

Principal's Newsletter

Voorhees High School

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Note from the Principal

Welcome,

The school newspaper, video classes and I are teaming-up in an effort to provide more complete coverage of Voorhees. In the past, the Principal's newsletter has provided information solely from the administration. Now, we are working together to include student-produced articles and videos to create an online news source for the Voorhees Community. We thought we could have it ready before the holiday break but unfortunately there have been several delays along the way. It is our hope to have our newsletter website up and running in the not too distant future.

We are always looking for students to get involved, so if your student is interested in participating in creating pieces for this newsletter please have them reach out to me. They can stop in at my office or send me an email notifying me of their interest and I will give them information about our next meeting.

Have a happy and safe holiday season.

Sincerely,

Ron Peterson



Calendar for Dec. -Jan. 2014/2015

- 12/23 - ½ day 11:55am Dismissal – Start of Winter Recess
- 12/23 NHS Graduate Tea
- 12/24 – 1/2 Winter Recess
- 1/5 School Re-Opens
- 1/6 8th Grade Students Orientation:
Lebanon Twp, Clinton Public, Hampton (snow date 1/9)
- 1/7 8th Grade Students Orientation:
Califon, Tewksbury, High Bridge (snow date 1/8)
- 1/7 8th Grade Parents Program
- 1/8 College Information Session presents by VHS
Alumni students 7:45 – 2:20 PM Auditorium
- 1/8 Community Blood Drive 3:00 – 9:00 New Cafeteria
- 1/16 Spanish Club Benefit Dinner
- 1/16 Broadway Revue (snow date 1/23/15)
- 1/16 Mid-terms begin (schedule TBA)
- 1/19 School Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 1/20 – 1/23 Mid-terms (schedule TBA)
- 1/23 ½ day for students, 12:25pm dismissal, End of 1st Semester
- 1/26 2nd Semester/3rd Marking Period begins



Upcoming Events

PARCC is coming! In order to better inform students and parents about PARCC and the Common Core, information has been posted under the Student tab in the Academic Resources column. Here is the link: <http://www.nhvweb.net/vhs/home/students/>.

We will continue to post information, as we receive it from PARCC and the New Jersey Department of Education, with the goal of sharing it with all stakeholders.

School News

Congratulations to the Voorhees recipients of the **2014-2015 Governor's Educators of the Year** Program. **Mrs. Beth Nemeth (left) is our Educational Services Professional of the Year and Kera Luckhardt is our Teacher of the Year.** Thank you for your dedication and tireless efforts in making Voorhees a great place.



The **New School Store** opened for business on Wednesday 10/1/14! The **Introduction to Business** class has worked very hard on different ideas and set up. The new location is the old **TRC Room** located right outside of the cafeteria. The store has brand new hoodies, NIKE t-shirts, and NIKE long sleeve shirts for sale. School supplies will also be available for purchase.... (Pens, pencils, folders, index cards, etc.)

The hours of operation are:

Mods 9-10 (on various days)

Mods 13-14

Mods 15-16

Mods 17-18

NHV Special Education Parent Advisory Committee

On Thursday, October 16th, the first 2014-2015 meeting of the NHV Special Education Parent Advisory Committee, SEPAC, was held in the district administration building at 7:00pm. Prior to the meeting, parents were notified via two email blasts announcing the event, which included a parental survey. The meeting was productive with a collaborative discussion among the Director of Special Services, Special Education Supervisors and the district's parents. Some of the topics discussed included the parental/guardian survey's results, recommended Special Services website updates, increasing students' social activities, transmission of electronic communication, and the NHV parent handbook. The evening's theme encompassed support in a secondary setting for a post-secondary environment. There was a presentation by Jaime McGeady, an Independent Living & Transition Specialist from the Progress Center for Independent Living. Her topic was "It's All About Work". Ms. McGeady afforded the audience an opportunity to reflect on current secondary practices and how to support students within both communities. She presented various programs for students who are about to transition to the post-secondary realm.

If a parent would like additional information, please have them contact either their child's case manager or Mary Pat Publicover via email: mpublicover@nhvweb.net or via phone at (908)713-4169.

Student Achievements

On Wednesday, November 12, 2014, the following students were inducted into the Voorhees Chapter of the **National Honor Society**. Congratulations!

Jesse Acevedo	Amya McMillian
Jonathan Baker	Justin Mure
Samuel Ballai	Joshua Myers
Lucas Bohn	Sabrina Nassi
Amy Bowsher	Kelsey Newman
Christopher Compton	William Passera
Dana Croghan	Lauren Pianucci
Megan Czirok	Kyle Pierson
Olivia DiRienz	Larisa Prezioso
Jessica Dorf	Alex Ratsimor
Thomas Douglas	Kristen Rehm
Colin Evanko	Charles Rodenberger
Michael Fabiano	Hannah Ryan
Brigitte Francis	Benjamin Sernas
Emma Frost	Victoria Sharkey
Andrew Gonzalez	Emily Smith
Kim Graybeal	Zachary Traylor
Joby Jacob	Ethan Tyler
Jessica Katzenberger	Sarah Tyms
Mackenzie Kiley	Michael White
Christopher Lebron	Robert Whitney
Quinn Levy	Charlee Wood
Kyle Maldonado	Kevin Wyckoff
Sarah Malzberg	Sydney Ziembra
Morgan McCord	

AP AWARDS RECEPTION

On **Monday, November 24**, an awards ceremony and reception were held in the VHS Media Center to honor the 29 Advanced Placement students awarded the designation of **AP Scholar** for their outstanding performance on the May 2014 exams.

During the ceremony (see photo), students were given certificates and a Voorhees High School AP Scholar pen. After the ceremony, students enjoyed refreshments and chatted with many of their AP teachers who also attended the event. The reception and awards ceremony was facilitated by VHS Assistant Principals **Janice Van Etten** and **Sue Hammerstone**. The students honored were as follows:



AP SCHOLARS

Scoring 3 or Higher on 3 or more exams

Nicholas Agresti
Carter Christie
Jacquelyn Cobb
Nancy Donoghue
Dylan Forenzo
CB Garrett
Kim Graybeal
Samantha Hassold
Nicole Kozak

Megan Mauriello
Morgan McCord
Nicholas Raefski
Kyle Reiter
Hannah Ryan
Harley Sacks
Jessica Schneider
Abigail Steiner

AP SCHOLARS with HONORS

Scoring an average of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams with a score of 3 or higher on 4 or more exams

Nate Silberman
Maggie Vitale
Alexander Vreeland
Kaitlyn Welsh

AP SCHOLARS with DISTINCTION

Scoring an average of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams with a score of 3 or higher on 5 or more exams

Eleanor Brakewood
Jonathan Circello
Brett Dufford
George Durrant
Will Passera
Jan Risse
Sara Varga
Michael Walsh

Central Jersey Region II Choir

On Saturday, December 13, 2014, seven students from the VHS Choral Program auditioned for the **Central Jersey Music Educators Association Region II Choir**. Six students were accepted: **Jesse Hann, Brianna Lemenze, Jordan Pfenninger, Alex Ratsimor, David Thompson, & Emily Woods**. The Region 2 honors choirs concert will be held at Monroe Township High School on Sunday, February 1, 2015. **Dr. Christopher Thomas** from Rowan University will conduct the mixed choir and **Mr. Mike Schmidt** from Voorhees High School will be conducting the Women's Choir.

The 9th Grade Burma Bridge Challenge







Photos provided by:

Jeremy Brandt
TV/Video Teacher
VHSTV

The Hour of Code – to promote Computer Science Education Week, 12/8/14-12/14/14

During Computer Science Education Week, teacher Jeremy Brandt broadcasted a short clip that featured President Obama promoting the Hour of Code.

The Hour of Code was a global movement that reached tens of millions of students in 180+ countries. Many teachers had students log onto <http://hourofcode.com/us> to try different activities. Students could program a game using Scratch-like drag and drop steps, learn the basics of JavaScript and Python programming languages, or make an app to share. Google also sponsored a “Made with Code” project that allowed the user to use code to light a Christmas tree outside of the White House. The Hour of Code was well-received. Students worked on the activities during several math classes and during their study halls (information was given to all students and staff members). Certificates of achievement were printed by the students and dropped into bins for Visa gift card prizes. The winners were: 3rd place prize drawing – Joshua Goldsmith; 2nd place prize drawing – Ryan Fiers; and 1st place prize drawing – Sydney Ziemba.

All in all, it was a great even that expanded the awareness of Computer Science.

ATHLETICS

Fall 2014 Sports History

FOOTBALL

Varsity Record: 6-4

Head Coach: Bob Angstadt

Assistants: Brian Baumann, Ricky Kurtz, Steve Gross, Rich Branche

All Conference – Mid State - 38

1st Team D - Connor Starr

1st Team O – Alex Fischetti, Charlie Rodenberger, Devan Thomas

2nd Team O – Ryan Habinak

2nd Team Defense – Nick Cregar, Zach Cregar

Honorable Mention – Noah Cerone, Derek Howarth, Connor Brown

All County Team

1st Team –Defense - Zach Cregar, Connor Starr

1st Team – Offense - Alex Fischetti, Charlie Rodenberger, Devon Thomas

Milk Can Game MVP's: Offense: Devon Thomas, Defense: Alex Fischetti

Express Times: HM Offense - Charlie Rodenberger, Devon Thomas, Alex Fischetti

HM Defense - Connor Starr

Star-Ledger: 3rd Team Group 3 – Alex Fischetti, Connor Starr

Courier News: 1st Team- Charlie Rodenberger,

2nd Team- Alex Fischetti, 3rd Team Devon Thomas

HM- Justin Carey, Connor Brown, Nick Cregar, Zach Cregar

JV Record: 5-4 Coaches: Chuck Friedel, Jim Whitehead

Freshman Record: 6-3 Coaches: Tony Makoski, Marc Cahill, Cory Kent

BOYS SOCCER

Varsity Record: 5-9-5

Head Coach: Chase Barbieri

All Conference – Raritan Division

1st Team – Riley Parnham, Mike Snellen

2nd Team – Justin Crail, Evan Weiss

All County (Democrat): 1st Team- Riley Parnham, Mike Snellen

Express Times: HM- Riley Parnham

JV Record: 11-5 Coach: Paul Wargo
Freshman Record: 7-7-1 Coach: Bryan Davis

GIRLS SOCCER

Varsity Record: 9-11-1

Head Coach: Anthony DeNicola

All Conference – Raritan Division

1st team: Madison Gavornik, Felicia Silveira

2nd team: Sydney Ziemba

HM: Katherine Schweikert

Express Times: 2nd Team- Madison Gavornik 3rd Team- Felicia Silveria

All County (Democrat): 1st Team- Madison Gavornik, Felicia Silveira

JV Record: 6-9-2 Coach: Sarah Hamm
Freshman Record: 7-7-1 Coach: Brittney Bischoff

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Record: 9-0

Head Coach: Jeff Capone Skyland Conference Raritan Coach of the Year

Skyland Conference Raritan Division Champions

Hunterdon/Warren/Sussex County Champions

Central Jersey Group 2 Champions

Group 2 – 2nd Place

Meet of Champions – 7th Place

All Conference Raritan Division

1st Team: Chris Thompson, Nick Raefski, Robert Whitney, Brendan McGill

2nd Team: Chris Romero, Evan Minor, Matt Cowell, Matt Vira

Express Times:

1st Team: Nick Raefski, Robert Whitney

2nd Team: Chris Thompson, Brendan McGill

3rd Team: Evan Minor, Matt Vira

Star-Ledger: Group 2: 1st Team - Chris Thompson, Nick Raefski
2nd Team – Robert Whitney

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Record: 9-0

Head Coach: Matt DeRobbio Skyland Conference Raritan Coach of the Year

Assistant Coach: Jessica Gorton

Skyland Conference Raritan Champions

Central Jersey Group 2 Sectional – 2nd Place

Group 2 Champions

Meet of Champions – 5th Place

All Conference Raritan Division

1st Team: Meghan Driscoll, Erin McLaughlin, Eli Brakewood, Kelly McLaughlin, Alexis Churley, Nikki Cassavell

2nd Team: Julia Thompson

Express Times: 1st Team - Meghan Driscoll, Erin McLaughlin

3rd Team - Kelly McLaughlin, Nikki Cassavell

HM – Eli Brakewood, Alexis Churley

Star Ledger: All-State: 3rd Team - Erin McLaughlin

Group 2 - 1st Team - Erin McLaughlin, Meghan Driscoll

2nd Team - Kelly McLaughlin

3rd Team - Eli Brakewood

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Varsity Record: 15-7

Head Coach: Nicole Bolash Skyland Conference Raritan Coach of the Year

All Conference

1st Team – Katie Welch, Erin Tiger

2nd Team – Samantha Hassold

HM – Rachel Katzenberger

Express Times: HM – Erin Tiger, Rachel Katzenberger, Katie Welch, Samantha Hassold

JV Record: 14-4 Coach: Kelsey Baer

Freshman Record: 6-7 Coach: Natalia Echeverri

GIRLS TENNIS

Varsity Record: 3-10

Head Coach: Mitch Collins

JV Record: 7-5 Coach: Eric Hall

FIELD HOCKEY

Varsity Record: 19-3-2

Head Coach: Taylor Webb

Assistant: Ann Bonavita

Skyland Conference Valley Division Co-Champions

Hunterdon/Warren/Sussex County Tournament – 2nd Place

State Sectional - 2nd place

ALL CONFERENCE – RARITAN-WEST DIVISION

1st Team: Kathryn Roncoroni, Isabel Houser, Hannah Schiavo, Lauren Pianucci

2nd Team: Hannah Ryan, Abby Flagler, Hannah Parnham, Sam Nicol

HM – Charlee Wood

All County – (Democrat): County Player of the Year - Kathryn Roncoroni

1st Team: Kathryn Roncoroni, Lauren Pianucci, Isabelle Houser, Hannah Schiavo

Express Times All Area:

1st Team: Kathryn Roncoroni

2nd Team: Isabel Houser

3rd Team: Hannah Schiavo

HM – Lauren Pianucci, Hannah Ryan, Sam Nicol, Abby Flagler

Star-Ledger: All-State: 3rd Team Kathryn Roncoroni

Group 2: 1st Team: Kathryn Roncoroni

2nd Team: Hannah Schiavo

3rd Team: Lauren Pianucci, Isabelle Houser

North Jersey Coaches Association: 1st Team: Kathryn Roncoroni, Lauren Pianucci

2nd Team: Hannah Schiavo, Isabelle Houser

JV Record: 12-2-3 Coach: Courtney Thibeault

Freshman Record: 11-3-2 Coach: Kelly Evans