



**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.**

August 11, 2017

Dear Viking Families!

It is my pleasure to welcome you all back to a new school year! We are very proud of some of the changes you may have already seen or heard your children talk about for this year. Anyone using carline for elementary and middle school has certainly seen the amazing playground equipment installed on the center of campus. Many thanks again to all the families who participated in the fundraiser and the PTO for spearheading this project! If you have a student in the high school they may have shared our huge summer project that created a "common area" for students that they can use during lunch time and other events. The high school was also repainted and looks just lovely! The primary rooms in the elementary school have gotten new hooks to replace the older cubbies and the middle school locker rooms had a facelift 😊

I have heard a few parents had some concerns related to the new background screening process. I just want to reiterate the purpose of this if for everyone's protection, first and foremost all our students, and secondly your sensitive and confidential information. If you are planning to chaperone a field trip or otherwise assist with students off campus or in a one-one ratio, you must complete the new process. If you are simply coming in to help with lunch coverage or distribution or a staff luncheon or other event, you may still use your license and get checked in through the Raptor system in the lobby. We appreciate all you do for Voyager and in helping us maintain the safest of environments and transportation for all our children.

I have also heard some parents asking about the calendar for 2018. We are so glad you are already planning your summer vacations wisely...Please know that we have a calendar committee that will meet again soon and set out a proposal for final board approval for the 2018 and 2019 school years. They are not completed yet and they will include input from the parent community. We have agreed to change the



early release Mondays next year to full day Mondays which will enable us to have more full day workdays and stronger teacher professional development with vertical team planning. It also enables us to provide more conducive vacation days for families that can become 3 or 4-day weekends. We will share with you after we work on these plans and have final approval.

One quick plug for our first family fundraiser:

Lularoe Voyager Fundraiser!

Want to support Voyager and pick out a new outfit for you children or yourself? Heard about Lularoe but wondering what it is all about? Come to the Lularoe Pop up at the Hock House on Monday, August 21st from 11am -2pm! This is also school picture week so this is your perfect chance to grab that new outfit! A donation from the sales will be given to Voyager with a portion matched by Lularoe! Come see what Lularoe is all about! Buttery soft leggings, comfortable, versatile dresses, tops that look great with leggings and your favorite jeans....! Every purchase is an entry to win a pair of leggings or LulaCash! What could be better-shopping AND supporting Voyager at the same time!

I know this newsletter is a long one, but there is a lot of great information in here from our principals and leadership team. Please as always, email or call me with any questions and have a super weekend!

Regards,  
Jennifer Lucas, M. ED  
Managing Director  
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PTO Update:  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

-> Our PTO Back to School Bash has been re-scheduled for September 12, 2017 at 6:00 **p.m. until 8:00 p.m.** This is also the night of our first General Membership Meeting of the year so we will kick things off and then do quick PTO announcements for the year. Pelican Snoball's will be coming and we are working on grabbing a food truck to provide dinner as well. Stay tuned!

-> Our first ever Fall Festival will be on Friday, October 27, 2017 **from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.** We are so excited! If you want to help plan and/or execute this event please contact Kelli Anderson at [kelli.anderson@duke.edu](mailto:kelli.anderson@duke.edu). She's got great ideas so far and we need you to help plan a fun community wide event!

-> Membership information will be rolling out in a separate e-mail soon. **Join the PTO by September 10 and receive 10% off apparel ALL YEAR LONG!** And your membership fees will be going to help us sponsor Education Grants for our awesome teachers!



-> Fall Apparel Sale will be kicking off on September 11, 2017 ONLINE. Stay tuned for the information on that sale and all the details on delivery, etc.

If you have any PTO related questions, please feel free to grab a Board member or e-mail Shelley Brown, PTO President, at [voyageracademypta@gmail.com](mailto:voyageracademypta@gmail.com).

Have a great weekend and as always, Go Vikings Go!

Care Program Update:

What an AWESOME first day of school! Thank you for allowing your student to spend time with us in the Care Program. We have wonderful activities planned for our students that we know they will enjoy. I wanted to reiterate that we DO offer homework help, as well as an allotted time for homework and reading to be completed during the after school hours. If students require more time, or isolation, that can be provided as well. Additionally, the care program has chromebooks available for student use, which enable students to complete online assignments.

We are looking forward to meeting all of our Kindergarten students this Monday!

If you would like to know what REALLY happens in the care program, watch this video! <https://youtu.be/k30aFXeMlho>

### **Enrichments!**

Information about enrichments is forthcoming. Please stay tuned!

Athletics Update:

Parents/Guardians of Student-Athletes



The athletic fee for student-athletes that are participating in a fall sport are now available on [www.orgsonline.com](http://www.orgsonline.com). This is the same way you would pay for hot lunches or field trips. Please only pay the fee, once you are certain that your son or daughter has been selected for a team and wishes to participate.

The fees are, outlined in the handbook, as follows -

HS First Sport - \$135 for the first sport and \$95 for each additional sport your student-athletes participates.

MS First Sport - \$105 for the first sport and \$75 for each additional sport your student-athlete participates.

There is a reduced fee for those that qualify and are verified and receive free/reduced lunch benefit.

These fees should be pay prior to your student-athletes being eligible to dress out for their first competition/game/race. Please know if you have financial difficulties and need to set up a plan, that you can contact me directly at [dharris@voyageracadmey.net](mailto:dharris@voyageracadmey.net).

Failure to pay the fee or speak with me directly about payment strategies will result in your son or daughter not being eligible to dress for their games/contest/races.

#### IF YOU ARE A NEW USER:

1. Please visit the following site: <http://www.orgsonline.com/>
2. On the left side, click "Create New Account"
3. Enter the information needed including the school code: 375VASNC
4. Create your password and get logged in.
5. You will find sports in the dashboard and will be able to register your student-athlete and pay the fee from the site.



MS Parents/Guardians remember that we must have a hard copy of the concussion agreement, signed and initial by parents and athletes as well as a physical less than 365 days old, while the other paperwork to make us compliant to State Laws and NCHSAA rules can be completed online using the information provided below

It is our plan to have the digital system “go live” on July 1, 2017. Parents will access the site from:  
<https://formreleaf.com/organizations/voyager-academy>

Physical Form (page 1 signed by parent/student and page 2 signed by physician):

[https://www.nchsaa.org/sites/default/files/attachments/Pre-ParticipationForm2017-18\\_1.pdf](https://www.nchsaa.org/sites/default/files/attachments/Pre-ParticipationForm2017-18_1.pdf)

Concussion Form (read/initialed/signed by student and parent):

[https://www.nchsaa.org/sites/default/files/attachments/GW\\_SAPLG\\_ConcussionInform-2017-18\\_0.pdf](https://www.nchsaa.org/sites/default/files/attachments/GW_SAPLG_ConcussionInform-2017-18_0.pdf)

If at any time you need assistance with online forms, call the FormReleaf Support line at 1-844-367-6735.

If you have questions regarding paper forms, contact Deuce Harris or Nate Rice

Lastly, yet maybe most important. We have a proud athletic department, we field 31 teams, have 68 coaches and had over 422 students participate in at least one sport last year. However our athletic department is funded solely through sponsorships, athletic fees, gates/concessions and fundraisers. Simply we need your help. Next week, kicks off a major fund raiser for the athletic department, bringing in an average of \$50,000 for our programs, please have your students sell as many books as possible. If used 3 times they pay for themselves. We have books for Durham, Raleigh, the triad, so please help continue to use athletics as an extension of the classroom by supporting this fundraiser. There are a lot of neat prizes involved, and it helps us tremendously. Please keep an eye out for the go play save fundraiser, and get involved. Each year we have over \$5400 to provided coaching supplements, officials, venue rentals and equipment for each team.



The fundamental objective of the athletic department is to inspire, empower and legitimize the dreams of all our student-athletes. This requires the work of dedicated, quality coaches, officials, game and practice facilities and those are the basics.

High School Student-Athletes: All those wishing to participate in sports at Voyager Academy for the High School will have a meeting with me and the coaches on campus on Monday August 14th during lunch. This is a change from the originally schedule day of Friday August 11th.

Together We are Viking Strong,

Deuce Harris

Athletic Director

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Elementary School Update:

Dear VAES Families,

The first two days of school have been terrific!! As I've walked around the building and visited classrooms, I've enjoyed seeing all of our former students and meeting our new students! On Monday, August 14, all 105 Kindergarten students will attend for their first full day. This means that 105 extra students and cars will be added to our AM and PM carline. As new families learn the carline route, procedures, etc., know that for several days, carline may take a bit longer. We will have a grace period for tardies for the next few days until carline is running smoothly. **Please be kind and patient with our new Voyager families and our elementary staff on carline duty.**

On Thursday, September 7, we will have a Curriculum Night for Kindergarten at 5:30 PM, First, Grade at 5:30 PM, and Third Grade at 6:00 PM (Second Grade had their Curriculum Night on August 8). Listed below the School Hours are some other important dates to put on your calendar.

Don't forget that Monday is an early release day and we will dismiss school at 12:45. We ask that starting Monday, August 14 that all students are dropped off and picked up through carline.



Listed below are the school hours and carline times for our early release Mondays and Tuesday – Friday. **Please be sure to read and understand the tardy and late pick-up policies listed below.**

If parents plan to have their ES student walk to the MS to meet their sibling (or carpool) for carline, **parents MUST complete this google form.** <https://goo.gl/forms/W766VkkJbkCBEYMD3>

Best,  
Leslie Paynter  
VAES Principal

**Elementary Hours for the 2017 - 2018 School Year:**

**Monday:** 7:45 AM - 12:45 PM (Every Monday is an early release for Professional Development for teachers and staff which begins at 1:15 PM)

**Tuesday - Friday:** 7:45 AM - 2:45 PM

AM Carline Monday - Friday: 7:15 AM - 7:45 AM

PM Carline on Mondays: 12:45 PM - 1:10 PM

PM Carline Tuesday - Friday: 2:45 PM - 3:10 PM

**Important Dates:**

**August/September**

Aug. 28 - Sept. 15	mClass BOY Reading Assessments
Mon., Sept. 4	Labor Day Holiday
Thurs., Sept. 7	CURRICULUM NIGHT K, & 1st Grade: 5:30 3rd Grade: 6:00
Fri., Sept. 29	Required Teacher Workday

**October**

Oct. 9 - 13	Fall Break
Oct. 23 - 27	Case 21 Math 1st Benchmark Assessments for 1st - 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade
Tues., Oct. 31	Boosterthon Kick-off in Gym at 2:00 & then carline dismissal



**November**

Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	Spirit Week
Wed., Nov. 8	<b>Kindergarten Project Celebration at 11:30 AM</b> <b>1st Grade Project Celebration (VAES GYM) at 1:00 PM</b>
Wed., Nov. 8	2nd & 3rd Project Celebration at 5:30 PM
Thurs., Nov. 9	End of 1st Trimester & Boosterthon Fun Run: <b>K/1st</b> from 12:15 - 1:15 <b>2nd/3rd</b> from 1:30 - 2:30
Fri., Nov. 10	Veteran's Day Holiday/NO SCHOOL
Mon., Nov. 20	1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester Report Cards Go Home
Wed., Nov. 22 – Fri., Nov. 24	Thanksgiving Holiday/NO SCHOOL

**December:**

Wed., Dec. 20	Early Release at 11:15 AM for the Winter Holidays
Dec. 21 - Jan. 4	Winter Holidays

**VAES Carline and Early Pick-up Guidelines:**

- All students must be dropped off and picked up through the carline.
- Parents are not to drop-off or pick up at the front office unless a student is arriving late or being picked up early.
- If a student arrives after 7:45 AM, the student is tardy and the parent is to escort the student into the office and sign them in.
- If a student needs to be picked up for an afternoon appointment, they must be picked up and signed out by 12:15 on Monday and 2:15 Tuesday - Friday.

**Tardies:**





- Tardiness interrupts instruction for the entire class. The only excused tardies are student illness, medical or dental appointments, and death/illness in the immediate family. All other tardies are unexcused.
- Parents must come into the office with their student and sign them in if they are tardy. Class will begin promptly at 7:45 AM. However, due to the large number of cars dropping of elementary and middle school students at VAES, at 7:45, the staff member on AM carline duty at the corner of the elementary carline exit and the top of the connector road will turn the tardy sign at 7:45 AM. This is actually quite generous since students should be in class and ready to learn at 7:45 and not in carline. I am being lenient on this issue given the large number of students in our AM carline due to the 100+ middle school siblings being dropped off at the elementary school.
- If you are one of the families that are "cutting it close" each day and arriving at 7:45, I would strongly encourage you to leave your house 5 minutes earlier. AM Carline is the heaviest between 7:20 and 7:45.
- I have directed the staff member on AM carline duty at the corner of the elementary carline exit and the top of the connector road to turn the tardy sign at 7:45 AM. This could mean that at 7:44 the car in front of you makes it through and as you approach "the clock strikes 7:45", the sign is turned, and your student is tardy. **Do not argue with the staff member.** Proceed to the front office and sign in your student. We would like all students to be in their classrooms by 7:45 to begin Morning Meeting. It is very important for everyone to be on time to class. Therefore, please be sure you allow plenty of time for the carline!! We begin carline at 7:15. Often, there are very few people in line at that time!
- Again, please do not argue with the elementary staff if they tell you that you are tardy and ask you to pull around to the front office to sign in. Our staff has synchronized their clocks with the clocks within the school and especially the clock in the gym to ensure that the times are correct. We are determining tardies based on our school clock and not your watch or car clock. **We will not record tardies (between 7:45 – 8:00) for the first several days of school as everyone learns the carline traffic patterns, etc.**

**Late Pick-up in the Afternoon:**

- Elementary students must be supervised at all times while on campus. Parents who arrive after carline has ended at 1:10 on Mondays and 3:10 Tuesday – Friday, infringe on the time of the classroom teacher or VAES staff who must change their afternoon schedule to accommodate.
- Students will be sent to the Voyager aftercare program if their parent/guardian is late picking them up in the afternoon. Though emergency late pick-ups are understandable, routinely picking up students late will result in an aftercare charge. For students not picked up in afternoon carline by 1:10 on Mondays and 3:10 Tuesday - Friday, those students will be taken to the Voyager aftercare program. For the first late pick up, there will be no charge. For the second late pick up, there will be a \$5.00 charge. For the third and subsequent late pickups, there will be a \$10.00 charge.

The table below outlines the consequences for tardies:

Number of Occurrence(s)	Action to be Taken
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0-4	No Action
5-9	Letter home to parent/guardian and student. Late pick-up may need to have a conference with an administrator.
10-19	Required conference with the Attendance Committee that includes the Assistant Principal and the School Counselor
20+	Parent/guardian and student required to conference with the Managing Director.

#### **Before/After Care Program:**

If you have questions about our Before/After Care Program, please contact Latia Boney, our Before/After Care Director at [lboney@voyageracademy.net](mailto:lboney@voyageracademy.net). Also, you can find more information about the program on our website at: <http://voyageracademy.net/extended-day-programs/>

#### **IMPORTANT Carline Reminders:**

- **DO NOT** use your cell phones during carline. This means no talking, texting, or checking emails/Facebook. We have approximately 150+ children walking in between buildings for carline and the after school program. It is very dangerous to use your cell phone in carline. If one of our carline staff see you on your cell phone, they will ask you to put up your phone, or to pull around to the front office to pick up your student.
- While waiting in carline in the AM or PM, **DO NOT** block the entrance to the elementary school that is beside the middle school carline driveway. It is a safety issue. We **MUST** keep the entrances open in case of an emergency so that emergency vehicles could enter and exit.
- We have families (many of them new Kindergarten parents) and staff new to Voyager and they may not understand all of the traffic logistics. We do not want their first experience at Voyager to be an unpleasant one. **So, please be kind!!!**
- You **MUST** have a sign in your car window/windshield that lists the names of each student you are picking up. **PLEASE KEEP THE SIGN IN YOUR WINDOW UNTIL YOU ARE EXITING THE ELEM.** We are still learning names so, this will help the staff as they load students into their cars.
- After the first few days, if you do not have a sign in your window with the names, you will be asked to pull around to the front office to pick up your children. Having a sign with the names of the students riding in your car will make carline run more effectively.
- The safety of our students is our number one concern. If a student is to ride home with someone other than their regular caregiver, the teacher must have had written or verbal confirmation from the parent or guardian. Those carline changes will be on a daily grade level list which will be given to each grade level teacher that is on duty in the gym during PM carline. If your child's name isn't on this list with a carline change, the child **WILL NOT** be placed in the person's car. The person picking up will be asked to pull around to the front office and the office will call the parent/guardian to confirm this person has permission to pick up your child. **If you know that**



**your child will have a PM carline change, I would advise you to write a note, send an email, or call the teacher the day before. Often it is difficult for teachers to check their email or voicemail during the day when they are teaching. If it is an emergency or last minute change, please call the front office and the front office staff will let the teacher know so that the student is added to the grade level list.** We appreciate your help and support implementing this new procedure so that all students are safe!

- Do not cut in front of someone to avoid having to wait in the carline. This is inconsiderate and often makes the driver that has been following the rules and waiting their turn very angry.
- Remember to be kind to your fellow drivers, staff, students, and volunteers during carline! We are all trying to work together to make carline efficient and safe!!
- Please be understanding and respectful to our carline staff if they notice that a driver is breaking one of the rules. They are doing this to ensure that our students and drivers are safe!! Our goals are to make carline safe, quick, and efficient!
- Please do not line up for the elementary carline until 12:15 on Mondays and 2:15 Tuesday – Friday. Our School Resource Officer will be asking cars to move if they are lining up too early.
- If you are in the right lane, please do not block the middle school entrance. It is very important that cars are able to enter and exit quickly and safely.
- Please be kind to all staff, parents, students, and volunteers in carline. Everyone will be working very hard to ensure that carline is as quick as it can be and that it is safe! The first weeks are difficult as families new to Voyager are trying to learn and navigate the traffic patterns.

#### **PM Carline for ES and MS siblings & ES and HS siblings:**

After School Staff will hold elementary sibling/carpool students in “holding classrooms” by grade level from 2:45 - 3:10. After School Staff and designated Elem. Staff will walk the ES students to the MS to be picked up in the middle school carline. **ES parents MUST complete this google form if their ES student is to walk to the MS to meet their sibling/carpool for carline.**

<https://goo.gl/forms/W766VkkJbkCBEYMD3>

\*\*For safety reasons, students may NOT walk from the elementary or middle school carline unsupervised by an adult.

\*\*\*Also, you may follow this link to read the information on our website and view the carline maps.

<http://voyageracademy.net/carline/>

Middle School Update:

Dear VAMS Families,

It's been a terrific two days at the middle school! I've been in all the classrooms and am very pleased with the instruction that started Day 1. Students came to school ready to learn. Not only are we going to stay focused with our learning---we are also going to Be Respectful, Responsible, and Ready to Learn.

The morning carline has been fabulous! We begin at 7:45 and end at 8:15. Students are in class and ready to begin. There is no reason for tardies as our line continues to move in the mornings. Students are



tardy IF they are not in their classroom when the bell rings. The afternoon will get better (I know you are glad.) Our SRO officer will help with the afternoon traffic flow. They will begin directing traffic as the high school dismissal starts. Our staff is working to make the process better and better. If your child is not picked up by the end of carline, the child will go to after school and you will need to pickup there. Not on time would be immediately after carline is completed.

### **2017-2018 Middle School Grading Policy**

The policy of Voyager Academy is to strive for a consistent and fair evaluation of each student. To ensure the effectiveness of the policy, Voyager Middle School believes that students' grades should reflect their academic performance. While attendance and behavior may influence a student's learning, they should be reported separately and not a part of the student's grade.

Teachers shall compare each student's performance against the standards and not against the performance of others. Opportunities for making up missing work shall be consistent with Board policy as it relates to absences. Teachers shall provide students and their parents a clear explanation of their grading practices including the weighting of all student products and assessments **by August 14. Teachers will review the policy and the grading process with the students. The grading policy and a rubric for grading practices will be sent to parents via ConnectEd/email on Monday, August 14.** All assessments and assignments shall be aligned with the standards outlined by North Carolina's Department of Public Instruction.

The following grading parameters are in place for the 2017-2018 school year and will be followed by the middle school staff.

- **Make-up policy** – when a student is absent, the student has 3 days to turn in missed work upon returning to school. **The day the student returns to school is Day 1 of the 3 days.**
- **Late work** – students have 3 days after the due date to turn in work. Each day the work is late, 10 points will be deducted from the grade. At the end of the third day, a zero will be given for that assignment.
- **Test corrections** – students may review the tests and make corrections as the questions are reviewed and discussed BUT the initial grade does not change.
- The final grade for the first three quarters will not be less than 50.
- Teachers will determine the % of the grade for each assignment and provide parents and students
- If homework is a component of the grade, it will be 10% of the grade.
- **Class participation** (not classwork) related to the content not the behavior of the student **is no more than 10%** of the final grade based on whether or not the teacher includes participation in the grading rubric.
- When completing team/group assignments, students shall not be penalized for the incomplete work of others. In some situations, the student could receive a group grade and an individual grade. Teachers will determine whether they assign a group and individual grade.
- **The final grade may include tests, quizzes, projects, group work, labs, research papers, homework, class participation, classwork, etc. The rubric is for the school year. The rubrics vary depending on the subjects. Elective teachers have also created rubrics for their subject.**



**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents – I thought I would send the BYOD policy to you again just in case you need.**

Dear Voyager Parents,

Starting in the 2017-18 school year, Voyager will be adding 7th grade to the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program, which expands it to grades 7-12. This means that students and their families will provide, own, and maintain their own computers for use in school and at home. Voyager will no longer provide devices to students, except in cases of demonstrated financial need. We believe that this is the correct strategy for sustaining a student-computing program that has become essential to instruction and learning at Voyager.

We have outlined the details and expectations of the program below.

- Every student in grades 7-12 has a personal computing device.
- Each student brings his or her fully-charged device to school each day. This is considered a part of general preparedness to learn.
- Voyager maintains a sufficient pool of short-term loaner devices.
- The BYOD program is not a barrier to learning. If a student's family is financially unable to provide a device, Voyager will provide one to the student. For the full BYOD program policy, please visit this link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FkW0hEHX94wsDqSt1kZLREhG9ZyQAQX9MIIBRB5kT9Q/pub> . This policy will also be posted to the school website. If you are unable to financially provide a device for your student(s), please contact Managing Director Jennifer Lucas directly at [jlucas@voyageracademy.net](mailto:jlucas@voyageracademy.net)

Please reach out to us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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

**Important Dates:**

<b>August 14</b>	<b>4:00-5:30</b>	<b>Girls' Volleyball Tryouts</b>
August 15	6:00-7:00	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum Night
<b>August 15</b>	<b>4:00-5:30</b>	<b>Girls' Volleyball Tryouts for students who make the first cut.</b>
August 16	6:00-7:00	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum Night
August 17	6:00-7:00	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum Night
August 22	6:00-7:00	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Curriculum Night



August 23      6:00-7:00      8th Grade Curriculum Night  
August 23      Fall Pictures

Enjoy the weekend,  
Gwen  
Gwen Johnson      gjohnson@voyageracademy.net  
Principal  
Voyager Middle School

High School Update:

Elementary School Supplies/High School Fundraiser

Thank you so much to those of you who have purchased and paid for your K-5<sup>th</sup> grade supplies packages as part of our VAHS fundraiser!

You didn't have a chance to place an order? ***There's still time!***  
You now have until 11:00pm Sunday (Aug 13).

This second order will be delivered on Tuesday (Aug 15).

Here's how to order:

1. Log on to [www.orgsonline.com](http://www.orgsonline.com).
2. Click on Special Orders.
3. Choose what you need. ***You also have the option to just donate money to the high school.***
4. Click Pay Now at the upper left corner.

*Money raised, will be used to support Voyager Academy High School teachers in what they need to have a successful Project Based Learning classroom, and for staff professional development.*

*Questions? Contact H.S. Math Teacher Yen ("Ian") Nguyen ("win") at [ynguyen@voyageracademy.net](mailto:ynguyen@voyageracademy.net)*

Off-Campus Lunch for Juniors and Seniors

Juniors and Seniors may enjoy lunch off campus again this year. The deadline to submit the Off-Campus Lunch Permission Form is Wed., Aug. 16. The only requirements are parental permission, and a good behavior in school, i.e. no discipline issues. There is no GPA requirement. Please go to the VAHS website (<http://voyageracademy.net/vahs>) and click on [Off-Campus Lunch Application 2017-18](#).

Open House for 10th - 12th graders

Open House 10th-12th graders takes place on Thurs. Aug. 17th, from 6-7:30pm. For details, please go to the front page of VAHS website, and click on [Orientations and Open Houses](#).



### New Dining Space

You may notice a new space in the high school on 'C' Hall. VAHS has opened up a new space for multiple uses, not the least of which is a dining room for students to enjoy lunch. It will also be used as flexible classroom space and an assembly/presentation room for events like college recruiter visits. This new space is called, "The Commons."