exam is **Friday, March 22nd**. Please bring in your check at that time. Exams will not be ordered unless payment is received.

Thank you! -Liz and Cara

This Week in Photos and Student Artwork



Sketch by Auburn Sendra, '16



Photograph by Chloe Hotaling, '15





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