

# Principal's Newsletter

Voorhees High School

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## *Note from the Principal*

It seems spring has come early and with it we are moving into the last marking period of the 2011-2012 school year. Our students are very hard at work approaching the final stage of the year, as they prepare themselves academically and in our extra-curricular activities.

Please come out and enjoy the spring season at Voorhees as we have many events scheduled. We have our spring musical "How to Succeed in Business," choral and band concerts, charity events such as "Relay for Life," and our many spring sports. It is truly a pleasure to watch our students put forth such an effort and enjoy themselves in the process.

Inside this newsletter you will find news that highlight recent achievements and provide information that will help your sons and daughters finish the school year on a positive note.

Sincerely,

Ron Peterson  
Principal



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## *Calendar for March/April:*

3/27 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period Ends

3/29 – 4/1 Spring Musical  
"How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying"

4/3 Blood Drive

4/6 – 4/13 Spring Break

4/18 In-Service 11:55 Dismissal

5/7 – 5/18 AP Testing



## **School News:**

# **Code of Conduct**

## **Dress Code**

As the warm weather approaches, and it definitely arrived earlier this year than usual, we would appreciate your help in ensuring that your sons/daughters are in compliance with our student dress code. The dress code states that “in order to create a positive school atmosphere, attire and grooming should be reasonably modest and neat. A student’s appearance must not disrupt the teaching or learning process. In light of changing clothing styles, it becomes necessary to remind students that attire worn outside of school is not necessarily appropriate for school.” If a student’s attire is considered inappropriate, his or her parents will be contacted and asked to bring a change of clothing to school. We are asking for your assistance and support in this area. Please remind your sons/daughters about acceptable dress for school. The District’s dress code is below and can be found on page 39 of the Parent/Student Handbook which is available on our web page at [www.nhvweb/vhs/home](http://www.nhvweb/vhs/home). If you have any questions regarding the District dress code, please feel free to contact the Main Office.

1. Footwear must be worn at all times. (**NO BARE FEET or SLIPPERS.**)
2. Hats, hoods, bandanas, and sweatbands are not to be worn in the building.
3. Do not wear cleats in the building.
4. Skateboards and roller shoes are not allowed on school property.
5. No underwear can be exposed, including bra straps.
6. No open backs or strapless tops; no dresses such as halter tops.
7. Skirts, shorts, and dresses must be an acceptable length (just below fist level when arms are straight).
8. Clothing such as shorts, pants or skirts are not permitted to be worn lower than the hip-line.
9. Excessively tight shorts, pants, and skirts are unacceptable.
10. No midriff exposure, no exposed cleavage, and no tube tops.
11. Sundresses and tops with spaghetti straps are acceptable as long as cleavage and the back are covered.
12. No tank tops/sleeveless shirts of any kind are permitted to be worn by boys.
13. Leggings may be worn if the top is an acceptable length (just below fist level when arms are straight) and conforms to the other elements of the dress code.
14. No low-riding pants, shorts, or shirts that expose undergarments or anatomy are allowed.
15. Revealing, see-through clothing that excessively exposes anatomy is not permitted.
16. Clothing with inappropriate pictures, liquor advertisements, sexually suggestive messages, tobacco, or gang affiliations; slogans that contain offensive or obscene words, symbols, or signs; or slogans depicting violence or degrading any race, color, creed, religion, sex, ancestry, national origin, social or economic status, sexual orientation or drug-related messages are not allowed.
17. Trousers, slacks, or other clothing with studs or gaudy accessories or chains are not permitted.

18. Wrist, ankle, and/or neckbands with spikes can be dangerous. They are not permitted.
19. Any other articles that could cause damage to other students or to property are not permitted.
20. Outdoor jackets or coats are not permitted except when entering or leaving the building, and when there is a defect in the heating system. Non-prescription sunglasses and glazed and tinted glasses are not permitted except as prescribed by the pupil's doctor.

**Please see the examples below of clothing that is not appropriate for school.**

*What Not To Wear:*



*Any articles that are deemed by the administration as distracting or disruptive to the education of the students will not be permitted.*

Students who violate the policy will receive one after-school detention, with increasing penalties for subsequent offences. Students will be sent to the Athletic Office and asked to change into more appropriate dress. Parents should understand that they might be asked to bring a change of clothing to school for students who are in violation of this school policy. The school administration reserves the right to make a final decision regarding appropriate dress in school and at school-sponsored events. If parents cannot be reached to bring appropriate clothing to the school, the student will be placed in the In-school Suspension Room until such time as appropriate attire can be provided.

### **Note from the Attendance Office**

A reminder that when the need arises to arrange for an Early Dismissal, a parent must write a note to the Attendance Office specifying the date, time, and reason for the request. This note must be presented to the attendance office **a day prior to or at least the morning of the requested day.**

When you arrive to pick up your child, please come to the attendance office to sign the check out book.

## **Student Achievements:**

### **Upcoming Spring Musical: “How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying”**

LEBANON TWP. — Closing out the county high school musical season will be Voorhees High School’s production of “How to Succeed in Business” with shows on Thursday through Saturday, March 29-31, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 1, at 2 p.m.

Tickets can be reserved by calling the ticket booth at 908-638-6116, ext. 7444, or by e-mailing Joe Reynolds at jreynolds@nhvweb.net. Tickets cost \$8 for students, seniors and district staff and \$10 for adults if purchased in advance. All tickets purchased at the door will cost \$10.

“How to Succeed” is the story of J. Pierpont Finch (played by Ed McBurney), a young Manhattan window washer who cracks open a success handbook and seeks work at the World Wide Wicket Co., where he is brushed off by the boss, Mr. Biggley (Cory Nunn), and hired by the personnel director (Sam Ross, who also is the voice of the handbook). He is soon working in the mailroom beside Biggley’s lazy nephew Bud Frump (Brandon Simanski) under the tutelage of the mailroom chief (Tom Farber).

A secretary named Rosemary (Lauren Bristow) conspires with her best friend Smitty (Hayley Pellis) to win Finch’s heart. Koppany Pusztai plays Mr. Womper, the chairman of the board, and Jesse Miller portrays the boss’ sexy mistress.

Ed McBurney says his similarity to the character of Finch “made it very easy to start getting into character, but our small differences made the character an ordeal to perfect. If not for Ms. Lomas’ help, I may never have gotten it where it should be.”

His favorite part of the show is “is the number ‘Yo Ho Ho,’” even though he’s not in it. It’s part of a deliberately cheesy pirate number promoting a treasure hunt gimmick. Ed says, “Everyone in it has put in a tremendous amount of work and it really shows.”

Ed’s favorite actor is Matthew Broderick “by far. The first time I saw him was in my favorite movie, ‘Ferris Bueler’s Day Off.’ And after that I’ve loved every show and movie he’s done. As a strange coincidence, he also played J. Pierpont Finch.”

The Voorhees cast also includes Hope Bavier, Phil Carroll, Dawn Cimilucca, David Cohen, Dan Compton, Tina Dornbusch, Tom Farber, Jess Fielding, Grace Flagler, Brigitte Francis, Quinn Furnald, Sam Hassold, Devon House, Rachel Jones, Emily Lamperti, Cassidy Marturana, Max Mazzarino, Bobby McCabe, Hannah Mehl, Teddie Raymond, Helen Refalo, Laurel Reiter, Rex Tuttle, Alex Vreeland and Tyler Simanski.

Fans of Viking theatrics will recognize a few familiar faces among the leading players. Ed McBurney (Finch) was Dr. Bradley in last fall’s “The Man Who Came to Dinner,” Jesse Miller (Hedy) was Kim McAfee in last year’s “Bye Bye Birdie,” and Koppany Pusztai (Womper) was Tevye in “Fiddler on the Roof” in 2010.

Director Nancy Lomas says her favorite part of the show “is the dance number ‘Old Ivy.’ I enjoyed working on this number with our choreographer, Ms. Tori Carr Jones, and the boys in the cast. I have the most fun working on numbers when it is a collaboration between the directors and students.”

She expects the audience to especially enjoy the big production numbers like “The Brotherhood of Man,” “Paris Original” or “Company Way.”

### **Advanced TV Production Class**

On Wednesday March 21, 2012, 10 students (9 seniors & 1 junior) from the **Advanced TV Production** class departed for Dallas, Texas, for the annual **Student Television Network Convention**. The class joined other high school students from around the country with video production programs like ours (with an estimated 1500 students representing approximately 250 schools). They attended seminars taught by industry professionals, student film festivals, as well as competed in various video competitions. They returned from Dallas on Sunday, March 25, 2012.

### **Gifted & Talented**

Juniors may be eligible for Junior Awards. Many of these awards have large scholarship potential of up to \$40,000. Award applications are due throughout April. Please check the Gifted and Talented Website for information on specific awards.

### **Athletics**

**Jadaen Bernstein** finished the wrestling season 7<sup>th</sup> in the State at 160 lbs.

**Dantaun Bernstein** is the recipient of the Renaissance Scholar Athlete Award.

**Matthew Bonavita** is the Voorhees *Delaware Valley Chapter National Football Foundation Scholar Leader Athlete*.

### **Girls Lacrosse**

The **Varsity girl’s lacrosse team** recently competed in the *Indian Hill Play Day*, where they played three 25 minute games and won all 3 games. The JV team won 2 out of 3 games.

## **Wrestling**

LEBANON TWP. — For a second year in a row, the Voorhees High School wrestling team sponsored **“Pinning 4 a Purpose,”** which gives wrestlers the opportunity to give back to a charitable organization in the local community. This year, the wrestlers raised \$6,100 for the Special Olympics of Hunterdon County by pinning their opponents throughout the season. In the two years of this fundraising program, the wrestling team has donated \$10,700 to the Special Olympics.

Through “Pinning 4 a Purpose,” wrestlers obtain pledges for each pin they achieve throughout the season. Pledges can come from private businesses, families, friends, fans, etc. Every time a pin or “fall” is recorded during the season, the pledge that each wrestler has solicited will be donated to the organization the team chooses to support. At the end of the season, the total pledge count, multiplied by the number of pins, will be donated in its entirety to the organization.

At the end-of-season wrestling banquet on Monday, March 19, head wrestling coach, Eric Hall, announced the team had raised a total of \$6,100 for the Special Olympics. A check was presented to Special Olympics Director Joyce Kirchin and two Special Olympic athletes. The donation will help fund the purchase of equipment for this year’s Special Olympics event.

“We are so extremely proud of our team, program and entire organization for their efforts. We are honored to be associated with the Special Olympics of Hunterdon County and we hope the donation will benefit those athletes who work just as hard and have goals that are just as important as we do,” said Hall.



*Voorhees High School*  
&  
*Make-A-Wish Foundation*

Building Wishes One Brick At A Time...

The partnership between Voorhees High School and the New Jersey Make-A-Wish Foundation has endured for more than eight years. More than \$25,000 has been raised for this fantastic organization that grants wishes to children who are facing life-threatening illnesses. In fact, two of our own VHS teens have received wishes through monies raised by sales of bricks in our high school walkway, fundraising by the girls' soccer team and proceeds from sales of Vikings sports sandals.

Would you like to **buy a brick** to have engraved with words of your choice and installed in the walkway this spring? Bricks make great graduation gifts and if you **order before April 5<sup>th</sup>**, your brick will be installed before this year's graduation. Bricks are available in two sizes:

\$75. - 4"x8" Brick Paver (13 characters per line, Maximum 3 lines)

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

If interested, please complete the attached form and drop it off in the main office with a check made payable to Voorhees High School.



VOORHEES HIGH SCHOOL



MAKE-A-WISH

ATTENTION:  
SENIOR  
PARENTS

ORDER BY  
APRIL 5TH  
FOR INSTALLATION  
BEFORE 2012  
GRADUATION

partnered to...

**Build Wishes One Brick at a Time.**

BUILDING ON OUR SUCCESS...

Do not miss this chance to add a brick to our beautiful walkway.

JOIN US...to make the magic of a wish come true. Right here in Hunterdon County the New Jersey Make-A-Wish Foundation grants magical wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses.

I Wish to go....I wish to be....I wish to meet....I wish to have....

With your help we can raise money to ensure that these wishes are filled.

HOW DO I HELP? - Buy an engraved brick to be part of a lasting tribute on the grounds of Voorhees High School. Your message will last a lifetime. Have your personalized brick paver be 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.**

**GREAT GRADUATION GIFT!**

Forms must be returned to the Voorhees main office

(Notice of brick installation will be e-mailed)  
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