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Highlights

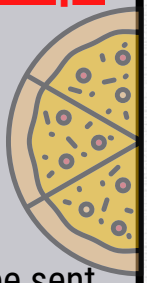
Upcoming Events

- Nov. 10: OK2Say Presentation 6th Grade
- Nov. 11: Veterans Day All School Assembly
- Nov. 12: Bandsgiving
  (For band students only)
- Nov. 12: Pizza Kit Pick Up

Little Caesars Pizza Kit Pick Up!



Pizza Kit pick up will be
NOV. 12th
1:45 pm-6:00 pm



Pizza Kit Pickup Information

- Bus Limits: A maximum of 3 kits can be sent home via the bus.
- Large Orders: Orders of 4 or more kits must be picked up in person.
- Date & Location: Thursday, November 12th 7 & 8 Grade atrium.
- Directions: Please enter through Door #2 front of the building look for the VH Flags. No bus loop parking until after 3pm. Dollies will be provided.

All orders MUST be picked up on Nov. 12th!!

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Important Dates

- Nov. 20: Super Students Donut Sale
- Nov. 20 : International Academy visit during lunch (8th grade only)
- Nov. 25-27: No School Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 1: 6th Grade Band Concert
- Dec. 4: Pep Assembly

Important Links

Van Hoosen Website
Viking Student Center
Counseling Connection
VH Media Center
VH Athletics
PTSA
Student Handbook

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Van Hoosen Middle School

HOW TO HANDLE SCHOOL ABSENCES

REPORT IN PARENT VUE

This is how to report all absences, whether related to illness or travel. You may also call 248-726-4910.

What can my student do while we're away?

If able, please follow along with daily notes in Google Classroom.

What will my student do when they return?

Notes and activities will be collected in their absence. Students will pick these up when they return. Students have the number of days they were absent to complete missing work. For example, if they miss two school days, they will receive two extra days to complete notes or assignments unless otherwise noted by teacher.

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Attendance Reporting Procedure

Please notify the school of any student absences, late arrivals, or early dismissals before 12:00pm on the day of the event.

How to Report Attendance

You have two simple options for reporting a full-day absence or requesting a partial-day change:

Option 1: Online via ParentVue

1. Log into your ParentVue Account.
2. Click **"Report Absence"** next to your student's name.
3. **Select the correct date(s).** The system defaults to the current day. You may report for the current day or schedule absences up to one week in advance.
4. In the **"Select a reason"** drop-down, choose **"absent"** for all requests (full-day absence, early dismissal, or late arrival).
5. **For early dismissal or late arrival**, use the **"Note" section** to clearly state the specific time of dismissal or arrival.
6. Remember to press **SAVE** when finished!

Option 2: Telephone

Call the **VH Attendance Line** at **248-726-4910** and follow the prompts to report either an all-day or part-day absence.

Early Dismissal Procedure

If your student is leaving school early:

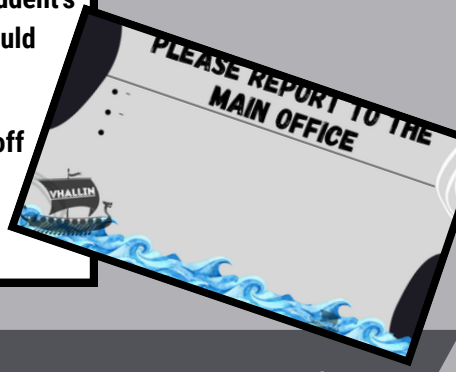
- The student will be sent a pass from the office to notify them of the scheduled dismissal.
- They should come to the main office at the designated time.
- The student will wait in the office until the parent/guardian arrives in the lobby and signs them out.

If you have any questions regarding this procedure, please contact the Main Office at **248-726-4900.**



Van Hoosen item and pass pick-up procedure

- **T.V. monitors are installed in the hallways throughout the building .**
- **When parents or guardians request an early dismissal, their student's name will display on the T.V. monitors, indicating that they should report to the main office to pick up their pass.**
- **This same process will also be utilized for any items dropped off during the day.**



#rowtogether!

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On Tuesday, November 10th our 6th grade students will have a presentation from the student safety program OK2SAY. Students will learn about the program's purpose and how the tipline operates, including what incidents can be reported, how to submit a tip, and the actions taken after a tip is received. Students are encouraged to examine their behaviors and make smart and thoughtful decisions both online and off. The presentation discusses many issues that impact middle school students including bullying, cyberbullying, mental health issues, self-harm, suicide thoughts, sexting/sextortion, types of abuse, the predator threat, and threats of violence. Throughout the presentation, students are encouraged to stand up for themselves and their peers and always to be mindful of the power of their words.

Please take a moment to review the videos featured in the presentation. If you have any questions do not hesitate to reach out to your student(s) grade level counselor. Linked is the OK2Say Opt-Out form.

Please click on the links below for parental guide and opt-out form

Parental Guide To OK2SAY

Parent notification & opt-out form

Xello Career and College Readiness Program – Grades 6, 7, 8

Educational Development Plans (EDP) are required for all students in Michigan to identify tentative career goals and related action plans starting in 6th grade. Students continue the EDP process through 12th grade to align with their changing interests and abilities. EDPs help students think about long-term education and career plans before entering high school. By going through this process, students learn more about themselves, consider different options for their future, and develop a more specific path for preparing for their career choice.

Van Hoosen students will complete the state-required EDP process in classrooms with the counselors during the months of September through November, using the Xello Career and College Readiness program. Xello gives students the opportunity to take assessments, complete lessons and activities that match them to career and college opportunities. Parents can learn more about Xello here: https://xello.world/en/

Key Information Link for School Supplies, Attendance, Hours, and More Information

https://vanhoosen.rochester.k12.mi.us/about/key-information

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8th Grade News

International Academy Information for 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/ia-okma/prospective-students-okma.
Applications for the class of 2031 are now being accepted, and the deadline to apply for the lottery is January 24, 2027. All information regarding the IA curriculum, enrollment meeting dates, 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 Tamara McCaughtry, Van Hoosen counseling secretary.

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VIKING SKI CLUB

PRICE INCREASE NOVEMBER 1ST HARD DEADLINE DECEMBER 1ST!

SKI & SNOWBOARD
@ PINE KNOB
FRIDAY NIGHTS

CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION LOOKS DIFFERENT FOR EVERY FAMILY, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

JANUARY & FEBRUARY
TICKET PICK UP 4-7PM

CALLING ALL WINTER ENTHUSIASTS!
DISCOUNTED TICKETS, RENTALS, LESSONS, AND PARENT DISCOUNTS. COME SKI OR SNOWBOARD WITH US ON FRIDAY NIGHTS.

QUESTIONS? EMAIL MRS. GRAVES OR MRS. SCHYMICK!
WGRAVES@ROCHESTER.K12.MI.US SSCHYMICK@ROCHESTER.K12.MI.US

Winter II Sports

January - March



Girls Basketball & Wresting



Athletic Physicals: Click HERE for a blank 2025-26 Athletic Physical form if your student plans to participate in any middle school athletics. Physicals must be dated after April 15, 2025 and have a physician signature to be valid. All forms must be uploaded to the Final Forms Site

Review the Viking Weekly for updates

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VH Yearbook Club

Needs your help!

Are you planning to attend any sporting events or concerts this year?

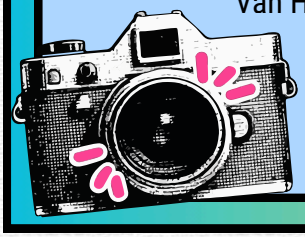
The yearbook staff would love for you to share your photos!

Please upload any photos you are willing to share directly to the yearbook website (Varsity Yearbook) using the following link.

SHARE YOUR PICTURES HERE!

If you have any issues uploading, please contact Mr. Barraclough at jbarraclough@rochester.k12.mi.us

Thank you for your support,
Van Hoosen Yearbook Staff 2026-2027





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Electronic Communication Devices

Reminder - All Cellphones, Smartwatches, Personal Bluetooth earbuds/headphones, and artificial intelligence eyewear must be turned off and put away during the school day.
For further details please visit the district policies

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.

Fueling Kids Future

Fueling Kids' Futures – One Meal at a Time, formerly Blessings in a Backpack, is designed to help meet the nutritional needs of school-age children who participate in the Free or Reduced-Price School Meals program at school.

Application and Letter from RCS

Order your 2026/2027 Yearbook



Order your yearbook today!

Please click here for more details and order form.

Volunteer Forms

Anyone with plans to volunteer in any building in any capacity during the school year needs to have an electronic I-Chat form submitted each year. See below for link and instructions.

- I- CHAT FORM LINK

New forms will need to be filled out each school year and are valid from July 1-June 30 each school year.

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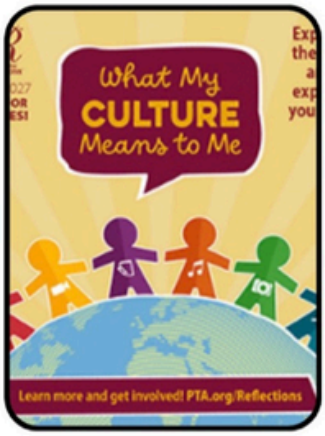
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DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 11/9

VAN HOOSEN MIDDLE SCHOOL

REFLECTIONS



WHAT IS IT?

PTA Reflections is a chance for you to show everyone your creativity! Enter a piece of art, and judges will score all the entries based on interpretation of the theme, creativity, and technique.

ENTRY TIPS

- Brainstorm about the theme: *"What My Culture Means to Me"*
- Choose a category
- Create a piece of art
- Write an artist statement (very important!)
- Reflections Entries Accepted Until **Friday, November 6**
- Turn in your entries in the main office or upload them in the google form.

CATEGORIES

- Visual Arts
- Literature
- Dance Choreography
- Music Composition
- Photography
- Film

Form and Rules here!

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PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ENRICHMENTS

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PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ROCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SPECIAL EDUCATION



Join Us

Register here

Interoception: The Missing Link to Regulation

Jessica Ravineala, MS, OTRL

ABOUT THIS ENRICHMENT

Learn how interoception—our sense of what's happening inside our bodies—connects to regulation and how we can better support children's individual needs.

Join **Jessica Ravineala**, veteran Occupational Therapist, owner of The Therapy Spot, and Co-Founder of Bridges Development Center in a neurodiversity affirming program to support you on your parenting journey.

November 10
6:30-8pm
University Hills- Media Center

Questions? Email: rcspacenrichment@gmail.com

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PTA LEGISLATIVE
October 2026

KEY LEGISLATIVE UPDATES: 2026–2027 EDUCATION & ELECTION FRAMEWORK

- **Adequate & Equitable School Funding (State)**: Enacted Policy: Public Act 25 of 2026 officially secures a historic base foundation allowance of $10,300 per **Equity Shift:** Introduces a true weighted foundation allowance formula to distribute extra resources directly to high-need students and English language learners. **Core Dilemma:** District administrators must continuously monitor whether this baseline allowance can offset inflationary operating expenses and maintain rigorous educational standards.
- **Special Education & IDEA Funding (Federal & State):** Federal Objective: Continued board resolution pressure calls on Congress to pass the IDEA Full Funding Act (S.2217/H.R.4519) to satisfy the federal government's original cost-sharing promises. **State Reform:** Alignment with the Michigan PTA advocacy platform targeting the "MI Blueprint" weighted funding reform to ensure true service cost reimbursement.
- **Federal Restructuring & Voucher Safeguards:** Program Preservation: Active pushback by the National PTA against federal initiatives to abolish the U.S. Department of Education or shift core K–12 funding streams (Title I, Title IV-A) into generic block grants. **Revenue Protection:** Strong recommendations from the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) encouraging a state-level opt-out from the federal tax-credit voucher structures under OBBBA.
- **Literacy, Dyslexia, and the Science of Reading:** Every Child Reads Initiative: Dedicated state funding mandates $75M for universal teacher LETRS training alongside $50M in structural district incentives. **Curriculum Realignment:** Financial support targets full adoption of science of reading-aligned programs. **Local Metric:** Districts face the implementation challenge of ensuring these mandates do not trigger unexpected operational shortfalls elsewhere.
- **School Infrastructure Constraints:** Funding Disparity: Statewide capital improvement requests topped $1.8B, but the finalized budget designated only $224M to meet these facilities demands. **Capital Outlook:** Districts must continue navigating localized bond measures or sinking funds to secure deferred building maintenance and technological upgrades.

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION UPDATE (CORRECTED)

For the upcoming Rochester Community Schools (RCS) election, you can vote for:

- No more than TWO (2) full 6-year term seats AND
- No more than ONE (1) partial term seat (term ends 12/31/2028).

CALL TO ACTION

For further information on this and many more updates, go to our full legislative update document. Use the QR code attached to link to the full update document.

DISTRICT NOTICES

Safe Storage Law: Michigan safe storage law (HBs 4540 & 4541), schools must share annual reports on safety and access to free gun locks (provided by partners like Rochester Police Dept. and Oakland County Sheriff's Office).

MICHIGAN PTA ADVOCACY

- Advocacy Day in Lansing: We are looking for members who want to attend and set up meetings.
- Lead the Way: Discover Careers in Public Service. Shift to an On-Demand Library. Transitioning from an annual live event to a curated collection of recorded virtual sessions, creating a permanent, accessible digital library for students and faculty.
- Modernized Accessibility: Leveraging new technology to align scheduling with evolving needs of students, faculty, and district.

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