

Third Quarter High Honor/ Honor Roll

To qualify for the High Honor Roll, a student needs to maintain A's in all subjects. Honor requires a student to maintain all A's & B's in all subjects.

Congratulations to the following students who were placed on the Honor or High Honor Roll for the third quarter, beginning January 26, 2017 and ending April 7, 2017.

HIGH HONOR ROLL:

First Grade: Hannah Davis
Third Grade: Adrienne Hodge
Fourth Grade: Ty Babcock, Evan Moore, Damien Murphy
Eighth Grade: Madison Van Althuis
Ninth Grade: Ryan Brooks
Tenth Grade: Shelby Husted, Autumn Pope, Meghan Van Althuis

HONOR ROLL:

First Grade: Ukiah Farnham
Second Grade: Taylor Hodge
Fifth Grade: Annika Armstrong, Jessup Ross
Sixth Grade: Ashlee Frayer, Parker Wier
Seventh Grade: Morgan Hodge, Hannah Pope
Ninth Grade: Jenea Evans, Emily Davis, Macey Montgomery
Eleventh Grade: Jonathan Lawrence, Jason Graham
Twelfth Grade: Matthew Diers

Congratulations Students!

High School Year-end Fieldtrip Reminder

The final payment is due by **June 9th** for the High School Year-end Trip on June 12th to Darien Lake. Total cost for the trip is \$32 per person.

Credit Card Payments

VHCA is **now accepting Credit Card payments**. We're happy to announce that we have implemented an alternative **payment** method. You can **now** pay for tuition and registration with your **Credit Card**.

The **payments** are processed by Transaction Express and can be made as a one-time payment or have reoccurring payments set up to make it easier for you. Call or stop by the office with any questions or to make a payment using Visa, MasterCard, AMEX, or Discover card.

Yearbook Extravaganza

The '16-'17 Yearbooks will be distributed to those who pre-ordered on Friday, June 2nd. There will be extra yearbooks available to purchase for **\$40.00**.

Lunch orders should be turned in and paid for by **Wednesday, May 31st**.

Dress code for the day is Modified Casual if you wear a Walk-a-thon T-shirt. Modified includes shorts that are long enough to go past fingertips when standing. They also should not have an appearance of being cut-off (frayed edges).

Just a Thought (cont. from page 2)

It isn't until well after crossing the line that they begin to slow down. In fact, for an average 40-yard dash, any given athlete may require an additional 50-60 yards to slow down once they cross the line.

The same principle holds true for us. Whether it be a project around the house, our individual jobs, or the academic school year, starting was the easy part. The hard part is persevering in a way that finds us crossing that finish line at our fastest. The enemy will do all he can do to slow us down. Distractions, temptations, personal frustrations and over-commitments are just some of the things at Satan's disposal. But as we purpose to finish our races following Paul's example, we won't grow weary because there is a harvest waiting if we don't give up. Run. Run hard. And finish well.

Not a sermon...just a thought.

Mr. Hodge

HOME MEMO

May 26, 2017

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Re-enrollment

We are encouraging VHCA families to re-enroll their children for the next school year. Knowing the approximate number of returning students early help us keep our commitments to families, staff and the children of our school. The re-enrollment fees are **per child**, not per family.

AFTER May 12th the Fee is: \$200

AFTER June 2nd the Fee is: \$250

Tuition Assistance Deadline is June 2nd

Families applying for financial aid will need to complete an online application and submit the necessary supporting documentation to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment by **June 2, 2017**. Applicants **must** apply online at <https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/3M9XJ> and search for VHCA using our zip code 13815.

A nonrefundable \$30 application fee must be received by FACTS in order to process your application.

If you have questions or concerns about the application process, you may speak with a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 1-866-315-9262.

Please keep in mind the application must be completed and supporting documentation must be submitted to FACTS by **June 1, 2016**.

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Don't forget to check out our website to stay informed with calendar of events and important information!



Matthew Diers, VHCA Senior and Mrs. Brooks, HS Math Teacher were recognized at the Annual Business & Education Scholar Recognition Partnership Dinner on Wednesday, May 10. Students are chosen on the basis of scholarship, as well as leadership and service to his or her school and community. The teacher honored is nominated by the student scholar for having a significant and beneficial influence on his/her education. Students and teachers from 41 area schools were honored at this year's program.

As The Year-end Approaches

Believe it or not, there are only 2 weeks of school left. Please remember as the school year ends, there are obligations that need to be taken care of before report cards and final transcripts will be released at the end of the year.

- Tuition Accounts need to be closed out for the year.
- Family Service Program obligations need to be met. If you would like to know how many service hours your family has left please call the school.
- Library books & movies need to be turned in or a replacement needs to be made.



Just a
THOUGHT
from the Administrator's Office

Finish Well

The story goes that a man was trying hypnosis to help him quit a bad habit. His friend asked whether he thought it would work. "Sure," the man said, "it worked the last time I tried it!"

Let's face it...starting well is easy. Finishing well is a completely different matter. Starting something new (even if it's hard) is most of the time relatively fun. Hanging in over the long haul is a real test of your will. For example, getting married is exciting and fairly easy. Staying married through all the adjustments, difficulties, struggles and hardships is not always an easy matter.

The end of another school year is just around the corner. Recently I've found myself repeating what my grandfather had said often. "Time goes faster as you get older." I realize more and more each passing year that grandpa's words are true. I know that time doesn't *actually* speed up nor slow down, but the feeling that time seems to get faster is real. Because of this, I am reminded more and more about what the Bible says about *finishing*.

All throughout Scripture, we see this idea of finishing well. No one gave us more wisdom on this subject than the Apostle Paul. He warned us to *set aside everything that will slow us down to run the race with endurance* (Hebrews 12:1). He reminded us to *press on toward the goal* (Philippians 3:14). We are taught to *discipline ourselves, and run the race, so that we may obtain the prize* (1 Corinthians 9). There are countless other passages where Paul speaks about the idea of finishing well.

This idea of finishing well has captivated my thinking, mainly over the last week or so. In our human flesh, it can be so easy and so attractive to "let our foot off the gas" and "coast to the finish line." However this is contradictory to the idea of finishing well.

During the NFL Scouting Combine, participating players who have hopes of becoming a professional football player take part in a series of events that showcase their natural talent and physical abilities. These men are some of the most athletic people in the world. One of their events is the 40-yard dash in which players are timed to see how fast they can run 40 yards. If you watch this event, you will notice that the athletes are actually running their fastest at the moment they cross the finish line.

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Upcoming Activities

MAY:

- 29 Memorial Day – No School & Office Closed
- 30 Elementary Year-end Fieldtrip to Animal Adventure (Rain Date: May 31st)

JUNE:

- 1 7th Grade Orientation during 7th bell (12:43- 1:19 p.m.)
- 2 Yearbook Extravaganza
- 4 High School Spring Banquet at YMCA 4 – 9 p.m.
- 5 Norwich Pharmaceuticals Fieldtrip for Chemistry & Environmental Science Students
- 7 Casual Dress Day
- 8 Kindergarten Graduation at 6:30 p.m.
- 8 & 9 High School Final Exam Days
- 9 Last day for ALL Classes - End of 4th Quarter
- 12 High School Year-end Fieldtrip to Darien Lake
- 12-16 Staff Days
- 15 Awards Night 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Senior Graduation – 10:00 a.m



Mr. Bowker and the 7th and 8th grade classes visited Fort Stanwix National Monument in Rome, NY on Thursday, May 18. God gave a beautiful, warm day for touring "The Fort That Never Surrendered."

After playing important roles during the French and Indian Wars and the American Revolution, the fort had been abandoned and eventually built over. However, in the 1970s the city of Rome tore down a section of its downtown area in order to rebuild the fort on the original site. Today it is an impressive reminder of our heroes and heritage.

The class not only toured the fort and heard its stories, but also were treated to instruction by costumed reenactors who demonstrated some of the areas of the fort, and even the preparation for the firing of a cannon.

Special thanks to Mr. Hodge for driving "the gang" for a great field trip!

Our students have been learning inside & outside of the classroom!



Mrs. VanDeLinde's 3rd & 4th grade went to the Sciencenter in Ithaca. The students were able to do hands-on activities that reinforce concepts taught in their Science class.



Mr. VanDeLinde came to visit the 3rd & 4th grade class to teach about bones, muscles, and physical therapy.



Miss Somers' 1st & 2nd grade class and Mrs. VanDeLinde's 3rd & 4th grade class went to the Farmers' Museum in Cooperstown to learn about American history and culture.



learning about habitats.



Mrs. Gieger's Environmental Science students took a trip to Roger's Environmental Center to learn about pond ecology and watersheds.



Mrs. Gieger's 9th & 10th Grade Physical Science Class played "Guess Who" with the periodic table.