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

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A Message from Our Interim Superintendent, Dennis Ford



I am incessantly learning in my brief time here to never be surprised by the accomplishments of Victor students. The latest news encompasses recently released upstate school rankings done annually by Buffalo Business First. Victor was just ranked 17th out of 431 schools measured in the 2019 results. The Business First annual academic ratings for upstate school districts employs a comprehensive methodology for schools across 48 counties, stretching as far east as the 11 counties in the Albany area; north to the six counties in the Plattsburgh and Watertown areas; west to the Buffalo-Niagara Falls region; and across the Central and Southern Tier from Binghamton to the smaller Cattaraugus and Chautauqua county areas.

The ranking formula is based on the latest four years of test results and graduation rates provided by the New York State Education Department. Factors calculated in the ranking formula include: (1) 14 statewide elementary and middle school tests – in ELA, mathematics, and science; (2) six Regents exams – earth science, living environment, chemistry, physics, global history, and U.S. history; (3) four Common Core exams – English, integrated algebra, geometry, and algebra 2; and (4) two graduation rates – percentage of students receiving Regents diplomas and percentage of students who receive diplomas with advanced designations. If you factor each of these results annually and then multiply by the four-year period indicated above, 200 indicators are actually used to determine the rankings

with multiple grade levels from elementary school to high school impacting the results.

Wow! 17th! Top 4%! Congratulations!

I know, I know, rankings such as these are also unmistakably interconnected to the socio-economic status of communities. True. I was repeatedly reminded of this for years when I served as a superintendent in a school district in the Buffalo region that always performed very well in the Business First rankings. But it never once caused me to not celebrate the results. Simply put – stand tall and be proud of the fact that our Victor kids perform well, they come from great families that place genuine value on quality educational opportunities, they are experiencing quality teachers and educators at all levels and are supported by a complete staff of employees that attend to their many needs beyond the classroom.

Let us also never forget that success like this cannot be achieved without a school community that year in and year out shows their support for the schools through positive budget votes, capital construction projects, various fund raising initiatives, attendance at many school events, and in so many other ways.

So, from an Interim who is constantly reminded about your success and fierce community pride, I say CONGRATULATIONS to our students and to everyone that contributes to the district's success!

Dennis Ford, *Interim Superintendent*

Heart of Excellence

Unsung Heroes and Heroines are men and women who go above and beyond their job description on a daily basis. Each year, these individuals are nominated by their peers, the highest of compliments. On Wednesday, August 28, 2019, at Victor's Staff Conference Day, five extraordinary men and women from five different departments were named this year's Unsung Heroes and Heroines. They are the Heart of Excellence at Victor Central Schools!

Mark Rugaber

Transportation Department

Employed since November 15, 2010

Mark Rugaber received the praises of numerous coworkers for going above and beyond in his role as not only a bus driver, but the department's Union president. Rugaber has been driving school bus for VCS for 10 years. His nominators said he is a dedicated employee with an impeccable safety record. Since becoming Union president in 2017, Rugaber has spent countless hours in meetings and negotiations, researching, and simply getting members the very best contracts. Union members say he keeps their best interests at the forefront at all times and conducts himself with great respect and dignity.

Linda Klee

Clerical

Employed since September 17, 2012

More than a dozen employees took the time to nominate Linda Klee for this year's clerical award.

Although her official title is Clerical Support to School Counselors and Psychologists, Linda's warm demeanor, energetic spirit and ability to problem solve, make her so much more. One of her nominators said that at times Linda is a pseudo-counselor, handing out tissues and lending an

empathetic ear to small children asking to see a counselor. Linda also schedules hundreds of meetings, laminates teacher projects, types up class lists, organizes placement materials, and sends out a multitude of letters to parents and staff. Supporters say, whatever she is doing, Linda does it all with a smile and a contagious laugh.

Anne Whalen

Food Services

Employed since September 8, 1992

Early Childhood School cafeteria manager, Anne Whalen, is known by her peers for always going above and beyond with a smile during some of the most important times in a student's day, breakfast and lunch! This past year, Anne brought a whole new crew with her to the VECS cafeteria, and the results couldn't have been better. Coworkers praised Anne for always putting students first. One nominator said Anne makes lunchtime very enjoyable for both students and staff and her willingness to go above and beyond definitely sets her apart. Field trip lunches are also a breeze thanks to Anne's creative planning and coordination. Whatever the meal or moment, Anne always manages to find a solution to any sticky situation.

Heart of Excellence



from left to right: Mark Rugaber, Doug Moore, Elen Gunn, Anne Whalen, and Linda Klee

Doug Moore

Facilities and Grounds

Employed since June 14, 1999

Doug Moore has been helping to make the VCS campus look beautiful for twenty years. From maintaining multiple athletic fields to servicing miles of sidewalks, roads and parking lots, Doug's attention to detail can be found on just about every inch of campus. One nominator said Doug is not only a great employee, but an amazing teacher and a great mentor to VCS graduates who work on campus grounds during the summertime. Whatever the season or reason, nominators agree that whenever they need to contact him, Doug is quick to reply in a courteous and professional manner.

Ellen Gunn

Teacher Aide

Employed since September 2, 2003

Dedicated, compassionate, loyal, selfless, caring, nurturing, and comical, too. These are just a few of the words nominators used to describe teacher aide, Ellen Gunn. Throughout her 16 year career at VCS, Ellen has not only worked in various special education programs, but was selected to help start up the 8:1:1 program at the Primary School six years ago because of her steadfast character, flexibility and ability to work with children with various disabilities. One nominator said Ellen exemplifies what it means to put the student first and can be counted on to develop genuine relationships that students and staff recognize and embrace. She is very patient, loving and generous to children, but she is tough, too. Her students love her. Co-workers love her too!

Student Studies in South Korea through State Department Scholarship



This summer, junior, Breanna Ryan spent six weeks studying Korean in South Korea through a National Security Language Initiative for Youth

(NSLI-Y) scholarship. NSLI-Y is a U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs program. Ryan was one of approximately 660 American students selected from more than 3,300 applicants to study Arabic, Chinese, Hindi, Indonesian, Korean, Persian, Russian, or Turkish overseas. While in South Korea, Ryan not only received formal language instruction, she also lived with a host family and experienced the local culture.

Ryan learned about NSLI-Y from VCS alumni on Instagram. She chose South Korea because she had been self-studying the language for four years prior to studying abroad. "I've always been interested in South Korea, and I wanted an opportunity to become immersed in the culture and study the language in a classroom setting. I also think Korean is a valuable language to learn due to the increasing relations between the United States and South Korea," she said.

Ryan said South Korea was beautiful, the perfect mix of rural and urban life. She lived in the city of Songdo, a newer international business district in South Korea. "The city was very clean and easy to navigate through the public transportation system. It was located a little less than two hours away from the capital of South Korea, Seoul. I went there frequently during

my stay," she said.

According to Ryan, Seoul was not only accessible, it was full of life and culture. "Between cute cafes, street shopping, and traditional temples and museums, there was always something exciting to do," she said. Ryan also stayed at a Buddhist temple located in the mountains of South Korea where she learned about traditional Korean Buddhist values and practices. Korean culture is strongly based on filial piety, Confucianism, and respecting other people, which Ryan experienced daily through her interactions with local people. "Everywhere I went in Korea there was a strong sense of nationalism and pride," she said.

Ryan's interest in international relations and communications was prompted largely in part by many of the classes she has taken at VCS. "AP World History gave me a better understanding of cross cultural interactions throughout history. Taking Spanish also made studying Korean easier, as it prepared me to think about foreign linguistics and grammar. I think the combination of world history, foreign language, and even English classes got me in the right mindset to study abroad," she said.

Ryan wants to study either international communications or political science after she graduates from VCS. She also plans on studying abroad again to further develop her foreign language skills.



*top to bottom:
Breanna Ryan
and her host
family and
Breanna with
other students
studying abroad*



English Language Learners Thrive at Victor

Victor Central Schools prides itself on providing every child with a high quality education. VCS proudly supports 141 English Language Learners (ELLs) from 21 different countries. English as a New Language (ENL) teacher, Laurie Estochen, said ENL teachers are a bridge into the classroom for our ELL students. They modify and reteach lessons, focus on vocabulary, provide visual support and translations and make great connections between home and school to help ELLs feel included. They also provide stand-alone classes where ELL students are given extra support and encouragement in a safe environment to practice English and learn about American culture.



*Bernardo
and Nancy
Figueroa*

Bernardo Figueroa and his mom, Nancy Cardona, moved to Victor in 2017 after Hurricane Maria. Ms. Cardona is in hotel management. The Hurricane changed the lives of many living and working in Puerto Rico. The tourist industry was not exempt. Ms. Cardona found it necessary to move and seek new employment. Bernardo is a senior this year and a BOCES student. They love living in Victor and are appreciative for not only finding employment, but a great school where Bernardo can learn a skill. Their favorite place to visit is Niagara Falls.

Evgjenia Keri and her mother, Diana Despos, moved to the United States in 2013 from Albania. After immigrating to America, Evgjenia's mom married Alex Despos, and their family grew to include Dionisis (kindergarten) and Amelia. Evgjenia is a senior. The Despos family started at Midlakes and moved to Farmington in 2018. They love the support Victor Schools gives their children and the training that Evgjenia is able to access at through the BOCES program.



*Alex, Diana,
Evgjenia,
Dionisis, and
Amelia*



Summer Construction Features Big Changes

New construction continued to move forward in a big way on the VCS campus this summer. Among the larger projects completed were a new gymnasium and large music ensemble room at the Intermediate School.

The new gym features approximately 8,000 square feet and was designed for four independent teaching stations. The previous gym had only three.

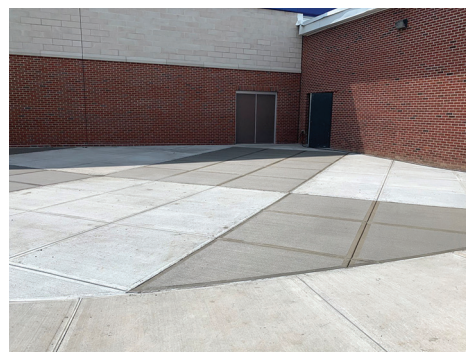
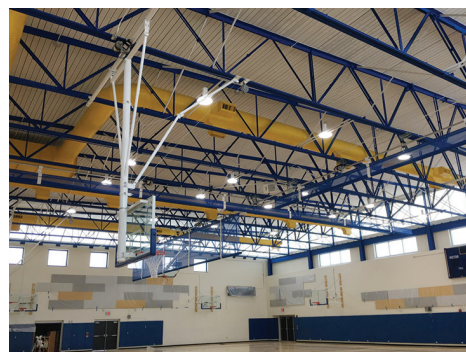
VCS Director of Facilities, Chris Marshall, said that in addition to a set of bleachers, the new gym features a main basketball court, volleyball court, several badminton courts, and four square and side basketball courts.

The new 1,200 square foot music ensemble room is also equipped with air conditioning and includes choral risers and an integrated smart TV for lessons.

The higher ceilings and the acoustical panels in the new space will also enhance the sound in the room.

Other noticeable changes on campus this school year include new nurses' offices in the Early Childhood School and Senior High. Both offices feature approximately 750 square feet of air conditioned space that include four beds, an examination/treatment room, and a storage area.

A variety of general building maintenance and upgrades were also completed, from the installation of a new ventilation system, boiler plant, and rubberized flooring in classrooms in the Primary School to a new roof at that Intermediate School.



Senior High School Named Recognition School

The New York State Education Department named Victor Senior High School a Recognition School. Recognition Schools are among the top schools under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) for performance, student growth and/or graduation rate. In order to earn this status, schools must meet or exceed either the school or New York State measures of interim progress for English language arts and mathematics, for rate of Chronic Absenteeism, and College, Career, and Civic Readiness. They also must meet the federally required 95 percent participation rate in the English language arts and mathematics assessments. Senior High principal, Brian Siesto, said this honor is a testament to our students and staff who work so hard and achieve at such high levels. ■

Victor Named 2018-2019 Scholar-Athlete School of Distinction Winner

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc. (NYSPHSAA) announced its 2018-19 Scholar-Athlete School of Distinction and School of Excellence Award winners. Victor Senior High School was one of 35 schools to earn the School of Distinction status. This honor is reserved for schools at which 100% of their varsity teams qualify for and receive the Scholar Athlete team award during their respective sport seasons. The purpose of the School of Distinction and School of Excellence Awards are to unite varsity coaches in challenging their teams to achieve a statewide honor for academic excellence. This year's figures represent the highest number of NYSPHSAA member schools being recognized for their academic achievements. ■

Early Childhood School Announces 2020-2021 Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration Schedule

Pre-K Registration Begins in January!
2020-2021 Pre-K and K Registration Schedule

Pre-Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 Victor Early Childhood School year will begin on Wednesday, January 8, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Pupil Personnel Services Office in the District Office building adjacent to the Victor Early Childhood School.

Children who are four years old on December 1, 2020 are eligible to register for Pre-K. The lottery for Pre-K will be Friday, February 7, 2020. Notification letters will be mailed Friday, February 14, 2020. (Please note that lottery results will not be shared over the phone.) The lottery represents a truly random process.

Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year will begin on Monday, March 2, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm in the Pupil Personnel Services Office in the District Office building adjacent to the Victor Early Childhood School. Children who are five years old on December 1, 2020 are eligible to register for Kindergarten. ■

PeachJar Flyer System Provides News, Information and More

PeachJar is designed to advertise activities going on at VCS in a more targeted, timely fashion. PeachJar allows you to access upcoming building and district wide events and fundraisers, as well as information from our parent groups (PTSA, PIE and VOICE) and booster clubs. Best of all, news and information can be uploaded any day of the week, all year! PeachJar also provides filters so users can access flyers by topic, building or date.

Want Daily PeachJar Updates?

Open up PeachJar on our website at <https://www.victorschools.org/account> and follow these steps:

- Under “Parents” go to “PeachJar Flyers.”
- Click on “My Account” on upper right hand corner.
- If you have not already registered on PeachJar, follow the registration instructions.
- Once you are registered, go to “My Account” on the lower left hand side of the page and select “Notification Preferences” and “School Preferences.”
- You can set up notification preferences for one VCS school or all five of them!

Remember, you can always check out what’s happening at VCS by opening PeachJar on our website: <https://app.peachjar.com/flyers/all/districts/32620> ■

Blue Devils Tackle Cancer in Teddi Bowl IV

On Thursday, September 5, 2019, the Victor Blue Devils hosted Camp Good Days & Special Times’ Teddi Bowl IV, the first Section V football game of the year. This year, for the first time in Teddi Bowl history, the Victor Blue Devils and Canandaigua Braves played against each other. The Blue Devils defeated the Braves 31-14. All proceeds from the game will benefit Camp Good Days & Special Times. ■

2019 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees Honored

On Saturday, September 28, 2019, the Athletic Hall of Fame held its annual induction ceremony at the Burgundy Basin Inn in Bushnell’s Basin to honor individuals who excelled in athletics at VCS.

This year’s inductees were:

Jessica Cotton-Settimi – Class Of 2004

Bob Dreste – Class Of 1980

Paul Nardoizzi – Class Of 2003

The Victor Hall of Fame was founded in 1999 as a way to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of outstanding athletes, coaches and Blue Devil supporters, reconnect those individuals and their families with Victor Central School and deepen the current student-athlete understanding and appreciation for the history of the Blue Devil athletes by seeking their participation. ■



VCS Hires Intermediate School Assistant Principal



This spring, the Victor Board of Education appointed Pittsford resident, Staci Thibodeau, as the new Assistant Principal at the Intermediate School. Thibodeau joins VIS Principal Kevin Swartz and Assistant Principal Michele Maloney.

Previously, Thibodeau was a School Psychologist at the Victor Intermediate School where she served as the K-6 Student Support Services Coordinator and facilitated the Committee on Special Education meetings. She was also responsible for providing crisis intervention services and led professional development focusing on academic and behavioral interventions. Thibodeau is also actively involved in that building's Buddy Network, a peer mentoring program that pairs students with social challenges with typically functioning peers in supervised activities designed to facilitate positive peer relationships.

Prior to becoming a School Psychologist at VIS, Thibodeau was a School Psychologist for Broome-Tioga BOCES in Binghamton, NY (2007-2008) and a School Psychologist for North Kansas City School (2006-2007).

Thibodeau said her role as a School Psychologist over the past thirteen years will definitely help her in her new leadership role. "In addition to my facilitation skills, my background in school psychology has prepared me to consult with teachers and families surrounding the academic and behavioral needs of students who are struggling. I believe I can use my role as an Assistant Principal to work with staff, students and their families to facilitate effective intervention within and beyond the school setting," she said. ■

VCS Appoints Assistant Director of Special Education

The Victor Board of Education appointed Webster resident, Julie Bitely, as the District's new Assistant Director of Special Education at its June meeting. Bitely has 24 years of experience in education. Prior to coming to VCS, she was the Diagnostic and Prescriptive Specialist at Fairport Central Schools where she provided weekly instructional support to special education teachers. She was the Director of Learning and School Improvement for Monroe 1 BOCES from 2001 to 2014, and from 2014 to 2018 she served as the Summer School Principal for Fairport Central Schools. Bitely was a Speech Pathologist for the West Irondequoit School District from 1997 to 2013. She began her career as a student teacher at the Faccett School in Elmira, NY.



Bitely earned a B.S. in Speech and Hearing Handicap/Psychology from Elmira College in 1995. She earned an M.S. in Special Education in 1999 and her Administrative Certification from the University of Rochester in 2016.

"It is my belief that an educator's mission is to make school enjoyable and exciting. If students look forward to attending school, they will want to learn. I believe that is what school is about. It is my uncompromising view that all students can learn, given a positive atmosphere that welcomes exploration and enhances student confidence," Bitely said. ■

VCS Names New Business Manager

On Thursday, October 12, 2019, the Victor Board of Education named Jay Schickling as its new Assistant Superintendent for Business. Schickling replaces Interim



Business Official, John Zappia, who has been filling the post since July, following the resignation of Joseph Dougherty.

Schickling has 14 years of business experience in both the private sector and school setting. Prior to coming to VCS, he was the Director of Finance and Operations for Marion Central Schools where he was responsible for the development and management of a \$20.5 M budget, as well as the administration of the food service, transportation and facilities departments. In 2017, Schickling spent several months working for Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES as the School Business Official at Palmyra-Macedon Central School District. From 2016 to 2017, Schickling was the School Business Leader Intern at Rush-Henrietta Central School District. He was also a business teacher and assistant coach for that district from 2008 to 2017.

Schickling earned a B.S. in Marketing and Business Administration from St. John Fisher College in 2005 and a Business and Marketing Education Certificate from Buffalo State College in 2007. In 2011, he earned a M.S. in Business Administration from SUNY Empire State College in Saratoga, New York, and in 2017, he completed his Masters of Educational Leadership and Policy Certificate of Advanced Study from the University of Buffalo.

Schickling is currently the President of the Wayne-Finger Lakes Chapter of the New York State Association of Business

Officials. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of Evergreen Federal Credit Union in Rochester, New York. Other professional accomplishments include being a graduate of the New York State Association of School Business Officials' (NYSASBO) 2018-2019 Leadership Academy and completing the School Business Official Boot Camp at the New York State Comptroller's Accounting School and NYSASBO School Accounting workshop.

Schickling was a two sport athlete at St. John Fisher College (football and lacrosse) and was scouted by multiple NFL franchises. He was also an Assistant Coach at the collegiate level for two NCAA football programs and coached three interscholastic sports at Rush-Henrietta Central Schools, producing sectional finalists in football and State finalists in wrestling.

"I am thrilled to be joining a school district with a long-standing track record of academic and extra-curricular excellence. The Victor Central School District is unique in its ability to offer such a vast array of programs and experiences for children while maintaining a close-knit community atmosphere," Schickling said. ■

Have a Concern?

From time to time throughout the school year, parents, students and community members have concerns that they would like to address with school administrators. To ensure that your specific concern is met by the best qualified person, please see our "Communication is Key" chart located on the School and Community page of our new website. <https://www.victorschools.org/district/departments/school-and-community-relations> ■

Niche.com Names Victor Top Public High School for Athletes

This spring, Niche.com named Victor Senior High School the number one school for athletes in New York State.

The 2020 Best School Districts for Athletes ranking is based on data from the U.S. Department of Education along with millions of reviews from students and parents. ■

Chris Eckhardt Sworn in as Newest School Board Member



Chris Eckhardt was sworn in by the VCS Board of Education as its newest Board member on July 11, 2019, during its reorganizational meeting. Eckhardt replaces Michael Young who stepped down from his post at the end of the school year after serving the District for nine years.

Eckhardt is a twenty year resident of Victor. He and his wife, Tricia, have two daughters who attend Victor Schools.

Eckhardt comes to VCS with a wealth of school business experience. He is the District Treasurer for Fairport Central Schools where he has been at the helm for sixteen years. Prior to that, he spent eight years in public accounting, specializing in school audits.

Eckhardt is actively involved in youth sports. He has been a coach for Victor Community Softball for eight years and Victor Parks and Recreation Basketball for six years. He was also a past member of the Victor Community Softball Board.

“My goal is to serve the entire Victor educational community, and be part of a collaborative effort that focuses on continuous improvement in setting the vision and goals for the District to ensure all of our children have the opportunity to maximize their potential, Eckhardt said.” ■

VCS Hires Interim Superintendent

This spring, the Victor Board of Education appointed veteran educator, Dennis Ford, to the position of Interim Superintendent. Ford will fill the role until February when the District hires a permanent successor to Superintendent Dr. Dawn Santiago-Marullo who retired in July.



Ford brings 45 years of education experience to our District, including seven years as a building level administrator, four years as an Assistant/Associate Superintendent, and 21 years as a Superintendent of Schools in Amherst, Depew, Akron, and while serving the state and the Buffalo City School District as a state approved Education Partner Organization (EPO) Superintendent. The latter experience came while working for M&T Bank in Buffalo for their Buffalo Promise Neighborhood and foundation initiatives.

Ford also brings a deep-rooted connection to the education arena of our greater area. He began his career as an English teacher in the Newark Central School

District in Wayne County. During his 16 years in Newark he also served as an assistant principal, principal, interim district office administrator, the developer and editor of the first district newsletter, grant writer, junior varsity coach (baseball) and modified coach (basketball/football).

Ford also served as the play-by-play voice for high school football and basketball games on WACK radio in Newark. ■

Attention Parents of Students Who Attend Private/Parochial Schools

Important Busing Information

In order to be eligible for transportation to a private/parochial school, parents must submit a written request no later than April 1st of the previous year. In addition, you must live within 15 miles of the school of your choice.

Please send written requests to:

Lisa Hinman, VCS Head Bus Driver
Transportation Department
953 High Street,
Victor, New York 14564 ■

Board of Education Celebrated

On Thursday, October 10, 2019, at its regular monthly meeting, the Board of Education was honored for their service to our school community. In addition to receiving cards and small tokens of appreciation from each school, Board members, Debbie Palumbo-Sanders (President), Christopher Parks (Vice President), Karen Ballard, Tim DeLucia, Chris Eckhardt, Kristin Elliott, and Mike Vistocco, were treated to a pre-recorded music presentation by students in the Early Childhood School and live previews from the upcoming Senior High School fall play, *30 Original Plays In About An Hour*.

Each year, the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) sponsors School Board Recognition Week to recognize school board members for their commitment to New York public school children. ■

Upcoming Music Events

Friday, November 22nd

VJH Musical (Annie)
7 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

Saturday, November 23rd

VJH Musical (Annie)
1 pm and 7 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

Tuesday, December 3rd

4th and 5th Grade Holiday Chorus
7 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

Wednesday, December 4th

JH Instrumental Holiday Concert
PTSA Ice Cream Social
7 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

Thursday, December 5th

6th Grade Band, Chorus and Allegro
Orchestra Holiday Concert
7 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

Saturday, December 7th

RPO Holiday Concert
7 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

Monday, December 9th

VSH Holiday Bands Concert
7 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

Tuesday, December 10th

Intermediate- Presto and Vivace
Orchestras and Suzuki Group
Holiday Concert
7 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

Wednesday, December 11th

VPS 3rd Grade Holiday Concerts
PTSA Ice Cream Social
6:30 and 7:30 pm, VECS Auditorium

Monday, December 16th

VSH Orchestras and Choirs
Holiday Concert
7 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

Tuesday, December 17th

VJH Choral Concert
PTSA Ice Cream Social
7 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

Wednesday, December 18th

Beginning and 5th Grade Bands
Holiday Concert
7 pm, JH/SH Arts Center



Snackpack Program Set to Help Hundreds of VCS Families

The Victor Senior High School Cares Club, in cooperation with the Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard and Foodlink, kicked-off the 2019-2020 Snackpack program in time for Columbus Day weekend. Last year, the program delivered free food to more than 75 families and that number is expected to go up this year according to program co-advisor, Deb McManis. “We have received wonderful feedback that this program is really helpful for families,” she said.

The Snackpack Program is FREE and CONFIDENTIAL and is intended for families who need help providing food when school is not in session. All students in Pre-K through Grade 12 qualify for the program.

While all non-perishable foods are welcome, McManis said the program is most in need of canned fruit, granola and/or breakfast type bars and kid-friendly flavors of canned soup. Donations can be dropped off in the main office of the Senior High school. McManis said the program is also always in need of drivers to help with confidential deliveries.

In order to participate in the Snackpack program, a parent or guardian needs to call 585-924-3252, ext. 6211 to register (confidentially) and leave an ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, and NUMBER OF CHILDREN. The only qualification for participation is a stated need for extra food. Requests to be added to the program OR removed from it if you no longer need it, can be made via email to McManisD@victorschools.org ■

2019-2020 Packing Schedule:

Deliveries can be made anytime from these dates through the Saturday morning after these dates.

Thursday, November 21

Tuesday, December 17

Tuesday, January 14

Wednesday, February 12

Tuesday, March 10

Wednesday, April 1

Thursday, May 14

Senior High Seeks Internship Opportunities

Victor Senior High School's College and Career Center is dedicated to partnering with area business professionals to provide students with the best education and experiences. Through community partnerships, students not only gain career exposure, but a concrete vision of future opportunities, too. Businesses also establish valuable working relationships with hardworking, driven students.

Whether it is a job shadow, unpaid internship, or small group discussion, VCS appreciates your valuable time. If you have worked with us in the past, thank you! If you are interested in working with our students in the future, please email Cindy Mereness at merenessc@victorschools.org. She can also be reached by calling 585-924-3252 x6424. ■

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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.

Visual & Performing Arts HALL OF FAME

***Do you know a Victor Central School
alumnus or alumna who has made a significant
contribution to the arts?***

The Visual and Performing Arts Hall of Fame
honors such individuals.

Nominees shall be selected based upon the following criteria:

A. Graduated from Victor Senior High School at least
(10) years ago. Nominee may have or may not have been
affiliated with a VCS arts program.

B. Staff member, parent or community member who
made significant contributions to the VCS arts program
a minimum of (5) years.

Suggested "types" of artists that could qualify would be
Creators ~ Performers ~ Practitioners ~ Contributors

Go to <https://www.victorschools.org/community/alumni/arts-hall-of-fame>
for more information.

**Nominations must be submitted by
Tuesday, January 21, 2020 to:**

Visual & Performing Arts Hall of Fame committee
c/o The Office of School and Community Relations
Victor Central Schools
953 High Street, Victor, New York 14564
or by emailing laskysh@victorschools.org

VCS Seeks Names of Distinguished Graduates

Do you know a Victor Central School alumnus who has made a significant contribution to society? The Graduates of Distinction program honors such individuals. Applications are currently available in the Office of School and Community Relations or on-line at www.victorschools.org. Alumni selected for this honor will be recognized at a special Graduate of Distinction Day next fall.

Nominees to the Victor Central School District Graduates of Distinction program shall be selected based upon the following criteria:

A. Nominees must have graduated from Victor Senior High (or have attended Victor Schools BEFORE there was a high school in the case of Honorable Recognition) at least 15 years before they are eligible for selection. The committee may waive the graduation time limit requirements in certain circumstances, as it deems necessary;

B. Significant achievement after attending Victor Schools which include: (1) Educational achievements; (2) Professional achievements; (3) Job-related achievements; (4) Honors, awards, professional affiliations, publications; (5) Civic or community involvement; (6) Other appropriate qualifications which the committee believes merit consideration.

For more information:

[https://www.victorschools.org/community/alumni/
graduate-of-distinction](https://www.victorschools.org/community/alumni/graduate-of-distinction)

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c/o The Office of School
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Victor Central Schools
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