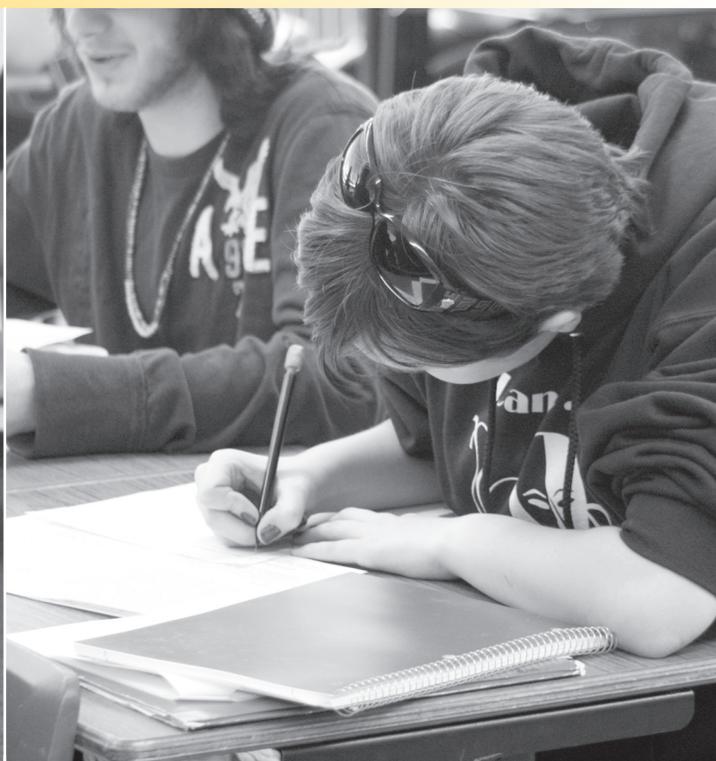


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## Victor High School College & Career Center A Call to All Parents!

Victor Central School District is committed to providing our students with the best education and experience during their school years. As part of this commitment, we believe that students can greatly benefit from career awareness and experiences. The Victor College and Career Center is partnering with Victor parents and community members to help expose our students to the vast array of career opportunities. Through this partnership, our students will gain exposure and a concrete vision of future opportunities.

We appreciate your valuable time and would like to have the opportunity to work with you in any capacity that you envision, whether it is an internship, job shadow or a small group discussion. Please contact Cindy Mereness by email at [merenessc@victorschools.org](mailto:merenessc@victorschools.org) or 924-3252 ext.5137 if you would be willing to share your talents and expertise.

## Voter Registration

On Tuesday, May 8, 2012, the Victor Central School District will hold a voter registration from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room B in the Victor Education Center. This registration is for residents currently not registered to vote in the May 15th school budget vote.

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](mailto:goodberletm@victorschools.org)

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### VCS Board of Education

Patrick Bolger  
Timothy DeLucia  
Mark Hamilton  
Kathryn Hart  
Deborah Palumbo-Sanders  
Trisha Turner  
Michael Young

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,  
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### Superintendent of Schools

Dawn A. Santiago-Marullo, Ed.D.

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# The 2012-2013 School Budget

## A Message from our Superintendent, Dawn Santiago-Marullo

The proposed 2012-2013 VCS budget is a delicate balance of fiscal strategy and responsibility driven by a continued desire to offer students the highest quality education.

This past January when Governor Andrew Cuomo unveiled his proposed Executive Budget for New York State, school districts were pleased to learn that his plan included a school aid increase of \$805 million. Upon closer review it was discovered that much of this money was intended for District's deemed "at risk." VCS is not in this category. As a result of this "at risk" formula, Victor was originally slated to receive less state aid in the coming year. Most recently, when the final New York state budget was unveiled, VCS learned that some funding for education had been reinstated. VCS is now slated to receive a year-to-year increase of .53% in New York State aid. This increase in state aid is the first one VCS has experienced in four years.

While VCS is grateful for the additional state funds, between rising costs, shifts in state funding, the expiration of Federal Jobs Bill funds that were previously received through New York State, a complicated New York State Property Tax Levy Cap and on-going general economic malaise, budget-building continues to be challenging. Despite our best planning efforts, the 2012-2013 budget reflects an increase of .76% over last year. This includes \$1.4 million in reductions such as the elimination of 7.6 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) staff members and decreases in other areas. (*See budget details on page 5.*)

A major factor in the VCS budget this year is our ever-burgeoning student popu-

lation. This year, VCS welcomed 81 new students in grades K-12. Our demographic data projects that VCS will add 95 new students when school opens this fall. Our 2011-2012 per-pupil expense is \$8,294 as reported to the State Education Department. Ninety-five additional students multiplied by \$8,294 equals \$787,930 in additional expenses related to new students. The growth does not stop here. VCS is projected to continue to grow and more students will mean more expenses.

The goal of any budget is to create an environment that provides our children with the very best educational experience possible while being fiscally accountable to our taxpayers. This year's tax rate is actually projected to go down by .63% to \$16.21 per thousand dollars assessed valuation. The projected tax levy increase is currently set at 2.85%.

This year's budget has proven to be more challenging than ever, however, I am confident that the end result – the budget you will vote on in May – is a delicate balance of fiscal strategy and responsibility that will continue to serve both our students and our community.

On behalf of the Board of Education, thank you for supporting us in our efforts to continue to provide an A+ school education to the children in our communities.

Take care,



Dawn A. Santiago-Marullo Ed.D.

## Victor Central School Achievements

### Academics

- Over the past decade, Newsweek Magazine ranked Victor Senior High School in the top 1% of high performing schools in the nation.
- In 2011 Victor Junior High was redesignated as a NYS Education Department's Essential Elements "School to Watch". The school was first designated as a "School to Watch" in 2006.
- In 2011, 95% of our students graduated with a Regents Diploma, 62% earned a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation, and 25% received a Regents Diploma with Honors.
- In November 2011, 102 Juniors and Seniors were inducted into the National Honor Society.

### Arts

- One-third of our high school students are involved in an art program and every year, between 10 and 15 students from VCS go on to major in art in college pursuing careers in the Arts.
- In September 2011, fourteen outstanding Victor Senior High musicians were inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society, Chapter 5863. Membership into this prestigious organization is based upon academic excellence, outstanding musical performance skills, participation and excellence in extracurricular activities, leadership and teacher recommendation.
- The Victor Indoor Percussion Ensemble won the 2012 New York State Percussion Circuit State Championship. This is their third consecutive state championship.

### Athletics

- All ten 2011 fall varsity teams qualified as scholar athlete teams as well as all ten of our winter 2012 teams.
- More than 50% of our high school students participate on at least one of our 82 athletic teams and many are two and three sport athletes.
- The *Boys Volleyball* team were Sectional Champions and also named New York State Champion for the second consecutive year.
- The *Baseball* team was named 2011 Sectional Champions, Far West Regional Champions, and NYS Champions.
- Senior MJ Erb took a state title for the Intersectional relay team. Junior Jeff Williamson is the 2011 State Champion in the 500 Freestyle.



## 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

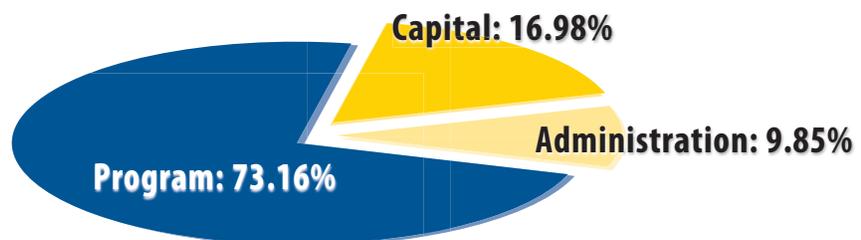
- All student services
- Instructional support
- Transportation operation
- Instructional salaries and benefits

### Capital Expenses

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

Expenditures by Component

	Budget 2011-12	Proposed Budget 2012-13	Difference
<b>Administrative Component</b>			
Board of Education	60,105	61,047	942
Central Administration	176,526	180,557	4,031
Finance	402,969	385,497	(17,472)
Staff	379,019	372,344	(6,675)
Central Services	295,944	295,944	–
Special Items	688,890	696,540	7,650
Curriculum Development	392,024	385,572	(6,452)
Curriculum Supervision	1,426,859	1,388,320	(38,539)
Pupil Personnel Services	281,915	285,507	3,592
Employee Benefits	1,360,322	1,505,689	145,366
<b>Administrative budget</b>	<b>5,464,573</b>	<b>5,557,017</b>	<b>92,443</b>
<b>Program component</b>			
Legal Services/In-Service	20,700	20,700	–
Teaching	23,176,961	22,690,530	(486,431)
Instructional Media	1,032,136	1,011,711	(20,425)
Pupil Services	1,625,613	1,654,935	29,322
Co-Curricular/Intersch Athletics	1,069,243	1,037,691	(31,552)
District Transportation Services	2,536,634	2,471,004	(65,630)
Community Services	9,813	9,813	–
Employee Benefits	11,283,473	12,444,105	1,160,631
<b>Total program</b>	<b>40,754,573</b>	<b>41,340,489</b>	<b>585,916</b>
<b>Capital component</b>			
Operation	2,134,135	2,021,090	(113,045)
Maintenance	1,055,201	1,028,560	(26,641)
Employee Benefits	675,559	734,512	58,953
Debt Service	5,961,840	5,792,412	(169,428)
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>9,826,735</b>	<b>9,576,574</b>	<b>(250,161)</b>
<b>Total Budget Increase</b>	<b>56,045,882</b>	<b>56,474,080</b>	<b>428,198</b>



## VCS Budget Reductions

### **Reduced:**

- \$10,000 from the School Resource Officer position
- \$25,000 in athletic salaries
- \$20,000 in stipends

### **Eliminated:**

- 2.2 FTE Instructional Teachers
- 2.0 FTE Non-Instructional Support
- 1.0 FTE Teacher Assistant position

### **Added:**

- .5 computer technician position

In addition, one FTE Cleaner position is now being funded by the School Lunch Fund and one FTE literacy coach is now being supported by a Federal Grant.

FTE = full time equivalent

## Victor Central School 2012-13 Budget Plan Revenues

	<b>Budget 2011-12</b>	<b>Proposed 2012-13</b>
State Aid	17,250,000	16,793,718
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	1,920,000	1,855,000
Interest and Earnings	238,000	100,000
Reserve Funds	835,000	835,000
Other Sources	205,000	293,000
Fund Balance	529,000	529,000
Tax Levy	35,068,882	36,068,362
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>56,045,882</b>	<b>56,474,080</b>

## STAR Program Information

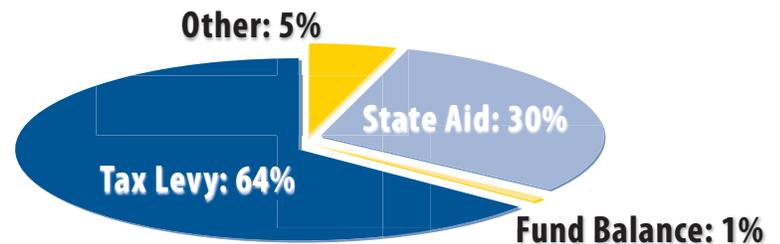
The NYS School Tax Assessment Relief (STAR) program provides qualified homeowners with a \$30,000 assessment reduction for tax purposes.

Senior citizens receive a \$60,100 exemption. More than 900 senior citizens throughout the district received a reduction in their tax bills for the 2011-2012 school year.

### **School Tax Information Using STAR**

Tax Bill with STARs	
1997-98	\$1,868
2012-13 (estimated)	\$1,134
\$ Decrease	\$734
% Decrease	-39%

## Where the Funding Comes From



## Bus Purchase Proposition

School bus fleet maintenance and safety are driving a bus purchase proposition on the ballot May 15, 2012. Residents will be asked to approve the purchase of five 77-passenger.

The proposition totals \$596,500. 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.

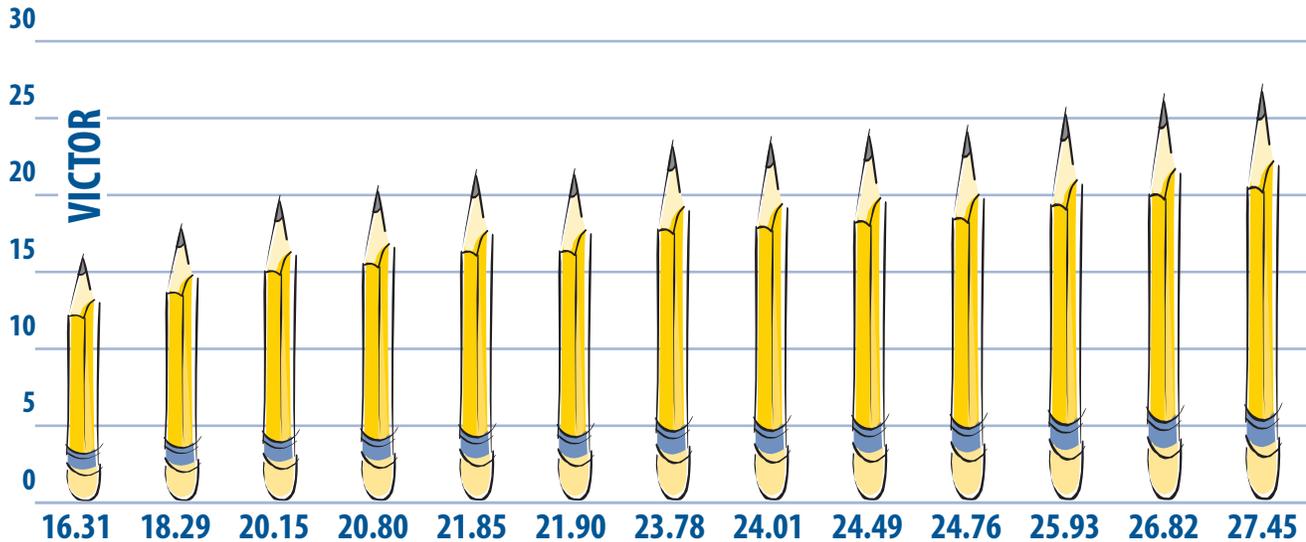
**Notice is further given** that a Bond Proposition in substantially the following form shall be presented to the qualified voters of the District at such Annual District Meeting and Election.

### Bond Proposition 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 therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$596,500;
- (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$596,500 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 \$596,500 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

## 2011-12 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

The figures above represent the true value tax rate per \$1,000 of home assessment. In comparing the 2011-12 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:

	2011-12	Projected 2012-13	Contingent Budget 2012-13
Total Spending	56,045,882	56,474,080	55,046,402
Increase/Decrease for the 2012-13 school year		428,198	(999,480)
Percent Increase (decrease) in each proposed budget		0.76%	-1.78%
Change in Consumer Price Index		3.20%	
School Tax Levy Limit		35,813,681	
Proposed School Tax Levy (without permissible exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit)		35,113,970	35,068,882
Total Permissible Exclusions		954,392	
Proposed School Tax Levy (including permissible exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit)	35,068,882	36,068,362	35,068,882
Administrative Component	5,464,573	5,557,017	5,432,017
Program Component	40,754,573	41,340,489	40,162,811
Capital Component	9,826,735	9,576,574	9,451,574

Should the 2012-2013 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; administration, teachers and 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).

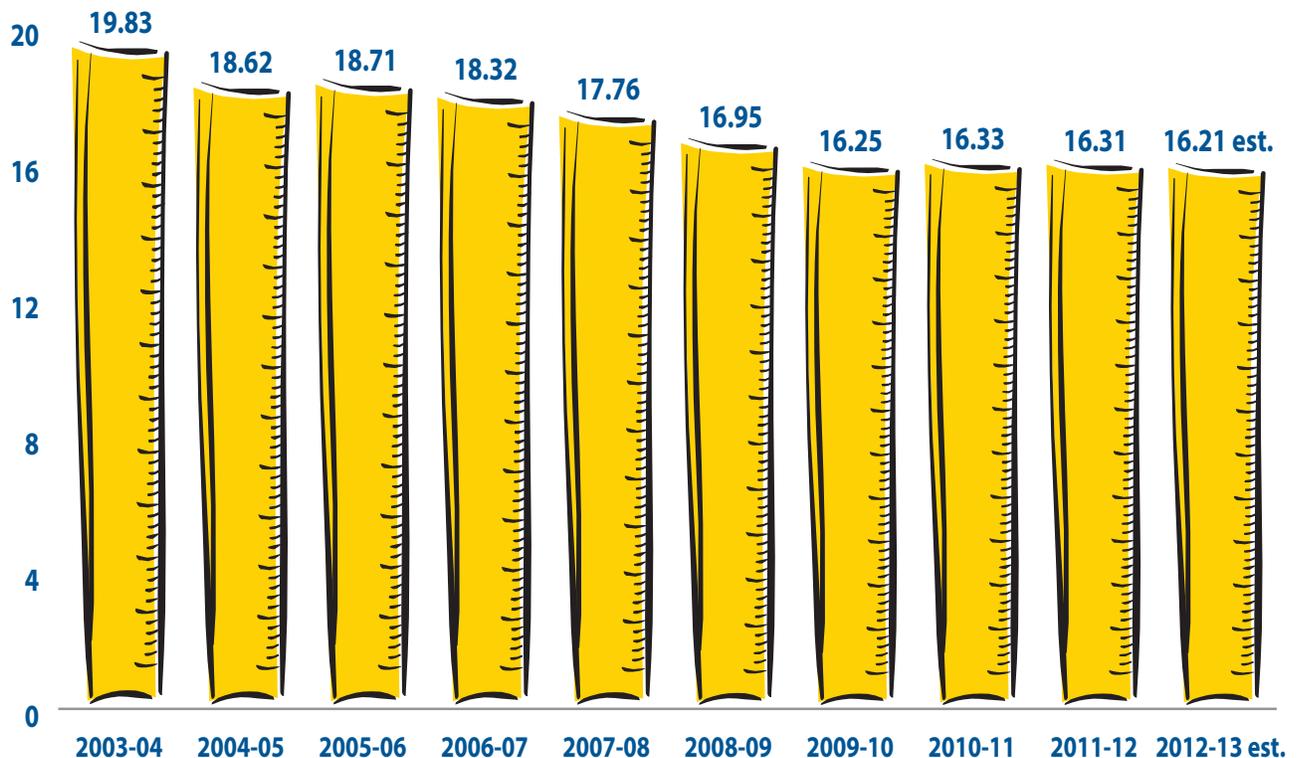
## Victor Central School District Enrollment History\*



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

According to the NYS Office of Management and Services 2011-12 Property Tax Report Card: Victor Schools has the third 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



## VCS Bids a Fine Farewell to 2012 Retirees

*This year, VCS bids farewell to 12 of our finest employees, men and women who have put their hearts and souls into their work at VCS. Whether they were teaching or training, driving or delivering, coordinating or counseling, they not only made VCS what it is today, they prepared it for what it will become. They will be missed.*

### **Victor Primary School:**

*Margaret Lewis, 1989 - 2012, Primary Teacher Aide*

*Thomas Mandara, 1981 - 2012, Primary Physical Education Teacher*

*Kathy Wheat, 1987 - 2011 Primary Teacher Aide*

*Teresa Williams, 1983 - 2012, Primary Secretary*

### **Victor Intermediate School:**

*Sheila Gurecki, 1993 - 2011, Intermediate Teacher Aide*

*Suzanne Lagendyk, 1991 - 2011, Intermediate Teacher Aide*

### **Victor Junior High School:**

*David Babcock, 1979 - 2012, JH Music Teacher*

*Teresa Dunn, 1979 - 2012, JH Foreign Language*

### **Victor Senior High School:**

*John Sheedy, 1990 - 2012, SH Math Teacher*

### **District Wide:**

*Ardis Gardner, 1987 - 2012, Victor Education Center, Teaching Assistant*

*Warren Hafner, 1987 - 2012, Transportation*

*Joyce Prockton, 1993 - 2012, Victor Education Center, Special Education*

*Retirees as of April 12, 2012*

# Two Residents Seek to fill



## Patrick Bolger

### *Address*

560 Brunswick Lane, Victor, NY 14564

### *District Resident*

27 years

### *Education*

Finger Lakes Community College A.S.;  
University of Florida; B.S. Pharmacy; Rochester Institute  
of Technology; MBA – International Business

### *Profession*

Current Position - Director, Clinical & Business Affairs,  
University of Rochester Medical Center, Center for  
Human Experimental Therapeutics

Previous Professional Experience - In addition to the  
practice of hospital pharmacy early in my career, I have  
spent 20+ years working in various management roles  
related to the pharmaceutical industry that include:  
regulatory compliance, managed care, project manage-  
ment, product development and business development.

### *Community Activities:*

- VCS Board of Education - (2009 to present)
- Victor Community Baseball & Softball – Coach  
(14 years)
- St. Patrick's Church – Liturgical Minister (18 years)
- VCS Boy's Basketball Booster Club – Treasurer  
(Three years)
- VCS Boy's Volleyball Booster Club – Treasurer  
(Current)
- Birthright of Victor – President, Board of Directors  
(11 years)
- CYO Youth Basketball Coach (Eight years)

### *Family*

Married, with 4 children (two daughters & two sons)

- Maureen – Wife of nearly 28 years who is a graduate of VCS and currently teaches Home and Career Skills at VCS Junior High School.
- Shannon – A 2004 graduate of VCS and a 2010 graduate of Nazareth College with a doctoral degree in physical therapy.
- Kevin – A 2006 graduate of VCS; currently in his third year at the University of Buffalo's School of Dental Medicine.
- Lauren – A 2008 graduate of VCS; will graduate from R.I.T. in 2012 with a degree in graphic design.
- Morgan – A member of VCS Class of 2012; will attend Case Western Reserve University in the fall to study biomedical engineering.

### *Personal Statement*

My last three years of service on the Board of Education have been both very rewarding and informative. I believe that the experience I have gained as BOE member will be beneficial in helping VCS meet the fiscal challenges facing school districts in NYS. During the challenging times ahead it will be important to ensure that VCS continues to provide the highest quality educational experience possible for the students of our community.

I am a community-minded individual who believes strongly in the importance of a school district's obligation to successfully prepare all students for their lives after VCS.

Being the parent of one current and three former VCS students, I have seen firsthand how well VCS prepares students for their lives after graduation. In addition to providing a very sound academic foundation, opportunities to participate in non-academic activities help to foster the development of many life-long skills, including communication, leadership and decision making.

# Board of Education Seats



**Gary C. Gilbert**

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***Address***

6904 Dorsett Trail, Victor, NY

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***Years of Residency***

8 years with family/15 years as a student/23 years, collectively.

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***Education***

1987- Victor Central High School Graduate; 1991 – BA from Ithaca College, Speech Communication

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***Profession***

21 years as a Telecommunication professional with concentrations in education, federal and local government and business-to-business development.

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***Community Activities***

Formerly Vice President of Tauxement Preschool, Alexandria, VA 2001-2003; Coaching, Victor Little League Baseball, Victor Youth Wrestling and Victor Soccer Club; Active church member at St. Peters Episcopal Church in Bloomfield, NY, Sunday School teacher

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***Family***

Wife, Alison S. Gilbert  
Children: Morgan (13), Kylie (10), Tristan (8), Mara (5)  
Mother and Father: Moses and Judyth Gilbert

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***Personal Statement***

As a 1987 graduate of Victor Central Schools I found myself at Ithaca College with an academic advantage and preparedness that was a direct result of my hometown education. As a proud parent and husband of a school teacher I became a board member of Tauxemont Preschool in Alexandria, Virginia and found myself with the ability to contribute, enhance and help build a growing, successful and dedicated Preschool.

Playing three sports and a member of the VCS marching band, orchestra and chorus, I understand the advantages of being academically sound, athletically rounded and have a strong appreciation for the arts. As a professional, I work with the latest in technologies and have been responsible for bringing those technologies to schools and universities.

As a school board member I will be an advocate for the continuation of thriving academics, a strong arts program, fiscal common sense and technological advancement.

## **Budget Vote Information**

*District residents will cast ballots on the proposed 2012-2013 budget at the annual budget vote and Board of Education election on **Tuesday, May 15**. 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 15, 2012.*

# An International Experience of a Lifetime

## VCS Senior, Alex Davis Reflects On His Journey to The Hague

This January I attended the International Model United Nations Conference (THIMUN) at The Hague, the judicial capital of the world. My experience at THIMUN gave me a unique opportunity to experience the working and decision-making process of the United Nations. Over 3,000 students from around the world attended the week-long conference.

During the conference our delegation represented the Marshall Islands. Our delegation met bi-monthly for 5 months to create a resolution to present at the conference. Our resolution entitled, "The Sanctity of Trans-boundary Aquifers in Sub Saharan Africa" focused on the sanctity of water reserves under African land, which is vitally important for countries in need of water for irrigation and drinking water.

During the conference, in addition to debating our resolution we attended several ceremonies and events in the World Forum in Den Haag. We also toured Amsterdam, visited the Rijksmuseum, the Van Gogh Museum, and the Anne Frank House. Amsterdam is colloquially known as Venice of the North, because of its canals that crisscross the city, its impressive architecture and more than 1,500 bridges. It was a beautiful European city. I lived with a host family while in Amsterdam and was able to immerse myself in another culture. This was arguably one of the most rewarding experiences of the trip.

We also visited Prague in the Czech Republic. Prague is a city full of bridges, cathedrals, gold-tipped towers and church domes. One of the highlights of our visit was the Prague Castle. Builders started construction on the foundation in the 9th century. It was simply amazing to see such architecture.

Our delegation was one of four delegations from the United States.

The selection process consisted of an application, personal interview and the submission of an essay on an international topic. I chose the Cuban Missile Crisis. I had to debate my position, which was very similar to what we did in AP government this year with Mr. Olson.

I gained a multicultural view of world affairs developed my public speaking and debating skills. I learned about how others feel about our country and our foreign policy decisions. It was interesting to hear how Europeans view our presidential elections and how they appreciate our process of electing a president. I was able to immerse myself in another culture and successfully function in an unfamiliar environment. It was an experience of a lifetime.



*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.*



# Heart of Excellence

## Moore than Meets the Eye

A Look at VCS Head Groundskeeper, Doug Moore



He is quietly unassuming, often surveying fields from afar to get the big picture, but Doug Moore, VCS Head Groundskeeper is much more than a dreamer, he is a doer! Just ask any student, staff or parent. You need not look very far to see the beauty of our lawns and athletic fields to surmise that someone is taking very good care of them. That someone,

Doug Moore, has been taking care of the VCS grounds for almost 13 years now.

While maintaining 175-acres of sprawling campus grounds is the major part of his job, Moore says the upkeep of our “interior grounds” (775,000 square feet of buildings), is just as important to the Building and Grounds staff.

Of everything he has accomplished through the years, Moore says he is most proud of the fact that despite being part of a lean staff, he and his co-workers have been able to maintain VCS property not only efficiently and cost effectively but in a manner that maintains the highest level of safety for everyone who uses it.

It is this very high level of work that won Moore and his co-workers special recognition at a Board of Education meeting this year. It is this same high performance level that resulted in Moore being recognized by the New York State Athletics Administration Association for his leadership in athletic field maintenance.

Moore, says that while being outside for a living is a big perk, there are “those days.” “The worst part, I’ll admit can be the early mornings in the winter when we are out as early as 3 a.m.” Despite the occasional challenging weather, Moore is not complaining. “In grounds work you get to see the results of your efforts right away, be it prepping a field for a game or detailing a lawn and landscape. It’s better when you leave. It’s also fun seeing our teams do well on those fields,” he said.

Accentuating the building and grounds is something Doug Moore is known for, from our well-maintained buildings to our gorgeous grounds, so it may come as a surprise to know that Doug is not as fastidious at home. “I hate mowing my lawn! I’d rather spend the time doing something more fun. I do try to keep it neat though.”

## VCS Names Three Graduates of Distinction

*Dr. Robert William Glenroie Vail (Class of 1909), Laurence E. Keefe Sr. (Class of 1932) and Dr. Amy Gillis (Class of 1992)*

On Sunday, June 24, 2012, a renowned librarian, social worker and radiation oncologist will be recognized as Victor Central Schools' 2012 Graduates of Distinction.

Dr. Robert William Glenroie Vail, Laurence E. Keefe Sr. and Dr. Amy Gillis will be formally recognized at a special Graduates of Distinction reception on Sunday, June 24th at 10:30 a.m. at the Constellation Brands-Marvin Sands Performing Arts Center at Finger Lakes Community College. Following this recognition, they will be recognized during the VCS Class of 2012 graduation ceremony at noon, located at the same venue.

The Graduates of Distinction program was initiated in 2002 as a way to recognize VCS alumni who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and made significant contributions to society.

For more information on the Graduates of Distinction reception or to register to attend this free event, contact Liz Welch in the Office of School and Community Relations at 924-3252, ext. 1407. ■

*You can learn more this years recipients on our VCS Alumni website. <http://www.victorschools.org/people.cfm?subpage=4622>*



*photos from top to bottom: Vail, Keefe, and Gillis*

## Volunteer Committed to Service Award Recipient Named

Victor Central Schools and the Victor Teachers' Association have named local businessman and VCS Class of 1991 alumni, Mike Colyer as its 2012 Volunteer Committed to Service award recipient.



The Volunteer Committed to Service award was created 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 it is through one major event or years of service to a group of students and/or building. Mr. Colyer will be recognized for his volunteerism on Monday, April 30th, 2012, at VCS' spring staff conference day at a special ceremony in the Junior/Senior High Arts Center at 8:00 a.m.

As the CEO of VWR conglomerate in Henrietta, which includes Ward's Natural Science and School Specialty, Mr. Colyer has forged a special partnership with the Victor Senior High Leadership class through the years. After Hurricane Katrina, he helped VCS students and staff send a tractor trailer load of supplies to Pass Christian, Mississippi. Leadership class teacher, Beth Thomas said that Mike also flew down to the site, "rake in hand, to help us clean up."

Mike and his wife, Lisa also founded the ClaireBear Foundation after the tragic death of their three-year old daughter due to a rare heart condition. The foundation raises money to help families with travel expenses when they have to seek care for their children away from home. In addition, Mike generously donates his time to speak to VSH Leadership classes each semester. ■

## Percussion Ensemble Drumline Celebrates NYS Championship

Last month, the Victor Indoor Percussion Ensemble Drumline attended the State Championships for the NYS Percussion Circuit at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse, New York. The result – first place! This was the group’s third consecutive state championship.

The VCS Percussion Ensemble Drumline scored a 94.3.

All 27 members received gold medals and a trophy for their high score. ■

## Attention Parents of New Kindergarten Students

Your child may not be attending school until Fall but now is a good time to sign up for the Early Childhood Education Center’s monthly electronic newsletter. Each month, Principal Dorothy DiAngelo sends out an informative publication highlighting everything from student progress and special events to the lunch menu.

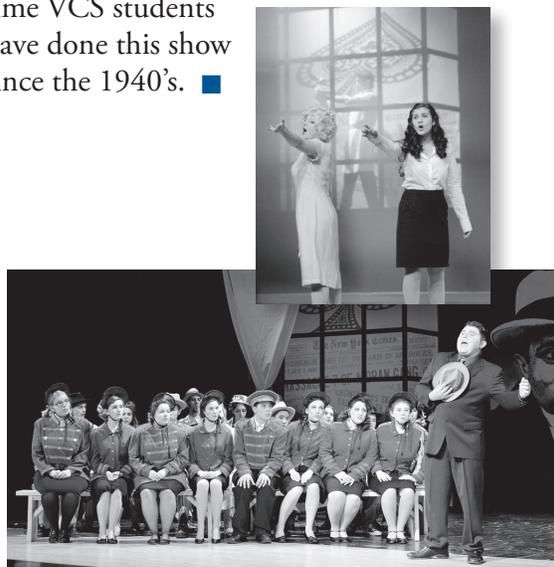
For more information on the ECEC newsletter and to sign up to receive it, go to [www.victorschools.org](http://www.victorschools.org). ■

### Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is still taking place. You can register your child in the Pupil Services office located in the Victor Education Center (VEC).

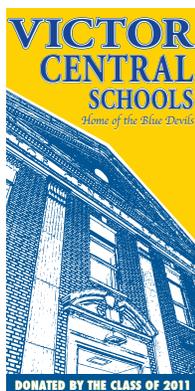
## Victor Senior High Presents Guys and Dolls

The Victor Senior High School continues to wow audiences with plays and musicals every year. This spring, they put on the musical, *Guys and Dolls*. It is the third time VCS students have done this show since the 1940’s. ■



## Class Donations Make VCS Shine

Through the years graduating classes have left their mark on VCS through a variety of donations. There have been scholarships, plaques, benches, equipment and trees, to name a few. The class of 2011 was no different. Last year’s graduating class not only made a generous donation to the Dollars for Scholars® scholarship program, they also donated funds for the purchase of campus banners. This spring, thanks to the Class of 2011, you can find these beautiful blue and gold banners hanging proudly throughout our campus. ■



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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 15, 2012, 3:30 - 9:00 p.m.**  
**VCS Campus**

## VICTOR CENTRAL SCHOOLS 117TH ALUMNI BANQUET

### **Ravenwood Golf Club**

929 Lynaugh Road, Victor, NY 14565

**Sunday, June 10, 2012**

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

*For more information call Ken Weigert at 924-2944  
or Kathleen Brady at 924-7982*

## *Eleventh Annual Senior Citizens' Ball*

Free and open to ALL

**Victor Central School District**  
Senior Citizens!

**Saturday, May 12, 2012 — 7 – 9 p.m.**

**@ Victor Intermediate School Gymnasium**  
Entertainment provided by **"For Dancers Only"**

*Reservations required, call School & Community Relations at 924-3252,  
ext.1407 or e-mail [welche@victorschools.org](mailto:welche@victorschools.org) or [laskysh@victorschools.org](mailto:laskysh@victorschools.org)*



## **VCS Class of 2012 Graduation Ceremony**

**Sunday, June 24, 12:00 p.m.**  
**at CMAC**

*Constellation Brands*  
*Marvin Sands Performing Arts Center*

## ARE YOU RECEIVING VCS E-NEWS'?

**SPECIAL EVENTS · IMPORTANT UPDATES!** Throughout the school year, our VCS Superintendent and building Principals send out electronic newsletters highlighting special school events, unique accomplishments, important updates and other timely information. Are you receiving these vital sources of school information? If not, we strongly urge you to sign up for both the Superintendent's and building Principals' e-news by going to our web site: **[www.victorschools.org](http://www.victorschools.org)**