

VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

We hope you are enjoying your summer and are looking forward to the upcoming school year which begins in 25 days. For students, the fall brings the beginning of a new school year with new classmates, teachers and challenges. And for the school, the fall is a time to welcome new students, new staff and our returning students. It's an exciting time and we eagerly await the start of the new school year.

In anticipation of the 2010-2011 school year we would like to provide the following information regarding the first few days of school:

Student Drop-Off

For the safety of our students and faculty, please continue to observe our traffic patterns and parking areas both in the morning and afternoon. The traffic loop in front of the main entrances of the high school and middle school is strictly for bus drop-off and pick up between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The public may use this area for general parking at all other times. The drop-off area for middle school students is located in the traffic loop at the end of the middle school wing; and the drop-off areas for high school students are the two side entrances of the high school. At no time are students to be dropped off using the access road at the back of the school.

Parking

The parking lot for students who drive to school is located near the entrance to the high school gym. Members of the senior class will be receiving a letter from Mr. Corrigan regarding the process for obtaining a parking permit. Juniors with a specific need may apply for a permit based on space availability. Students are not permitted to park on campus at anytime, including the beginning of the school year, unless and until the student is registered with the Associate Principal's office and receives an official parking permit. Students are encouraged to utilize the school district's transportation until arrangements are made for parking.

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Faculty Appointments

The following faculty/staff appointments have been made for the 2010-2011 school year:

- Mrs. Kathleen Bogart, Teaching Assistant (MS)
- Ms. Natalie Cassala, Foreign Language (MS)
- Ms. Kathleen Gaspary, English, Grade 7
- Ms. Joelle Lydon, Foreign Language (HS)
- Ms. Jennifer Seay, Foreign Language (HS)

Class Schedules

Your child's class schedule for the 2010-2011 school year is enclosed. Their locker number and combination is noted on the front of their class schedule.

If your child is a high school student (grades 9-12), please be sure to read the enclosed letter from Mr. Kelley and Ms. Heyde. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's class schedule, please contact Ms. Heyde (students with last names A-K) by email at kheyde@vcsdk12.org or Mr. Kelley (students with the last names L-Z) by email at tkelley@vcsdk12.org. The high school Guidance Counselors will be at school on August 24 and 25 should any changes need to be made to your child's class schedule. Please contact the counselors by email to schedule an appointment.

If your child is a middle school student (grades 6-8), you may contact Ms. Barbara Blumberg, middle school Guidance Counselor, at 765-3314 ext. 420, should you have any questions regarding your child's class schedule. Ms. Blumberg's email address is blumberg@vcsdk12.org.

Senior Night

Seniors and their parents are invited to attend Senior Night on Tuesday, September 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Commons. Guidance Counselors will present information on the college application process, graduation requirements, and senior privileges.

Middle School Locker Night

Middle School Locker Night will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 2. Students are to bring with them their locker number and combination, which is noted on their class schedule. This will be an excellent opportunity for the students to become familiar with their lockers and to bring their supplies in prior to the first day of school.

Opening Day

Tuesday, September 7 will be our first day of school. Students in grades 9-12 who forget to bring their class schedule will be able to pick up a copy in the high school Guidance Office. Students in grades 6-8 who forget to bring their class schedule on the first day of school will be able to pick up a copy in the middle school Main Office.

Students should make their way to their first period class when the bell rings at 7:35 a.m. First period officially begins at 7:40 a.m., when the second bell rings. The Pledge of Allegiance and morning announcements will be made at the beginning of first period to prepare the students for the schedule of events during the day, such as breakfast for the 6th grade students and our annual back to school barbecue lunch. The first day of school will be a regular day with no changes in class times.

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Student Information Packets

On Wednesday, September 8, we will utilize an afternoon assembly schedule in order to allow for the distribution of student informational materials during class meetings. Please note that due to the recent increase in postage, there are a number of important documents that will be coming home with

students on the second day of school. Some of these materials need to be reviewed, updated and/or signed and returned to school by Friday, September 10. Following is a list of materials that will be sent home with your student:

- Confidential Student Registration Information Form*
- Computer Network Policy*
- Code of Conduct
- Student Guidelines
- Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct*
- Varsity Scholar Athlete Policy
- Family Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals*
- Report Card / Progress Report Schedule
- September Lunch Menu
- Student Bell Schedules and Assembly Schedules
- Friends of Music Membership Form*
- Textbooks Information
- List of Voice Mail Extensions
- Attendance Call Procedures

* Requires parent/guardian signature

Note: The above-listed materials are available on the district's website at www.vcsdk12.org.

Of all the materials listed above, it is extremely important that your student's Confidential Student Registration Information Form (blue) be updated and returned. This form contains emergency contact information that is entered into the student database. It also contains your signature indicating approval for your students' use of the school's computer network.

District Information

Also enclosed in the packet of information for students will be a list of meeting dates of the Board of Education for the 2010-2011 school year, as well as the official 2010-2011 school calendar.

A form entitled, "Request for 48-Hour Advanced Notification of Pesticide Application," will also be enclosed for your review. Please read it carefully. If you decide that you would like to receive advance notice of pesticide applications that are scheduled to take place at our schools, please complete the form and return it to the Business Office of the Voorheesville Central School District.

Information regarding the "Notification of Rights under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act and the No Child Left Behind Act" will also be enclosed for your action. Again, please read this information carefully and, if necessary, return Form 5500-E2 to the middle school or high school Main Office.

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Agenda Books

Students in grades 6-11 will be responsible for purchasing an agenda book. These books contain important information for students and serve as a great resource in organizing daily class assignments. Agenda books will be distributed during English classes on the first day of school. The cost is \$5.00. Students may return payment to their English teacher. Payment is due back to school by Friday, September 10. Checks may be made payable to the Voorheesville Central School District. Seniors who would like to purchase an agenda book may do so in the high school Main Office.

Back to School Barbecue

Our traditional Back to School Barbecue will be held on opening day, September 7. Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and ice cream will be available to all students at the regular lunch price of \$2.50. If you would like to volunteer to help cook or serve lunch, please contact Mary Flansburg at 765-3314 ext. 211 so we can anticipate the number of helpers we will have on hand.

Upcoming Events and Activities

September 1	Staff Development Day
September 2	Superintendent's Conference Day
September 2	MS Locker Night, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
September 7	Opening Day, 6 th Grade Breakfast, Barbecue Lunch
September 7	Senior Night, 7:30 p.m., Commons
September 9	Holiday-School not in Session
September 13	BOE Meeting, 7: 30 p.m., LGI
September 17	Freshmen Class Retreat, Thacher Park
September 20	Senior Class Retreat, Thacher Park
September 28	Middle School Open House, 7:00 p.m., PAC
September 30	High School Open House, 6:45 p.m., PAC
October 1 & 2	Homecoming Weekend
October 11	Holiday-School not in Session

Well, that should be enough information for you to get the new school year started. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give us a call at any time. Enjoy the remaining days of summer.

Sincerely,

Imran Abbasi
High School Principal

Brian Whitley
Middle School Principal

Enclosures