



Vision: "Inspiring life-long learning in every Viking."

Mission: "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."

Values:

Confidence: Trusting in your own ability and being willing to take academic risks.

Curiosity: Eager to investigate and learn about the world around us.

Empathy: Being aware of and respecting another person's feelings, experiences, and differences.

Reflection: Using past experiences to guide future learning and decision making.

Integrity: Doing the right thing and standing strong in what you believe

Dear Parents:

It was a very busy week on campus as always with athletics, arts and academics in full swing! Thanks to those parents who submitting a response on our parent survey. Please take the following very short survey so we can continue to improve our Aftercare program as well. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PTC85VN> If you don't use early or aftercare, you can let us know why in this survey too!

The Voyager Academy Board of Directors application period is now open. If you or someone you know is interested in serving on our Board, please complete the attached application and submit with a resume to jlucas@voyageracademy.net. We are looking for community members to fill the June 2017 vacancies so please pass this on to friends or family. Applicants with a Finance background is preferred!

Congratulations to the A Science Olympiad Team!

Science Olympiad Elementary Team Wins!

Last Saturday, Voyager's Science Olympiad Team A (grades K-6) had a great day at our tournament at Cisco's RTP headquarters! Thirty-five Voyager ES and MS students competed in groups of two or three on our JV and varsity teams, and we had four alternates ready to jump in too.

The students did great in their individual events and overall as a team. They had six first place finishes, six second place finishes, and three third place finishes in their events. For the second year in a row, the varsity team also took first place overall in the team competition out of nine teams.

And - most importantly - the whole Voyager team (JV and varsity) won the competition's Spirit

Award! This trophy goes to the school that shows the best competition spirit and sportsmanship throughout the tournament day. This trophy is definitely the one that the team should be proudest of. We heard from the judges and volunteers that Voyager students were courteous, helped out and cheered for other teams, and thanked the volunteers running the events.

A big thank you to all the parents, teachers, and members of the administration who supported Science Olympiad this year. The team couldn't have done it without you!

Erik Benson, Team A Head Coach

Varsity team

1st place team finish

Individual finishes: (4) 1st, (3) 2nd, (3) 3rd, (1) 4th, (3) 5th, (2) 6th, (2) 7th, (1) 8th

Coach: Marvin Williams

Ameila Fay, Brennan Markham, Danielle Lasam, Easley Jantz, Isaac Tapley, John Mader, Joshua McCullough, Lana McIlvaine, Liam Markham, Lucas Setji, Tess Mader, Michael Setji, Mira Hanspal, Neera Desai, Osaretin Upkonmwan, Samara Williams, Zach Hanspal

Voyager Academy JV

5th place team finish

Individual finishes: (2) 1st, (3) 2nd, (1) 4th, (7) 5th, (2) 6th, (1) 8th

Coach: Pratik Desai

Aiden Mattioli, Amira Jones, Arley Perryman, Caison Jaynes, Cannon Draughon, Cole Eisch, Ena Scott-Benson, Jackson Hartzler, Jaden McCullough, Jahmal Trujillo, JB Mathieu, James Kearney, Jermaine Thomas, Johannes Roxburgh, Jonathan Scott, Mathias Mathieu, Mina Benazerga, Zacchaeus Mathieu

Team Alternates

Ansel Freeman, Adriana Freeman, Jakobi Evans, Ryan Caruth

EXPO MEETING Save the Date!

Thursday April 6th

6:00 p.m.

Elementary Art & Music Rooms

Two Speakers:

Donna Rewalt from Durham County Cooperative Extension will be presenting on "Advocating for your AIG Student" in the Music Room

And Pattie Doyle from Exceptional Childrens Assistance Center will be presenting on "Advocating for your EC Student" in the Art Room

Parents of students from any grade are welcome to attend

Bring your questions and get helpful information on advocating for your students

Presented by EXPO

Contact Mr. McGill with questions

rmcgill@voyageracademy.net

JUST TRYAN IT Kids Triathlon: Swim, bike, and run for a great cause! JUST TRYAN IT

financially supports families fighting childhood cancer in the Triangle area. May 21 at Chapel Hill

Country Club, for all abilities, ages 6-16. [Register TODAY!](#) In 2016, over 200 students participated and

helped raise \$80,000+. Volunteers needed. Watch this short [video](#) or visit our [website](#) for more information.

Regards,

Jennifer Lucas, M.ED.
Managing Director
Voyager Academy, A K-12 Charter School
“Integrity is the consistency between what we say and what we do”

PTO Update:

Spring Fling - Friday, May 5, 2017
5 pm - 8 pm, Voyager Campus

Fellow Vikings - Mark Your Calendars and make plans to attend our Campus-wide Fun Night! On campus we will have

- Food Trucks
- Additional Desserts and Drinks by VAHS Culinary
- Bottled Water sold by EXPO
- Silent Auction
- Raffles
- Inflatables

and more! We can't wait to see all of our Viking Families there! More information can be found at our [Spring Fling Website](#).

Spring Fling Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to help make this night a success for everyone. There are opportunities to help before the event and the night of. Volunteer shifts are short, ensuring you have ample time to enjoy the event with your family too.

[Sign Up Here](#).

Call for Spring Fling Donations

Do you have something you would like to contribute to our auction and raffle items? PTO is still accepting donations, and donations are tax deductible. Please email us at pto@voyageracademy.net if you would like to contribute. Thank you in advance!

We've Got Spirit, Yes We Do! - Wednesday, April 12

6:00 pm, location TBD

The PTO has adopted a new direction and new goals to work to build meaningful Tradition, School Community and Spirit. Please come out to share ideas and feedback, discuss the new PTO board and committee structure, and to find your place to Plug-In to the effort. It is important for PTO members and non-members alike to plan to attend this brief meeting in person. The Internet Usage Forum is set to immediately follow this gathering.

Internet Usage Forum - Wednesday, April 12

6:30 pm, location TBD

Are you having issues with your kids on the internet or on their cell phones? Do you know how to properly monitor your kids electronic devices to keep them safe and you sane? Please come out to hear a fellow Voyager mom teach on these issues and share her research on some apps and other strategies to help parents protect our children in our hyper-connected world.

Voyager PTO Contact Info

pto@voyageracademy.net

<http://pto.voyageracademy.net>

[Voyager PTO on Facebook](#)

Athletics Update:

Important Announcements

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

Please mark your calendars for the following events:

- Voyager Academy Annual Golf Tournament--Saturday, May 6th
 - This will take place at Hillandale Golf Course
- Voyager Academy Car Wash and Yard Sale--Saturday, April 8th
 - This will take place at Voyager Academy; we NEED donations for yard sale items and parent volunteers for the day.

More information will follow.

SILENT AUCTION

The silent auction will take place on Exhibition Night Thursday, April 6th from 5pm to 7pm. There will be refreshments, snacks, etc. Donations will be accepted up until the day of the event. Please contact msoderberg98@gmail.com for more information.

MS BASKETBALL CAMP

The MS basketball camp for rising 5th-9th graders will be July 24-28 from 530-830pm. Registration is now open at the summer camps section of the Voyager Academy website. Participation will be limited to the first 40 registered.

WEST AND WOODALL

The athletic department would like to thank realtors, Kirk West and Burt Woodall and the agents in their office, for supporting our student athletes as a level one sponsor. We ask that you support those that support our student-athletes.

STATE FARM

The athletic department would like to thank Andy Jones and State Farm for supporting our student athletes at Voyager Academy as a level one sponsor. Please support those that sponsor our athletic program.

VIC CARD

Voyager Academy Athletics now has a new way to raise money. With the Harris teeter VIC Card, type in the account number 3284 and the Voyager Academy Athletic program will receive a percentage of the purchases.

LAW OFFICE OF SHELLEY CAMPEN BROWN

The Law Office of Shelley Campen Brown is now offering Voyager students and staff a discount on traffic tickets. From now until the end of the year, attorney fees are \$100.00 from an original \$200.00. In addition, Voyager families and staff will receive a discount if they do a Will and General Power of Attorney for only \$175.00.

ATHLETIC FEES

Parents please remember that once a student-athlete is selected for a team that athletic fees are due before they may participate in any games or matches. Fees are below

MS - first sport - \$105 any additional sports \$75

HS- first sport -\$135 any additional sport \$95

MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC CONTACTS

Parents, below is the contact information for spring sport coaches. If you any questions or concerns, please contact these coaches.

Middle School Spring Sports

Boys Baseball: faucette@earthlink.net

Girls Softball: mjackson@voyageracademy.net

Coed Golf: d.lee@hvcc.org

Girls Soccer: hbonawitz@voyageracademy.net

Boys Tennis: leerus@aol.com

High School Spring Sports

Boys Baseball: pshankle@voyageracademy.net

Girls Softball: dladd@durhamsheriff.org

Boys Golf: scotts7467@aol.com

Lacrosse: kplilley@ncsu.edu

Girls Soccer: vsmith@voyageracademy.net

Boys Tennis: dquick@voyageracademy.net

Track: taylor.pryde@duke.edu

High School

Baseball

Tuesday 4-4-17 River Mill Academy at Voyager Academy 7:00pm

Thursday 4-6-17 Voyager Academy at River Mill Academy 4:00pm

Golf

Monday 4-3-17 Voyager Academy at River Mill Academy 3:00pm

Women's Soccer

Monday 4-3-17 Voyager Academy at Roxboro Community 6:00pm

Wednesday 4-5-17 Voyager Academy at Oxford Prep Academy 5:00pm

Thursday 4-6-17 Voyager Academy at Vance Charter School 5:00pm

Softball

Monday 4-3-17 River Mill Academy at Voyager Academy 6:00pm

Wednesday 4-5-17 Voyager Academy at Roxboro Community School 4:30pm

Thursday 4-6-17 Voyager Academy at Vance Charter School 5:00pm

Tennis

Monday 4-3-17 Voyager Academy at Woods Charter School 4:30pm
Wednesday 4-5-17 Raleigh Charter High School at Voyager Academy 4:00pm
Thursday 4-6-17 Voyager Academy at Orange High School 4:30pm

Lacrosse

Monday 4-3-17 Chapel Hill High School at Voyager Academy 6:00pm
Tuesday 4-4-17 Voyager Academy at Cedar Ridge High School 6:00pm
Friday 4-7-17 Voyager Academy at J.F. Webb 6:00pm

Track

No events this week

Middle School

Baseball

Monday 4-3-17 River Mill Academy at Voyager Academy 4:15pm
Tuesday 4-4-17 Vance Charter School at Voyager Academy 4:15pm
Thursday 4-6-17 East Wake Academy at Voyager Academy 4:15pm

Golf

Tuesday 4-4-17 Voyager Academy at River Mill Academy 3:30pm

Girls Soccer

Monday 4-3-17 River Mill Academy at Voyager Academy 4:30pm
Tuesday 4-4-17 Vance Charter School at Voyager Academy 3:30pm
Thursday 4-6-17 East Wake Academy at Voyager Academy 3:30pm

Softball

Monday 4-03-17 River Mill Academy at Voyager Academy 4:15pm
Tuesday 4-4-17 Vance Charter School at Voyager Academy 4:15pm
Thursday 4-6-17 East Wake Academy at Voyager Academy 4:15pm

Tennis

Wednesday 4-5-17 Voyager Academy at Duke School 4:00pm

All Schedules, venues, directions and release times for contest are available on the athletic website. Please see website for this information

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

Emerge- 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 and offering specials to Voyager Families

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 2016 Golf Tournament

Raspberry Maintenance – Providing quality service for of your commercial or residential cleaning and landscaping needs

West and Woodall- Providing for your real estate needs from Hyco and Mayo Lakes to Raleigh, Durham. Please contact them at (919)382-2000

Andy Jones State Farm- Providing solutions to all of your insurance needs

Elementary Update:

Our **Third Annual Voyager Family Science Night** is this **Tuesday, April 4 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM!** We still need volunteers!! In order to make Science Night successful, we need YOU!!!

Are you are Voyager high school student or a parent interested in helping out? If yes, then sign up here!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B094DA4AE2AAB9-20171>

Volunteers will help greet families, run supplies, and lead activities. No experience with science is required! We'll have two shifts this year, so that everyone gets a chance to explore Science Night. If you are a high school student, your participation will count for community service hours, so please make sure to check the box if you would like a letter for your records!

Congratulations to our cutest baby, Mrs. Denise Jaeger who won the cutest baby contest with our **Pennies for Patients Fundraiser!!** She collected \$23.00 in her jar!! Isn't she adorable?!!



This week, March 27 - 31, we have had a contest to vote for our favorite ACC/NC basketball team (March Madness). The last day to vote will be Monday, April 3. Students that have collected money in their little individual coin boxes can also bring them to school on Monday, April 3. They can continue to collect money/donations individually online. Here is the link that parents can use to help their students set up their own individual online donation page. http://www.studentseries.org/participate/elementary-schools/parents-elementary/online-giving?utm_source=Ed_Center&utm_campaign=SS_EmailSeries_EdCenter&utm_medium=Email&utm_content=SS_Participate_Elementary_Parents_OnlineGiving

I hope everyone has a great weekend!
Leslie

VAES LOST & FOUND:

We have a VERY large amount of clothes, jackets, lunchboxes, water bottles, etc. in our Lost & Found. Please check to see if your child is missing an item and if they are missing something, it is quite likely in our Lost & Found!! All items that are not claimed by Wednesday, April 12 (before Spring Break), will be donated to charity. PLEASE COME AND SEE IF YOUR CHILD IS MISSING AN ITEM!!



VAES Lost & Found

VAES Field Day:

Our VAES Field Day will be Friday, April 7. We need adult volunteers to help run the activity stations and to make our field day a success!! Please sign-up to help the Kindergarten and First Graders in the morning (8:30 – 11:00) or the Second and Third Graders (11:30 – 2:00) in the afternoon on Friday April 7, 2017.

Here is the Sign-up link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0949a4ae28a5f49-vaelementary>

VAES Yearbook Ordering Information:

You can order your copy online at www.strawbridge.net. Yearbooks are now \$27.00 each and **must be ordered by Friday, March 31, 2017**. We do not order extras and do not anticipate having extras left over. Please place your order by this date to ensure your student receives a copy. Visit www.strawbridge.net, click on Pay or Order Online, enter our school code 110322 for Voyager Elementary, then click View Gallery. Choose Yearbook to proceed to your order. Please contact Leslie Jewell (leslieljewell@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Don't miss out - Order today!!

IMPORTANT DATES:

Monday, March 20 – Friday, March 31: Pennies for Patients LLS Fundraiser

Monday, April 3 – Friday, April 7 from 10:00 – 1:00: K-3 New Student Registration and Enrollment

Tuesday, April 4: 3rd Annual Science Night at Voyager Elementary from 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Friday, April 7: VAES Field Day—K/1st (8:30 – 11:00) & 2nd/3rd (11:30 – 2:00)
Wednesday, April 13 @ 9:30 AM: 3rd Grade Durham Project Celebration
Thursday, April 13 @ 11:00 AM: 2nd Grade Weather Project Celebration
Thursday, April 13 @ 1:00 PM: First Grade Holidays Past and Present and Earth Day Project Celebration
Friday, April 14 – Friday, April 21: Spring Break
Thursday, May 10 and Friday, May 11: Third Grade EOG's
Tuesday, May 23 @ 11:00 AM: Kindergarten Seeds Project Celebration
Thursday, May 25 & Friday, May 26: Rising Kindergarten Assessments

Middle School Update:

Hello Voyager Middle School Families,

Thanks for your support and arriving on time which is between 1:15-1:45 on Mondays and 3:15-3:45 Tuesday – Fridays.

We really need to work on getting to school on time. Next week we have benchmarks Tuesday and Wednesday and students need to be here on time. Benchmark testing begins at 8:20.

NEWSFLASH 1!!! Pennies for Patients----thanks to all of you who participated in Pennies for Patients! If you did not return your individual collection boxes today, please bring to school Monday full of coins!

NEWSFLASH 2!!! We wish Dominic good luck as he represents Voyager in the Geography Bee!

NEWSFLASH 3!!! The 8th grade Semi-Formal will be held on April 29 from 6:00-8:00 pm.

NEWSFLASH 4!!! *The Little Mermaid* is coming! The dates are April 6, 7, and 8! Show time is 7:00 in the MS gym.

NEWSFLASH 5!!! Science Night is coming! Mark April 4th on your calendar!

Thanks for all you do to support your child! We appreciate each of you!

Gwen Johnson gjohnson@voyageracademy.net

[Principal](#)

[Voyager Middle School](#)

High School Update:

Senior Cap and Gown Orders

Graduation caps and gowns were delivered to seniors on Monday, March 27.

Contact Ms. O'Kane if you did not receive your orders.

Be sure to order on line if you have not already done so.

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

Senior Picture Day Monday April 10:

A photographer from Strawbridge Studios will be on campus to take pictures of students wearing their caps and gowns on Monday morning, 4/10/17. Information packets will be distributed to students during Advisory Period on Monday, April 3. Each envelope provided will include a code to be used for their online ordering option. Our school receives a percentage of all packages sold.

<http://www.strawbridge.net/>

Advanced Placement Review Sessions

VAHS offers Advanced Placement review sessions for those students who are taking an AP exam this Spring. [Please click here to get the page on the VAHS website where you can download the AP Exam Review Sessions schedule.](#)

The VAHS Prom

The VAHS prom is almost upon us! Here are the details

When: Saturday, May 20th
8 pm-12 am

Where: Umstead Pines at Willowhaven

Theme: Starry Night

Tickets: 3/6-3/31: \$45-Single, \$80-Couple

4/1-4/30: \$50-Single, \$90-Couple

After 4/30: \$60-Single, \$100-Couple

Tickets will be sold during lunch by Mrs. Nguyen's room. Those who purchase tickets during March will be entered into a raffle to win \$45 back. Winner will be announced on March 31st.

Parents who wish to help out, please contact Yen Nguyen (ynguyen@voyageracademy.net) or Amanda Shaw (ashaw@voyageracademy.net)

Thank you!!

A Yard Sale and a Car Wash

The Athletic Department will be having a Yard Sale and Car Wash on April 8, 2017. We are asking for donations from anyone and everyone who may have items that are taking up room in your house. If you have items that you would like to donate to our yard sale, please contact Amanda Shaw at ashaw@voyageracademy.net We will make arrangements to get the item or items from you.

AP English Literature and Composition Review Sessions

Special note about AP English Literature and Composition review sessions, "Saturday Seminar for Success!". Dates and times are as follows:

March 4th, 18th, 25th April 1st, 22nd, and 29th 10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Free of charge

Each seminar will be structured in a Socratic style of inquiry and discussion followed by effective AP strategies for multiple choice and essays. Sign-up with Ms. Hall is required (hhall@voyageracademy.net).

FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)

FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) Meets every Friday, after school, from 3:50-4:50 pm in Room D124. No need to be a Christian, nor an Athlete :) All are welcome!

Let's celebrate Project Based Learning!

The Voyager Academy community is warmly invited to Fall semester Voyager Academy High School Exhibition Night. Come see student projects in action and in full display. Exhibition Night takes place at the high school 5:30--7:30pm on Thursday April 6th.

Help Needed for upcoming Interview Project at the High School, Tuesday, April 11th

The project will give all of Mr. Baker's Personal Finance students the chance to participate in a job interview. Ideal helpers would be actual employers who might be interested in hiring a high schooler, but any adult with interviewing experience or just the free time to help us would be appreciated! Any adults in the Voyager Family who would be willing and able to help with this Interview Project, please contact Mr. Baker at dbaker@voyageracademy.net.

Coach Huff's Viking Hoop Camp

Viking Hoop Camp will be taking place June 12-15 and June 19-22 under the direction of Voyager Head Coach Mike Huff. This is the fifth consecutive summer for this camp where boys and girls in grade 3-8 learn basketball skills and play games in a positive, fun environment. There are morning and afternoon sessions, with a discount for those who sign up for both. Varsity basketball players serve as the camp counselors. Viking Hoop Camp is open to both Voyager and non-Voyager students. See our brochure at <http://voyageracademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/basketball-Camp-brochure-2017.pdf>. Register online today!

VA Visual, Culinary, and Performing Arts Update

VAFOA, Voyager Academy Friends of the Arts



Disney
THE LITTLE
MERMAID
JR

Music by: ALAN MENKEN

Lyrics by: HOWARD ASHMAN and GLENN SLATER

Book by: DOUG WRIGHT

Based on the Hans Christian Anderson story and the Disney file

Music adapted and arranged by DAVID WEINSTEIN

WHEN: Thursday April 6th / Friday April 7th / Saturday April 8th

WHERE: Voyager Academy Middle School Gymnasium

TIME: Doors Open at 6:30 pm

Show Starts at 7:00 pm

TICKETS: \$10.00/Person, Credit Card & Cash Only

Purchase at the Door Beginning at 6:00 pm

Tickets for Friday and Saturday Show can be Purchased

Starting on Thursday at 6:00 pm at the Door.

Now Available!

VAMS Little Mermaid Jr. Spring Musical T-Shirts!
Proceeds support the VAMS Musical Theatre Program

\$15.00 Short Sleeve \$18.00 Long Sleeve

Youth XXS to Adult 4XL



Gildan Ultra Cotton Long Sleeve T-shirt — Royal



TO ORDER:
<https://www.customink.com/g/duco-ooay-h9uk>
Deadline for orders, MONDAY, APRIL 10th !

Teacher | **Voyager Academy**
Middle School

Take a Photo with Your Favorite Character from the Musical!



Don't forget to take a picture with your favorite character from the Little Mermaid Musical while supporting to the VAMS Musical Theater Program!

Family, cast member, or character photos will be taken just after the show in the VAMS lobby.

Options:

- \$5 (2 Photos) 5x7 Little Mermaid Full Cast photo and 4x6 family/cast member/character photo
- \$10 (4 Photos) 5x7 Little Mermaid Full Cast photo, 4x6 family/cast member/character photo, silly Full Cast photo, and silly family/cast member/character photo

VAES Art!

Elementary art students hard at work on their mosaic projects including stickers, bottle caps, wooden pieces and tile mosaics all being combined!
 Mike Winstead

