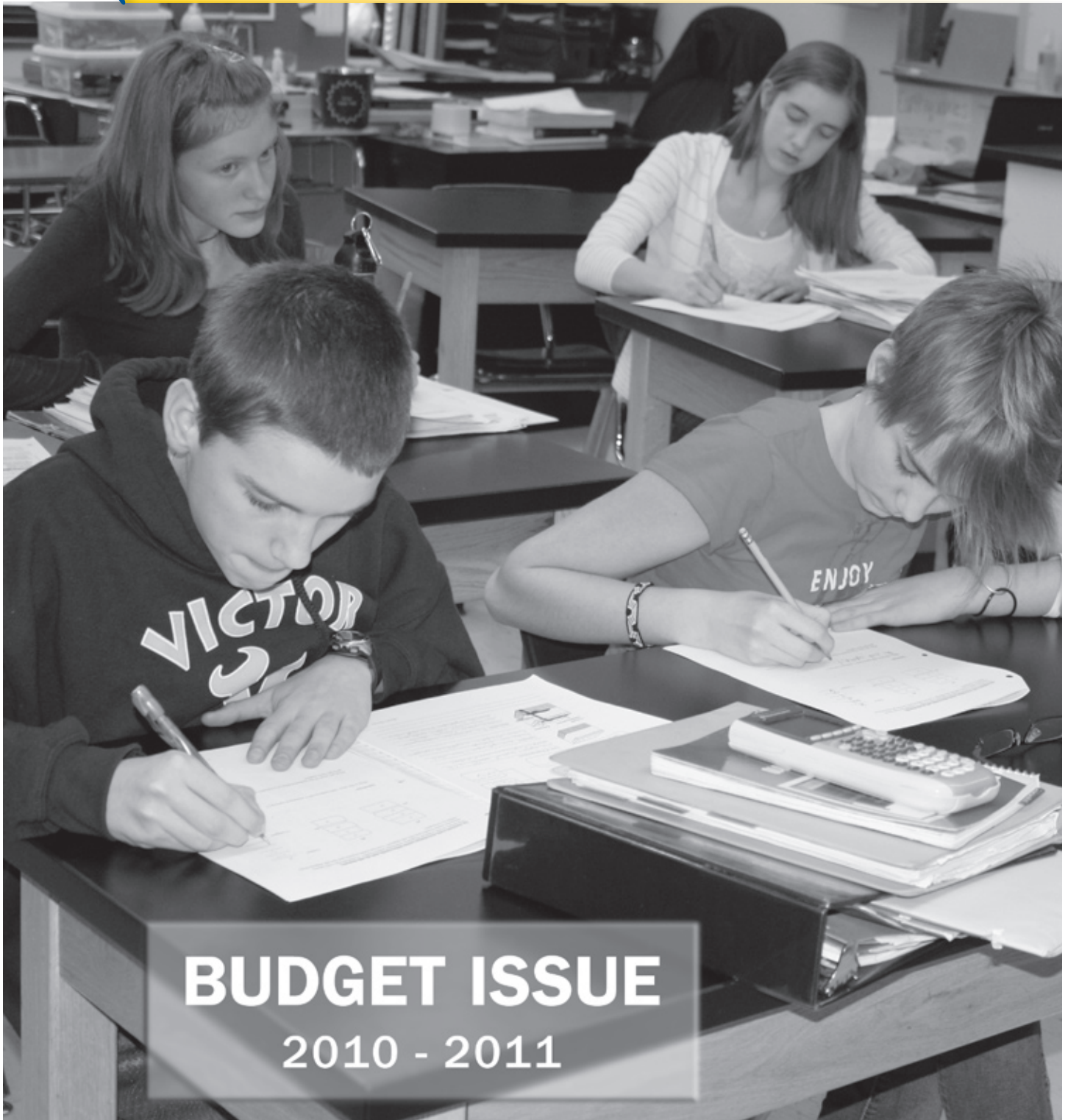


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Budget Vote Information

*District residents will cast ballots on the proposed 2010-2011 budget at the annual budget vote and Board of Education election on **Tuesday, May 18**. Voting will take place in the Victor Junior High School Gymnasium from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Voters must be at least 18 years old, a registered voter and a resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to May 18, 2010.*

VCS Board of Education

Pat Bolger
Jenner Davis
Timothy DeLucia
Mark Hamilton
Kathryn Hart
Stephen Martin
Robert Rose

The Board of Education meets on the second Thursday of the month in the Victor Education Center at 7:15 p.m. Residents are welcome to attend.

District Clerk

Maureen Goodberlet,
(585) 924-3252 ext. 1402

Superintendent of Schools

Dawn A. Santiago-Marullo

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The 2010-2011 School Budget

A Message from our Superintendent, Dawn Santiago-Marullo

Critical. Caring. Considerate.

These are just a few words that I would use to describe the 2010-2011 VCS budget process, and a few words I would use to portray those men and women who worked so diligently to prepare this plan.

On Thursday, March 18th, the Victor Board of Education unanimously adopted the 2010-2011 school budget at a special meeting. This year's budget building process was unusually challenging given a set of circumstances that include everything from an unstable economy, distressing underemployment and unemployment numbers and an incomplete state budget process.

It is because of these conditions that we were forced to rely on Governor Paterson's executive proposal, a plan that includes a proposed \$2,050,864 reduction in state aid for VCS. (This reduction includes the second year of stimulus funds promised by the federal government. Without these federal funds, we would be facing an even greater decrease in revenues for 2010-2011.) As you know, New York State's financial woes do not end here. The state faces a growing multi-billion dollar deficit in the coming years, a shortfall that will likely have us facing budget challenges for the next three to five years.

Continued financial reductions are not the only things that we can anticipate in the coming years. Unlike neighboring school districts, continued growth in our student population is also imminent. According to the New York State Office of Management and Services' 2009-2010 Property Tax Report Card, Victor Schools have the second largest percentage enrollment growth in New York State.*

Our FACTS demographic report reflects a similar trend, anticipating the net addition of 133 students in September 2010. This would bring our K-12 population to 4,254. This projection includes the possibility of having our largest Kindergarten class to-date with a projected enrollment of 338 students. To meet the needs of our growing population, we are adding 7.4 full time equivalent (FTE) positions.

This growth trend does not end here. Our student population is predicted to grow over the next decade by more than 600 students, bringing our K-12 population up to 4,912 by 2019.

On the flip side of our District's growth and development, this year's budget reflects a series of difficult reductions and eliminations of programs and services necessary to fill the gap created by reduced state aid and rising costs. In order to fill this gap, VCS' proposed 2010-2011 budget utilized several strategies – the use of \$971,982 in reserve funds and a reduction of \$1,116,977 in non-staffing areas of the budget. The remainder will require staff reductions that include 2.4 FTE retirements that will not be filled, the elimination of the equivalent of 12.0 FTE positions across PreK-12 and the reduction of staff hours in certain areas and programs. In this issue, the proposed spending plan is outlined in detail.

Preparing a budget in the midst of uncertainty is daunting. I am confident that we did the best we could do given the circumstances. We created a budget that maximizes our resources and offers a proposed tax rate of close to 0%. We were conservative yet creative and

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Victor Central School Achievements

Academics

- ~ VJH was re-designated as a "School to Watch" by the NYS Education Department's Essential Elements "School to Watch" Program. The school was first designated as a "School to Watch" in 2006.
- ~ In 2009, 97% of our students graduated with a Regents Diploma.
- ~ In 2009, 61% earned a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation.
- ~ In 2009, 30% received a Regents Diploma with Honors.

Arts

- ~ The 2009-2010 PTSA Reflections Art Program, "Beauty is..." featured many Victor student artists, four of whom earned awards of merit at the New York State level. VCS student, Aaron Schaible's film was also chosen to compete at the National Level.
- ~ The Victor Indoor Percussion Ensemble was crowned New York State Champions.
- ~ Six students were accepted as members of the 2009-2010 Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra and three students were selected to participate in the Hochstein Philharmonic.

Athletics

- ~ Four teams were Sectional Champions: *Girls Volleyball, Boys Volleyball, Cheerleading, and Girls Bowling*
- ~ The *2009 Girls Volleyball Team* are the New York State Champions. *Ashley Broderick* earned the New York State Diving championship.

STAR Program Information

The NYS School Tax Assessment Relief (STAR) program provides qualified homeowners with a \$30,000 assessment reduction for tax purposes.

Senior citizens receive a \$60,100 exemption. More than 800 senior citizens throughout the district received a reduction in their tax bills for the 2009-2010 school year.

School Tax Information Using STAR

Tax Bill with STARs	
1997-98	\$1,868
2010-11 (estimated)	\$1,138
\$ Decrease	\$730
% Decrease	-39%



Proposed Expenditures

New York State law provides that all district budgets be identified in three categories:

Administrative Expenses

- Curriculum Development
- Staff Development
- In-Service Development
- Personnel
- District Audit
- Tax Collection
- Central Printing/Mailing
- District Votes

Program Expenses

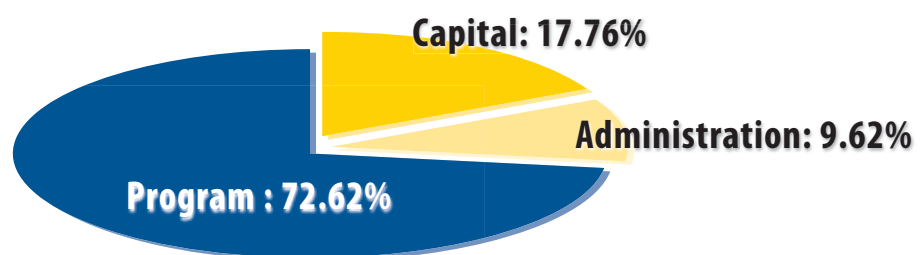
- All student services
- Instructional support
- Transportation operation
- Instructional salaries and benefits

Capital Expenses

- All facilities costs
- Debt Service
- Operations/Maintenance
- Supplies
- Utilities
- Personnel

Expenditures by Component

	Budget 2009-10	Proposed Budget 2010-11	Difference
Administrative Component			
Board of Education	57,950	59,403	1,453
Central Administration	148,888	154,188	5,300
Finance	398,696	410,826	12,130
Staff	383,858	385,221	1,363
Central Services	335,944	335,944	0
Special Items	643,777	650,464	6,687
Curriculum Development	469,980	399,337	(70,643)
Curriculum Supervision	1,424,353	1,438,709	14,356
Pupil Personnel Services	218,073	226,743	8,670
Employee Benefits	1,193,502	1,228,013	34,511
Administrative budget	5,275,022	5,288,848	13,826
Program component			
Legal Services/In-Service	22,000	22,000	-
Teaching	22,777,375	23,327,516	550,141
Instructional Media	1,102,869	1,104,140	1,271
Pupil Services	1,705,542	1,758,743	53,201
Co-Curricular/Intersch Athletics	1,051,749	1,054,250	2,501
District Transportation Services	2,529,541	2,548,689	19,148
Community Services	9,813	9,813	0
Employee Benefits	9,603,229	10,096,852	493,623
Total program	38,802,118	39,922,003	1,119,885
Capital component			
Operation	2,253,381	2,150,692	(102,689)
Maintenance	1,041,752	1,041,252	(500)
Employee Benefits	538,106	595,808	57,702
Debt Service	6,050,718	5,976,344	(74,374)
Total Capital	9,883,957	9,764,096	(119,861)
Total Budget Increase	53,961,097	54,974,947	1,013,850



VCS Budget Reductions, Additions and Transfers

The following are the result of reductions in state aid and rising costs:

Eliminations

- 1.0 FTE SH Clerical Position
- 4.5 FTE Teaching Assistants
- 0.6 FTE 7-12 Staff Developer
- 0.6 FTE K-6 Math Coach
- 4.0 FTE Teacher Aides

Reductions

- 0.4 FTE Intermediate School Foreign Language
- 0.7 FTE ECEC GoodStart Program
- 0.6 FTE Inquiry Program
- 0.8 FTE Senior High School Electives
- 0.2 FTE School and Community Relations Office

The following staff additions are due to a projected increase of 133 new students for 2010-2011:

- 1.0 FTE Kindergarten Teacher
- 2.0 FTE Second Grade Teachers
- 1.0 FTE Primary Special Education Teacher
- 1.0 FTE Junior High Special Education Teacher
- 0.4 FTE Elementary Art/Physical Education Teachers

The following staff changes reflect transfers from contract services to the District personnel budget:

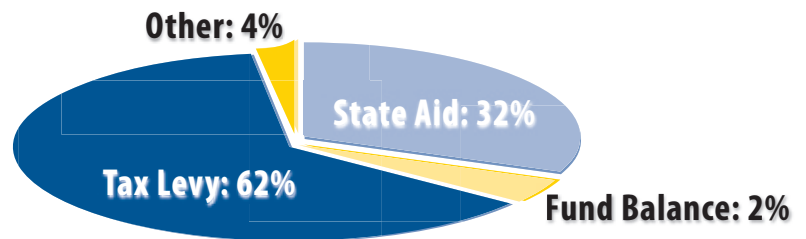
- 1.0 FTE Music Therapist
- 1.0 FTE Assistant Technologist

FTE = full time equivalent

Victor Central School 2010-11 Budget Plan Revenues

	Budget 2009-10	Proposed 2010-11
State Aid	19,072,061	17,619,899
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	1,020,000	1,220,000
Interest and Earnings	248,000	248,000
ERS Reserve Fund	0	221,982
Debt/EMP Benefit Reserves	0	750,000
Other Sources	170,000	170,000
Fund Balance	529,000	529,000
Tax Levy	32,922,036	34,216,066
TOTAL REVENUES	53,961,097	54,974,947

Where the Funding Comes From



Bus Purchase Proposition

School bus fleet maintenance and safety are driving a bus purchase proposition on the ballot May 18, 2010. Residents will be asked to approve the purchase of four 77-passenger buses and two 30-passenger mini buses.

The proposition totals \$625,000. New York State will provide 60 percent of the funding through NYS Transportation Aid. The new buses will replace vehicles that are at least 12 years old and have mileage in excess of one hundred thousand miles.

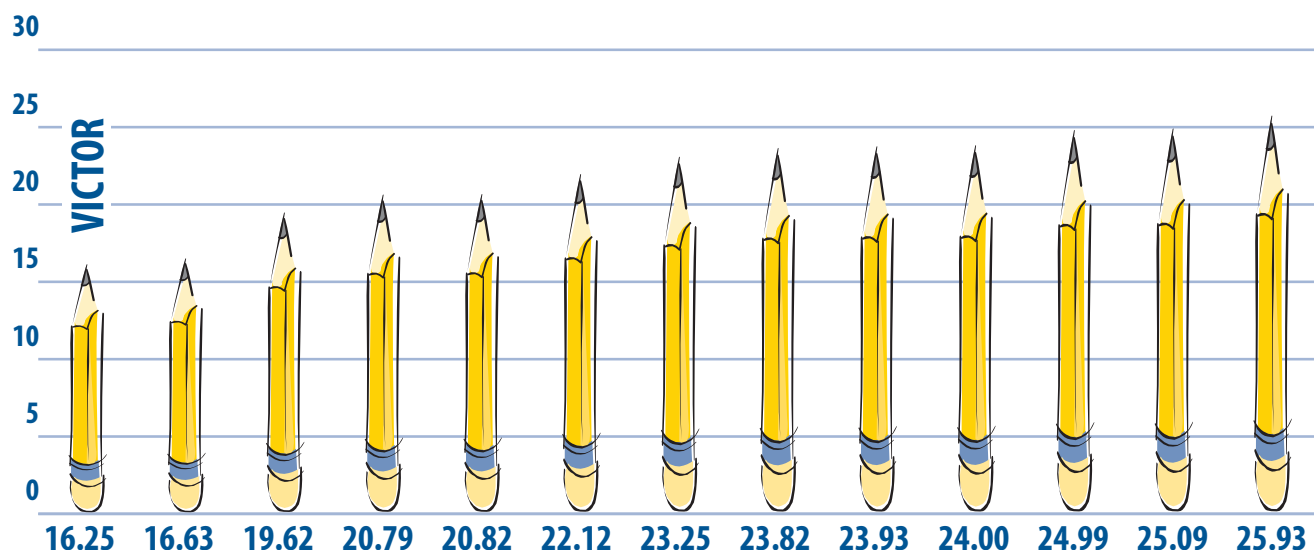
Notice is further given that a Bond Proposition in substantially the following form shall be presented to the qualified voters of the District at such Annual District Meeting and Election.

Bond Proposition:

- That the Board of Education of the Victor Central School District, in the Counties of Ontario, Monroe and Wayne, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to purchase various school buses for use by the District; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$625,000;
- that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$625,000 to pay such cost, said tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and
- that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$625,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

2009-10 True Tax Rate Comparison

(Source: Four County and Monroe County SBA)



Tax Rates in the graph above represent the following districts (not necessarily in the order listed): Bloomfield, Brighton, Canandaigua, East Irondequoit, Fairport, Honeoye Falls-Lima, Manchester-Shortsville, Palmyra-Macedon, Penfield, Pittsford, Victor, Webster, West Irondequoit

These figures represent the true value tax rate per \$1,000 of home assessment. In comparing last year's true value tax rates among Ontario County schools plus our contiguous and academic benchmark districts in Monroe County, Victor's true tax rate was the **lowest**.

Victor Central School NYS School District Budget Notice, including Contingent

Property Tax Report Card

The following is the Property Tax Report Card information that we are required to send to the newspaper per NYS regulations:

	2009-10	Projected 2010-11	Contingent Budget 2010-11
Total Spending	53,961,097	54,974,947	54,714,774
Increase/Decrease for the 2010-11 school year		1,013,850	753,677
Percent Increase (decrease) in each proposed budget		1.88%	1.40%
Change in Consumer Price Index		-0.04%	
Est. property tax levy for the 2010-11 school year		34,216,069	33,955,896
Administrative Component	5,275,022	5,288,848	5,213,848
Program Component	38,802,118	39,922,003	39,761,830
Capital Component	9,883,957	9,764,096	9,739,096

Should the 2010-2011 budget be defeated and the above contingency budget be adopted, the Victor Central School District Board of Education will make the final determination of budget cuts in a contingency budget. The following is a list of options the Board may choose to eliminate or reduce: some athletic teams; instructional field trips; teachers and support staff; and instructional programs. In addition, equipment purchases must be eliminated and all community groups/individuals will be required to pay for the use of school buildings (please note that Section 2023 of the Education Law requires school districts to provide this statement of assumptions made in estimating the contingency budget).

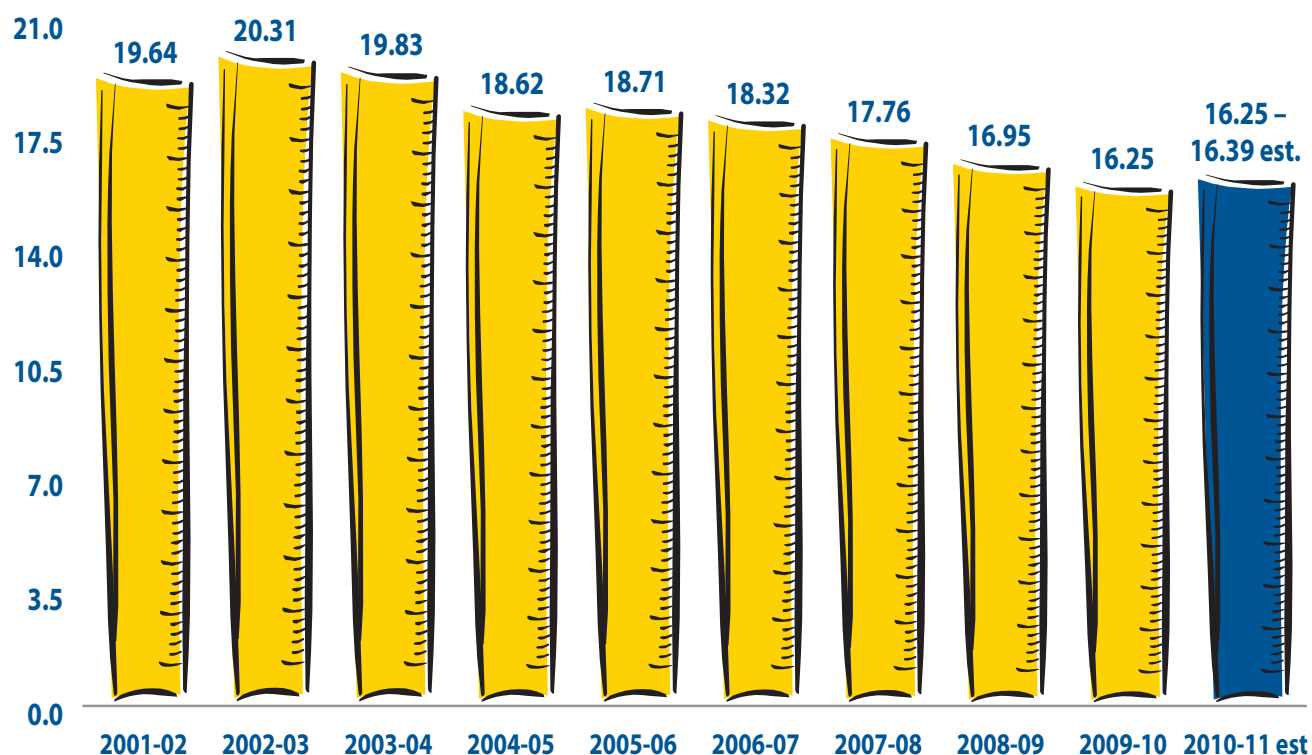
Victor Central School District Enrollment History*



* Excludes Good Start and Universal Pre-K (UPK)

According to the NYS Office of Management and Services 2009-10 Property Tax Report Card: Victor Schools has the second largest percentage enrollment growth in NYS. (Based on a non-city school and schools with enrollment of over 3,000 students)

Victor Central Schools Tax Rate History per \$1,000



Heart of Excellence

For the Record:

"The more things change, the more they remain the same."

Meet VCS Records Manager, Chuck Callari

He has processed more than 2,400 requests for student transcripts and immunization records, shredded and disposed of 1,300 cubic feet of outdated materials, and organized cataloged, and digitized thousands upon thousands of other documents -- from school calendars and tax records to personnel paperwork and yearbooks.

As Records Manager for Victor Central Schools since 1999 Chuck Callari has seen the life and times of VCS like no other.

"I look at this job and the artifacts that pass through it as basically a window into the history of Victor," Callari said. It doesn't hurt that Callari's professional role as Records Manager dovetails quite nicely with his personal love for genealogy. He has already done his own family's genealogy, as well as his wife, Carol's (VSH secretary from 1980 to 2004) and several friends. In the future, he hopes to take courses to become a Certified Genealogist.

Whether he has tracked his family's history, the history of VCS enrollment or the evolution of school newspapers, Callari says one thing is certain; "The more things change, the more they remain the same. History tends to repeat itself."

Callari, a retired Research Scientist for Eastman Kodak for twenty-six years knows

a little bit about history repeating itself, literally! He took World History five times at Rochester's Franklin High School before dropping out in 1959 to join the army.

It was there, in the midst of a cold war, working as a cryptographer for a military intelligent unit in Berlin, Germany, that Callari began discovering his interests. It was also there that colleagues convinced him to go back to school to get his GED, a promise that he kept, and then some, eventually going on to get his Bachelor's Degree in Science from the University of Rochester. Callari said it took him twelve years to get there, in between getting married, raising three children and working full time, but he has no regrets.

That was then. Today, Callari's retired pace suits him just fine. When he is not logging in his 24 hours per week in the VCS Records Department and the Victor Village Hall, he is actively involved in a variety of local organizations, from the former Finger Lakes Council of the Boy Scouts of America, where he once served as President, to the Canandaigua Lake Watershed Task Force where he is a past President, and the Ontario County Historical Society, where he also served as President. In his spare time, Chuck enjoys genealogy, photography and spending time with his children, Michelle Callari-Miller (class of 1984), Charles III (class of 1985) and Christopher (class of 1994), as well as his seven grandchildren.



The VCS Records Management position was created in 1999 through a federal grant. Thanks to Chuck Callari, VCS has secured \$138,000 in grant money over the past ten years to manage vital District records.

Giving, Going, Greeting

VCS Engages the World in So Many Ways

They give of their time, money and materials, go to faraway lands, and greet international visitors with open arms, hearts and minds. This past school year, VCS students and staff engaged the world like never before.

From holding fundraisers to support relief efforts in earthquake-torn Haiti to collecting school supplies for students in Columbia, holding a bottle drive to raise money for a clean water well in Africa, traveling to Chile, and welcoming student teachers from France, the VCS school community proved, yet again, that it is a vital part of something much larger than this campus. It is an important part of our world.



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VCS Engages The World is an on-going feature dedicated to telling the community how VCS students, teachers and staff are connecting with the world both during and after school. If you have a story with international connections, please contact the Office of School and Community Relations at 924-3252, ext. 1407.




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A: VSH Students on tour in Chile. **B:** VCS Administrators take visiting French teachers on a bus tour of Victor. **C:** VJH students raise money for Haiti at their annual talent show. **D:** VCS International Exchange Students from left Jindarat Sophasriphan "Da", Ingrid Sinell, Giovanna Scopigno **E:** VPS students collect school supplies for children in Columbia. **F:** Kindergarteners fill buckets with pennies for Haiti. **G:** VIS students learn about the plight of Africans in need of fresh water wells. **H:** VIS students raise money for Haiti on Hats for Haiti Day.


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In a Word . . . “Electrifying!”

VCS Students Will Not Soon Forget ***The Mark Wood Experience***



“Unbelievable. Fantastic. Fun. Awesome. Marvelous. Magnificent. Exciting. Unbelievable. Crazy. Cool.”

These are just a few of the words VCS students from second to twelfth grade used to describe their recent participation in *The Mark Wood Experience*.

On Friday, April 9, 2010, Victor Central Schools proudly welcomed Mark Wood, original member of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Emmy award-winning composer, recording artist, inventor of the Viper and Stingray electric violins, and a board member of the American String Teachers Association, to its campus for *The Mark Wood Experience*.

Through *The Mark Wood Experience*, Mr. Wood taught students how to perform on a whole new level.

The Mark Wood Experience culminated with a sold out concert on Saturday, April 10, featuring Mark Wood and Victor Junior and Senior High School Orchestra students. The experience was nothing short of ***electrifying!***



“Boss”



“Legit”



“Powerful”



“Wild”



“Thrilling”



The Victor Central Schools Orchestra Program gratefully acknowledges the hundreds of generous individuals, families and businesses that made The Mark Wood Experience possible for our students.

"Unforgettable"



"Enlightening"

The Mark Wood Experience Participants

Senior High Orchestra

Brittany Adams, 12 *Violin*
Maggie Angus, 11 *Cello*
Marissa Baughman, 12 *Violin*
Andrew Bell, 9 *Cello*
Matthew Bellinger, 9 *Cello*
Christa Caggiano, 9 *Violin*
Johnathan Chung, 10 *Violin*
Stephanie deNormand, 11 *Violin*
Ethan Doyle, 11 *Violin*
Christian Drew, 11 *Viola*
Marian Eckermann, 10 *Violin*
Liza Faber, 11 *Viola*
Caitlyn Fichtner, 9 *Violin*
Jay Fleckenstein, 10 *Cello*
Chris Frutchey, 9 *Violin*
Alex Gelinas, 9 *Violin*
Emma Glaess, 10 *Bass*
Candace Gonnella, 10 *Violin*
Harrison Hartsough, 10 *Cello*
Liz Henderson, 12 *Violin*
Connor Hixon, 10 *Bass*
James Inuzuka, 11 *Violin*
Aaron Jo, 9 *Violin*
Nick Jung, 11 *Viola*
Jordan Kaisen, 10 *Violin*
Bailey Kem, 9 *Violin*
Dylan Kennedy, 10 *Violin*
Alex King, 9 *Cello*
Makayla Klos, 9 *Viola*

Ashley Knight, 9 *Violin*
Erica Kosmerl, 9 *Viola*
Amanda LaRock, 12 *Bass*
Kara Martin, 9 *Violin*
Kayleigh McKay, 10 *Viola*
Tylor Militello, 9 *Violin*
Christy Mills, 9 *Violin*
Katie Montanaro, 12 *Violin*
Jillian Montreuil, 10 *Violin*
Jenny Moore, 9 *Violin*
Anthony Nitche, 9 *Violin*
Beverly Petilli, 11 *Violin*
Annie Portland, 12 *Cello*
Emmy Povero, 9 *Bass*
Kaitlyn Raduns, 10 *Cello*
Caleb Russell, 10 *Cello*
Megan Samoriski, 11 *Violin*
Nate Samoriski, 9 *Cello*
Marlena Santos, 12 *Violin*
Briana Saunders, 11 *Violin*
Kay Schmidt, 9 *Viola*
Caitlin Shanahan, 10 *Violin*
Erin Shanahan, 10 *Violin*
Claire Sobraske, 10 *Violin*
Matt Spitzer, 10 *Violin*
Kathryn Sprague, 10 *Viola*
Adria Wiedrich, 10 *Cello*
Grace Zimmerman, 10 *Violin*

Junior High Orchestra

Megan Bellinger, 8 *Viola*
Sam Bennett, 7 *Cello*
Faith Blackburn, 8 *Violin*
Noah Brown, 8 *Violin*
Elizabeth Caggiano, 7 *Viola*
Ethan Cramer, 7 *Violin*
Erin Eidschun, 7 *Violin*
Sydney Farrance, 7 *Violin*
Kelly Fichtner, 7 *Violin*
Eleni Fleckenstein, 7 *Viola*
Alexa Foley, 7 *Violin*
Teddy Franceschi, 8 *Violin*
Willie Franceschi, 7 *Cello*
Kathryn Franch, 8 *Cello*
Greer Henry, 7 *Violin*
Kean Houck, 8 *Cello*
Kiara Houck, 7 *Viola*
Konner Houck, 8 *Cello*
Kyran Houck, 8 *Viola*
Katie Juroe, 8 *Violin*
Nicolette Kulakowski, 7 *Violin*
Dominique Magistrado, 7 *Violin*
Patrick McCarthy, 8 *Viola*
Duncan McKay, 7 *Cello*
Hunter Meisner, 8 *Viola*
Micayla Menchel, 8 *Cello*
Joshua Miles, 7 *Cello*
Lauren Minkel, 8 *Violin*
Claire Monnier, 7 *Viola*

Ruthie Moore, 8 *Violin*
Dominique Newton, 7 *Violin*
Ellen Newton, 7 *Violin*
Emma Orlando, 8 *Violin*
Sarah Payne, 8 *Viola*
Kira Polvinen, 7 *Violin*
Nicole Purdy, 7 *Cello*
Joe Reinhardt, 8 *Cello*
Caroline Rochford, 7 *Viola*
Lauren Rubino, 8 *Violin*
Claire Rugaber, 7 *Viola*
Claudia Santos, 8 *Cello*
Kymook Saoro, 7 *Violin*
Aaron Schaible, 8 *Bass*
Kennedy Sereno, 8 *Violin*
Carolyn Spitzer, 8 *Violin*
Emily Stekl, 7 *Viola*
Christina Stewart, 7 *Violin*
Colton Trammel, 8 *Violin*
Brittany Turner, 8 *Violin*
Courtney Walker, 8 *Cello*
Jeremy Weed, 7 *Cello*
Irene Zimmerman, 8 *Viola*

Victor Central School Orchestra Teachers

Joanne Lowe
Elizabeth Fino-Radin
Tim Nowak

VCS 2010 Graduates of Distinction

A Missionary Physician and a Scientist

On Sunday, June 27, 2010, Reneé (Phelps) Valach (Class of 1984) and Gregory D. Goodno (Class of 1988) will be recognized as Victor Central Schools' 2010 Graduates of Distinction. The Graduate of Distinction program was initiated in 2002 as a way to recognize VCS alumni who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and magnificent contributions to society.

Following graduation from VCS in 1984, at which she was the class salutatorian, Reneé Valach earned a



Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University in 1988 and a Doctor of Medicine degree from Penn State

Reneé (Phelps) Valach ('84)

University College of Medicine in 1992. Dr. Valach completed her Residency in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at Penn State University/ Children's Hospital in Hershey, Pennsylvania from 1992 to 1996. From 1996 to 1997, she was the Pediatric Chief Resident and Instructor of Pediatrics and Internal Medicine.

Dr. Valach's post graduate achievements are long and varied. Before becoming a Missionary Physician in Gabon, Africa, she was a physician at Westmoreland Primary Health Center and on staff of Westmoreland Regional Hospital in Greensburg, Pennsylvania from 1997-2000. In 2001, Dr. Valach opened her own practice, Carolina Adult and Pediatric Medicine in Goldsboro, North Carolina,

offering primary care for the entire family as both a Board Certified Internist and Pediatrician. During this period, she was on the medical staff at Wayne Memorial Hospital where she served on and was chairperson of various hospital committees including the Institutional Review Board and Ethics Committee. In 2005, she served as President of the Wayne County Medical Society.

In preparation for her to care for the people in Africa, Dr. Valach attended the Centre d'Enseignement de Francais in Albertville, France, from September, 2006 to June, 2007 to learn French, which is spoken in Gabon. Ability to communicate in French was also important prior to her study at The Prince Leopold Institute of Tropical Medicine in Antwerp, Belgium from September, 2007 to February 2008. This is one of the oldest tropical medicine training institutions.

Starting in July 2007, Reneé Valach has been a missionary physician at Bongolo Hospital in Gabon. In addition to practicing internal and pediatrics, she is also the Administrative Director of the HIV/AIDS treatment center. At Bongolo Hospital, Dr. Valach's practice of medicine is challenging, often working with limited resources including medications, labs and medical tests. The majority of patients have diseases such as tuberculosis and malaria which are often associated with poverty.

Following graduation from VCS in 1988, Gregory D. Goodno earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physics from Dartmouth College in 1992 and a Masters degree in Physics from the University of Rochester in 1994. In 1999, Mr. Goodno was



Gregory D. Goodno ('88)

awarded his Doctorate in Physics from the University of Rochester.

Dr. Goodno's post graduate

achievements in high power laser technology are internationally recognized. From 1992 to 1999, he was a Research Assistant for the University of Rochester where his accomplishments ranged from inventing a process for holographic encoding, to designing solid-state lasers. In 1999, he joined Northrop Grumman (formerly TRW) in Redondo Beach, California, where he worked as a Senior Member of the Technical Staff, Scientist, Staff Engineer and Senior Staff Engineer before becoming a Senior Scientist in 2010.

As a Senior Scientist for Northrop Grumman, Dr. Goodno is a Principal Investigator for research and development on high power fiber lasers. In this capacity, Goodno develops novel technologies for beam combining and fiber laser power scaling, acts as the technical lead for proposals, white papers, journal articles and presentations, acts as a technical mentor for colleagues and staff and participates in numerous volunteer activities in the laser technical community.

Dr. Goodno's professional activities are a clear reflection of his success in the laser technology field. From 1995 to present, he has provided more than 40 contributions to technical literature. He has also acted as a peer reviewer for technical journals, chaired numerous sessions at technical conferences, taught classes, and served on various technical committees. From 2008 to present, he has been co-editor of the High Power Laser Handbook and in 2010 he became Program Chair at the Advanced Solid State Photonics Conference.

From 2000 to present, Dr. Goodno has been the recipient of numerous program, patent and technical awards at Northrop Grumman. In 2005, he received the Northrop Grumman Chairman's Award for Excellence, the company's highest honor, and in 2006 he was the recipient of the Northrop Grumman Space Technology Award for Innovation.

Drs. Renée Valach and Gregory D. Goodno will be formally recognized at a special Graduates of Distinction breakfast reception on Sunday, June 27 at the Constellation Brands-Marvin Sands Performing Arts Center at Finger Lakes Community College. Following the reception, Drs. Valach and Goodno will take part in the VCS Class of 2010 graduation ceremony, located at the same venue.

For more information or to purchase tickets to attend the event, contact Liz Welch or Sherri Lasky in the Office of School and Community Relations at 924-3252, ext. 1407.

Five Residents Seek to fill



Jenner Davis

Address

7 Moraine Point
Victor, NY 14564

District Resident

VCS Graduate 1989,
2005-present

Education

Victor Central School

Cornell University, BS in
Industrial & Labor Relations
University of Notre Dame, MBA
Fordham University, JD

Profession

CEO, Cook Islands Financial Services Development
Authority Attorney/Executive, JD International
Advisors, LLC

Community Activities:

Serenity House Gala Committee

Family

Maitoe (Papa) Marearai, Husband
Elizabeth, Daughter

Personal Statement

My desire to serve on the Board of Education two years ago stemmed from wanting to see the good things happening at Victor continue and to improve on the areas in which the school needs to do better. It has been an unusually full two years for the Board of Education, with the most visible of our activities being the process that lead to the hiring of our current Superintendent. We have also seen the financial situation of the state and our community shift dramatically with negative impact on the funds available to provide the amazing services we offer our students. I believe I can continue to serve the district well in navigating these unique times. I will continue to be a committed, engaged, and contributing board member representing all aspects of our community while always being guided by doing what's best for our students.



Timothy DeLucia

Address

1452 Mertensia Road,
Farmington, NY 14425

District Resident

24 years

Education

BS, Business Administration
– Rochester Institute

of Technology

Community activities

Current elected member of the Victor Central School
Board of Education.

VCS Board representative to the:

District Audit committee
Four County Board of Directors
District Campus Improvement Committee
NYSSBA Federal Relations Network
NYSSBA Legislative Committee
Four County School Board Legislative Committee

Family

Wife - Marilyn
Son - Michael (1997 VCS Grad)
Daughter - Erin (1999 VCS Grad)

Personal Statement

As a Board Member, I am thankful for the opportunity to serve the school community, and to be part of the process that has enabled us to provide a wealth of educational opportunities for our students. These opportunities offer our students the preparation needed to be "world ready", follow their dreams, and to meet the challenges for success.

I have been privileged to work with a talented and dedicated team of district professionals that have provided programs to meet the needs and interests of ALL students, while maintaining fiscal responsibility to the district residents. I will continue to support these efforts.

I would be honored to continue to work as a board member to support the vision to improve, develop and offer a strong educational foundation for the children of our community.

Board of Education Seats



Kathryn G. Hart

Address

1260 Cork Road
Victor, NY 14564

District Resident

10 years

Education

B. A. with Highest Distinction in Political Science

– Pennsylvania State University; Juris Doctor with Honors in Law – Ohio State University College of Law

Profession

Attorney

Community Activities

- Board of Education, Victor Central School District since 2007, currently 2nd Vice President
- Partners In Education (PIE), currently Treasurer, President from 2000 – 2009
- Inquiry Program Advisory Committee Member
- Previously served as a Parent Representative on VCSD's Curriculum Council, Jr. High Council, Monitoring Task Force; Parent Representative Nominating Committee; and the Steering Committee on Inclusive Education
- Founder and Past Coordinator of Chess Clubs at Victor Primary, Intermediate, and Jr. High Schools and Victor Chess Tournament Coordinator from 2001-2009
- Victor Central PTSA Member/Volunteer and VOICE Member
- Girl Scout Leader/Advisor
- Buddies, Bridges, and Brains and Scott Spino Literacy Partners Volunteer at Rochester City School #22
- Cantor, Choir Member, Liturgy Committee Member, and former Choir Director at St. Catherine's Church.

Family

Husband, Jerry; daughter, Michelle - VCS Grade 10; and son, Matthew - VCS Graduate 2009, currently a freshman majoring in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Notre Dame.

Personal Statement

For the past ten years, I have worked diligently within the District as a member of the Board of Education, parent representative, advocate, and volunteer to ensure that each child is given every possible opportunity to reach his/her full intellectual potential and is encouraged to become a life-long learner, one who will be successful in our ever-changing and highly competitive world.

I have worked very closely with administrators, teachers, parents, staff, and students on many different educational issues. I am firmly committed to improving curriculum, instruction, parent/school communication, parent involvement, and shared decision making, among other things. Our District has done very well, but we must always strive for continuous improvement. We owe that to our children.

It would be an honor and a privilege to continue serving on the Board of Education and work proactively with the entire community to ensure that all of our children receive the exceptional education they deserve.

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Board of Education Seats (cont'd.)



Carl Herke

Address

7842 County Rd. 42,
Fishers, NY 14453

District Resident

15 years

Education

Honeoye Falls-Lima High
School; AAS Computer
Technology – Monroe

Community College; BS Information Technology –
Minor in Applied Communications, Rochester
Institute of Technology

Profession

Manager for national software support call center -
Paychex, Inc.

Community Activities:

- Former member of Victor-Farmington Kiwanis Club.
- Grace Ministry International local and internet-based ministry touching at least seven congregations in five countries.
- Member of the Victor 9-12 Tea Party.

Family

My wife Cheryl and I have been residents of the Hamlet of Fishers since 1995. Our children Paul Herke ('99), Trevor Bork ('05) and Corey Bork ('06) are alumni of VCS.

Personal Statement

In my 15 years of residency in Victor, I have been proud to witness the growth of the Victor Central School District and grateful for the education provided to my children. It is my desire in running for the Board of Education to preserve and continue for future generations the quality of education which has been started here in Victor without overburdening our community in the process. In these times of fiscal challenge, I want to assure that we ask the right questions in order to be as wise as possible in our decisions. I pledge to be a voice of reason and the best steward possible of every tax dollar that every resident has entrusted to the Board of Education in order to build a strong foundation for the lives of our youth.



Michael Young, DC

Address

6966 Alydar Circle,
Victor NY, 14564

District Resident:

18 years

Education

Associate in Science
Bachelor of Science

Doctor of Chiropractic

Profession

Doctor of Chiropractic in private practice with an office in Canandaigua also Clinic Manager of The Body Mind Center of Integrative Medicine at Thompson Health Systems.

Community Activities

Six years on the board of the Victor Youth Football and Cheerleading League, President for the past two years. Four Years as a youth and travel lacrosse coach and two years as a youth soccer coach.

Family

Kim my wife of 18 years. My son Connor, age 15 and Allison my daughter, age 11.

Personal Statement

This community has been very good to me and my family and I look forward to the opportunity to give back to this school district. The Board of Education has, in my opinion, done a great job administering to the needs of the district. Their foresight has kept this district consistently one of the finest school districts in the state. I would look forward to continuing with this tradition of excellence. I think I have the perception to see needs of the district and the skills to develop solutions for these needs. I would be proud to represent the interests of the students, parents and the rest of the community as a member of the Victor Central School, Board of Education.

Kindergarten Registration Underway

Kindergarten Registration is underway for the 2010-2011 school year. If you have not done so already, please register your child at Victor Central School's Pupil Personnel Services office, located in the District office building.

VCS offers a full day kindergarten program. Students who are 5 years old on December 1, 2010 are eligible to participate.

Please note: If your child is currently enrolled in the GoodStart or Universal Pre-K programs at the ECEC or our offsite Pre-K program at KinderCare, you do not

need to re-register for Kindergarten.

If you have any questions please contact the ECEC office at 924-3252 ext. 6410.



Budget

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ever-cognizant of the harsh realities all around us. As always, our primary goal in preparing a budget is to create an environment that supports the highest quality education for our children while being fiscally responsible to all of our taxpayers.

The budget information contained in this issue reflects more than a series of cold, hard facts and figures; it represents a community of critical, caring, considerate men and women -- from our Board of Education and administrators to staff, students, parents and other community members. As I shared with VCS staff in a memo following the Board of Education's adoption of the proposed 2010-2011 budget, this process was not taken lightly. On the contrary, it was difficult for everyone involved, both personally and professionally; however difficult times require difficult decisions. Thank you for your continued support as we work through some of the most difficult times this District and our community have experienced in many years.

** Based on non-city schools and schools with enrollment of more than 3,000 students.*

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Victor, NY 14564

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To: Victor Central School District Residents

The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services maintains a list of registered sex offenders and offers many resources through its web site, <http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us>. People may search the Sex Offender Registry using the criteria of name, county or zip code. Parents and guardians may want to talk with children about interacting with adults and people they do not know.

Family Fun Festival

May 18, 2010, 3:30 - 9:00 p.m.
VCS Campus

FEATURING

Chicken BBQ

Walk for Diabetes

Carnival

Snack Drive

*to benefit the
Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard*

Fine Arts Festival

and SO MUCH MORE



VICTOR CENTRAL SCHOOLS 115TH ALUMNI BANQUET

Miceli's Restaurant

1011 State Route 31, Macedon, NY 14502

Sunday, June 13, 2010

6:30 p.m. Cocktails, 7 p.m. Dinner

*For more information call Ken at 924-2944,
Kathleen at 924-7982, or Mike at 924-8169*

VCS Class of 2010 Graduation Ceremony

Sunday, June 27, 12:00 p.m.
at CMAC

Constellation Brands

Marvin Sands Performing Arts Center

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