VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL

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News & Notes
Vermont Commons School
May 28, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

(TODAY!) Friday, May 28th

- **Senior projects conclude**

Monday, May 31st

- **Memorial Day - VCS CLOSED**

Tuesday, June 1st

- 4pm - 5pm: **Riley's Sneaker Showcase at VCS**
- 6pm - 8pm: **Vermont Commons School Spring Arts Night**

Wednesday, June 2nd

- **Grades 6 & 7 - NO SCHOOL**
- 8:30am - 11am: **Senior Project Presentations** (Zoom links can be found on the Community Calendar)
- 11am - 3pm: **Social Justice Film and Discussion, Grades 8-11**

Thursday, June 3rd

- 9am - 9:30am: **New Family Hello Coffee** (Zoom link here)

Saturday, June 4th

- 6pm - 8pm: **Prom**

The 2021-22 Core & Community Calendars are now live!

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

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).

Yearbooks SOLD OUT!

The 2020-21 Yearbook has sold out!

Yearbooks will be distributed on Field Day.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a copy!

Sample of Iain's previous work.

Iain Mahaffey Proposal Approved for Arts Diploma Certificate

Iain (class of 2023) will be doing a photography-focused arts certificate. His point and base of study is the human experience. Through learning complex forms of photographic expression, Iain will acquire the best skills to understand and capture that experience. Starting by learning from professionals in the documentary and editorial fields of photography Iain will amass the skill he needs to best display the human experience. Through constant critique from professionals, he will learn the many layers there are to photography and composition itself. He has a deep interest in studying people and a deep interest in photography and through this project, he will be learning how to combine the two into his own form of expression.

Graduation Broadcasting & Recording

The Media Factory (formerly RETN) is providing both live streaming coverage of this year's graduation ceremony as well as opportunities to see it rebroadcast. To find the livestream or the finished recording after June 11th, go to www.mediafactory.org/vcs. The recording will also be aired on the LEARN channel (Comcast 1094) on **6/13 at 6:00 PM**, **6/14 at 2:30 PM** or **6/19 at 8:00 AM**. DVD copies of the ceremony will be available for purchase at www.mediafactory.org/grads.

Champlain Game Academy

Make summer count at the #1 College for Video Game Design

Level 1: The Champlain Game Academy
July 12–23, 2021, or July 26–August 6, 2021 (Virtual only)

Level 2: The Advanced Game Academy
July 26–August 6, 2021 (Virtual only)

New: Introduction to Game Development
A Program for 7th to 9th Graders
July 26–August 6, 2021 (Virtual only)

Summer is a great time for middle and high school students to dive into the things they're most interested in. If game development (including design, art, programming, and sound) is what makes a student come alive, our Champlain Game Academy programs are the perfect place to immerse in it.

Learn more about the Game Academy programs available to high school and middle school students.

Learn More

2021 Summer Reading Letter

It's that time of year again!

Click here to view this year's Summer Reading Letter.

Enjoy!

~Ryan, Jennifer & Frances

Vermont Commons Goods & Gear

on blowout at 50% off through the end of the year!

Available at pick-up after school next week (or by emailing info@vermontcommons.org), you can pay with cash (exact change, please), check (made out to Vermont Commons), or credit card. Limited sizes and quantities available. We have Champion crewneck and hooded sweatshirts in green or gray ($27.50 crew, $32.50 hoodie), baseball hats in black, lime, forest ($), stretch fit baseball hats ($12.50), Turtle Fur beanies in grey ($7.50), bicycle water bottles ($2.50), stainless water bottles ($5), grey or black long sleeve tech t-shirts (men's & women's $6, girls & boys $5), black, white, sun-washed green or grey, grey, and emerald green cotton t-shirts ($5), coffee mugs ($5), green or grey Pennant hoodie sweatshirts (size XL and XXL only, $17.50), green or grey long-sleeve thermal 1/4-zip tops

($17.50), and Marmot stretch 1/4-zip long-sleeve tops in green (size M only, $17.50).

Notes From the Head of School

As the days lengthen, the stretch between now and the school-year finish line only shrinks. Five class days to go. Three days of activities (thank you, Parent Ambassadors for hosting class gatherings the day after school ends!). Senior Projects end today. Graduation for the Class of 2021 is exactly two weeks from the moment I write this. The Governor is shortly to declare the end of the emergency order. If there's a time to look around, take stock, and say, *we made it*, now may--at last--be that moment. It's time for a collective breath, a congratulations, and thanks to the students, teachers, and administrators who did the work, and the parents and guardians who backed them up through every step, stage, and change.

On Wednesday next week the **Seniors** present their **Projects** to students in grades 8 - 11, and Parents/Guardians and other family members can watch live streams of the talks by following this link to the 2021 Community Calendar, where the **June 2nd** event details has Zoom links for every Senior's talk. The presentations, a hallmark of the Vermont Commons experience, take place from **8:30 - 10:30 a.m.** that morning.

On **Wednesday, June 9th**--the last day of the school year for all students except the soon-to-be graduates--we honor the incredible work the students and teachers have done at two separate ceremonies. During our **Academic and Community Awards Ceremony**, we honor student achievement in academic disciplines and community engagement, our 8th graders' completion of Middle School, our alums, and our teachers. The Ceremony runs from 8:45 to approximately 10:15 a.m., and parents/guardians and family members can watch via Zoom using this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88136424218?pwd=eG94T3VGdlpPNEpCY3FtUWErMEJ5QT09. Later that day, we honor new National Honor Society inductees and athletes in our sports teams at our **Day of Glory** ceremony, starting at 2:15 p.m. and lasting until approximately 3 p.m. This ceremony can be joined via Zoom by family members at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83025697197?pwd=SW1abFdENjhickh0b1pWV3A3UTllQT09.

Lastly, we just want to reiterate to all families returning for the 2021-22 school year that, thankfully, it will be back to business-as-usual at Vermont Commons School. Admittedly, if you're a new family this year, you don't quite have a complete sense of that yet, but the short and sweet is that we'll be back at 75 Green Mountain Drive five days a week, Encounter Weeks three times a year, students moving throughout the building during the day, morning meeting four days a week, Common Hours, sports, social events, easy-going, casual interactions with faculty in the hallways and their offices, and all the other things you've either experienced in past years or heard about and are looking forward to. It'll be our 25th anniversary at Vermont Commons, and we feel fortunate to be able to look forward to a normal year and to sharing it with you!

A happy, wonderful long weekend to you and yours.

Dr. Dexter P. Mahaffey,
Head of School

PS - Tonight is the deadline for nominating a teacher for the Class of 2020 Faculty Chair Award. Please consider doing so through this Google Form survey.

USEFUL SCHOOL LINKS

Give to Vermont Commons

Guide for Students & Families

2020-2021 Community Calendar

RenWeb - Parent Login

VCS Website

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