



February 12, 2016

Dear Viking Families:

Looks like we made it through the week without an inclement weather dismissal! Please check back on our website and emails related to our operating hours next week under weather advisory. Today was busy on campus with parent tours and we are always proud of the work our students and teachers are doing when we have guests! You know you are doing a good job when the lots are flowing with prospective students hoping for a chance to attend Voyager. Thanks to all the families who joined us on Thursday evening as we celebrated Seniors Night in the HS gym for Basketball players and Cheerleaders.

Special congratulations to 2 of our students:

Natalia Lemen from VAES:

Natalia won first place in the Open Class Mawat District Pinewood Derby last Saturday at Northgate Mall. This class of the Pinewood Derby was open to family members of Cub Scouts. To be eligible to participate in the district competition, Natalia had to place in a Cub Scout Pack Pinewood Derby. Natalia's car, Panda Power, finished first in every heat in which it raced, both at the Pack and at the District level. Panda Power was clocked at 158 mph!

Khaiyah Barber won FIRST place in the district Poetry Out Loud competition tonight! She will compete at the state competition in Greensboro in March for a chance to go to Nationals! There were 13 contestants who are the very best from five schools (VAHS, NCSSM, DSA, Middle College, and The School for Creative Studies). Each contestant presented two poems a piece, and not a *single* contestant needed to be prompted throughout all 26 poems.

Don't forget that Monday is President's Day, no school for students! Have a wonderful 3-day weekend with your family.

Regards,
Jennifer Lucas, M. ED
Managing Director
jlucas@voyageracademy.net

Athletics Update:

Congratulations to the Girls Basketball team on completing the regular season last night, and the improvement! They will play in conference tournament Monday.

Boys JV team ended their impressive season last night easily defeating our rival Roxboro Community School. Congratulations to the entire coaching staff and players on a great season and representation of our school.



Boys Varsity basketball ended regular season play last night by earning a regular season conference title, going undefeated in conference play. The team begins post-season play Monday at 7pm as they host the first round of the conference tournament.

The wrestling team travels to Princeton High School this weekend to wrestle in the 1A East Regional. Please join me in wishing the best of luck to all 11 qualifiers.

This weekend the following student athletes at the 1A State Championships held at the TAC will represent our swim team. Carli Reo, Ali Hibbard, Hannah Guerrier, Natalie Hollon, Connor Hollon, Adam Cheifez, Michael Jones, Sam Johnson

Important Announcement

This coming week marks the beginning of our spring sports season. Please make sure that you have completed all paperwork in physical packet and have a current physical or your student athlete will not be able to tryout or practice with any teams.

High School Girls Soccer Tryouts will be Tuesday through Thursday at the Voyager field at 4pm. Any questions or concerns please contact coach Victoria Smith at vsmithpt@gmail.com

Middle School Girls Soccer Tryouts will begin the 17th currently tryouts will be right after school should that change we will send a connect education message out as soon as possible. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Rich Bryan at rbryan@brookridgesports.com

Middle School Baseball and Softball – tryouts will begin on the 17th at 3:30 at Bull City Little League Facilities

High School Softball – Tryouts will begin Monday at Catsburg Field at 3:30pm, should this change we will again send out a connect education with the updated information. Please contact Coach Don Ladd directly with any questions or concerns at dladd@durhamsheriff.org

High School Baseball - Will begin tryouts Monday at Southern High School. Please contact Coach Shankle directly with any questions or concerns.

High School and Middle School Tennis – Please contact Douglas Quick for more information on tryouts or if you should have questions or concerns. His email address is douglas@pinnaclefundinginc.com

High School Golf – Tryouts will begin on Tuesday Feb. 16th at Umstead Pines please contact coach Scott Scarce should you have any questions or concerns at scotts7467@aol.com

Middle school Golf – We are looking for a coach, should know of someone willing to coach please contact Deuce Harris at dharris@voyageracademy.net



Save the Date

May 18th – 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.

Duke at UNC Basketball Tickets Raffle

Thanks to a generous donation the athletic department has been given two pair of tickets to the Duke v. North Carolina game in Chapel Hill on February 17th. Thanks to those that participated it was a huge success for our athletics department.

Lacrosse

Anyone not returning to play lacrosse needs to turn in gear to Kevin Lilley (kplilley@ncsu.edu) as soon as possible. Please contact Kevin if you are interest in joining the team.

Regular Season practices begin February 15.

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

Care Program Updates:

Before/After care



Payments are due on the 1st day of each month, and considered late after the 10th day of each month. Please log-in your orgsonline accounts and submit payments for this month. Monthly rates are the same regardless of the number of days attended (snow-days, teacher work days, etc.) Please email Latia Boney with any questions.

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/>

- 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 STEM, Movie Maker, 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. We encourage you to complete the registration form on our website today to lock-in to the \$200/week rate! This rate will increase to \$250 after March 1. Please email Latia Boney with any questions.

Elementary Program Update:

Today, the Kindergarten classes are celebrating the 100th Day of school and will also have their Fairy Tale Ball. This is a day the Kindergarteners (and staff) really enjoy!





Also, don't forget that Monday is a Required Teacher Workday ~ NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS.

During the week of February 22nd through February 26th, the PTA will recognize our VAES staff with **Staff Appreciation Week**. Each day, the PTA has different events to show the staff their appreciation. Please look at the order of events below and consider how you may contribute.

MONDAY, February 22nd—Catered Lunch from the Saladelia Cafe

Parents: The PTA is collecting money to pay for the staff lunch on this day. ANY amount is acceptable. Any extra money will be used throughout the week to provide for the other events. Send in money labeled "Staff Appreciation" starting now. Money is needed by today, Friday, February 19.

TUESDAY, February 23rd—Supply Day

Parents: Check your teacher's website for requested supplies and send them to school with your child.

WEDNESDAY, February 24th—Gourmet Snacks

THURSDAY, February 25th—Meal provided by PTA Hospitality Committees at each school

Parents: The PTA is treating the VAES staff to a yummy breakfast! Please sign up to help and or bring in food for that day. www.signupgenius.com. Parents please provide breakfast coverage so that the teachers and staff can come and enjoy the PTA Hospitality Breakfast. Also, any day you can cover lunch for the teachers is always welcome.

FRIDAY, February 26th—Gift Card Giveaway Day!

Parents: Send in gift cards in ANY amount from ANY vendor, i.e. grocery stores, retail stores, restaurants, iTunes, ANYWHERE! The deadline for this contribution is Tuesday, February 23rd. Send in gift cards labeled "Staff Appreciation" starting NOW. Please make sure the amount of the card is clearly noted on each card.

- Our Jump Rope for Heart project is doing well and the students are having a great time participating in the variety of heart-healthy activities. Parents are always welcome to come join in the activities. You have already helped raise over \$5800—we are getting so close to our goal of \$7,000!!
- **VAES Yearbook Ordering Information**
You can still order you VAES 2015-16 Yearbook! VAES Yearbooks are now \$27.00 each and must be ordered by March 31, 2016. We cannot guarantee that additional books can be ordered or purchased after this final ordering deadline. Don't miss out – Order today! Yearbooks can only be ordered online this year. 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. Thank you!
- Monday, February 15: **NO SCHOOL for students/REQUIRED Teacher Workday**



- Staff Appreciation Week: February 22 - 26
- [Jump Rope for Heart: February 3 - 17](#)
- **Elementary Tours:**
 - K - 3rd Tour: Feb. 26 @ 10:30
- Monday, February 29: Buddy Class activity with HS and MS students @8:45 AM
- **3rd Quarter Project Celebration Dates:**
 - First Grade:** Thursday, March 3 @ 1:00 PM
 - Kindergarten:** Friday, March 4 @ 11:00 AM
 - 2nd Grade:** Friday, March 4 @ 12:00 PM
 - Third Grade:** Friday, March 4 @ 1:00 PM

I hope everyone stays safe and warm this weekend! I will see everyone back at school on Tuesday, February 16.

Best,
Leslie

Middle School Update:

Hi Middle School Families,
Spirit Week brought lots of excitement to the middle school beginning with Pajama Day and ending with the Staff – Student Basketball Game! The students and staff had a fun-filled week showing lots of school spirit!

We need your help to ensure we include as many candid pictures in this year's yearbook! Please email any photos you have taken for 2015/2016 to msyearbook@voyageracademy.net When sending them, please identify what class and grade the photos are from."

Our 8th graders are touring our high school on February 19 during their Core Connections class. If you are interested in touring with your child, please meet us at the high school.

If you have not completed the commitment form indicating your child/children are returning to Voyager for the 2016-2017 school year, it needs to be completed NO LATER than February 29th.

- If you are saying YES students are returning, you need to complete the form on Voyager's website under the "Admission" tab for "Current Students."
- If you are saying that the students are NOT returning, we need an email confirmation from the parent followed up by a completed Voyager Withdrawal Form stating their last day would be May 27, 2016. Please forward me any "NO" emails and subsequent forms. I am also attaching the new, updated withdrawal form we will be using going forward.

New York, New York---if you are interested in learning about a trip to New York City that will take place during Fall Break of 2016-2017, please attend an interest meeting with Mr. Price and Ms. Thompson on Feb. 18th at 4:30!



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Thanks for all you do to support Voyager Middle School! We appreciate each of you!

Stay warm,

Gwen

Interim Principal gjohnson@voyageracademy.net

High School Update:

We had a great week at VAHS, last night was senior night for our basketball players and cheerleaders. We are going to miss such a fine group of students next year. I especially enjoyed how our fans supported our students by wearing hawaiian shirts, standing and cheering the entire game, even when we were up by 40 points. I've never seen so much support from a crowd for a last second layup even when the point spread is so large. The players have given the crowd their all every game, and it was amazing to watch that effort reciprocated.

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Cory Draughon
Principal, VAHS
"Persist for Meaning"

--Please sign up to support our Teacher breakfast on the 25th of February with this link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C45ABAE23A75-teachers>

--The ACT College Admissions Assessment will be given free of charge to all North Carolina 11th graders on March 1, 2016; the makeup date is March 15, 2016. The ACT is part of North Carolina's school accountability program.

The ACT results may be used at the high school level to identify students who need assistance with certain subject areas or academic skills, to evaluate effectiveness of instruction, and to make adjustments to curriculum to improve instruction. In addition, colleges use ACT scores for admissions decisions, course placement, academic advising, and loans and scholarships. Students participating in the statewide ACT administration can select for free up to four colleges (or other reporting agencies) to receive their ACT scores.

If you have questions or concerns about the ACT administration, please contact me at lhowell@voyageracademy.net or visit <http://www.act.org/stateservices/northcarolina/>, a dedicated website for North Carolina that is specifically related to our administration of the ACT.

--VAHS will host the classroom portion of Driver's Ed April 4-April 15, 2016.
Classes will meet at the high school in classroom C115 from 2:45-5:45 each weekday.

Sign up for this class will start at 12:01am on March 5, 2016

Directions for sign up (must sign up and pay online):

- Go to the DPS webpage.. www.dpsnc.net
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- Click on "parent resources"
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- Look for "driver education" on right side of screen
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- Next screen - click on "register for driver education on-line here"
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Students must be 14 1/2 in order to take the class.

Students must sign up and pay on the DPSNC.Net website.

Please contact David Roberson david.roberson@dpsnc.net with questions.

--Job Opportunity

Pelican's SnoBalls is Hiring Vibrant Team Members

Job Description

A Pelican's Team Member serves customer's delicious frozen treats with genuine friendliness in a timely manner. No prior experience is needed, only a positive attitude and willingness to learn. Tasks include running shave ice machine, flavoring snoballs, customer service, point-of-sale operation, back room and custodial tasks and maintaining a clean and safe environment.

Job Benefits

Opportunity for Career Training and Advancement

Pelican's is a growing community of fun loving, motivated people who are passionate about friendly customer service and delicious frozen treats! There are Team Member, Shift Leader, Store Manager, and even Ownership opportunities available.

Competitive Pay

Every employee makes at least \$10/hr once the initial hiring period has been successfully completed. And of course then there are tips...

Flexible Hours to Fit Your Schedule

We understand that you have a full life of school, family and more, and don't want to sacrifice it all just to have a job. We are the same way. Pelican's has a flexible system to work with just about every situation out there so that we can maintain a healthy balance for all our team members.

How to Apply

Please submit an application which can be found at:

http://www.pelicanssnoballs.com/docs/durhamn_application.pdf

Or... go to [pelicanssnoballs.com](http://www.pelicanssnoballs.com) and the Durham locations for the application.