

SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2014

TURTLE TRACKS

A WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Upcoming Events

September 28th
Senior Parents' Brunch

October 2nd
World Language Trip
to Montreal

October 3rd
Progress Reports
Sent Home

October 4th
Sarah Ramsey Strong
5k Run/Walk

Some General Announcements

PSATs

On Wednesday October 15th all 9th, 10th and 11th graders will take the PSAT. This is a standardized test traditionally given in the 11th grade year as a practice for the SAT and opportunity to qualify for National Merit Scholarships. Since Vermont Commons does not assess with many multiple choice exams, we have all 9-11th graders take the test to practice the test conditions and get a sense of what they may want to do to prepare.

This week during Common Hour, Jasmine gave 9-11th graders a booklet to prepare for the PSAT along with a brief introduction to the structure of the test. We would encourage you to look it over with your child.

Dumplings

The China Trip will be selling dumplings at lunch on Mondays. \$6 buys 7 dumplings. There is no pre-order. Once you pay, your dumplings will be ready in 5-10 minutes.

Greater Burlington Math League

Vermont Commons is starting a Math League team this year. This is a great way to try interesting math problems in a joyfully competitive environment. Ten area schools gather to compete in both individual and group challenges each month. All high school students are invited to participate, even if they are only able to come to some meets. We will practice during lunch several times before each meet. The first meet is in Milton on Monday, October 27th.



Hinesburg Admissions Reception

Vermont Commons School is hosting an admissions reception in Hinesburg for interested prospective families on Thursday, October 9th 4:30 p.m. at the Bristol Bakery on Route 116, right in the center of town.

Please encourage your friends who are interested in learning more about our school to join us for light refreshments and to meet with a few current families and students at an introductory reception.

Our Open House is scheduled for November -- more details to come!

For further information, please contact Sarah Soule, Director of Admissions, ssoule@vermontcommons.org, 802-865-8084, ext. 27.

AHEC's 6th Annual "FOCUS on Health Careers"

[Register at www.cvahec.org](http://www.cvahec.org)

Come join us at the FOCUS on Health Careers Conference and explore what could be in your future!

Learn about health care areas that interest you, meet professionals and health career students, and discover health career programs and resources.

FOCUS will take place on Saturday, November 8th, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm, at Vermont Technical College in Randolph, VT. The registration deadline is October 15, 2014, and the registration fee is \$45. For more information, please contact Jessica Barrow, Health Careers Educator, jbarrow@cvahec.org, 802-527-1474.

Opening on Yellowstone Trip!

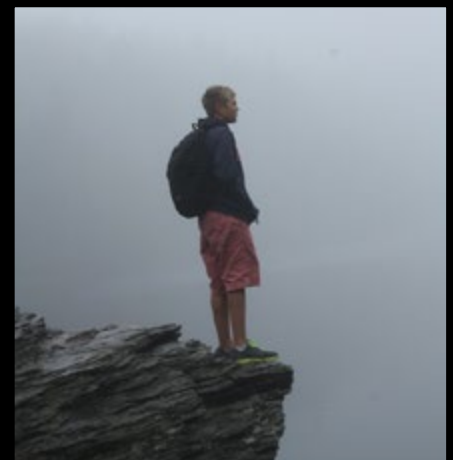
There is an opening on the Yellowstone Encounter Week! If you are interested (this is now open to 7th graders), please read and complete the attached application form and deliver to Bradley or Jessica by Wednesday, October 1st. We will make our selection by October 3rd.

[Click here for the application form!](#)

Stay Tuned: E-Week Edition!

Stay tuned early next week for our Special Fall Encounter Week Edition of *Turtle Tracks*! We will be featuring articles from all eight trips, many of which are written by students, and plenty of photographs of our community out and about on their first Encounter Week of the year!

Preview photos below!



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