



OCTOBER 19, 2015

TURTLE TRACKS

A WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 20th
Picture Retake Day

October 21st
Parent Hike

October 23rd
Common Text Day

October 23rd
End of 1st Quarter

Senior Day! VCS v Enosburg

*Photos courtesy of Henry Harder,
VCS '17*



CONGRATS, TURTLES!

Boys' Varsity

VCS	Enosburg
3	1

Girls' Varsity

VCS	Enosburg
3	2



Volleyball - End of Season Highlights

Peter Goff

Thanks to Ari (our new Athletic Director), we were able to actually have a homecoming match. The varsity boys won a crushing victory (3 sets to 0) led by gameball-winner co-captain Josh Wolfstein. Our varsity girls had a more exciting match, but prevailed in the end for a 3-2 victory (thanks, in no small measure due to gameball-winner Eliza Jackson). For the first time in VCS history, both boys and girls won homecoming matches simultaneously! Afterwards, we were treated to a roaring bonfire at home of VCS-alum family the Russells (Francis was one of first great setters, and her sister Ruby served the first-ever State Championship points!) Mike Russell (current & long-time VCS Board member) had built a massive bonfire...but was prohibited from setting the county on fire by the fire department (high winds). Nevertheless, we enjoyed a more modest event, highlighted by a rousing rendition of the Anthem by the Ultimate team!

Next, the Flying Turtles took part in a Coaches versus Cancer fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. Our student-athletes bought warm-up T-shirts to commemorate the day, and our Flying Turtle Volleyball parents donated more than \$1,000 to the cause. As you can see, our Volleyball team was listed as one of the top earners in the country!!

Last Friday, the VCS community paid it's respects to our graduating Seniors; Eli Hinds, Nina Mantegna, and co-captains Josh Wolfstein and Anna Leffler. Once again, our boys and girls teams both won (against long-time, and respected, opponents Enosburg Falls Hornets). Special thanks to Dexter, Ari, Mark CL, Christie, and Jennifer for cheering the teams on!

Next up, the State Championship playoffs...stay tuned!

Miss Representation

Mary Hamilton

“I decided to stop worrying that I would say something wrong and just put myself out there to see how I can help,” Colin Ryan spoke about how he came to be the only male person on the Vermont Commission on Women during the discussion following “Miss Representation” on Friday night. “Now I have all these incredible women as mentors.”

Sarah McCall, of Emerge VT, talked about the need for women in politics, particularly in Vermont which stands at 44th in the country. Sarah leaves her position as Executive Director at Emerge to lead Sue Minter’s bid for Governor. Mention was made that it might be time for a female student senate president at VCS and perhaps Sarah could help with that campaign as well!

Finally, Lindsey Lathrop-Ryan of Change The Story VT talked about the need for financial, education and peer support for girls and women in Vermont. Lindsey is presently our own Jordan Cannon’s mentor for Jordan’s senior internship!

Food for All R&S - The Intervale

Mark Cline Lucey

The Food for All Research & Service class students gleaned 540 lbs of carrots at the Intervale on Tuesday and delivered them to the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf!



Parent Hike on Wednesday

Jill Strawbridge

We would like to cordially invite parents, guardians, and friends of the school to join us for a community hike next Wednesday, October 21st, leaving from the school at 9am. Please RSVP prior to Monday, 10/19, by [clicking here](#). We're looking forward to walking & talking with you!

Sarah Ramsey 5k Run

Camile Bartsch (Photo by Zeldia Ferris)

The second annual Sarah Ramsey Strong Run on Saturday October 3, along the Burlington Waterfront had great participation from VCS Cross Country and National Honor Society. Coach Rebecca Harvey and NHS Advisor Mark Keegan rallied the VCS runners, family, and friends. VCS had the largest team in attendance. Proceeds support the Sarah Ramsey Strong international scholarship and innovation lab at Champlain College. We thank you for all your support!

Event Reminder

Photo Retake Day

Katherine Bailey

Picture Retake Day is Tuesday the 20th! Please bring in your first set of photos and payment, if necessary. Please refer to the email I sent out regarding payment if you have any questions. The all-school picture retake will take place at the end of Morning Meeting and those who need to retake their individual portraits will stay outside immediately thereafter. Contact me with any additional questions.





Sibling Visit Day

Jill Strawbridge

We are happy to announce our annual Sibling Visit Day! On Thursday, December 3rd, we encourage all of our enrolled students to invite their siblings to VCS and take a glimpse at a day in the life amongst our community. Please mark your calendars, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Fall Open House!

Jill Strawbridge

We'd like to remind our greater community once again that the Fall Open House is coming soon! Faculty, students, and administration will be greeting prospective families to the school on **Sunday, November 8th, from 1-3pm**. Please spread the word to your own friends, family, co-workers and acquaintances who might be interested in joining our wonderful community. The more the merrier!



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