

# Principal's Newsletter

Voorhees High School

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## *Note from the Principal*

Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year! The opening of school has gone smoothly and we are looking forward to a great year. Each new school year brings with it a renewed sense of excitement and it is great to have the hallways and classrooms filled again. Whether you are new to Voorhees or have had past experiences here, I am sure you are looking forward as much as we are to a productive year for your child.

Voorhees welcomes the new staff to the Voorhees Family. Please look inside to see the names and short biographies of our new staff and to check out familiar names that are in new roles. We wish you and your children a happy and safe school year and we look forward to seeing all of the parents at "Meet the Teachers Night" on September 9 at 7:00PM.

Sincerely,

Ron Peterson

## Calendar for Sept. /Oct. 2014

Sept. 5 - Freshman Class Dance 7-10 PM  
Sept. 9 - Meet the Teachers 7:00 PM  
Sept. 10 - Prof Development 2 ½ Hour Delay  
Sept. 11 - Alive @ 25 NHHS Auditorium  
Sept. 18 - Fall College Night 7:00PM  
Sept. 25 - School Closed - Rosh Hashanah  
Sept. 30 - Blood Drive 7:45AM -3:15PM  
Oct. 1 - Prof Development 2 ½ Hour Delay  
Oct. 1 - Mini-College Fair #1 7:00-9:00pm  
Back Gym  
Oct. 3 - Registration for Nov. SAT  
Oct. 7, 8, 9 - HSPA Dates for Seniors  
Oct. 10 - Key Club Tricky Tray  
Oct. 15 - PSAT at Voorhees  
Oct. 17 - Dine Italian  
Oct. 17 - Homecoming Game  
Oct. 18 - Homecoming Dance  
Oct. 22 - Mini-College Fair #2 (daytime)  
Oct. 24 - 26 - Fall Play  
Oct. 31 - 1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period Ends



## **Upcoming Events**

Our annual “**Meet the Teachers Night**” is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9. This year, we are beginning differently than we have in the past. Instead of reporting to the auditorium or the gymnasium **all parents will report to their child’s 1<sup>st</sup> Period Class at 7:00pm**. We will begin our night promptly with our opening messages broadcasted into the classrooms from our television station. Following the opening remarks, the schedule will continue with your child’s first period class. Refreshments will be served throughout the evening in the cafeteria. Just outside of the cafeteria is the mall area where you can meet our administrators and guidance staff.

**Please print and bring a copy of your child’s schedule.** The schedule for the evening is as follows:

Greeting and Opening Remarks  
7:00-7:20pm

Mods	Begin	End
1-2	7:20	7:33
3-4	7:37	7:45
5-6	7:49	7:57
7-8	8:01	8:09
9-10	8:13	8:21
11-12	8:25	8:33
13-14	8:37	8:45
15-16	8:49	8:57
17-18	9:01	9:09

## **School News**

### **Exchange Students**

This fall, we have the pleasure of hosting 21 students and 4 chaperones from Tewkesbury, England. The group arrives on October 24<sup>th</sup> and departs on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We have had a long standing relationship with this school from Tewkesbury School in Gloucestershire, England. The partnership was started by the Women’s Club in Tewksbury, NJ and after a couple of years the exchange was handed over to Voorhees. The English Students travel here every other year and have an extensive schedule that allows them to see New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia. However, the highlight of the trip is the friendships created during their stay.

Please consider hosting and being part of this activity. This is a great opportunity to learn and develop a relationship with someone from across the Atlantic. If interested, please contact Mrs. Reluzco, 908-638-6116 extension 7398, [mreluzco@nhvweb.net](mailto:mreluzco@nhvweb.net)

## **English Department News**

The following clubs help to support the goals of the Voorhees High School English Department:

### SAT English Prep

Advisor: Mr. Crane

Purpose of the club: We meet to prepare students for the English portion of the SAT. We review practice questions and strategies to help prepare students for the test.

Meeting time: Wednesdays

Meeting location: room 232

### Poetry Club

Advisor: Mrs. Beneszewski

Purpose of the club: The Poetry Club will meet to read and discuss the different forms of poetry.

Students will also be given writing prompts so that they can craft original poems. Note: the club is open to all creative writers, and the prompts can be adapted to fiction and nonfiction writers as well as poets.

Meeting time: every other Wednesday

Meeting location: room 223

### Images (literary magazine)

Advisors: Mr. Crane and Mrs. Beneszewski

Purpose of the club: We evaluate and compile student art work, fiction, and poetry for the school's literary magazine. The magazine is published annually.

Meeting time: Every Thursday

Meeting location: room 240 (the art room)

## **Dine Italian**

The Voorhees PTSO is holding a meeting regarding Dine Italian on Wednesday, September 10th at 4:30pm in the high school cafeteria. Dine Italian is an all you can eat Italian dinner that raises money for Project Graduation. If you would like to volunteer for a committee for Dine Italian, please attend the meeting on September 10th.

## Kaplan PSAT Cram Sessions:

Kaplan Test Prep will be hosting free online PSAT Cram Sessions™ for sophomores and juniors to help students prepare for the upcoming October PSAT. Sessions will be offered during the first two weeks of October. To sign up for a Cram Session today, please visit [kaptest.com/psatcram](http://kaptest.com/psatcram)

PSAT Cram Sessions in preparation for the October 15<sup>th</sup> and October 18<sup>th</sup> PSAT:

Date	Subject	Time
10/4/2014	Math	1:30PM
10/4/2014	Critical Reading	4:00PM
10/5/2014	Math	1:30PM
10/5/2014	Critical Reading	4:00PM
10/11/2014	Math	1:30PM
10/11/2014	Critical Reading	3:30PM
10/12/2014	Math	1:30PM
10/12/2014	Critical Reading	4:00PM
10/12/2014	Math	7:00PM
10/13/2014	Critical Reading	11:30AM
10/13/2014	Math	2:00PM
10/13/2014	Critical Reading	4:30PM
10/13/2014	Math	7:00PM

## **Student Achievements**

### **Voorhees High School Earns Silver Medals at the National FCCLA Leadership Conference**

Voorhees High School earned three silver medals at the 2014 National FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) this summer in San Antonio, Texas. Three juniors, Meg Asai, Marissa Barradale and Grace Borsetti attended the National Leadership Conference from July 5-11 and competed in two STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) events. Marissa Barradale competed in the National Programs in Action event and earned a silver medal for her presentation of “Make Healthy Choices.” Marissa Barradale worked with Kavanaugh Henry and created a leadership workshop for freshmen at Voorhees High School. Meg Asai and Grace Borsetti worked together to create a portfolio and presentation in the Promote and Publicize event. They earned silver medals for their project that raised awareness of FCCLA at Voorhees High School. These students proved to be positive role models throughout the conference and are true leaders of Hunterdon County. Photo: From left to right, **Marissa Barradale, Grace Borsetti, Meg Asai**



## **New Staff to Voorhees**

**Anthony DeNicola** – Anthony joins the Math Department. He comes to Voorhees from Freehold Township High School. He received a BS in Mathematics from St. Francis College and an MS/MCE in Coaching Education from Ohio University. Anthony will also be joining the Athletic Department as the new Head Girls Soccer Coach.

**Meeghan Smolinsky** – Meeghan returns to the English Department this year. She was a student teacher last year with Terry Leyland and when Terry had to leave Meeghan took over her classes and finished the year at Voorhees. Meeghan is a recent graduate of Penn State University with a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Minor in Education Policy Studies. She has also completed her Master of Arts in Teaching, Secondary English.

**Renee Colangelo** – Renee will be a new Psychologist with the Child Study Team. She comes to us from the High Bridge School District. Renee has a Bachelor of Arts from Keene State College in New Hampshire and a Master of Arts in Psychological Studies from Seaton Hall University.

**Jennifer Komoroski** also joins the Voorhees Child Study Team. Jen is a Voorhees graduate and has been a member of the North Hunterdon Child Study Team since 2007.

**James Whitehead** – James will be a new addition to the Voorhees Social Studies Department. He is a recent graduate of Kutztown University. He will also join the Athletic department as an Assistant Football Coach.

### **Also welcome our Long Term Replacement from Source 4 Teachers:**

**Margo Poandl** will be a maternity leave replacement for Art Teacher, Christina Grodkiewicz, until her return. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts from Kean University.

## **Voorhees Education Foundation's Zombie 5K Run**

If you think you have what it takes to survive, register today for the Second Annual Zombie 5K Run hosted by the Voorhees High School Education Foundation. “In the spirit of Halloween, the Zombie 5K Run is an opportunity to prove what you’re made of while having fun and supporting our students and our community”, said Foundation President Chris Sickels. “Last year’s inaugural race brought out 250 participants. We’re hoping to double that this year.”

As runners make their way through the lush grounds of Spruce Run Recreation Area, Zombies will be lurking nearby. The course is a scenic 5K mostly flat course that both runners and walkers will enjoy.

The race is on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, at Spruce Run. The cost is \$20 for pre-registration and \$25 on the day of the race (student registration is always \$20). The event starts at 12:00 noon; race begins at 2pm. Pre-registration is now open and a free T-shirt is guaranteed to the first 300 registrants. Post-run prizes, refreshments and music will be available. Refreshments will also be available for

sale. Registration form is below and also on the Voorhees High School website. Donations to the VHSEF are also gladly accepted.

The 2014 Zombie 5K is presented by the VHSEF and sponsored by the Hunterdon Health and Wellness Centers located in Clinton and Whitehouse Station, NJ.

The VHSEF is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization dedicated to promoting education at Voorhees High School located in Hunterdon County, NJ. Their primary mission is to provide a source of funding for educational programs beyond the limitations of the school budget. Mr. Sickels said the VHSEF plans to hold the event annually. “Monies raised by the 5K will provide student scholarships, innovative arts and science programs, technology enhancements, capital improvements, and an endowment fund which will inspire and enrich the students of Voorhees High School now and for years to come!” For more information on the VHSEF go to [vhsef.org](http://vhsef.org).



# VHS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

## INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

### DATE & LOCATION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2014  
 Spruce Run Reservoir  
 68 Van Syckel's Road  
 Clinton, NJ 08809

### COURSE

USATF Sanctioned & Certified  
 Fast & Flat  
 Water stop on course and at finish

### ENTRY FEE: (non-refundable)

\$20 Pre-registration  
 \$25 Race Day  
 (Students always \$20)

### ONLINE REGISTRATION

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Clinton/VHSEF5K>

### SCHEDULE

- 12:00 Noon Check In / Registration
- 2:00 PM Race Start
- Post-run Prizes, Music
- Refreshments available for sale

### AMENITIES

- T-shirt to the first 300 runners, guaranteed.
- Post race refreshments and Zombie fun!

The Voorhees High School Education Foundation (VHSEF) is pleased to announce our second annual 5K "Zombie Run". [Join us for our](#) zombie-themed 5K run, which will be held on Sunday, September 28, 2014 at Spruce Run Recreation Area. We are looking forward to a great day of family fun while supporting our students and our community!

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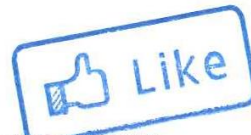


## OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Mail check and form to: VHSEF, PO Box 417, Califon, NJ 07830

Information Contact: Jill O'Brien at [jillobrien14@gmail.com](mailto:jillobrien14@gmail.com) or  
 Mike Walsh at [walshtrips@comcast.net](mailto:walshtrips@comcast.net) or (908) 347-4266

Please make checks payable to [VHS](#) Education Foundation



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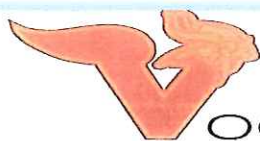
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DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Age on Race Day \_\_\_\_\_ Sex M F USATF-NJ # \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Adult S M L XL

Please read carefully and sign Release and Waiver of Liability: I know that running a road race is a potentially hazardous activity and that I should not enter and run unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run. I assume all risks associated with running this event including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effect of the weather, traffic and the conditions of the course, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release [VHS Education Foundation](#) Race Director, all race volunteers and all sponsors, their representatives, employees and successors from any and all claims and liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event or carelessness of the person named in this waiver. Furthermore, I grant to all of the foregoing to use any photographs, motion pictures, recordings or any other record of this event for legitimate purposes

Signature(Parent or Guardian if Under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





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Do not miss the opportunity to add a brick to our beautiful walkway.

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With your help we can accomplish this! We can raise money to ensure that these wishes are filled.

**HOW DO I HELP?** – By purchasing an engraved brick you will be part of a lasting tribute located on the grounds of Voorhees High School. Your personalized brick paver will last a lifetime and become part of the community effort -  
“To Share the Power of a Wish.”

**100% of project profits will be donated to the New Jersey Make-A-Wish Foundation.**

**Preserve the name of your family, teachers, alumni, club or business.**

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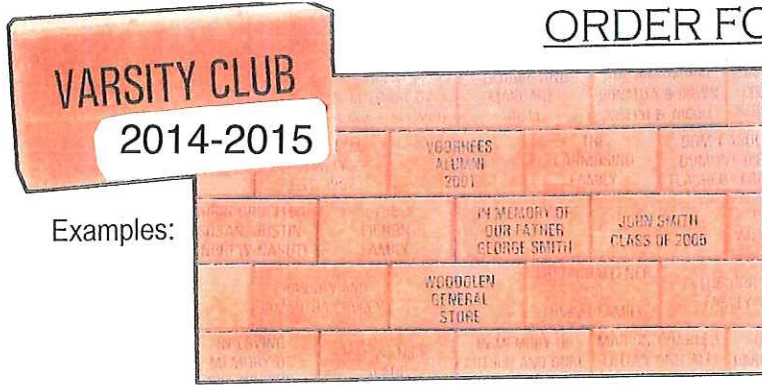
**PLEASE RETURN FORMS TO THE VOORHEES HIGH SCHOOL MAIN OFFICE**  
(Notice of brick installation will be e-mailed)

**2 Brick Sizes Available.....**

**\$75. – 4"x8" Brick Paver (13 characters per line, Maximum 3 lines  
and/or**

**\$150. – 8"x8" Brick Paver (13 characters per line, Maximum 5 lines**

# ORDER FORM



Examples:

ALL TEXT: CAPITAL LETTERS / CENTER JUSTIFIED  
 MAXIMUM # OF CHARACTERS INCLUDES ALL:  
 SPACES, COMMAS, PERIODS, SLASHES, DASHES & QUOTATION MARKS.

CHECK BRICK SIZE: 4"x8" (3 LINES)

8"x8" (3 LINES)

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LINE 4 (8x8 ONLY)													
LINE 5 (8x8 ONLY)													

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