



Viking Weekly

Week of April 15, 2024

HIGHLIGHTS

Upcoming Events

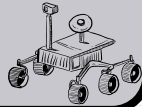
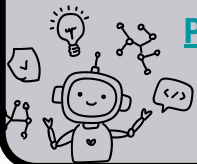
- Apr. 19: No School - Professional Development
- April: M-Step Testing *See below for details
- Apr. 16th & 17th - Peace Tea and Popcorn Sale - Stream Leader Fundraiser.

VH VEX Robotics Need Your Help!

One of our Van Hoosen Robotics teams (Vector and the Vikings) is excited to announce that they qualified to compete at the VEX Robotics World Championship in Dallas, Texas at the end of April! Although we are thrilled that we were given this opportunity, there are some hardships that come with it. To cover financial expenses, we would greatly appreciate it if families are willing to donate to help support our team.

[Please Click Here For More Information on How to Donate](#)

Thank you for your generosity!



Viking Country is headed to D.C.!

The **2024-2025** 8th Grade class will be going to Washington D.C. **April 30th 2025 - May 3rd 2025**
More information for chaperones coming soon.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact:
Alex Welsh - awelsh@rcs-k12.us



Viking POWER

Positive*Ownership*Well-Mannered*Excellence*Respect

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Important Dates

- Apr. 26: Super Students Donut Sale
- Apr. 29: Aurthor in April
- May 8: Viking Experience
- May 15: 8th Grade Detroit Field Trip
- May 16: VH Pep Assembly
- May 17: No School Professional Development

Important Links

- [Van Hoosen Website](#)
- [Viking Student Center Counseling Connection](#)
- [VH Media Center](#)
- [VH Athletics](#)
- [PTSA](#)
- [RCS PAC](#)
- [Student Handbook](#)
- [Chromebook Support](#)





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Van Hoosen April Testing Schedules

APRIL 9th - 22nd M-Step

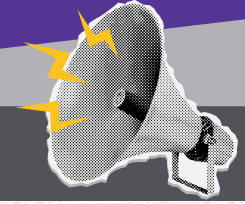
- Tuesday, April 9th – 8th grade Social studies M-step
- Wednesday, April 10th – PSAT
- Thursday, April 11th – 8th grade Science M-step
- Friday, April 12th – 8th grade Science M-step
- Week of April 15th – 6th and 7th grade Math M-step
- Week of April 22nd – 6th and 7th grade ELA M-step





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8TH GRADE NEWS

8th Grade Farewell Party

On May 31, 2024 during school

The \$30 ticket includes lunch, games, music, student gift, photo opportunities, and class gift. Please contact Mr. Mooney for any financial concerns.

All students need a ticket and signed waiver to participate. Tickets must be purchased by **March 22** using this link [8th Grade Farewell Ticket and Waiver](#)

Any questions? Contact
Lindy Wilson at polocoach76@gmail.com
or Shubhra Sud at shubhra.sud@gmail.com

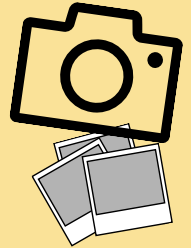
The deadline to purchase 8th grade farewell party tickets is fast approaching. This party is held during the school day (11 am - 1 pm) and tickets and waivers are necessary for all 8th graders. Please purchase your Viking's ticket by March 22.

8th Grade Baby Pictures !

It's hard to believe there are only a few more months left in this school year. Plans are underway to ensure a fun End Of Year Celebration. With that being said, I am requesting pictures of your 8th grader to celebrate this event. They will be displayed throughout the school.

Please follow the guidelines below:

1. Baby Picture of your 8th grader
 - 3 x 5 photo approximate
 - An individual photo of only the student
 - Age less than 1 year
 - Labeled on the back with your students name
2. Current picture of your 8th grader
 - Wallet size or similar small photo
 - An individual photo of only the student
 - Labeled on the back with your students name



These will be returned as a keepsake but be sure to send a copy and not the only original you have as it will be glued to card stock.

Please put the pictures in a sealed envelope with your child's full name and attention 8th grade party photos. There will be a box in the vestibule labeled "Baby Pictures". Please drop your pictures as early as possible but no later than Monday April 22nd. If there are any questions please reach out to Andrea Levitt

andrea.t.levitt@gmail.com.

Thank you so much for your support.
Andrea Levitt, 8th grade party committee member

PARENTS OF INCOMING FRESHMEN!

CLASS OF 2028!

School spirit is a great way to celebrate your child's school!
Shop online at our webstore.

Why not get something for yourself while you're at it!





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8th Grade Field Trip



\$145
per person

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15TH, 2024

DOWNTOWN DETROIT EXPEDITION

ACADEMIC EXPEDITIONS AND VAN HOUSEN MIDDLE SCHOOL ARE JOINING TOGETHER IN THE CREATION OF A UNIQUE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN THE LARGEST CITY IN MICHIGAN!

Highlights:

- How well do you know the history of Detroit, the largest city in Michigan? Enjoy a **cruise** on Diamond Jack's River Tour and see some of Detroit's most iconic landmarks by a unique view from the U.S. and Canada Detroit River shoreline.
- Experience a tour of **Ford Field**, Home of the Detroit Lions! Have your camera ready during this unique behind-the-scenes tour.
- Your visit won't be complete without a visit to **Comerica Park**, a special place for Tigers Fans and the city of Detroit. Cheer on the Tigers and enjoy lunch at one of the many vendors at the stadium.

Your Academic Expeditions trip includes:

- Deluxe motor coach transportation with driver and all transfers for the day
- Lunch Stipend for up to \$20
- Custom designed itinerary
- Full-time professional Academic Expeditions tour educator
- Entrance fees to all program sites and day/evening activities
- Customized Trip T-shirt

*Price per person based on a group of 35+ travelers per coach.

\$20 non-refundable deposit required upon registration.

Remaining balance due in installments on 1/12/24 & 2/9/24.

For Trip Information and Registration Portal:

Go to www.academicexpeditions.com and click on "GO TO MY TRIP"

Enter your Tour Code: **vanhoosentigers2024**



If you should have any questions about the trip program, do not hesitate to contact your group leaders:
Ms. Jones - MJones@rochester.k12.mi.us / **Ms. Papak** - SPapak@rochester.k12.mi.us

For questions regarding registration:
Jennifer Turner (Finance & Registration, Academic Expeditions)
jturner@aedetravel.com or 917-932-3237



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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.



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



[Registration Instructions Click Here](#)



WORK PERMITS

You can obtain a work permit in the main office. Most of our students will need the form for UNDER 16.

There is a separate form for 16 & 17 years old.

Complete Section I, have the employer complete Section II, then bring it back to VH to be completed. We will need a birth certificate of the student in order to complete the work permit. Work permits are completed between the hours of 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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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MEET AUTHOR IN APRIL STEVE SHEINKIN!



Apply to have lunch or attend a writing workshop with Mr. Sheinkin on Monday, April 29!

Applications are on the Media Center Google Classroom or scan the QR code below. Applications are due by April 22.

Limited to 30 students per event.



Volunteers needed

in the
VHMS Media Center!

Lunch time and Special Projects:

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

THANK YOU!

Lisa Mele
Information Literacy Specialist
Lmele@rochester.k12.mi.us



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PTSA NEWS




SAVE THE DATE
Sparkle Awards

April 30, 2024

ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL
6:00PM ECSE & ELEMENTARY
7:30PM MIDDLE, HIGH & POST HIGH

WWW.RCSPAC.COM/SPARKLE-AWARDS


STUDENT STEWARDS

Ages 12-18 can earn community service hours learning to identify invasive species and helping to control a different one each month. Registered students will be provided a link to earn certification on identifying the targeted species before removal day. Snacks and water provided. Additional independent volunteer removal hours may be scheduled at conclusion of scheduled session.


Thursdays at Dinosaur Hill

- March 21 4:30-6:30 pm Intro & Common & Glossy Buckthorn pruning
- March 28 2-5 pm Bush Honeysuckle removal
- April 18 4:30-6:30 pm Japanese Barberry Removal
- May 16 4:30-6:30 pm Garlic Mustard Seed Head Removal/Pull
- June 20 12-3 pm Dame's Rocket Seed Head Removal/Pull

TO REGISTER:



SCAN ME




Vikings Spiritwear

Van Hoosen spiritwear is available for purchase anytime. Use this link to place your order and check out the current promotions

<https://www.vanhoosenspiritwear.com/>



Media Center Volunteers Needed

Mrs. Mele would love to have volunteers during any of the three lunch hours. If you're interested, please use the link below to sign up.

[Please click here to sign up!](#)



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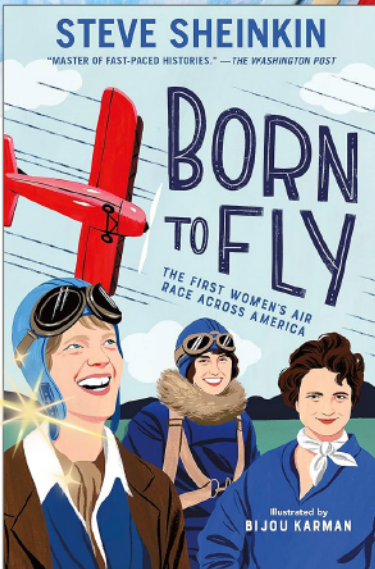
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Book Club 2024



Born to Fly:

The First Women's Air Race Across America

Just nine years after American women finally got the right to vote, a group of trailblazers soared to new heights in the 1929 Air Derby, the first women's air race across the U.S. Follow the incredible lives of legend Amelia Earhart, who has captivated generations; Marvel Crosson, who built a plane before she even learned how to fly; Louise Thaden, who shattered jaw-dropping altitude records; and Elinor Smith, who at age seventeen made headlines when she flew under the Brooklyn Bridge.

These awe-inspiring stories culminate in a suspenseful, nail-biting race across the country that brings to life the glory and grit of the dangerous and thrilling early days of flying.

- April 3
- April 10
- April 17
- April 24



Weekly meet at 2:30-3:30 PM
Limited Space, Book Included and
Special Private Meeting with Author

\$20.00
Per student

To register, please click here [Book Club 2024](#)
For additional question, please email : kristalanderson@gmail.com

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enlarge](#)



ESSER Funds

RCS has the opportunity to support out of school programs for students with a 504 plan or students eligible for special education through the use of ESSER funds. Funds may be used for approved tutoring programs and summer camps, such as SCAMP, Lemonade Learning, and some Oakland University programs.



Contact Karen Gelarid at kgelarid@rochester.k12.mi.us with the name of the camp, dates and cost. Our hope is we will be able to work directly with the camp or tutoring program to directly bill us and you as the parent/guardian would not have to request reimbursement.



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