



# Viking Weekly

Week of December 4, 2023

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Upcoming Events

- Dec. 4: No School PD day
- Dec. 7: VH Talent Show 6:30PM
- Dec. 8: Pep Assembly (during school hours)
- Dec. 8: FTC Robotics Bagel Sale  
7:00am-7:30am in the atriums \$2

### District Date Change



February 5th - Regular school day  
February 27th - No School PD day  
(Election Day)

### The Viking lost and found is full!

If your students have lost items please have them visit the lost and found cabinets **before the winter break**. Cabinets are located in the cafeteria. Items left on the buses from the Washington D.C. trip have been added to our lost and found. All item not claimed before winter break will be donated.



### Principal

Dan Mooney

### Assistant Principal

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## Important Dates

- Dec 13: VH Orchestra Concert  
7 & 8 grade @ AHS 7:00PM
- Dec. 14: VH Choir Concert  
6 grade @ AHS 6:30PM  
7 & 8 grade @ AHS 7:30PM
- Dec. 15: Super Students Donut Sale
- Dec. 19: VH Band Concert  
7 & 8 grade @ AHS 6:30PM
- Dec. 25 - Jan 7: No School  
Winter Break - Classes resume on Jan. 8

## Important Links

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



Viking POWER

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



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## VH NEWS



### Sick Children Reminder



As we enter into the fall and winter cold and flu season, please remember that if your student has a fever over 100, or other signs of contagious illness, they should not be in school.

This is also a good time to review your emergency pick up information, since often children who get sick at school need to be picked up by a friend or neighbor or a relative. We can only release students to people who are named on their emergency card, so please make sure that any and all people who may be called on to pick up your child are listed there, including older siblings, grandparents, and aunts and uncles.

To make changes, go into your ParentVue, click on Online Registration at the top of the first screen, and then click Ecard updates. Navigate through to the pages where you can add or edit your emergency contacts, and input as many as needed. Be sure to continue to the end and hit Save/Submit.

You may report absences on the absence phone line 248-726-4910 or in your ParentVue account.



### 2023-2024 Yearbook



If you have not yet purchased a Van Hoosen 2023/2024 Yearbook, you can buy one online through the Yearbook Order Center.

Yearbooks are \$26 or \$31 if you would like the optional nameplate. Please [click](#) here for directions on how to purchase a yearbook online.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. McGowan at [smcgowan@rochester.k12.mi.us](mailto:smcgowan@rochester.k12.mi.us)



### Student Athletes Final Forms



Students who participate in athletics (tryouts or team) must have an account with final forms. Families create accounts, follow directions to complete forms, and add their student athlete to their account. Families must upload: physical (prior to a tryout) & pay to participate receipt. Athletic Directors check as often as they can to confirm the validity of uploaded documents.



[https://rochester-mi.finalforms.com/?forward\\_path=%2Fstudents](https://rochester-mi.finalforms.com/?forward_path=%2Fstudents)



[Registration Instructions Click Here](#)

### POWER Person Program

We are also asking parents to consider donating a \$5 gift card to a fun restaurant, store, iTunes, Amazon, Subway, etc. that you think a middle school student would appreciate receiving. We will be using these for our Positive POWER Person Program. Positive POWER Person program recognizes students who are displaying the attributes that exemplify our POWER motto. Students are entered into a weekly/monthly drawing and receive the gift cards and other prizes.

**Please bring these gift cards to the main office!**  
**Thank you so much for considering this generous donation.**



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### Van Hoosen's Got Talent!

Thursday, December 7

6:30 pm

Tickets \$2

Sold at lunches and at the door at 6 pm

Vote for the top 3 acts!

# Volunteers needed

in the

**VHMS Media Center!**

**Lunch time and Special Projects:**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FACAF2FA2FA7-media1>

## THANK YOU!



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Calling all 7th and 8th grade orchestra students, guitarists, percussionists, and piano players! Encore is launching its second rockin' season! All interested students and families, please visit the website for more information - including rehearsal schedule, registration, and audition information.

Do you play the electric guitar, electric bass, drum set, or piano? Audition to be part of Encore! Auditions will take place in the VH band room after school on December 4th. Sign up for your audition time and get the audition music on the website.

Contact Mrs. Maurice if you have any questions! [smaurice@rcs-k12.mi.us](mailto:smaurice@rcs-k12.mi.us)

Encore info can be found here: <https://sites.google.com/rcs-k12.us/van-hoosen-ms-orchestras/encore>



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### International Academy Information for Current 8th Grade Students

8th grade students who are interested in applying to the International Academy for high school may do so by visiting <https://www.iatoday.org/okma/prospective-students>.

Applications for the class of 2028 are now being accepted, and the deadline to apply for the lottery is January 21, 2024. All information regarding the IA curriculum, upcoming information nights, enrollment, FAQs, and the lottery application process can be found on the International Academy website. Families that have questions are encouraged to visit the Okma Campus Prospective Students website or contact the IA directly by calling the **Okma Campus Enrollment Coordinator at 248-341-5900.**

If a copy of the most recent standardized test scores for your student to include with the IA application is needed, please email Elise Allen, Van Hoosen counseling secretary.



**CLASS OF 2028**

**IA OKMA CAMPUS  
PROSPECTIVE  
STUDENT  
INFORMATION  
NIGHT**

**LOCATION:**  
1020 E. Square Lake Rd.  
Bloomfield Hills, MI

**DATES:**  
Nov. 9, 2023 @ 7-8:30pm  
Dec. 7, 2023 @ 7-8:30pm  
Jan. 10, 2024 @ 7-8:30pm

**\*\*Space limited to parents & students only.**



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## PTSA NEWS

### 8<sup>th</sup> grade farewell party

May 31, 2024  
(11:00 AM-1:00 PM)

\$30 admission fee

\*\*\*Tickets must be purchased by March 22\*\*\*

Tickets can be purchased through membership toolkit

<http://vhmsptsamembershiptoolkit.com/>

(Contact Mr. Mooney for any financial concerns)

Ticket includes lunch, games, music, student gift, photo opportunities, and class gift.

T-shirt size will be requested when purchasing your ticket.  
(If no size is chosen, adult large is the default.)

Any questions? Contact Lindy Wilson ([polocoach76@gmail.com](mailto:polocoach76@gmail.com)) or Shubhra Sud ([shubhra.sud@gmail.com](mailto:shubhra.sud@gmail.com))

### VH Super Students

The donuts are coming again! The next Super Student donut sale will be held on Friday, Dec 15 before school. Donuts will be sold for \$2 each.



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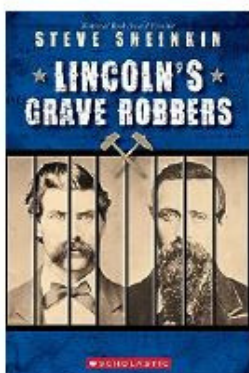
### AUTHORS IN APRIL



Steve Sheinkin is an acclaimed author of fast-paced, cinematic nonfiction histories, including *Fallout*, *Undeclared*, *Born to Fly*, *The Port Chicago 50*, and *Bomb*. His accolades include a Newbery Honor, three Boston Globe-Horn Book Awards, a Sibert Medal and Honor, and three National Book Award finalist honors. He lives in Saratoga Springs, New York, with his wife and two children.

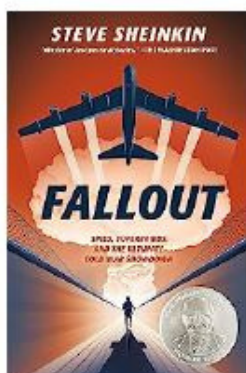
#### Teacher's Pick

#### 6TH GRADE



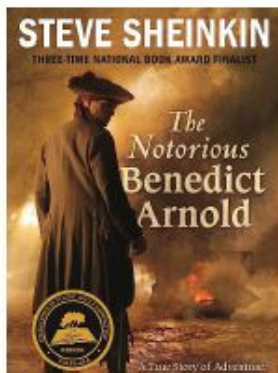
Hardcover \$10.00  
Paperback \$5.00

#### 7TH GRADE



Hardcover \$12.00

#### 8TH GRADE



Paperback \$9.00

#### ONLINE STORE



QR CODE

[Click here for  
Membership Toolkit](#)

#### P.A.L. Donation

Promoting Area Literacy  
Please consider making an additional donation to provide books to students in need in Rochester and also in Pontiac school. This program is for all Van Hoosen students and we want everyone to be able to participate! Please reach out to Mr. Mooney at [vanhoosenmiddleschool@rochester.k12.mi.us](mailto:vanhoosenmiddleschool@rochester.k12.mi.us) if this purchase is cost prohibitive for your family.

For cash and check payment order, please fill the form below and return the form to language's arts teacher by November 13, 2023. Check can be made to Van Hoosen PTSA

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

HOUR: \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT: CASH \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK NO. \_\_\_\_\_

P.A.L. DONATION: (\$10:00) \_\_\_\_\_

AIA CO CHAIR: THIDARUT GREEN & KRISTA ANDERSON ■ [GTHIDARUT@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:GTHIDARUT@OUTLOOK.COM)

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