



SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2016

TURTLE TRACKS

A WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

September 9th
Photo Day

September 10th
ACTs

September 11th
College Info Session
Williston Rd. DoubleTree

September 14th
Parents' Night

 **First Days of School** 





Announcements

VCS Volleyball Starts Off Season with Massive Numbers

By Peter Goff

We have had 43 student-athletes on our practice floor this season! We are especially excited by our 21 new Flying Turtles!! In addition to first-time seniors (Jill Lamberson & Eugene Cleary) we also have our second international Turtle (Nico Gonzalez). In addition to all of our new players, we are deeply grateful for the support of Coaches Bill Orleans, Chuck Hulse, and newly-added Ellen Lambert. Bringing the size of our Flying Turtle bale (look it up) up to an even FIFTY, we welcome student-stuffers Brynn Mills (manager), Katya Marsh (journalism), and Henry Harder (media).

Congratulations to our new Varsity team members; **Jacob Decatur** ('18) and **Nick Bortzfield** ('18) join our returning crop of upperclassman varsity veterans; Ryan Senior ('17), Danny Watson ('17), Jake Weissgold ('17), Jalen Gibbs ('18), Graham Byers ('18), and Xavier Ferris ('18). This is the first time in VCS Volleyball history when we've had an entire varsity team composed of Juniors and Seniors. The depth on our boys side is unprecedented, and promises great things for the future. New varsity girls are **Tess Ruddy** ('20) and **Sophia St. John - Lockridge** ('19). They join a very strong core of Anna Hulse ('17), Amira Silverman ('17), Nimaya Lemal ('17), Eliza Jackson ('18), and Fiona Oldham ('19). We are very excited about a strong crew of very young new players poised to step into the varsity lineup in the next couple of seasons.



Check out your Turtles at the EDGE, coming this week!!

Meet Our New Math Teacher!

By Jessica Redmond

I am pleased to introduce Diana Guyer, our new full-time math teacher. Diana comes to VCS with a broad range of experience and will be teaching Math 2, Math 4 and Math 5 this year. She lives in St. Albans with her husband and two sons and hails originally from Slovakia. Join me in welcoming Diana!

Materials Needed for Sustainable Crafts Encounter Week

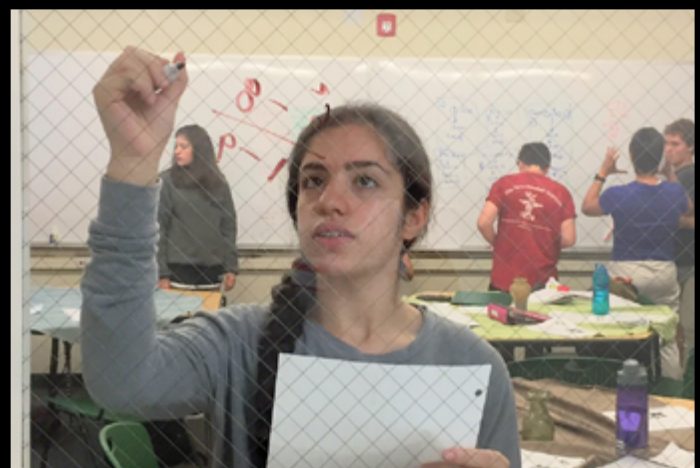
By Jessica Redmond

Materials needed for Sustainable Crafts Encounter Week (no photo) By Jessica Redmond Please bring in your old t-shirts, plastic bags, old button-down dress shirts, and even sheets for our sustainable crafts Encounter Week. Items can be dropped off in Adriana or Jessica's rooms. Thanks!

VCS Hosts Successful Summer Express Fluency Program

by Ben Wang

Our very own Ben Wang joined Spanish teacher Elissa McLean from Brattleboro and French teacher Marcus Grace from Harwood to run a very successful Express Fluency workshop this June, right at Vermont Commons! 18 teachers from all over the country were trained in Comprehensible Input (CI)/Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling (TPRS) methods, and 16 students learned French, Spanish, and Chinese over three days.



high-definition photos courtesy Amira Silverman '17

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