



# Viking Weekly

Week of October 3, 2022

## HIGHLIGHTS

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## Important Dates

- Oct. 10: No School  
Indigenous Peoples Day
- Oct. 12: Parent- Teacher  
Conferences **Virtual**
- Oct. 14: Viking Pep Assembly  
During School Hours
- Oct. 21: 6th Grade Afterschool  
Student Activity/Dance

## Important Links

- [Van Hoosen Website](#)
- [Viking Student Center](#)
- [Counseling Connection](#)
- [VH Media Center](#)
- [VH Athletics](#)
- [PTSA](#)
- [Student Handbook](#)
- [Key Information](#)



### Events This Week

- Sept. 28th- Oct. 5th : Book Fair
- Oct. 7 : No School  
Professional Development Day

### Viking Country is headed to D.C!

We are happy to announce that we will be taking our 8th Grade class to Washington D.C May 18th-21st 2023. We held student and family meetings on Monday, September 26th. Please use this link to view a letter from Mr. Welsh and Mrs. Coleman containing important information from our meeting:

[Click here for letter!](#)



### Van Hoosen Clubs & Activities

E-Sports, Robotics, Ski Club and more! Please click on the link below for more details.

[Clubs, Activities, and Student Involment](#)



Viking POWER

Positive\*Ownership\*Well-Mannered\*Excellence\*Respect



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## VH NEWS

### Van Hoosen VEX Robotics Student Application

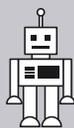
The Van Hoosen VEX Competitive Robotics Team applications are here! Everyone must apply, even if you have been on a VH robotics team previously.

**There are three parts to the application:**

**1: [Google Form Application](#)**

**2: [Student Agreement Form](#)**

**3. [Recommendation Form](#)**



The entire application is due October 3rd. All paper copies can be turned in outside of room 132.

Please email [jdiemert@rochester.k12.mi.us](mailto:jdiemert@rochester.k12.mi.us) for any questions.

### Media Center Volunteers Needed

If you're interested in working with Mrs. Mele and volunteering in the media center this semester, please sign up via the sign up genius links below.

The first link is for those who would like to volunteer during the three lunch periods.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C48ACA822AAFD0-vanhoosen5>



### It's time for the Scholastic Book Fair!

The book fair runs September 28-October 5.

Language Arts classes will visit on the following days:

- October 3- ELL & 8th Grade (Forster)
- October 4- 7th Grade students with 2nd hour ELA

Students can pay using cash, credit, checks, or e-wallet. To set up an online e-wallet for your student or to shop the book fair online, please go to this link:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/vanhoosen>

### Volunteers needed for the book fair!

All volunteers will receive \$5 off a \$20 purchase at the book fair! You must have an iChat form on file to volunteer. Sign up to volunteer at the following link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c48aca822aafd0-vanhoosen>

For more info. on how e-wallets work, please watch this video:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/content/bookfairs/en/misc/bfc-ewallet.html>

### Chromebook Support

The tech facilitators have created a new Chromebook trouble shooting site that may help students with common fixes they can do themselves and also provides them the link to make a tech department appointments if needed.

[Trouble shooting link](#)

[Tech Department link](#)





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### Attendance Procedure

Please notify the school before **12:00 PM** of any student absences. There are 2 options to report any absence, or to request a late arrival or early dismissal:

**Online** in your [ParentVue Account](#) by pressing "Report Absence" next to your student's name. You may enter absences until 12:00 noon for the current day, and up to one week in advance. The default is the current day, so please ensure you've selected the correct day(s).

For early dismissal/late arrival, please add in the Note section the time of the early dismissal or late arrival. Remember to press SAVE once you have entered all information!

**Telephone** by calling the VH attendance line at **248-726-4910** and following the prompts for either all-day or part day absences.

Students arriving late will need to be signed in on the clipboard in the lobby, and proceed into the main office to pick up their pass.

Students leaving early will be sent a pass from the office, and should come to the main office at the designated time. They will wait in the office until the parent/guardian arrives in the lobby and signs them out.

Please contact the main office at 248-726-4900 with any questions.

Thanks,  
Anne

### Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures:

Our loop is only one-way. There is no drop-off/pick-up in the back or along the side of the building or the parking lot (the back doors are locked in the mornings and students must enter through the front doors).

### Student Arrival Procedures:

All students must wait in the lobby (atrium) portion of the building until 7:10 AM. There is no access to lockers prior to 7:10 AM unless prior permission is granted by a staff member.

### Technology

For any technology/chomebook related issues or questions please visit the [technology website](#).

### Covid

For Covid guidelines and other Covid related questions please visit the [Oakland Country Health Department website](#).

### Lost & Found

Lost items are placed in the cabinets located in the cafeteria room. Each classroom also has its own lost and found area. Valuables such as phones, earbuds, watches, jewelry etc. please check in the main office.





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## PTSA NEWS

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**PTSA Health and Wellness Parent Walk** -  
Sept.15- Nov 1 [Please click here](#) for more  
information.

### **VH PTSA Volunteers Needed**

The Van Hoosen PTSA is looking for volunteers to help with some of our wonderful programs and committees. If you are interested in getting involved, whether as a volunteer or committee chair or co-chair, please fill out this [Google form](#). If you have any questions please reach out [VHPTSA@gmail.com](mailto:VHPTSA@gmail.com).

### **Authors in April books**

For 40 years the PTAs in the Rochester Community School district have hosted an Authors in April event. This year's middle school author is Christina Soontornvat. Students find it very helpful to have their own copy, as it enhances classroom experiences and discussions. The 6th grade will be reading The Tryout and the 7th and 8th grades will be reading A Wish in the Dark. [Purchase AIA Books](#)

### **Legislative Committee Updates**

Elections are coming up on November 8, 2022. Please take a minute to **confirm** you are registered to vote, know where your precinct is, know who is running to represent your district (which may have changed due to redistricting) and know the candidates' positions on public education. The League of Women Voters is hosting a candidate forum for the RCS School Board candidates on September 28 - please see the attached flyer for more information.

### **Parent/Teacher Conference Donations - Thank You!**

Thank you to everyone who donated goodies and snacks for our teachers and staff for parent/teacher conferences. Thank you also to the PTSA staff appreciation committee for assembling an amazing spread. Everyone at VH who stayed for parent/teacher conferences very much appreciated all the great refueling options during such a busy afternoon/evening that didn't have a lot of downtime.

### **Technology Appreciation Day**

Huge shout out to Garrett Mason and Joe Noe for their technology support at Van Hoosen. We appreciate you and all that you do. Thank you!





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## SPORTS NEWS

- **7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball 2022**

Please contact [justin.howard@oakland.k12.mi.us](mailto:justin.howard@oakland.k12.mi.us)

- **7th & 8th Grade Van Hoosen Cheerleading**

Please contact [Biserman@rochester.k12.mi.us](mailto:Biserman@rochester.k12.mi.us)

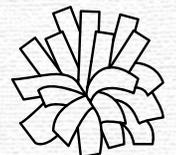
- **2022 Viking Football**

Please contact [dnorris@rochester.k12.mi.us](mailto:dnorris@rochester.k12.mi.us)

- **GOFAN - Adams Football Ticketing System**

Please purchase tickets in advance by using the GOFAN QR code.

[Click here for code](#)



Please make sure you have a physical on file to tryout for all sports programs.

[Click here for form](#)



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## OTHER NEWS

ROCHESTER AREA YOUTH ASSISTANCE PRESENTS

### Girls Stand Strong: Real Life Situations

LIFE SKILLS GROUP FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS  
GRADES 6-8



*This 4-week session will include interaction and discussion about:  
Developing a Healthy Body Image - Feeling Empowered - Healthy  
Relationships/Friendships - Positive Communication/Assertiveness*

**Tuesday, October 4, 11, 18, 25**  
**6:30-7:45 PM**

**Sessions will be held at University Hills Elementary School  
(600 Croydon Road, Rochester Hills)**

**Facilitated by Samantha Walters, MSW**

Offered to you by Rochester Area Youth Assistance (RAYA)  
in partnership with Rochester Community Schools

**Call or email RAYA to register:  
248-656-3558 or [raya@rochester.k12.mi.us](mailto:raya@rochester.k12.mi.us)**

Space is limited. Advance registration is required. \$10 fee

\*\*Please only register if your daughter will attend all four sessions.



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## OTHER NEWS

**Rochester Hills Public Library -**  
[Please click here for the Fall 2022 Teen Newsletter.](#)



### NEW BOOKS TO READ THIS FALL

Upper Elementary

#### FICTION

- Brand New Boy* by David Almond
- The Castle of Tangled Magic* by Sophie Anderson
- Consider the Octopus* by Nora Raleigh Baskin
- Camp Famous* by Jennifer Blecher
- Abby in Between #1: Ready or Not!*  
by Megan E Bryant
- The Boy Who Met a Whale* by Nizrana Farook
- Athena the Brain: Graphic Novel* by Joan Holub
- Best Frenemies Forever* by Megan McCafferty
- The Aquanaut: A Graphic Novel* by Dan Santat
- A Bend in the Breeze* by Valerie Sherrard
- Code Name: Serendipity* by Amber Smith
- The Book of Stolen Time* by Dashka Slater
- Can You Net the Loch Ness Monster?: An  
Interactive Monster Hunt* by Brandon Terrell
- Anne of West Philly: A Modern Graphic Retelling  
of Anne of Green Gables* by Ivy Noelle Weir



### NEW BOOKS TO READ THIS FALL

Upper Elementary

#### NONFICTION

- Brain Games: Experiments: Amazing  
Investigations to Challenge Your Brain*  
by Anna Claybourne
- Citizens of Planet Earth* by Monika Davies
- Elizabeth Blackwell: Trailblazing Woman Doctor*  
by Matt Doeden
- Can You Believe It?: How to Spot Fake News and  
Find the Facts* by Joyce Grant
- But Why?: Are Llamas Ticklish? and Other Silly  
Questions from Curious Kids* by Jane Lindholm
- All Four Quarters of the Moon* by Shirley Marr
- American Revolution* by Stuart Murray
- The Everybody Gets Anxious Activity Book*  
by Jordan Reid
- Air* by Monica Roe
- Becoming Beatrix: The Life of Beatrix Potter and  
the World of Peter Rabbit* by Amy M. O'Quinn
- Before Music: Where Instruments Come from*  
by Annette Bay Pimentel
- Behind the Scenes at the Space Stations:  
Experience Life in Space* by Giles Sparrow

