

Principal's Newsletter

Voorhees High School

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Note from the Principal

It is the season for giving and I am always impressed in the multiple ways our students give back.

They have raised thousands of dollars for numerous different charities and donated record numbers in food and clothing. Whenever the moment arises, the students and staff rise to the occasion and meet the needs of others. Their sense of caring is evident all year and adds much joy to the holiday season.

Inside you will find the many awards and achievements of our students during this first half of the school year. Congratulations to these individuals and all of our students for bringing a great sense of pride to the Voorhees community.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful and safe holiday season and I wish all of you the best for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Ron Peterson

Calendar for Dec. 2012/Jan. 2013:

12/24 – 1/2 Winter Recess – School Closed

1/3 – 1/9 Spirit Week

1/9 8th Grade Parent Orientation 7-9 p.m.

1/9 In-Service 11:55 Dismissal

1/11 Chili for Chile Dinner 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Café

1/14 Choral Music Concert 7:00 p.m.

1/18 Quarterlies (Art, Eng, FCS, SS, Tech Ed)

1/21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - School Closed

1/22 Quarterlies (Math, Music, WL)

1/23 Quarterlies (Bus, Health/PE, Sci)

1/24 Finals (Eng, Sci, Art, FCS)

1/25 Finals (Bus, Math, Music, SS, Tech Ed)

1/28 2nd Semester/3rd Marking Period Begins



***HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!***



***It's a Great Day to
be a Vike!***

School News:

Announcement to Students on Monday, December 17, 2012



Recent events at a school in Newtown, Connecticut require me to bring several reminders to the attention of the entire Voorhees High School community:

The responsibility for the safety of our school is shared by all, everyone who comes to Voorhees on a daily basis including all employees and students.

Several reminders:

- If you see someone who does not belong at Voorhees or appears suspicious, you have a responsibility to report any suspicious activity to a teacher or administrator.
- If you are aware of any conflict within your circle of friends that could endanger a student or staff, you have an obligation to report this information to a teacher or administrator. Recently a horrible episode was avoided in Nevada because a student reported a planned attack to authorities.
- During class assemblies, I remind each of you that you have an obligation to look out for your classmates and members of the Voorhees High School community. I urge you to report any information that will assist school personnel with keeping our school safe. I assure all reports will be held in strict confidence. The student body and staff is the best security force we could ever have. I urge you to pay attention to every day events. Take nothing for granted in school.
- All outside doors will be locked at the beginning of the school day. Please do not open the outside doors to let someone into the building as they must check-in at the front desk. Please remember not to wear you headphones in the hallways, cafeteria or the mall as we need you to be able to hear any directions in the case of an emergency.

In addition to these comments, an emergency instructional session was held on Thursday during all lunch periods on Lockdown procedures.

The administration and staff, in cooperation with law enforcement agencies, have and will continue to review our procedures and plan activities that will improve our response to unforeseen circumstances. We urge everyone to take drills and directions seriously as the world we live in has drastically changed.

YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE!

This year's yearbook will be \$65 until January 1st when it will increase to \$70. To purchase a yearbook, go to: www.yearbookforever.com or mail a check to Voorhees High School, ATTN: Courtney Thibeault, for \$65 made out to Voorhees High School.

MUSIC NEWS

The **VHS Music Department** accompanied the **Marching Band** and **Choir** to Orlando, Florida to perform in Disney World. The itinerary included attending a performance of Cirque de Soleil, performing in a Disney performance workshop, a VHS Marching Band performance in Epcot, and a VHS Choir performance in Downtown Disney. **118 students** participated in the trip and eight VHS teachers (**Aidan Giannelli, Mike Schmidt, Joe Reynolds, Joel Van Tine, Amy Dyer, Nancy Lomas-Reynolds, Magaly Reluzco, and Mike Squarcia**) chaperoned.

Student Achievements:

VOORHEES STUDENT TO PERFORM IN THE 2013 NAfME ALL-EASTERN HONORS MIXED CHOIR IN HARTFORD, CT

More than 780 of the most musically talented high school students in the Eastern region of the United States have been selected to perform in the 2013 NAfME All-Eastern Honors Ensembles. Congratulations to **Elizabeth Maszczak (Alto 1) from Voorhees High School** who will perform in the All-Eastern Honors Mixed Choir!

With assistance from her music teacher, Mike Schmidt, Elizabeth will prepare remarkably challenging music that she will perform under the leadership of prominent conductors in this biennial event. Students will spend three days rehearsing with one of four conductors during the Eastern Division Conference of The National Association for Music Education to be held in Hartford, Connecticut in preparation for performances on April 7, 2013.

The 2013 NAfME All-Eastern Honors Ensembles will perform for an audience of thousands on Sunday, April 7, 2013, at the Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts, Mortensen Hall, in Hartford, Connecticut. For program and ticket information, please visit: www.nafme-eastern.org.

VOORHEES FOOD DRIVE

English teacher and Key Club advisor Nancy Anne Castello gave this report on the food drive completed during the week of 11/12/12:

In a single day, on Monday, Nov. 19, our students and staff brought in **2,224.60 pounds of food!!!** This included 28 turkeys and an enormous amount of potatoes. In the prior week, the students had collected 2,236 pounds of non-perishables...

The food drive is sponsored every year by Key Club during the VHS Spirit Fest which culminates with the Milk Can game; this year, Spirit Fest was moved to January because of Hurricane Sandy. Key Club ran the food drive anyway to help Kiwanis supply food to area families in need for Thanksgiving. Key Club members went all out promoting the food drive despite the rest of the festivities not taking place.

Voorhees, once again, collected more food than any other in our Key Club district, which includes North, Del Val, Central, and Warren Hills!

On Monday evening, Nov. 19, Key Club members put together boxes of food for 90 families in the North Hunterdon-Voorhees sending districts. We had enough food to put in each family's box all the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal plus food for days to come.

COACHES VS. CANCER

The Voorhees Football team, through their involvement in **Coaches vs. Cancer**, raised **\$3,100** for the American Cancer Society! This program that was supported by faculty, staff, athletes, students and parents raises awareness and funds for the fight against this disease.

THE WORLD LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION

Fifty students were inducted into the World Language Honor Society on Thursday, December 13. The event began with introductions. As students were inducted into their particular language society, they spoke to the audience in the target language. At the conclusion of the induction, a reception was held that included foods representative of France, Germany, Italy, and Spain.

French Inductees

Lily Ayotte
Leanne Bellouny
Jenna Cafora
David Cohen
Simone Darkoa-Larbi
Lauren DiNapoli
Quinn Furnald
Josephine Gallagher
Paul Graybeal
Jane Hinkle
Allison Kaufman
Emma Kundro
Jessi Stover
Victoria Tarpinian
Danielle Tyler



German Inductees

Ihsaan Ahmad
Tristan Downey
Thomas Farber
Margaret Freibergs
Robert Gordon
Robert Grochowicz
Holly Hildenbrand
Harrison Laverty
Erin Mackenzie
Cory Nunn
Christian Okulicz
Nikole Rodrigues

Latin Inductees

Victoria Crans
Nicholas Frost
Valerie Noonan

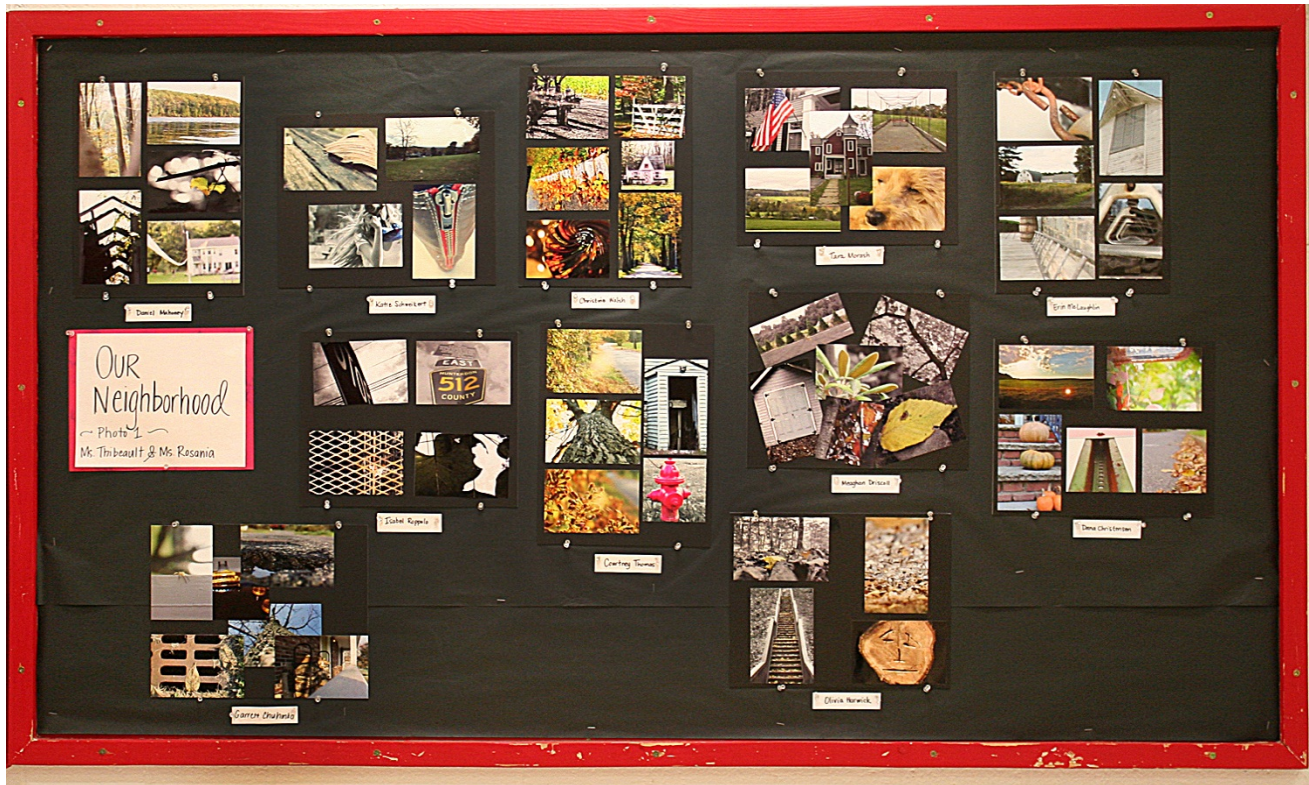
Spanish Inductees

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| Brendan Baker | Magdalen Link |
| Elizabeth Bialkin | Haley Mauriello |
| Jane Compton | Victoria McDermott |
| Michael D'Avella | Valerie Noonan |
| Samuel DeFabrizio | Ryan Park |
| Christina Dornbusch | Kevin Smith |
| Javier Galinsky | Megan Stefkovich |
| Alicia González | Madeline Terblanche |
| Meghan Gregory | Rachel Traylor |
| Katherine Koller | Ethan Ziemba |

The Arts:

Student work on display 12-12-12





Athletics:

Congratulations to the following coaches:

Chase Barbieri: Courier News Boys Soccer Coach of the Year, Star Ledger West Jersey Coach of the Year

Taylor Webb: Star Ledger West Jersey Field Hockey Coach of the Year

Justina Cassavell: Star Ledger State Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year

Congratulations to the following students:

Football

Star Ledger

Tyler Randolph: Group 3 – Second Team Offense, 3rd Team Offense – All West Jersey

Jadaen Bernstein: 1st Team Offense West Jersey

Nick Ruggerio: 2nd Team Offense West Jersey

Merritt Francis and Christian Okulicz: 3rd Team Offense - West Jersey

Boys Soccer

Star Ledger

Sam Caffrey: 3rd Team - All West Jersey

Chris Bonavito, Boys Varsity Soccer, has signed a letter of intent with **Monmouth University.**

Girls Soccer

Star Ledger

Madison Gavornik: 2nd Team- All West Jersey

Boys Cross Country

Star Ledger

Chris Thompson: 3rd Team - All West Jersey

Girls Cross Country

Star Ledger

Nisa Cicitta: 1st Team All State
1st Team All Group 2
1st Team All West Jersey
Star Ledger West Jersey Runner of the Year

Clarissa Modde: 2nd Team All State
1st Team All Group 2
1st Team All West Jersey

Erin Seiffert: 1st Team All Group 2
1st Team All West Jersey

Shannon Carney: 2nd Team All Group 2
2nd Team All West Jersey

Meaghan Driscoll: 2nd Team All Group 2
2nd Team All West Jersey

Kristen Erickson: 3rd Team All Group 2
2nd Team All West Jersey

Erin McLaughlin: 2nd Team All West Jersey

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM - #1 in the State – Star Ledger

Girls Volleyball

Star Ledger

Rebecca Hill: 3rd Team All Central Jersey

Field Hockey

Star Ledger

Victoria Crans: 2nd Team All Group 2
1st Team All West Jersey

Kathryn Roncoroni: 3rd Team All Group 2
1st Team All West Jersey

Michelle Gaykowski: 2nd Team All West Jersey

Girls Tennis

Star Ledger

Kirsten Olsen: 1st Doubles – All West Jersey

Meghan Olsen: 1st Doubles – All West Jersey

Sunny Jakubas: 2nd Team Singles – All West Jersey



VHS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

December 11, 2012

Founding Members

Kay Daughters-Musnuff
High Bridge
Jennifer Desch
Hampton
Cheryl Drzewoszewski
Hampton
Jill Fuerst
Tewksbury
Liz George
Lebanon Township
Beverly Knoll
Lebanon Township
Sherry Minchin
Hampton
Jill O'Brien
Lebanon Township
Kris & Bill Peterson
Hampton
Jill & John Scott
Tewksbury
Chris Sickels
Califon
Mike Walsh
Lebanon Township

Dear Parents, Guardians, Teachers and Community Members,

Our students will face many extraordinary challenges in the 21st century. Essential to meeting these challenges is to provide our students with an innovative education that prepares them with 21st century skills. Our school is doing its best to remain on the cutting edge of education, but with increasing and sustained pressure to trim the budget and limit spending in this difficult economy, many innovative programs go unfunded. Our help is needed now.

That is why I am pleased to announce the kickoff of the inaugural fundraising campaign for the “**VHSEF Founding Partners**”.

The mission of VHSEF is to raise funds for the purpose of elevating educational excellence for the students of Voorhees High School. By forming individual, community and corporate partnerships, VHSEF will fund educational initiatives such as student scholarships, innovative arts and science programs, technology enhancements, mini-grants and capital improvements that are not included in the school budget. VHSEF's endowment fund will be established to ensure ongoing support for programs which will inspire and enrich the students of Voorhees High School now and for years to come.

The VHSEF, with input from teachers and administrators, has targeted the following projects for immediate support:

- **Computer Lab/Media Center**
- **Microscopes for science labs**
- **VHSEF Scholarships for graduating seniors**

Every donation is appreciated and will be acknowledged on the VHSEF website at www.VHSEF.org.

Contributions of \$100 or more will be gratefully memorialized in a beautiful and permanent wall sculpture to be placed in a prominent location of the school.

Additionally, for donors who choose to contribute \$500 or more at the “Partners in Education” level, VHSEF will host a special evening of recognition this spring. As Partners in Education, these donors are invited to attend a reception and private performance given by the music department of Voorhees High School.

Your donation to VHSEF, no matter how large or small, will demonstrate your support for educational excellence in Voorhees High School. **Plant the seeds that will bear fruit for our children, our school and our community.** Thank you for your support and for investing in our future together!

Sincerely,

Mike Walsh
President, Board of Trustees
Voorhees High School Education Foundation

The Voorhees High School Education Foundation is a not for profit, 501 (c) (3) corporation. For more information and ways to give, please go to www.vhsef.org or contact Mike Walsh at walshtrips@comcast.net.



VHS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

VHSEF Founding Partners Campaign

The Voorhees High School Education Foundation (VHSEF) kicks off its inaugural fundraising campaign on December 11, 2012.

We ask you to join us, and become a Founding Partner in the VHSEF.

Lead the Way by making a contribution as a Founding Partner and you will be funding student scholarships, innovative arts and science programs, technology enhancements, teacher mini-grants, capital improvements, and an endowment fund which will inspire and enrich the students of Voorhees High School now and for years to come! Every donation will be acknowledged on the VHSEF website at www.VHSEF.org

DONOR RECOGNITION LEVELS

BRONZE	\$1-99
SILVER	\$100-249
GOLD	\$250-499

PARTNER IN EDUCATION

Friend	\$500-999
Fellow	\$1,000-2,499
Benefactor	\$2,500-4,999
Pacesetter	\$5,000-9,999
Visionary	\$10,000 & up

Your generous contribution of \$100 or more in the VHSEF's Founding Partners Campaign will be gratefully memorialized in a permanent wall sculpture to be placed in a prominent location of the school.

Become a **Partner in Education** with your donation of \$500 or more. Our *Partners in Education* will be invited to attend a special evening of recognition this spring. Hosted by the VHSEF, this special reception will include a private performance given by the music department of Voorhees High School, and presentations by teachers and students on recently donated equipment and technology. We look forward to seeing you there!

Make Your Contribution Now and you will be supporting Voorhees High School and making a difference in the lives of all our students. Consider making a donation in your family's name, in honor of a significant person in your life, or in memory of someone who has shared the value of education. The VHSEF is a 501(c)(3) organization; contributions may be tax deductible.

Plant the seeds that will bear fruit for our children, our school and our community.

NAME	BUSINESS NAME <small>(if applicable)</small>
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Alumni (Graduation Year _____)
 Teacher/Staff
 Student Family Member
 Business

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This donation is

- in memory of _____
- in special recognition of _____
- with special thanks to a teacher _____
- in honor of _____
- Please keep our donation anonymous

Please include the name and address of the person or persons you are honoring.

Please accept my \$100 or more donation and include my name or business as listed on the recognition sculpture that will be installed at Voorhees.

Please accept my \$500 or more donation and include us in your spring Partners in Education Reception and include our name or business as listed on the recognition sculpture that will be installed at Voorhees.

Please make checks payable to "VHS Education Foundation" and mail to:

VHS Education Foundation
PO Box 417
Califon, NJ 07830

Donations by credit card, please visit our website: www.vhsef.org click the 'Donate' button. You will be directed to PayPal. A PayPal account is not required.