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VICTOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS MAGAZINE



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Budget Vote Information

*District residents will cast ballots on the proposed 2017 – 2018 budget at the annual budget vote and Board of Education election on **Tuesday, May 16**. Voting will take place in the **Victor Intermediate School Auditorium** 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 16, 2017.*

VCS Board of Education

Karen Ballard
Timothy DeLucia
Kristin Elliott
Gary Gilbert
Deborah Palumbo-Sanders
Trisha Turner
Michael Young

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.

District Clerk

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

Superintendent of Schools

Dawn A. Santiago-Marullo, Ed.D.

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Voter Registration

On Tuesday, May 9, 2017, the Victor Central School District will hold voter registration from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room. This registration is for residents currently not registered to vote in the general election.

For more information on voter registration and/or the upcoming budget vote, contact VCS District Clerk, Maureen Goodberlet at 924-3252, ext. 1402 or email her at goodberletm@victorschools.org.

The 2017–2018 School Budget

A Message from Our Superintendent
Dawn A. Santiago-Marullo, Ed.D.



Thank you for your continued support of Victor Central Schools' students and staff. This year, I am pleased to report that we are proposing yet another budget that demonstrates fiscal responsibility to the community and a continued commitment to providing our students with the highest quality education possible.

Between a reduction in expenses, mainly from teacher retirement system costs, and additional New York State aid, I am pleased to report that the 2017-2018 Victor Central Schools' fiscal plan reflects a budget-to-budget increase of \$1,250,015 or 1.92%. It also includes a true value tax rate of \$16.32 per thousand. For taxpayers, this rate translates into a 0% increase from this year's true value tax rate.

At \$66,352,887 the 2017-2018 budget allows us to add several much needed positions that were lost or put on hold during the recent recession. In fact, each of our five schools, from the Early Childhood, Primary and Intermediate Schools to the Junior and Senior High Schools is on track to add positions. This includes teachers, typists, counselors, cleaners and support staff, to name a few. (For a complete listing of proposed positions, see page 9.)

Formulating a budget is never an easy process. There are so many variables, some of which are completely out of our control, but as always, VCS continues to build budgets with two goals in mind, to provide every child with the highest quality education and to remain fiscally responsible to our taxpayers. I am proud to present the 2017-2018 to you in this publication not only because it paints a thoughtful budget development process but because it tells a story of a school community working together and striving for excellence.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dawn", written over a horizontal line.

Dawn A. Santiago-Marullo, Ed.D.

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

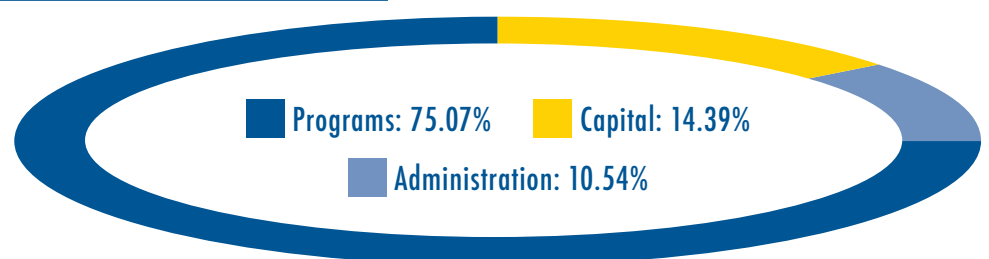
- All Student Services
- Instructional Support
- Transportation Operation
- Instructional Salaries and Benefits

Capital Expenses

- All Facilities Costs
- Debt Service
- Operations/Maintenance
- Supplies
- Utilities
- Personnel

Expenditures by Component

	Budget 2016-2017	Proposed Budget 2017-2018	Difference
Administrative Component			
Board of Education	70,755	73,110	2,355
Central Administration	210,022	216,113	6,091
Finance	361,921	374,261	12,340
Staff	560,238	571,042	10,804
Central Services	430,819	449,575	18,756
Special Items	834,991	869,833	34,842
Curriculum Development	516,464	551,844	35,380
Curriculum Supervision	1,585,045	1,702,608	117,563
Pupil Personnel Services	338,436	349,724	11,288
Employee Benefits	1,809,947	1,834,190	24,243
Administrative budget	6,718,638	6,992,300	273,662
Program Component			
Legal Services/In-Service	20,700	20,700	
Teaching	26,467,716	27,374,022	906,306
Instructional Media	1,158,591	1,240,090	81,499
Pupil Services	2,007,308	2,384,983	377,674
Co-Curricular/Interscholastic Athletics	1,275,170	1,295,430	20,260
District Transportation Services	2,599,861	2,700,196	100,335
Community Services	10,083	10,360	277
Employee Benefits	14,905,880	14,783,142	(122,738)
Total program	48,445,309	49,808,923	1,363,613
Capital Component			
Operation	2,200,755	2,249,485	48,730
Maintenance	1,034,523	1,067,151	32,628
Employee Benefits	825,532	849,268	23,737
Debt Service	5,878,115	5,385,760	(492,355)
Total Capital	9,938,925	9,551,664	(387,260)
Total Budget Increase	65,102,872	66,352,887	1,250,015



Bus Purchase Proposition

School bus fleet maintenance and safety are driving a bus purchase proposition on the ballot May 16, 2017. Residents will be asked to approve the purchase of six 77-passenger buses.

The proposition totals \$847,000. New York State will provide more than 60 percent of the funding through NYS Transportation Aid. The new buses will replace vehicles that are at least 13 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 Resolved:

- (a) 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 \$847,000 therefor;
- (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$847,000 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
- (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$847,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

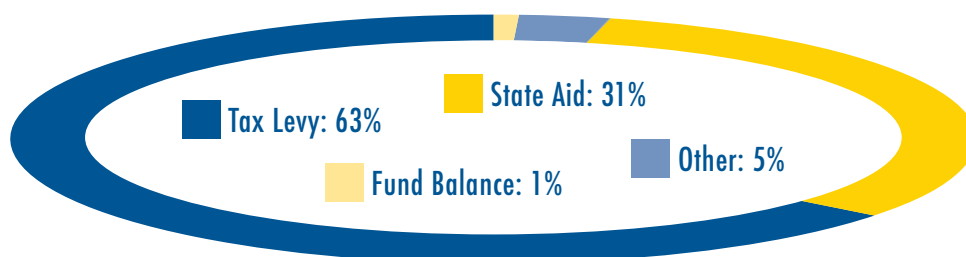
Budget Proposition

Shall the Board of Education of Victor Central School District be authorized to expend \$66,352,887 during the school year 2017-2018 and to levy the necessary tax therefor?

Victor Central School 2017-18 Budget Revenue Plan

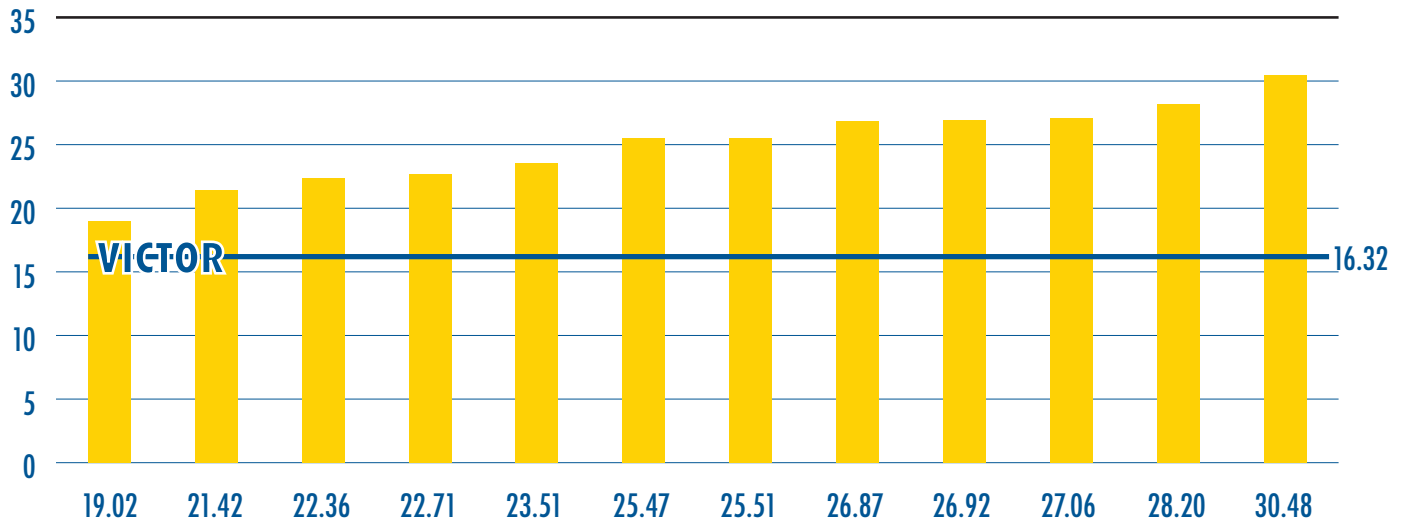
	Budget 2016-17	Proposed 2017-18
State Aid	20,532,655	20,761,180
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	2,263,725	2,433,255
Interest and Earnings	40,000	40,000
Reserve Funds	339,681	289,681
Other Sources	290,400	380,400
Fund Balance	529,000	529,000
Tax Levy	41,107,411	41,919,371
TOTAL REVENUES	65,102,872	66,352,887

Where the Funding Comes From



2016-17 True Tax Rate Comparison

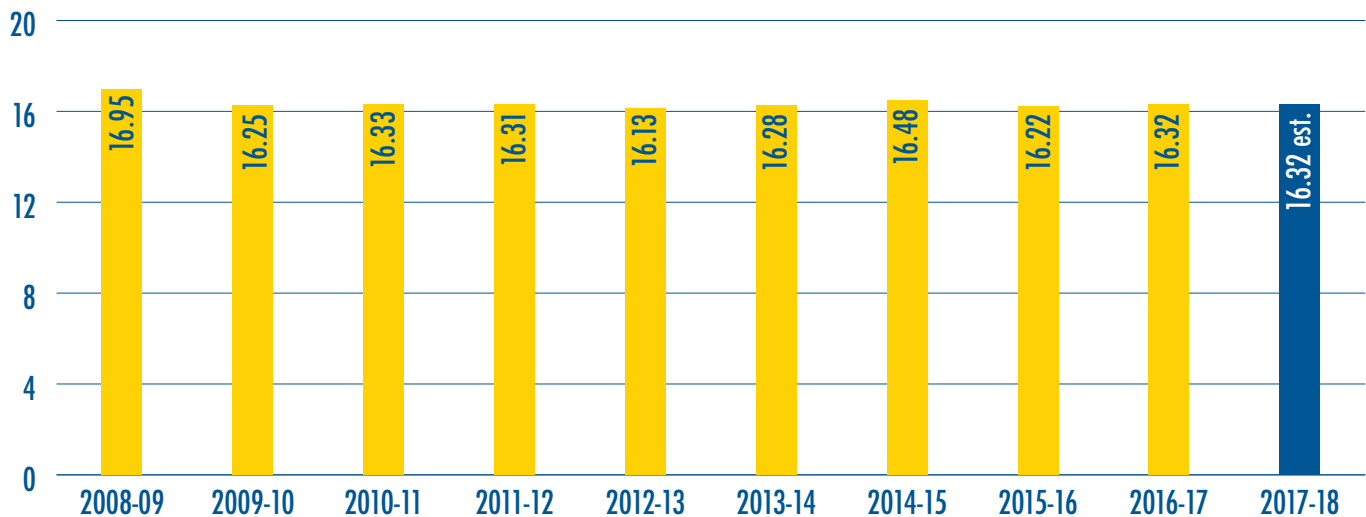
(Source: Four County and Monroe County School Board Association)



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

The figures above represent the true value tax rate per \$1,000 of home assessment. In comparing the 2016-17 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 at \$16.32 per thousand**.

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



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 \$65,300 exemption. More than 900 senior citizens throughout the District received a reduction in their tax bills for the 2016-2017 school year.

2017 Estimated Basic STAR
Exemption Savings

\$489

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:

		Projected	Contingent
	2016-2017	2017-2018	Budget 2017-2018
Total Budgeted Amount	65,102,872	66,352,887	65,540,927
Increase/Decrease for the 2017-18 school year		1,250,015	438,055
Percent Increase (decrease) in each proposed budget		1.92%	.67%
Change in Consumer Price Index		1.26%	
Total Proposed School Tax Levy	41,107,411	41,919,372	41,107,411
Total Permissible Exclusions	1,118,474	805,836	
Proposed School Tax Levy Limit <i>(without permissible exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit)</i>	39,988,937	41,113,535	
School Tax Levy Limit	39,176,455	41,113,535	
Difference <i>(positive value requires 60% approval)</i>	812,482	–	
Administrative Component	6,718,638	6,992,300	6,792,300
Program Component	48,445,309	49,808,923	49,308,923
Capital Component	9,938,925	9,551,664	9,439,704

Should the 2017-2018 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, administrators, teachers, support staff, and instructional programs. In addition, equipment purchases must be eliminated and all community groups will be required to pay for the use of 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).

A Budget Q & A

What is a tax levy?

A tax levy is the total sum of money raised by a school district after subtracting out all other sources of revenue, including state aid. The tax levy is used to determine the tax rate for property owners.

What is a tax rate?

A tax rate is the amount of taxes paid by property owners for each \$1,000 of assessed value of their property. Tax rates paid by individual taxpayers may differ greatly from one household to another, based on such things as equalization rates and assessed property values.

What is the New York State Property Tax Cap?

New York State's Property Tax Cap law establishes an annual tax levy limit for each school district. The tax levy limit allows school districts to increase their property tax levy from one year to the next by two percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less, based on a multi-step formula. The law does not restrict proposed tax levy increases to two percent however it does determine the level of voter support needed for a school budget to pass.

What is the New York State Property Tax Relief Credit?

If you are a homeowner receiving a STAR benefit and your locality and school

district have kept tax increases under the tax cap, you may be eligible for the NYS Property Tax Relief Credit. Qualifying New York State homeowners must also:

- Receive either the Basic or Enhanced STAR property tax relief
- Have an income of \$275,000 or less
- Have paid school property taxes in 2016

Beginning in 2017 the property tax relief credit will be a percentage of a homeowner's STAR benefit, with lower incomes receiving a higher percentage benefit.

2017 Board of Education Candidates

Residents will vote to fill two Board seats on May 16th



Deborah Palumbo - Sanders

Address:

6310 Gillis Road , Victor, NY

District Resident

Life-time (10 years away for college and employment)

Education

- Victor Central School District K-12 (Regents Diploma)
- Undergraduate degree: Cornell University ~ Plant Science Major
- Masters degree: University of Arkansas ~ Plant Pathology Major

Profession

Horticulture, currently employed by a local company that produces and distributes biological crop protectants. Primary responsibility is to provide technical assistance to customers.

Community Activities

- President, Victor Central School District Board of Education
- Member, Farmington-Victor Kiwanis

Family

My husband Tom Sanders and I have three children, all graduates of the Victor Central School District.

Personal Statement

The Victor Community has a long history of supporting the education of its youth. The solid education I received from VCS provided an excellent foundation for my future. Civic involvement is an important way for me to give back. As a Board of Education member, I am proud to continue the tradition of supporting the youth of our community. I take great pride in what I do, and will put forth my best effort ensuring that our schools will continue to provide quality education for our students while maintaining fiscal responsibility.



Dr. Christopher A. Parks

Address

1691 Lillybrook Court
Farmington, NY

Years of Residency

6 years

Education

B.S. Management ~ St. John Fisher College
Post-Bac English ~ Nazareth College
M.S.Ed. Education ~ Nazareth College
Ed.D. Executive Leadership ~ St. John Fisher College

Profession

Education – Teacher, Administrator, and Coach

Community Activities

- Head Coach and Assistant Coach for Victor Youth Soccer and Victor Youth Baseball
- Former Board Member of Camp Stella Maris
- Family is involved in Victor Youth Sports and Pinnacle Athletic Campus

Family

Wife: Jennifer Parks; Children: Talin (8), Ryder (6), Hope (3), and Rory (2)

Personal Statement

It is an honor and privilege to be considered for a position on the Victor Board of Education. Victor is a tremendous community, and it is the excellence of our schools that inspires and empowers our students to discover, achieve, and exceed.

A community is driven and marked by the dedication of its families. In this regard, Victor is a transcendent community, filled with devoted students, teachers, parents, staff, administrators and residents. Community leaders help to form and stay true to a shared vision that will best serve our district both today and for years to come. It is therefore incumbent upon the Board of Education and the district to always endeavor to be open and communicative in making effective decisions that are placing the well-being and formation of our students at the forefront of what we do.

Dr. Christopher A. Parks continues on page 9

Victor Bids Farewell to Retirees

This school year, Victor Central Schools bids farewell to eighteen men and women who have been influential both inside and outside of the classroom. Congratulations and best of luck in your future!

Victor Early Childhood School

Lori Polesnak, 1995-2016, Teacher Aide

Victory Primary School

Danielle Dehm, 1994-2017, Principal

Kay Arnold, 1991-2017, Reading Teacher

Lorna Nevil, 2011-2016, Teacher Aide

Jayne Heuring, 1995-2016, Teacher Aide

Victor Intermediate School

Kathleen Swigert, 1989-2017, Music Teacher

Melanie Martinek, 1995-2017, Art Teacher

Junior High School

Regina Muscarella, 1992-2017, English Teacher

Linda Martin, 2000-2017, Teacher Aide

Senior High School

James Jordan, 1987-2017, Science Teacher

Food Services

Nancy Benton, 1990-2016, Food Service Helper

Facilities

Robert Kirchgessner, 2006-2016, Cleaner

Frank Hendershot, 2006-2016, Cleaner

David Rugenstein, 1974-2017, Cleaner

John Moore, 1987-2017, Cleaner

Transportation

Florence Hafner, 1987-2016, Bus Driver

James Berry, 1998-2016, Head Bus Mechanic

Debra Moore, 1990-2017, Bus Monitor

Retirees as of April

VCS Budget Additions

Instructional

- ~ 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher (VECS)
- ~ 1.0 FTE Kindergarten Teacher - enrollment driven (VECS)
- ~ 1.0 FTE School Counselor (VECS)
- ~ 1.0 FTE School Counselor (VPS)
- ~ 1.0 FTE Academic Intervention Specialist (AIS) Teacher (Pre-K –3)
- ~ 1.0 FTE School Counselor (VIS)
- ~ 1.0 FTE School Psychologist (VJHS)
- ~ 1.0 FTE Teacher (VJHS)
- ~ 1.0 FTE Assistant Principal (VSHS)

Non-Instructional

- ~ 1.0 FTE Office Support (VJHS)
- ~ 1.0 FTE Office Support (Transportation/Facilities)
- ~ 1.0 FTE Lifeguard
- ~ 1.0 FTE Cleaner (PreK-12)

Full Time Equivalent = FTE

Dr. Christopher A. Parks (Continued from page 8)

“To Teach, To Support, To Improve, To Achieve!” is our district’s stated mission. In order to ensure this, the engagement of teachers and staff in the information and decision making processes is linchpin. If entrusted with the opportunity to serve on our Board of Education, I will support and remain committed to the concept and reality of servant leadership and the desire to “put students first.” We must listen; We must reflect; We must discern; And we must be purposeful in all that we endeavor.

Victor Central School Achievements

Academics

- Last year, Victor Senior High School was ranked 265 out of more than 4,700 top high schools in the nation in the 2016 Newsweek High School Rankings. There are 26,407 public secondary schools and 10,693 private secondary schools across the United States.
- This fall, five seniors were named National Merit™ Scholarship semifinalists. *Nathan Baker, Ryan Bellinger, Kyle Bensink, Paul Kopp, and Jacob Lichti.*
- Victor High School's Math Team completed their 2017 season with a first place in their division finish at the Monroe County Math League meet.
- This fall, 127 juniors and seniors were inducted into the prestigious National Honor Society.
- This spring five DECA students were inducted into the NYS DECA Honor Society, *Taylor Lamy, Carrier Stewart, Nate Krueger, Mike Nelson and James Caggiano.* To be considered for this honor, students must have a 90% or higher GPA in business classes for three years.

Arts

- This fall, 13 students were inducted into the prestigious Tri-M Music Honor Society.
- This winter art students, Gianna Damico, Caleb Choate and Hanna Kumpf, took home three of the 27 awards given at the Rochester-Finger Lakes Middle and High School Art Exhibition at Rochester Institute of Technology.
- This spring at the annual District Orchestra Concert, hundreds of student, staff and community celebrated the 50th anniversary of Suzuki Violin at Victor Central Schools.
- This April the Victor Indoor Percussion Ensemble (VIPE) took first place at the New York State Championships for their performance of "The Muse." This is the third straight year VIPE was named the NYS gold medalist.

Athletics

- Victor Central Schools boasted many Sectional and State athletic winners during the 2016-2017 school year:
Fall 2016 Sectional Winners: *Girls Soccer; Diver, Erin Norton; Girls Tennis: Emily Stanley - Singles Champion, Ajla Karabegovic and Sarah Marro - Doubles Champions; Varsity Football*
Winter 2017 Sectional Winners: *Indoor Track/Girls: 4 X 400 m relay – Jenna Strickland, Erika Tillotson, Payton Elliott and Sarah Urban; Indoor Track/Boys: 4 x400 m relay – Nico Bellavia, Kyle Bensink, Connor Preston and Alex Gonnella; Boys Swimming: Jared Ritz, 200 Freestyle; Wrestling: Mike Venosa and Alex Samson – Class AA Champion, Super Sectional Champions, and Monroe Country Champions*
- The Varsity Cheerleading squad took home first place at the Contest of Champions National Walt Disney World's Wide World of Sports Complex



Students Share Their Thirst for Helping Others Through Ugandan Water Project

This past January students in Mr. Muscarella's Global 10 classes got an eye-opener after seeing a presentation on the Ugandan Water Project (UWP), a local non-profit group dedicated to bringing clean water to the people of Uganda. Students saw videos and heard from UWP staff member Megan Busch about the dire need for clean water where children often walk hours a day to collect water for their villages.

Tenth grade student Joelymar "Jelly" Ruiz was so inspired by the story that she asked English Speaker of Other Languages (ESOL) teacher Laurie Estochen to help her start a campaign to raise money and awareness for the cause with the support of the Senior High Global Competency and Key Clubs. Preparation for the fundraiser was intense, but Jelly, along with her fellow English Language Learners (ELL) students, Ismeydi Cordero and Katachiry

"Katai" Rohena-Marquez, were determined to make it happen.

"Jelly, Ismeydi and Katai worked hard with club advisors to arrange meetings with staff from UWP to outline a fundraising plan, which ultimately included Mr. Muscarella and the Social Studies department," Estochen said.

Their hard work paid off. On Thursday, March 9th, Jelly and her team implemented phase one of their fundraiser with a kick-off meeting featuring James Harrington, UWP Director. During this meeting, Harrington talked to students about his experiences in Uganda and described how young children walk hours a day to get water for their families instead of going to school. He also described how the water they have is not clean. At the end of the session Harrington challenged VCS students to raise enough money (\$3,500) to buy a rainwater collection tank and a filter to process the dirty water, an investment that would mean a group of young Ugandan children would never have to walk for water again.

Estochen said the students immediately rose to Harrington's challenge and worked for more than two weeks collecting donations from VCS friends, family and staff. To date, the project has raised \$4142.25!

The culminating event of the VCS Ugandan Water Project fundraiser was a symbolic "water walk" on Wednesday, March 29th. During this walk, students, staff and UWP representatives carried big, heavy jugs of water around the Senior High school to gain a better understanding of what Ugandan children endure. Estochen said that all during the walk students held tight to the phrase; "We are walking, so other kids don't have to."



District Treasurer Lynne Lubaszewski Is All Business, And Then Some



Thousands of students and staff may set the scene for a typical school day at Victor Central Schools but there is one little known person who works quietly behind the scenes to help ensure their success every day, our District Treasurer, Lynne Lubaszewski.

As Victor Central Schools' District Treasurer since 1995, this Weedsport, New York native's role is not only extremely vital, it is exceedingly variable. From overseeing a wide range of day-to-day business operations, including accounts payable, accounts receivable, investments, all banking transactions and financial reporting, to working as the direct District representative with state and federal auditors, Lynne's versatility and expertise are invaluable.

Victor Central Schools' Business Official, Mike Vistocco couldn't agree more.

"If you look at our District's past audit reports, internal, external and New York State Comptroller's audits, you can see that our business office is very effective and efficient. Lynne's work ethic and accuracy is second to none. She is a tremendous asset to the school district but even more so, she is a fantastic person," Vistocco said.

Despite her reputation as someone who is highly dependable and supportive of others, Lynne is extremely humble about her role in the District's fast-paced business office. On most days, she simply quietly conquers a multitude of projects and processes without batting an eye.

Lynn attributes a lot of who she is to the elder population. "These individuals have such amazing wisdom and stories to share. Offering just a small amount of time to keep an elderly family member or friend company has an invaluable pay back of cherished friendship and knowledge of years past."

Past or present, Lynne gives it her all every day. When asked what keeps this veteran business woman going, especially in a world of increasingly challenging state and federal regulations, Lynne says she does it for the kids and the community. "I just really enjoy working within a school environment," she said.

Outside of work, Lynne likes to get down to the business having fun and making memories with her husband David of 30 years, their daughter Kelly (a 2010 VCS graduate), and her "very large family" of five siblings and many, many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

2017 Volunteer of the Year Named

93 Year Old Eleanor Barry Vital to the Vote

Victor resident Eleanor Barry was honored with the 2017 Volunteer Committed to Service award at a special recognition ceremony in the JH/SH arts center on March 24th during Victor Central Schools' spring staff conference day.

Her nominator, Victor Central Schools' District Clerk Maureen Goodberlet said Barry's tireless commitment to the VCS voting process which includes an annual vote, Board of Education elections, capital project votes, voter registration and Victor-Farmington library votes is simply astounding.

"Eleanor has been the chairperson of the annual vote and election, Victor-Farmington Library vote (which is also run by VCS) and various capital project votes for well over twenty years. Sometimes there can be as many as three votes in a year. Eleanor is also an instrumental part of voter registration for every vote that takes place. These are paid positions and Eleanor has always volunteered her time, not taking a penny," Goodberlet said.

Goodberlet attributes Barry's wealth of knowledge in an age of ever changing State and Education Law voting procedures and her attention to detail to the success of Victor Central Schools' votes. "On the day of the vote Eleanor doesn't think twice about working a 16 hour day, even at her current age of 93. She comes in around 5:00 a.m. to make sure voting machines are up and running and supplies are set up appropriately. She works all day troubleshooting situations that arise with voter registration and voting machines and then closes the polls at 9:00 p.m. After the polls are closed she helps to verify the final numbers and presents results to those in attendance." Goodberlet said.

Goodberlet, who has been managing school votes for ten years, said she continues to be amazed at how the efforts of one person can make a difference in how smoothly a vote runs, impacting tens of thousands of voters through the years. "Eleanor has earned the respect and gratitude of not only those of us who have the great privilege of working with her, but our entire Victor Central Schools' community," she said.

The Volunteer Committed to Service award was created in 2009 by Victor Central Schools and the Victor Teachers' Association as a way to pay tribute to those special men and women who give of their time and talents to VCS, whether through one major event or years of service to a group of students or a building.



Eleanor Barry and Nancy Mancuso at the 2007 School Budget Vote



Victor Teachers' Association President, Mike Modleski; Eleanor Barry; District Clerk and Secretary to the Superintendent, Maureen Goodberlet; and Superintendent, Dawn Santiago-Marullo

Victor Central Schools' Lead Water Testing Complete

Last March, following the Flint, Michigan water lead tainting scandal, Victor Central Schools joined thousands of schools nationwide in voluntarily testing the quality of its water. On September 6, 2016 Governor Andrew Cuomo signed legislation that made water testing in schools mandatory. This past December, Victor Central Schools completed testing water samples for lead in all its buildings, grades Pre-K through 12. Of the 807 samples taken only 100 exceeded the 15 parts per billion (ppb) threshold set by New York State law. All of the faucets and water fountains in question have been, or are in the process of remediation and retesting. For more information on the water testing project and a list of all of the water outlets that exceeded the 15ppb threshold, go to: <http://www.victorschools.org/district.cfm?subpage=21245> ■

Graduates of Distinction Program Seeks Committee Members

The Graduates of Distinction Program is currently seeking two Victor Central Schools' graduates to serve on its selection committee. Terms of committee membership are three years with a two consecutive term limit. The committee meets two to three times per year. The goals of the committee are:

- To recognize Victor Central School District alumni who have achieved distinction through outstanding accomplishment or significant contribution within their school, family, career, community or personal life;
- To share these accomplishments with the community at large as incentive for the current and future students.

If you are interested in representing Victor Central Schools on this valuable

committee, please send a letter of interest to Victor Central Schools' District Clerk, Maureen Goodberlet, Victor Central Schools 953 High Street, Victor, New York, 14564. You can also email her at goodberletm@victorschools.org to express your interest no later than June 30th, 2017. ■

Primary School Principal Dehm Set to Retire

This spring, Primary School Principal, Danielle "Danny" Dehm will retire after spending 24 years at Victor Central Schools. Dehm was known for her unique and nurturing style which impacted the lives of thousands of students and staff through the years. When asked what she will miss the most upon retirement, Dehm said, the people.

"This includes my colleagues who do the hard and important work day-in and day-out, who I believe are some of the most talented people I have ever met. It includes my administrative colleagues who work incredibly hard and thoughtfully to maintain the positive perspective that is so critical while doing this work. And, most of all, I will miss the children who I adore, who are the most important reason of all, who make me laugh and admire the possibilities of childhood, and who are entrusted to us by parents to always do what is most right." ■



Victor Alumni Association to Hold 122nd Alumni Banquet

Victor Alumni Association will celebrate its 122nd Alumni Banquet on Sunday, June 11th at the Ravenwood Golf Club, 929 Lynaugh Road, Victor, NY. The event will begin with a cash bar at 6:30 p.m. followed by a buffet dinner at 7:00 p.m. The cost to attend the banquet is \$19 per person and is payable at the door.

Co-organizer, Kay Cotton, Class of 1964 said that due to a spike in attendance last year, this year's banquet will be held in the larger ballroom of the club.

Both Cotton and Sue Masseth, Class of 1966, will be taking reservations for this year's event.

Sue Masseth: 585-727-2359
Susanjmasseth@gmail.com

Kay Cotton: 585-737-4673
Kaycotton@aol.co ■

Jim Haugh Named to Section 5 Football Hall of Fame

This spring long-time coach and Victor Central Schools Director of Human Resources, Jim Haugh was inducted into the Section V Football Hall of Fame.

Coach Jim Haugh spent eighteen seasons at the helm of Victor Blue Devils program. During his tenure, the Blue Devils amassed a record of 120-50-2, including a 9-1 record in 2010, his last year as head coach. ■



Victor Central Schools' Education Foundation to Hold Third Annual Devil Dash 5K!

On Saturday, October 7th, The Victor Central Schools' Education Foundation will hold its third annual Devil Dash 5K on the Victor Central School campus. The 5K route is wheelchair accessible and race walkers and strollers are welcome to participate in the 5k event. You can access the registration page at <http://devildash.itsyourrace.com/>. ■

Victor A - Z

Having trouble finding what you're looking for on the VCS Website? Click on Victor A - Z under Quick Links.

If you still can't find what you're looking for please contact the School and Community Relations department to let us know. laskysh@victorschools.org and welche@victorschools.org. ■

Food Services Department Launches New Twitter Account

This spring the Victor Central Schools' Food Services Department launched its very own twitter account. Alix TePoel, Director of the Food Services Department said the new communication tool, Victorskoolcafe, is a great way to connect students, parents and the community. "Twitter can help us demonstrate some of the fun, exciting and new ideas we are trying. It will also allow us to advertise special events or challenges with the hope of getting students involved." TePoel said. ■

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Family Fun Festival

May 16, 2017, 3:30 - 9:00 p.m.
VCS Campus

VICTOR CENTRAL SCHOOLS 122ND ALUMNI BANQUET

Ravenwood Golf Club

929 Lynaugh Road, Victor, NY 14564

Sunday, June 11, 2017

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

For information contact: Sue Masseth at 585-727-2359
Kay Cotton at 585-737-4673

Sixteenth Annual Senior Citizens' Ball

Free and open to ALL

Victor Central School District

Dinner Senior Citizens! Dancing

Saturday, May 6, 2017 — 5 – 7 p.m.

@ Victor Intermediate School Gymnasium

Entertainment provided by "Western New York Big Band"

Reservations required, call School & Community Relations at 924-3252,
ext.1407 or e-mail welche@victorschools.org or laskysh@victorschools.org

VCS Class of 2017 Graduation Ceremony

Friday, June 23, 7:00 p.m.

War Memorial Blue Cross Arena Rochester

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