



**The mission of Voyager Academy is to provide students in kindergarten through grade twelve an academically challenging and supportive learning environment. Staff utilizes experiential and traditional learning strategies so that students become responsible, engaged, and innovative members of society. The school's expectation is that all students, working with dedicated faculty and family, will excel academically and socially.**

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

Dear Viking Families:

We had a wonderful time this week on Tuesday during Spring Fling and Science Night! I hope you all had as much fun as we all did participating in the activities with our kids, watching the performing arts, taking a gallery walk and completing so many fun science projects! The Food Trucks, vendors and auction items were a huge success and it was wonderful to see our Service Club students, athletes, culinary students and EXPO families share information about their programs. Thanks so much to the PTA for coordinating the event with our faculty and stakeholder groups and thanks to everyone who volunteered their time, especially our wonderful teachers and kids!

We are working on our hot lunch program and would appreciate your feedback through this brief survey. It should only take a minute or two and whether you currently use the lunch program or not your input is important. Thank you for your time and here is the link:  
[click here for survey!](#)

Or you can cut and paste this to your browser:  
<https://myhotlunchbox.wufoo.com/forms/xw9hvg20kcugam/>

As many of you may have heard by now, one of our Viking Families suffered a great loss in a house fire last weekend. We are asking you all to help them with donations of gift cards or cash donations. Please deliver your gifts to the Middle School front desk and Ms. Pam and Ms. Johnson will make sure your contribution gets directly to the family.

Make sure you mark your calendar: VAHS cheer tryouts will be held June 2-4 from 9-11 in the high school gym. Try-out packet information can be picked up from Mrs. Allen or Mrs. Hendricks. Visit <http://voyageracademycheerleading.webs.com> for more information. Please contact Mrs. Allen ([lallen@voyageracademy.net](mailto:lallen@voyageracademy.net)) if you have any questions.

Ease on Down, Ease on Down the Road...



The Wiz is coming to Voyager Academy! Come see our Spring Musical cast of Dorothy, Addaperle, Tinman, Scarecrow, Lion and many more in The Land of Oz on April 28th, 29th, and 30th! Tickets are just \$10 and can be purchased at [www.vafoa.org](http://www.vafoa.org)

We are working on our traffic plans for arrival/dismissal/sibling drop off for next year as well as any changes to hours for the Care program. We should be able to post our new maps and operating hours for you by next Friday.

#### **GOVERNING BOARD VANCANIES:**

ONE MORE WEEK TO APPLY!

We will have 2 vacancies on our Board next year as our staggered terms expire. If you are interested, please make sure you apply directly to me through the application I will be sending out when we return. All interested applicants will be reviewed, and top candidates will have in depth interviews by a sub-committee of the Board. Experience in Finance or Budget Management is a plus, but not required. Parents are encouraged to apply, but we will interview community members as well, so feel free to reach out to other friends/family who may be a good fit for our school. Applications are due by April 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM VACANCIES:**

The school improvement team will have vacancies in June as parents of graduating students will be rolling off the team. If you are interested in serving on the school improvement team, please email your interest and bio/resume to [jlucas@voyageracademy.net](mailto:jlucas@voyageracademy.net). I will forward to the team who will conduct interest meetings and interviews. Please include the grades your child(ren) are in, and why you wish to serve. Please also note if they have a special interest (education plan, athletics, arts, etc)

#### **Voyager Academy Lacrosse Club Senior Night**



Please join the Voyager Academy Lacrosse Club as they recognize six graduating seniors playing their final home game. Seniors Alex Laws, Wyatt Young, Hunter Johnson, Hal Kosik, Hunter Capps and Co-Captain Logan Sparrow will be recognized before the Northern Vance game on Monday, April 25 at the Old Farm Field in Durham. The recognition will begin at 4:30 followed by the game at 5:00pm. The field is located at 7 Hedgerow Place, off North Roxboro.

The Vikings will be on the road this Friday against Northwoods at 5:00pm, followed by Senior Night at home on Monday beginning at 4:30, away at Cedar Ridge on Tuesday at 5:00pm and away at Roxboro Community School on Friday at 6:30.

Regards,  
Jennifer Lucas, M. ED  
Managing Director  
[jlucas@voyageracademy.net](mailto:jlucas@voyageracademy.net)

*Athletics Update:*

RICK HENDRICKS CHEVROLET  
VOYAGER ACADEMY GOLF CLASSIC  
MAY 7, 2016  
HILLANDALE GOLF COURSE  
DURHAM, NC  
SHOTGUN START 8:00 AM

Voyager Academy Athletics is pleased to announce our annual golf classic at Hillandale Golf Course!! Breakfast and Lunch will be provided and is included in the cost of play!!



Please come out and join Voyager Athletics in a fun day of family and golf! This is the biggest fundraiser our athletic department hosts and the money raised supports all Voyager Academy student athletes. We need your help in continuing the success of all of our athletic teams!!

If you would like to volunteer, play in the tournament, or make a donation please contact us at the information below.

Deuce Harris [dharris@voyageracademy.net](mailto:dharris@voyageracademy.net) 919-491-5114

Wendy Henderson [wendyhenderson520@yahoo.com](mailto:wendyhenderson520@yahoo.com) 919-308-4209

You may also sign-up to volunteer at the link below.

**[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090945A4AF2FA57-annual](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090945A4AF2FA57-annual)**

**Please come out and support the Vikings!!**

### **Important Announcement**

#### **May 3<sup>rd</sup> – College Sports Signing Celebration**

11:05 – 11:40 am in High School Gym on May 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be celebrating those student-athletes that will be continuing their education and athletic careers at the next level next year. All are invited to attend the celebration.

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** – Physical Night at Triangle Orthopedics. All Voyager student-athletes can get sports physicals for 10 dollars. More information will follow, however, Triangle will be using the proceeds from this night as a fundraiser for our school. Please make plans to have next year's physical taken care of that night, again please support those that support our student-athletes.

Also a coupon is attached at the end of this message.



## **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**- Who reminds us that 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.

**Rick Hendricks Chevrolet** – Partnering with our Athletic Programs as our title sponsor for our Golf Tournament

## **Week of April 25<sup>th</sup> Athletic Schedule**

### **25<sup>th</sup> Monday**

MS Softball – Game vs. Roxboro at GAP 4pm release at 2:50pm

HS Soccer – Game vs. Research Triangle at Wake Med Athletic Park 6pm

### **26<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**



MS Baseball – Game vs. Roxboro at GAP 4pm release at 2:50pm

MS Soccer – Game vs. Roxboro at GAP 4pm release at 2:50pm

MS Golf – Conference Tournament at Southwick Golf Course 3:30pm; release at 2:00pm

HS Golf – NCAC Championship at TBD

### **27<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**

MS Baseball – Game vs. River Mill at Bill Cooke Park 4pm

MS Softball – Game vs. River Mill at Bill Cooke Park 4pm

HS Baseball- Game vs. Northwood at Southern HS 7pm

HS Tennis NCAC-1A Conf. Men's Tennis Tournament 3pm

### **28<sup>th</sup> Thursday**

HS Soccer – Game vs. Research Triangle at GAP 4:30pm

### **29<sup>th</sup> Friday**

HS Baseball – Game vs. Franklin Academy at Flaherty Park 4pm release at 1:30pm

HS Softball – Game vs. Franklin Academy at Flaherty Park 4pm release at 1:30pm

MS Soccer – Game vs. River Mill at Fairchild Park 4pm release at 2:15pm

### **30<sup>th</sup> Saturday**

HS Baseball Oxford Prep - Southern High School 2pm



### Care Program Updates:

#### **Summer Camps**

Registration for summer camps is now underway! Visit our website to shop around for the perfect camp for your student! Most of the camps offered this summer ARE open to students who do not attend Voyager. The only camps NOT offered to outside students are the "Kindergarten camp" and "Ms Spiro's 1st/2nd grade camp." So, spread the word about summer camps at Voyager! <http://voyageracademy.net/resources/summer-camps/>

- Please note the new camps that are listed!
- Additionally, please be reminded that registration is in 2 parts: 1. completing the registration form on our website; and 2. submitting payment via orgs online. In order to receive the "early bird" specials offered with the Art and Ballet summer camps, steps 1 and 2 of the registration process must be completed simultaneously.
- As for the main "Voyager summer camp," the first payment is not due until Wednesday, June 1, 2016, however, in order for us to plan properly, we need to have step 1 of the registration process completed ASAP.
- DEADLINE IS EXTENDED for the \$150/week rate!!! This camp is offered to outside students.** This applies even to families who registered after February 1. Register your student by completing the form on our website TODAY! Please email Latia Boney with any questions.

### Elementary Update:

Dear VAES Families,

We have had an exciting week! The Science Night and the Spring Fling was fabulous!! It was so much fun to see our K – 12 Voyager families eating, shopping, socializing, and doing science experiments! Thank you to the PTA for coordinating the Spring Fling and thank you to Marissa Hartzler, Ashleigh Eisch, and Katie Majewski for organizing our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Science Night!! Also, thank you to all the Voyager staff, students, and parents that volunteered their time to help at both events! We are so appreciative of all your hard work and support!!



Best,  
Leslie  
VAES Principal  
PS  
Enjoy the pictures from Science Night!



- The PTA is hosting an Italian Themed Teacher/Staff luncheon on Monday, April 25, 2016. Please review the link and help if possible. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a48a8a6229-vaes3>  
Thanks, The VAES Hospitality Committee
- **“The Wiz”** is coming to Voyager Academy from April 28th - 30th.  
Purchase your tickets for just \$10!
- **Field Day on Friday, May 6:**  
Kindergarten and 1st grade: 9:30-11:30 & 2nd and 3rd grade: 12:30-2:30





Please sign up to volunteer to help with Field Day! This event is a lot of fun for students, teachers, and parents. However, we need many parent volunteers to make this day a success!! Follow this link to volunteer: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0949a4ae28a5f49-field>

- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Progress Reports Sent Home: Friday, April 22
- Special Olympics Spring Games @ Durham Academy: Friday, April 22
- class Reading End of Year Testing: April 25 – May 20
- Buddy Class Day: Monday, April 25 @ 8:45 AM
- Elementary Class Pictures: Wednesday, April 27
- Spring Musical/The Wiz: April 28 – 30 @ 7:00 Pm in the HS Gym
- Kindergarten and Third Grade Project Celebration: Monday, May 2 @ 5:30 PM
- First and Second Grade Project Celebration: Thursday, May 5 @ 5:30 PM
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Marbles Museum in Raleigh: Wednesday, May 4
- Elementary Field Day: Friday, May 6
- **Voyager Golf Tournament: Saturday, May 7**  
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<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090945a4af2fa57-annual>
- Third Grade End of Grade Reading and Math Tests: Wednesday, May 11 & Thursday, May 12

### **Middle School Update:**

Hi Middle School Families,

Wow, if you missed Science Night this past Tuesday, you missed a great evening. There were science experiments, art work on display, snip-its from The Wiz, food trucks, and a variety of vendors. It was a terrific evening! Thanks to all of you who participated!

Our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Semi-Formal is Saturday evening! Tickets for the April 23 semi-formal may be purchased at the door. The time of the semi-formal is 7:30-9:30 pm and it will be in the



elementary gym. If your 8<sup>th</sup> grader is attending the semi-formal, please make sure you pick your child up on time. The alarm sets automatically and we have to be out of the gym on time.

Thanks to all of you who helped provide a delicious lunch for our staff on Wednesday. It was certainly enjoyed by all. We also appreciate those of you who cover classes so teachers have a few minutes to enjoy their lunch!

### **Calendar of Events**

April 23	8 <sup>th</sup> grade Semi-Formal, 7:30-9:30, elementary gym, tickets on sale
April 25	Special Olympics, 9-2, Durham Academy
April 26	School Improvement Team meeting, 6:00, HS
April 28	Board Meeting, 5:15, HS
April 28	The Wiz, tickets are on sale
April 29	The Wiz, tickets are on sale
April 30	The Wiz, tickets are on sale
April 30	Science Olympiad Competition, Southern High School

Please make sure you add all the dates to your calendars!

Have a great weekend,

Gwen

Principal [gjohnson@voyageracademy.net](mailto:gjohnson@voyageracademy.net)

### **High School Update:**

The year is winding down quickly and for high school students that means comprehensive final testing is fast approaching. Advanced Placement exams will begin with the AP Environmental Science and AP Psychology exams. Students will receive information in their AP classes on the specific dates and times for each AP exam.

End of Course tests will be given on the following schedule: Wednesday May 18th English II, Thursday May 19th Math I, Friday May 20th Biology. Each exam block will be scheduled from 8am-12pm. All students not taking the exam each day will follow their normal schedule.

Final exams by period will be administered on the following schedule: Monday May 23rd 1st and 2nd, Tuesday May 24th 3rd and 4th, Wednesday May 25th 5th and 6th. The first exam on each day will be from 7:30-9:30am, followed by a 30 minute break, the second exam on each



day will be from 10:00-12:00pm. Students will be allowed to leave after the second final exam each day, if they are not picked up by 12:30 they will be moved to a study hall classroom.

Cory Draughon  
Principal, VAHS  
"Persist for Meaning"

--The high school is out of tissues and is in need of donations.

--Mark your calendars for \*\*\*Senior Award Night\*\*\*\* Monday May 16, 6pm-7pm (invitations will be sent to all Seniors receiving an award)

--Service Hours Due May 11th for Seniors who are pursuing the award.

**--College and Career Promise Program**

Students at VAHS are eligible to take FREE courses at local community colleges via the NC College and Career Promise Program (CCPP). This is open to all 11th and 12th grade students.

Please take a minute to fill out the short form below so we can begin to gather a list of names of students who are interested in taking courses via the CCPP. An email will follow shortly to talk about the admission process, deadlines, course selection, and test scores. If you are eligible to participate in the program we will host orientation here at VAHS. Use the following link to find out more information: [www.durhamtech.edu/ccp/](http://www.durhamtech.edu/ccp/) If you have already filled out the form below you do not need to do it again. We are just sending out one final email to collect any additional names.

This is an amazing opportunity to get a jump start on your college education- for free!! I hope this programs grows in our school and our students continue to be successful both at the high school and college level!

<http://goo.gl/forms/cw5ccvOty3>

Dan Schmoyer, M.Ed, LSC  
Voyager Academy High School Counselor

--Volunteers needed to assist in the Angels Among Us Kids Zone. Duties might include face painting, monitoring inflatables, helping children with activities or generally helping out where needed.

Saturday,  
April 23,2016  
9am-1pm Duke University campus  
Website:



[www.angelsamongus.org](http://www.angelsamongus.org)

Volunteer help needed:

9:00-12:30

9:00-10:45

10:45-12:30

If interested, please contact:

Paula Green

[Lg2104@frontier.com](mailto:Lg2104@frontier.com)

919-801-5145

--Please sign up for the VAHS Hospitality Lunch on April 25 at

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c45abae23a75-build>

--VAHS will host the classroom portion of Driver's Ed for 2 weeks on July 18-21 and July 25-28 from 8:00-12:00 each day.

\*\*Sign ups will take place in person at the High School on May 17th in Room E140.

Students who are 17 years old or older, sign ups will start at 7:00am on May 17th in Room E140.

Students who are 14 1/2 -16 years old, sign ups will start at 7:10am on May 17th in Room E140.

The class can hold 25 students. Spaces will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Parents will not need to be present on May 17th for their child to sign up for Driver's Ed. Students will be able to sign themselves up for the class.

The cost of the class is \$45. Students will be required to bring a check for \$45 made out to Durham Public Schools on the first day of class.

Please contact David Roberson with questions. [david.roberson@dpsnc.net](mailto:david.roberson@dpsnc.net)