



VOORHEES HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter



Viking News and Events

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 1-27 - 1-31-25 Counseling Scheduling meetings with current students**
- 2-3 - 2-14-25 Counseling Scheduling meetings for Class of 2029 students**
- 2-6-25 NCAA Eligibility Night @ NHHS Theatre - 7:00pm**
- 2-12-25 Intro to College Planning - 7pm**
- 2-14-25 11:55am Dismissal - start of Presidents' Weekend**
- 2-17-25 No School - Presidents' Day**
- 2-19-25 Blood Drive - Back Gym - 7:45am - 3:15pm**
- 2-19-25 Pops Concert Performance for Middle Schools**
- 2-19-25 Military Day - Mall - Lunch Periods**
- 2-20-25 PAC Meeting - Room 135 - 9:30am**
- 2-20-25 Annual Pops Concert - Theatre - 7pm (email: jreynolds@nhvweb.net for tickets)**
- 2-26-25 11:55 Dismissal for Students Only Staff In-Service PM**
- 3-4-25 Class of 2025 - Mr. Voorhees Show - Theatre Tentative Date**
- 3-6-25 Spanish Carnavale - NCAF - 1:30pm - 2:25pm**
- 3-7-25 Choir Coffee House Concert - Main Cafe -6pm and 8pm (email afinck@nhvweb.net for tickets)**
- 3-7 - 3-9-25 Ski Club Trip to Okemo Mountain, VT**
- 3-8-25 SAT Test @ VHS**
- 3-27-25 Mind of the Athlete for Spring Athletes - Theatre**
- 3-28-25 End of 3rd Marking Period**
- 3-29-25 Start of 4th Marking Period**

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH:

DECEMBER 2024

Unified

Unified Theatre program performed its 5th inclusive production, elf Jr., on December 7th and 8th.
(Pictures below)



Unified Club held its Gingerbread House making event. Students were grouped together to create a Gingerbread House. Afterwards, they voted on whose they liked best on December 18th.



Music Department

Mr. Finck has been rehearsing with the cast of Fiddler on the Roof, this year's spring musical. At this point most of the vocal music has been taught. He begins rehearsal with the Pit Orchestra in February.

Performances will be April 10-13, 2025. Email: jreynolds@nhvweb.net for ticket information.

On December 18, students in the choirs at Woodglen, High Bridge, Old Turnpike, and Califon came to Voorhees for an afternoon of shared music-making with students in our choirs. In total, there were 141 students who participated in the event (see picture that follows). Students had the opportunity to perform for each other and together as a large group, learn a little about vocal technique, and participate in a Q&A session with some of our upperclassmen. A big shout-out goes to the students in Honors Concert Choir who led sectional rehearsals with the sending district students and did a fantastic job teaching them some new music.



Students in Madrigal Choir and Show Choir braved the cold weather on December 19 to perform Christmas carols and pass out candy canes to students as they entered the building.



Gaming Club held a Bake Sale on 12/18.

Pride Club held Bake Sale on 12/19.

Hebrew Culture Club made Latkes to prepare for Hannukah at their monthly meeting.

“Holiday Spirit Week” took place 12-16-24 through 12-20-24. Student Council came up with themes for each day of the week. Class fundraising took place and the week culminated in a pep rally acknowledging winter sports! It is always a fun way to begin winter break

Speaking of winter break, the VHS Administration Office wished all staff a happy holiday season!



2024 finished with the students and staff celebrating our winter athletes with a fun filled week of activities.



Spirit Week

12/16-12/20

Monday: Merry Monday
Wear holiday colors to school!

Tuesday: Ugly Sweater Day
Wear your favorite holiday ugly sweater.

Wednesday: Winter Wonderland
Wear as much white to school as possible.

Thursday: Holiday Character Day
Dress as your favorite holiday character.

Friday: Holiday PJ's
Wear your favorite holiday-themed PJ's to school.



JANUARY 2025

Model UN

Reid Kirby, Model UN advisor, wanted to share some of the accomplishments of the Voorhees delegation who attended the annual YMCA Model United Nations Conference at Hershey, PA, 1-10-25 through 1-12-25.

- **The VHS delegation was awarded the distinction of Outstanding Delegation.**
- **David Manning, VHS sophomore, was recognized as a member of Outstanding Country for his representation of Japan in the Security Council committee.**
- **Tatiana Bulluck, VHS senior, was awarded Premier Diplomat for her representation of France in the Security Council committee.**
- **Tatiana Bulluck was also chosen to attend the prestigious Conference on National Affairs this summer.**



Counseling Department

On January 8th and 9th, students from the Class of 2029 visited Voorhees for orientation. The counselors introduced themselves and the administrators spoke about their various departments. SHIP Mates led tours and the music department presented both vocal and instrumental performances. The incoming students were introduced to clubs, activities, and athletic programs available at Voorhees High School.

The orientation for parents of the Class of 2029 was held on January 9th in the evening.

All 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students received scheduling videos in their email to prepare them for the course selection process which took place from January 10 through January 20, 2025.

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT/STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS:

Congratulations to the following PTSO Students of the Month for December 2024!

Isabella Settembrini Dina Lolacono Florie O'Brien Kiera Scott Dylan Quinn

Congratulations to the following PTSO Students of the Month for January 2025!

Frank Vaccaro Hope Trumpy Kellan Dorwart William Sommer Gianna La Marca

Congratulations to Annie Tramutola and Guilianna Cometto on being recognized at the Board of Education meeting for their outstanding efforts in leading Voorhees High School in the 2024 Special Olympics New Jersey "Thanks4Giving Cool Schools Challenge." VHS Unified took top honors in both school categories: Highest Team Participation and highest Fundraising Team.



The Math Honor Society students are available for tutoring in the Media Center during L1 and L2.

VHS mathematics instructors, Matt Evancho and Kat Cortes, attended a PD on business applications in the algebra classroom.

Bonnie Beneszewski, VHS English instructor, attended a “Poetry Weekend Intensive” 12-13-24 through 12-15-24 with poets Maria Gillan and Kevin Carey in Mendham, NJ. Bonnie generated some new poems and spent some time talking about the craft of writing with very interesting authors.

Mrs. O’Halloran, photo and digital media instructor, has created a website to preserve student work from Semester 1. - <https://sites.google.com/nhvweb.net/photo-semester-1-2024/photo-1>

Ms. Gorman, drawing, painting and yearbook instructor, has created a google drive folder with examples from her art classes that she plans to organize on the art department website so that the work can be preserved for future generations. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19DULWOaSaaJnOQ05ThmBjc3V04LwpAQ6>

VHS student art: (Click on the above links to view all samples of students’ art work)



DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Counseling Department

Military Day took place on December 4, 2024, with the Army, National Guard, and Marines participating.

Local Scholarships have been available online since December 2, 2024 and have various requirements and deadlines.

English Department

The school thrift store, initiated by Nancy Anne Castello, VHS English instructor, is doing wonderfully!! Great participation from students helping to keep it neat and relevant.

Mathematics Department

Barb Wieteszka administered the Third New Jersey Math League Contest on 12/17/24. Aaditya Aiyer received a perfect score of 6/6. Austin Keeth, Diego Gonzales, Zachary Beers, Nicholas Simeon, and Daphne Roskowski scored a 5/6.

Barb Wieteszka administered the Fourth New Jersey Math League Contest on 1/14/25. Fiona Cusack, Aidan McLaughlin, Austin Keeth, Yoel Samoun, Hope Dunleavy, and Jaden Vega scored a 5/6.

Barbara Wieteszka's AP Statistics students completed a Critical Statistical Analysis Project on aspects of a survey administration. They utilized the objectives and standards from chapter 4 to complete their analysis.

Using objectives learned in Chapter 3, students completed a project to figure out what the asking price of a car of their choice would be that was in fair condition.

Aniela Huizenga's ADV Algebra 2 students completed a poster project on exponential growth and decay. Students created or researched a real-world scenario related to exponential functions and modeled it with a graph, equation, and table.

Matt Evancho's ADV Discrete students worked with experimental and theoretical probability with sums of rolling a pair of dice.

In ADV Pre Calc, Aniela Huizenga had students complete special right triangle activities and guided discovery to help students discover the angle measures and ordered pairs of the unit circle.

In CP Geometry, Nicholas Perkalis had his students use straws to prove theorems of congruency within triangles. He also had his students complete proof posters, demonstrating their knowledge of proofs and logical thinking in a creative poster/display.

In AP Calculus AB, Nicholas Perkalis had his students demonstrate their knowledge of optimization by discovering the maximum volume that can be created by making an open top box from a single sheet of computer paper.

Karine Polgar had her CP Algebra 1A students complete a poster project on solving inequalities.

Practical Arts

Kelsey Collins' Interior Design students worked on a special project: redesigning the VHS teacher's faculty lounge. Teachers were asked to provide the students with preferences and ideas for the redesign. Their responses were both thoughtful, inspiring, and valuable in helping the students grow as designers!

Per Mrs. Collins, "To see the range of creativity in the students' designs was very exciting! Some concepts were especially imaginative, while others worked within the current setup, highlighting how functional the lounge already is. Interestingly, all students agreed that the mailboxes should be mounted on the wall right when you walk into the room." Approximate costs were calculated for the redesign by some students. All in all, this was a highly effective and enjoyable student assignment!

ATHLETICS:

Unified Basketball started on December 10th with the first HOME game versus Mount Olive on Jan 9, 2025.

The Unified Soccer team went to the SONJ complex (Special Olympics of New Jersey) on December 28th to try out for the Red Bulls Unified Soccer team. Four of our athletes made the team: Giulianna Cometto, Julian Kuffo, Joseph Pasquale, and Natalie Hoffman.



Quick Glimpse-Winter Sports at 1-23-25:

Boys Basketball is off to an 11-3 record.

Girls Basketball is off to an 8-4 record.

Boys Fencing is off to a 7-3 record.

Girls Fencing is off to a 6-3 record.

Boys Swimming is off to a 3-6 record.

Girls Swimming is off to a 6-3 start.

Wrestling is off to an 1-10 record.

Indoor Track (for both boys and girls) competed the weekend of 1-24-25 in Toms River.

VIKING QUICK LINKS

☐ **Calander & Bell Schedule:**

<http://www.nhvweb.net/vhs/home/administration/bell-schedule>

☐ **Emergency Closing Information:**

<http://www.nhvweb.net/index.php/community-resources/school-closing-information/>

☐ **Online Tutoring:**

<https://www.nhvweb.net/vhs/home/tutor-com-free-tutoring-for-students/>

☐ **Back to school night/ teacher videos:**

<https://www.nhvweb.net/vhs/home/back-to-school-night-2024-2025/>

☐ **Find us on Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/voorheeshs>

☐ **Follow us on Instagram:**

<https://www.instagram.com/voorheeshs/>

☐ **Live Viewing of home athletic events:**

<https://fan.hudl.com/usa/nj/glen-gardner/organization/28752/voorhees-high-school>

