

October 17, 2012

TURTLE TRACKS

A WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VERMONT COMMONS SCHOOL COMMUNITY

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 18 Fall Break Parent Conferences	October 18-19 Fall Break	October 22 Picture Day Retakes	October 24 8th Grade Potluck 6-8 PM	October 26 First Quarter Ends
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The Final (phew!) Annual Fund Quiz –by Jeff Govoni, Annual Fund Chair and Mary Hamilton-Homer, Development Director



HOW CAN I MAKE ALL THIS ANNUAL FUND CHATTER STOP FOR ME???

- Give OR pledge early and we'll leave you alone (plus you'll save us money in postage, you'll save trees...)
- Hope that your fellow parents will carry the burden...
- Close your eyes, cover your ears and hum

What's next?

Watch for a beautifully conceived and produced short film by senior Gabe Mantegna illustrating how the Annual Fund affects our kids' lives at VCS. Check your mailbox for your personal Annual Fund letter, penned by none other than our own Jeff Govoni, and donation envelope!

Thank you!

Classifieds



The Development Office needs envelope stuffers! Please join Mary Hamilton-Homer and LaTrisha Gibbs, next week on Wednesday a.m. to finish off the Annual Fund mailing (and get a sneak peek at the letter!!).

Contact mary at mhamiltonhomer@vermontcommons.org if you have the time and inclination!

Picture Day Retakes—Monday, October 22nd



Dissatisfied with your picture? Did you miss photo day? Retakes are on Monday, October 22nd. *Please note that this is a corrected date from last week's Turtle Tracks.*

If you would still like to order portraits or candids please go to www.ambientphotography.zenfolio.com, password: VTCom2012. If you have any questions about ordering please call Ambient Photography at 802-872-0905.

Admissions Update –by Sarah Soule



Vermont Commons School is hosting several receptions in the coming weeks for prospective families, and we encourage you to invite your friends with children who might be interested in learning more about our school. Our college preparatory, hands-on curriculum and small classes with engaged teachers offers students the opportunity to thrive!

The next reception will be on **Monday, October 22nd** at 5:00 p.m. at the Middlebury Inn in Middlebury, with the Reed, Beach, and Lloyd/Fastie families.

On another note, our Open House is scheduled for **Sunday, November 4th** at 1:00 p.m. and it will be held here at Vermont Commons School in the Commons Room.

Families should contact Sarah Soule, Director of Admissions to rsvp: ssoule@vermontcommons.org or call [802-865-8084, ext. 27](tel:802-865-8084). You could also direct the families to our website: www.vermontcommons.org.

Revenge Is Ever So Sweet –by Captains Mia Jager and Ross Hiatt

Thursday night our team traveled up to Orleans Vermont, to play against our rivals the Lake Region, Rangers. The girls started out their match strong, and stayed strong! *Nora Hill '15*, beat the Career Record of Aces in the first match. Continuing in this vein, *Maddy Roberts '13*, had a great game; she was all over the net and ready for anything. Even after an embarrassing ball bouncing between her feet, she still pulled it together. Throughout each set *Eliza Jackson '17* was on her toes with a smile on her face. It was her first game with the big girls, and she wasn't afraid of anything! This made her perfectly deserving of the girls Game Ball! Congratulations Eliza, on a great game! Finally, even while playing our rivals the girls stayed positive and worked as a team.

On the other court, the boys worked tremendously well against a tough team that plays a different type of volleyball. *Mason Hill '17* played a great game and was all over the court, from passing to setting to hitting. *Tanner Francis '15* and *Ryan Senior '17* had the best setting this team has ever seen, leaving the rest of the work up to the hitters. However, through all this amazing playing one person shined. Boys game ball goes to someone who performed one of the best games in his career, and that person is *Tanner Francis*.

Finally, the middle school players joined together for a rousing Co-ed match against the Lake Region Middle School. They swept both games, for a win over all. This put the entire team 6 and 0 for the night! Middle-school game ball goes to someone who did an amazing job setting and helping her team to a winning match. Congratulations *Sophi O'Leary '17*! Shout out to all the parents that drove two hours to support our team! Special thanks goes to Derrick Roberts for coaching the girls team to a victory and keeping them positive throughout it all!



Below is a note to Peter Goff, regarding our match at Lyndon Institute earlier that week:

I also would like to let you know that your players by far have been the most polite team we have seen. Several of your players (some repeatedly) thanked me and told us we did a good job. You are doing a great job with your young people over there. This is certainly not something we see from many other schools and certainly not any other sports. I think the kids that play volleyball and ultimate are some of the kindest competitors I see throughout the year and your kids are at the top.

Best, D. Steen (Coach, Lyndon Institute)

Pizza Fridays are Back at VCS!



Yes, the longstanding tradition of supplying hot delicious pizza on Fridays is back - and it's about time! Remember the wonderful feeling of not having to bring lunch on Fridays? Do you recall how easy it was to sign up online and not even have to remember your \$5 for those two delectable oversized slices?

Well, starting now you may log onto Renweb, fill out the order form, submit a check for the whole amount, and voila! Piping hot crunchy pizza is all yours. The Dive Trip thanks you for your patronage.

Directions for Ordering Pizza Lunch:

1. Log onto ParentsWeb
2. Click Student Information, and lunch
3. A calendar will pop up listing the available Fridays to order pizza
4. Click create web order on the bottom of that page
5. Place a 1 in the quantity section next to the order - the total will remain at \$0.00.
6. Click order items
7. We ask that you order at least 48 hours in advance!

We take orders, but we do not collect money for the lunches via ParentsWeb. Please make out a check to Vermont Commons with the price of your order (\$5/lunch) and mail to the school or drop off at the main office. Questions? Please call Liz at the front desk.

Also during lunch time, our dive trip students are selling snacks to the students to help raise money. We are trying to lean toward healthier snacks and beverages. If you forget to bring lunch, they can buy some things to stave off hunger. Thanks for your help!

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