



Voyager Academy Weekly Newsletter January 23, 2016

Dear Voyager Families,

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful snow and staying warm!! It is quite likely that we will have more snow and/or ice this winter, so please register for the Voyager app so you can get instant updates and alerts. We will continue to follow the DPS winter weather plans, so if DPS closes or changes their operating hours related to weather alerts, we will too. We will post these alerts on our website, send an email and place a phone call, but if you see it on the news for DPS, you can plan accordingly.

Don't forget that the due date for all families to acknowledge they have read the Code of Conduct was Tuesday, January 19. If you have not done this, please do so now.

Code of Conduct policy link: <https://goo.gl/ddz8w3>

Acknowledgement form link: <http://goo.gl/forms/1aqem6NJV1>

Come and join the Voyager High School cheerleaders for an evening of cheerleading on Tuesday, February 2, 2016! All camp participants will attend camp from 4:15-5:45 then cheer during the first half and half-time of the Voyager Academy High School Varsity girl's game against Research Triangle High School. Please see attached flier for more information!

Be sure to check out the attached flyer from the Duke Lemur Center regarding their summer camp.

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Jennifer Lucas, our Managing Director, is back at work on an abbreviated schedule. She is available via email at jlucas@voyageracademy.net. However, if you have something that needs immediate attention, you can also reach me at lpaynter@voyageracademy.net.



Best,
Leslie

Elementary Update:

Dear VAES Families,

We will kickoff this year's Jump Rope For Heart program on Wednesday January 27, 2016. Your student will bring home a parent letter attached to a collection envelope that day. We will hold our school's Jump Rope of Heart event during Physical Education classes February 3-17. This is a fun and exciting event for our entire school as we work together to raise money for the American Heart Association and save lives! (Be sure to open the attached flyer for JRFH.)

Your students will be telling you about the Lifesaver puppies, so we wanted to fill you in! Each puppy teaches the kids a way to protect their heart and avoid risk factors for heart disease and stroke. Your student can earn all 6! Three of the puppies are given as instant rewards and three will come with the other fundraising prizes. The instant rewards are Super Pup, Ninja Star, and Martia N. Mutley. If you raise \$5 your student will get Super Pup at school the day they turn in their money. If that donation is made online, they will also get a second puppy, Ninja Star. Any student who reaches \$85 online will also get Martia N. Mutley. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Derrick or Mrs. Flowedawson at bderrick@voyageracademy.net or mflowedawson@voyageracademy.net.

A big thank you from all of the VAES to our fabulous PTA Hospitality Committee for lunch on Thursday!! The food was wonderful and we truly appreciate all of you!

I hope everyone enjoys the snow this weekend!! Stay safe and warm!!!

Leslie

- **VAES Yearbook Ordering Information**

2015-16 Elementary School Yearbooks are now on sale and can only be ordered online this year. You can order your copy online at www.strawbridge.net. Yearbooks are \$22.00 each and must be ordered by January 31, 2016. After this date, there will be a price increase for additional book orders. Visit www.strawbridge.net, click on Order/Pay, and complete the requested school information for Voyager Elementary and ensure that you choose Yearbook to proceed to your order. Please contact Leslie Jewell (lesliej@mindspring.com) if you have any questions. Order today!!



- **mClass Mid-Year Reading Assessment Window:** Jan. 19 - Feb. 12
- **Elementary Tours:**
 - K Tour: Feb. 12 @ 10:30
 - K - 3rd Tour: Feb. 26 @ 10:30
- Progress Reports go home on Friday, February 5
- Monday, February 15: **NO SCHOOL** for students/**REQUIRED** Teacher Workday
- Monday, February 29: Buddy Class activity with HS and MS students
- **3rd Quarter Project Celebration Dates:**
 - First Grade:** Thursday, March 3 @ 1:00
 - Kindergarten and 2nd Grade:** Friday, March 4 @ 11:30
 - Third Grade:** Friday, March 4 @ 1:00

Middle School Update:

Happy Winter Middle School Families,

I hope all of you are safe and warm and enjoyed the time together today. Our yearbook committee is busy as the deadline for completion is near. They would like to include many candid pictures in this year's yearbook. Please email any photos you have taken for the 2015/2016 school year to msyearbook.voyageracademy.net. When sending your pictures, please identify the class and grade level.

It's also time for you to order a yearbook for your child. Order before January 29 and pay only \$27. You can order via www.strawbridge.net. Don't delay, check this off your to do list.

We are excited to share we will open our School Store on February 1. Our National Junior Honor Society students and the students in Mrs. Lauren Allen's class will coordinate this project. They will visit a grade level each morning to sell school items and snacks. More information to come so be on the lookout!

We are so excited to display the excellent work of our students. If you have been in the lobby lately, you have seen work displayed by Mrs. Schulze's 6th grade social studies classes, Mrs. Norman's 8th grade Core Connections classes, Mrs. Cline's 7th grade science classes and Mr. Rieman's art classes. I am happy to share that we will continue to display work created by our students and each grade level will have a section of the hall. I know you will enjoy the displays of student learning!

Calendar for the Week



Monday, Jan. 25 6th grade math benchmark

Monday, Jan. 25: Last home basketball games, girls 4:30, boys immediately following.

Please come support our players. Our 8th grade players and 8th grade cheerleaders will be recognized!

Tuesday, Jan. 26: 6th grade reading benchmark

Wednesday, Jan.27: Spelling Bee

As the winter weather is coming to an end, please continue to be safe and stay warm!

Gwen

Interim Principal

gjohnson@voyageracademy.net

High School Update:

Don't forget to save the date for our Project Exhibition Night, March 8th 5pm-7pm! Exhibition Night is a time where teachers and students transform the high school into a museum type space to exhibit their awesome project work. All students 9th-12th grade are expected to participate in this event, there are no other athletic or arts events on this evening. Our Good to Great focus continues to center around project work which encourages students to put forth their best effort while working independently, striving for accuracy and innovating.

Remember to sign up for a Canvas account using the instructions in my video here: <https://youtu.be/o4STIy6w9bM>. Teachers will enter all assignments in Canvas and you will be able to view the assignments and feedback through your parent Canvas account. All teachers will also push grades to PowerSchool on Monday each week. This way our community can count on PowerSchool as the accurate source for student grade information each week.

Stay safe during the snow days!

Cory Draughon

Principal, VAHS

"Persist for Meaning"

--One of our students participates in a Rugby Club, if you are interested please go here for more information: <http://www.highlandersrfc.org>. You can read more about the culture of rugby on our parent's page (<http://www.highlandersrfc.org/Pages/parents.aspx>).



--It's Prom Time!!

Planning has started and we are getting ready to celebrate our 2016 VAHS Prom in Old Hollywood style!

VAHS Junior/Senior Prom will be held on April 9, 2016 at Umstead Pines Country Club. Tickets are on sale now in the high school front office.

Ticket Prices: \$45 individual/\$80 couple until March 1, 2016. A free ticket raffle will be held for students who have purchased tickets by March 1st!!!

On and after March 2, 2016 tickets will be \$50 individual/\$90 couple.

Bernard's Formal Wear on Ninth Street is offering Voyager students a tuxedo rental for \$40 and also an opportunity for a free tuxedo. Students, make sure you let them know that you are from Voyager and we will get money back for prom expenses. Coupons are attached.

Questions: please contact Amey Hendriks or Ashleigh Eisch

--National college admissions expert Susan Goodkin will present an informative webinar to help students and parents understand how to search for college scholarships. The webinar will address the most common questions and concerns about finding scholarships as well as the not-so-common tips and tricks to make your search easier, faster, and more productive.

Register by clicking on your date of choice:

Thursday, Feb. 4, 12-1 p.m. (EST) Sunday, Feb. 7, 2-3 p.m. (EST)

Topics to be covered:

Why You Should Start Thinking About Scholarships When Your Child is in Middle School
The Scholarship Search

- What to do before you start looking to search most efficiently
- Why your child's GPA is less important for many scholarships than you think
- What students can start doing when they're young to improve their odds of winning scholarships
- The best order in which to search for scholarships
- How to search beyond the usual suspects
- Tricky ways to find local scholarships
- How to find scholarships for students with quirky interests

Merit Scholarships Awarded by Colleges (scholarships not based on financial need)

- Who gets merit scholarships?
- Some great colleges that offer big scholarships (full tuition or more!)
- Tips for figuring out how much merit aid your child might be offered

National Merit Scholarship Competition

- How it works



- How you can improve your child's odds of winning one, and why you should be thinking about this the summer after sophomore year!
 - How merit scholarship recognition can help your child get merit aid at many colleges
- The Scholarship Application*
- How to write a great scholarship application
 - Tips from students who have won scholarships, including National Merit Scholars, Coca-Cola Scholars, and more.

Athletic Update:

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Important Announcement: Friday's basketball games, 1-22, against Cardinal Gibbons has been postponed, we are working on possible alternative dates and will update everyone as we confirm.

Weekly Schedules:

Middle School

Monday 1-25 Roxboro Community School @ Voyager - 8th grade recognition night; girls and guys before their games and cheerleaders during halftime of boys game

Thursday 1-28 Voyager @ Rivermill

High School

Monday 1-25 - Swimming @ Triangle Aquatic Center

Tuesday 1-26 - Home basketball v. East Wake Academy

Wednesday 1-27 - Wrestling at Cary Academy

Thursday 1-28 - Girls Basketball home 5pm v. St. Mary's

Friday 1-29 -Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball away at Raleigh Charter



Saturday 1-30 - Wrestling Conference Tournament @ Granville Central

Supporters

Voyager Families we ask that you continue to support those that support our athletic programs. The companies below have made huge contributions to allow our student-athletes the opportunity to participate in educational driven athletics;

North Durham Orthodontics- Where a smile is always in style

Triangle Orthopedics- who work hard to keep our athletes on the court and fields

The Law Offices of Shelley Campen Brown - there to assist you with any of your legal needs

Roxboro Road Chick-Fil-A who helps us feed the fire and can provide catering for any of your gatherings

Upchurch Drugs and Gift Shoppe - there to help with all your medication, or optical needs while providing a place to find a perfect gift to just show someone you care.

Fundraiser

Voyager Athletics is now offering a way to comfortably enjoy your son or daughters sporting event. Buy a one of a kind stadium seat now available for purchase on orgsonline.com (School Code: 375VASNC). Select "Stadium Seat" and for \$35 one of these seats can be yours!



After School/Enrichment Update:

Dear Voyager Families!

I hope you are staying warm! Please be reminded that Enrichments will start again on Monday, January 25, 2016. All students participating in enrichment courses should



remain after school for the day. If you need to reach the after school staff, please call [919-433-3301 ext 301](tel:919-433-3301) after 2pm on Mondays and after 4pm Tuesday-Friday.

Summer Camps 2016!

Voyager Before/After School will host a wonderful summer camp this year! We have included a sample calendar of events and field trips to help give you an idea of what our camp will offer! Voyager's camp is only open for rising 1st-rising 8th grade students. The camp will take place June 1-July 1. Register your students before February 1 to receive the lowest weekly rates!

Additionally, other private camps will be offered at Voyager throughout the summer. **We are working to update the summer camp webpage on our website.** In the meantime, click the link below to get a quick reference of all of the camps being offered this summer.

Summer Camp Link:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1CSuwk5_wgDxgrlgwNlxLaMx9YIJWdR6xdeSOvAebkVo/pubhtml?gid=0&single=true

For questions regarding the care program, enrichment courses, or summer camp please email Latia Boney at lboney@voyageracademy.net