VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL

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News & Notes
Vermont Commons School
May 21, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, May 22nd

- 11am - 12:30pm: **Ultimate vs South Burlington HS** at Veterans Memorial Park

Tuesday, May 25th

- 6:30pm: **College Admissions - Junior Parent/Guardian Event II** (Zoom link here)

Friday, May 28th

- **Senior projects conclude**
- 4pm - 5:30pm: **Ultimate vs Milton HS** at Veterans Memorial Park

Monday, May 31st

- **Memorial Day - VCS CLOSED**

The 2021-22 Core Calendar is now live on our website!

You can view all of our upcoming events on the **Calendars** page of our website, and find updated Zoom links by clicking "**More Details**" under individual events.

Amy's School Counseling Office

Virtual IT Help Request

News from Amber in Development

- We had a blast catching up with alums at our second virtual **Alumni-Faculty Meetup** on Thursday. There were lots of smiles as alums reconnected, from the Class of '01 all the way to '20. We even got to see some babies and kids on screen! From working in energy economics, investment banking, stand-up comedy, photography, airline route design, education, and electric car engineering, to pursuing doctorates in math and occupational therapy and majoring in film, biology, and environmental science, our Flying Turtles are fascinating!

- Did you know that **when foundations consider a gift to our**

school, they ask about Board, Faculty, and Family participation in our VCS Annual Fund? Families give at all different levels and broad-based giving is a sign of institutional strength. You can help us get to our **goal of 100% Family participation by June 30** when you make a gift online or mail a check to school with "Annual Fund" in the memo. All gifts directly support our students and faculty. Thank you!

- **Senior Gift Update**: Seniors, families, grandparents, you can still support the **DEI Scholarship Fund in honor of the Class of '21** making a gift online (indicate Senior Gift in the "Optional" drop down menu) or mailing a check to school with "Senior Gift" in the memo line. Thank you!

VCS Spring Arts Night

The VCS Arts Council is excited to announce **Spring Arts Night**, which will take place as a Zoom webinar on **Tuesday, June 1st at 6pm**. We are looking for video submissions from all grades with any type of art: visual, musical performances, drama, poetry, dance, comedy or anything else! Submissions are due **Friday May 28th**, you can send your work to Matt (mdavide@vermontcommons.org).

Yearbook Online Purchase Deadline

Saturday, May 22nd will be the last day to purchase the yearbook through this link: Yearbook 2021

After that date, please just send a check to VCS for $45.

Calling All Gardeners!

The Mapping EX has just recently started a vegetable garden on the Outdoor Education Center in Charlotte, VT. Over the past few weeks the group has built raised beds, put up a fence to keep pesky animals out, and planted tomatoes, eggplant, beans, squashes, cucumbers, kale, and more this past Wednesday!

So now we're looking for interested gardeners to come and take care of the Community Garden with us this summer! (No experience necessary, just a general love for vegetables!) We'll meet every Saturday at 10 A.M. to water, weed, and harvest plants! Yum! Can't make it every time? No worries - we'll be at the garden every week from June 12th until school starts, so come when you can!

Email Charlotte Dodds (cdodds@vermontcommons.org) if you're interested in helping out at the new Community Garden :)

I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream!

Following the Field Day and the Awards Ceremony on **Wednesday June 9th**, the parent ambassadors will be hosting an ice cream social to celebrate our students and faculty! The Ben & Jerry's Scoop Truck will be outside VCS from **3:30pm - 4:30pm** offering a selection of ice cream (GF/DF options available). The suggested donation from families is $6-8/per student (which includes the cost for all faculty). Please VENMO @MargaretTorizzo (Lake Champlain in photo) by Friday June 4th with your donations. The Scoop Truck will have a credit card machine available if additional family members would like to purchase an ice cream upon pickup. Please remember that all outside visitors need to wear masks or maintain six feet social distancing whenever eating.

Call to Repair Adirondack Chairs

Shout out to all handy VCS community members! As some of you may have noticed, quite a few of our Adirondack chairs on the south lawn have had a rough winter and are in need of some repair. If you like to work with wood or fix things that are broken, we would love your help in giving the chairs some TLC! Thanks so much!

Summer Mountain Biking Camp

Looking for an awesome way to kick off your summer in the sun and on the trails? Join us for a week of mountain biking with fellow VCS-ers! We'll meet each day, **June 21st-25th (10am-3pm)**, for a mix of riding, technique practice, group games, and trail work, including building some brand new trails! We'll meet in various locations around Chittenden County decided by group ability and interest, and have riding options for nearly every skill level, as long as you have some basic comfort on a mountain bike. Cost will be $250 for the week and will cover any trail fees.

Email Kat Ahrens (kahrens@vermontcommons.org) or Kathryn

McDermott (kmcdermott@vermontcommons.org) with any questions or to sign up! **We will need at least 5 students to run the program, so sign up with a friend! Sign-up deadline is June 4th.**

If cost or access to gear would be a barrier for your family, please reach out to Kat Ahrens or Kathryn McDermott so we make sure you can be part of the group.

A Note from Jill Strawbridge

to every member of our kind and welcome community

Beginnings and ends. The end of the year is so full of good energy, cheer, hope and excitement. It is the culmination of our efforts, a chapter closing. AND when we close one chapter, a new one begins!!

Next fall we start our school year with a roster of enthusiastic sixth graders and several new amazing students and their families. I know each of us is eager to meet and welcome our newest community members in person. Until we have a chance to be together on campus in the fall, please join me in extending an enormous and delighted WELCOME to the newest members of the VCS community.

Welcome, we are so happy you are here!

Jill Strawbridge
Director of Admissions

USEFUL SCHOOL LINKS

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