



THE

RED & WHITE

MARCH 2024

A LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Vicksburg Community Schools Families,

Our recent warm weather has me very hopeful for the coming spring and what it means for our district. Spring provides new opportunities to breathe positive energy into our school community and I know we have some great things ahead.

Many of our buildings are preparing to welcome the next generations of Bulldogs in for our Kindergarten Kick-Off events as well as our in-coming freshmen family night. Our schools are soon to be busier than ever between spring sports,

performing arts, celebrating our soon-to-be graduates and welcoming in our in-coming students.

We have also kicked off our March is Reading Month activities across Vicksburg schools. "March is Reading Month" is a literacy initiative that promotes and celebrates the importance of reading. You'll see, especially at our elementary schools, many fun activities planned to help our students, teachers and families celebrate the joy of reading together. It's

a fun and rewarding way to foster a lifelong love of books and learning.

In this month's Red and White, you'll see how our students are learning in new ways and finding fun opportunities to make a difference in their communities. I hope you have a safe and relaxing Spring Break!



Regards,

Keevin O'Neill, SUPERINTENDENT

VHS to Perform Beloved Musical 'Annie'



Jacob McGehee as Oliver Warbucks, Gabby Yost as Annie, and Allie Spencer as Grace Farrell.

Experience the timeless classic Annie with Lily, Rooster, and Miss Hannigan as they journey down 'Easy Street.'

Get your tickets now on our website for one of the world's best-loved musicals!



Stella Reitenour as Lily St. Regis, Gavin Harwood as Rooster Hannigan, and Natalie Marietti as Miss Hannigan.

Vicksburg High School presents Annie at the Performing Arts Center March 9th through the 16th.

Shows run Saturday, March 9th and Friday, March 15th at 7pm and Sunday, March 10th and Saturday, March 16th at 2pm.

Kindergarten Registration and Kick-Off

If your child turns 5 years old by September 1, 2024 they are eligible for Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year. To begin the Kindergarten registration process, please visit our website- vicksburgschools.org or scan the QR code below.

Once you fill out the registration

form, additional information will be sent to you regarding the enrollment process. All communications will be sent via the email you provided.

Once you've filled out the registration form please plan to attend one of our Kindergarten Kick-Off events:

Tobey Elementary: April 2, from 6 to 7pm

Indian Lake Elementary: April 4, from 6 to 7pm

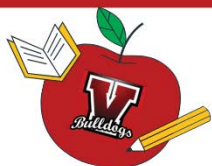
Sunset Lake Elementary: April 10, from 6 to 7pm

Parents/Guardians can meet the teachers, learn about the

curriculum, transportation, food service and before/after school care. This event is for adults. Screenings and a meet and greet for students will be scheduled at a later date.

Questions about the registration and enrollment process can be directed to your school building.

KINDERGARTEN KICK-OFF 2024!



Kick-off your child's kindergarten education with Vicksburg Community Schools!

Kick-off Dates & Times:

Tobey: April 2nd from 6 to 7pm
Indian Lake: April 4th from 6 to 7pm
Sunset Lake: April 10th from 6 to 7pm

Parents/Guardians can meet the teachers, learn about the curriculum, transportation, food service & before/after school care.

This event is for adults

A meet & greet for students will be scheduled at a later date.

Contact your school for more information:

Indian Lake
(269) 321-1400

Sunset Lake
(269) 321-1500

Tobey
(269) 321-1600

Make sure to start the registration process by scanning here:



REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!



BULLDOG BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL

VCS is now accepting applications for the **2024-2025** school year for kids who will be 4 by September 1st.

Apply on the Community Education tab of our website today!

Or scan here to download the application:



Winter Homecoming Court



Congratulations to the VHS Winter Homecoming Court members:

Freshmen: Korbin Dugan and

Heidi Homrich

Sophomores: Drake Henderson and Kylynn Schroeder, Anthony Marchese and Maya Grossman

Juniors: Sawyer Kite and Hailey Zagar, Zach Kline and Karlie Klinger, Grant Balazs and Allie Spencer

Seniors: Jaxson Wilson and Sydney Taylor, Wyatt Glenn and Maddie Diekman, Billy Hull and Anna Bartholomew, Carter Brown and Abby Musser

Freshman Wrestles at State Championship

A huge congratulations to VHS freshman Sawyer Stephenson who took 4th place at MHSAA Individual Wrestling State Championship.

Sawyer qualified for the championship in one of the toughest regions in the state. What an incredible accomplishment for his first year. We are so proud of you!



Bulldogs Win Wolverine Conference



The Vicksburg High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team won the Wolverine Conference

Championship for the second year in a row!

Congratulations to the Lady Bulldogs for this huge win!

100th Day of School at Tobey Elementary

Our elementary schools were very busy celebrating the 100th day of school and showing off all they learned in the first 100 days.

First graders at Tobey Elementary created their own museum displays to each show off 100 of the same item.

Their creativity was off the charts!



Rohrstaff Skis at State Finals

Congratulations to Ella Rohrstaff who competed at the MHSAA Division 2 State Finals at Nubs Nob!

Ella had 4 great runs in Slalom and Giant Slalom and finished in the middle of the pack in both.

Way to represent the Bulldogs!



Women in Sports Leadership Conference

Eight female athletes from Vicksburg High School had the chance to attend the Women in Sports Leadership Conference in Lansing.

Varsity Volleyball coach, Jennifer Buikema took the group of student athletes to the event designed to encourage leadership on and off the court.

Together they learned how to be leaders and how to support each other, as well as mental toughness and how to achieve success in both sports and beyond. The conference featured both speakers and hand-on classes and workshops.

The Michigan WISL is the first and longest running conference of its type in the country. We are happy our student athletes could take part.



VHS Students Build Wind Turbines

A group of Vicksburg High School students are heading to a world-wide wind turbine competition!

The Vicksburg team called the "AirO-Smiths" took first place at the first ever Michigan Kidwind Challenge at Western Michigan University!

Team members Ian Wurfel, Noah Briggs, Garret Wurfel and Landan Johnson have been working in their computerized manufacturing classes at VHS to build their own wind turbines.

Teams faced several different challenges in the competition, including pre-building their own turbines and testing how much energy they produce, along with answering interview questions about their devices.

The Vicksburg team will now be able to compete in the The 2024 World KidWind Challenge at the Minneapolis Convention Center in May.



Rainforest Expert Visits VMS

Thank you to research biologist Dr. Scott Kosiba for visiting our Vicksburg Middle School 6th grade social studies classes recently.

Dr. Kosiba is the son of retired VCS teacher Chris Kosiba. He did his doctorate in the Amazon rainforest and came to speak to students about his research project there.

They spoke about the different habitats and the climate of the rainforest, as well as the types of animals, plants and insects he came across.

Thank you Dr. Kosiba for bringing our 6th grade social studies lessons to life for our students!



Souper Bowl Event Helps Feed the Hungry

Leading up to the big game, students and staff at Indian Lake Elementary School hosted their own SOUP-er BOWL competition!

Together, they collected more than 200 cans of soup for Generous Hands.

Every soup can was a vote for the team they want to win the Super Bowl.

The 49ers came out on top of their poll... but we know Generous Hands is the real winner!



Banana Club Forms at Sunset Lake Elementary



Sunset Lake Elementary students are making a difference with a newly created Banana Club.

This exciting initiative was spearheaded by third-grader Griffin Guerrero, who demonstrated remarkable

insight and initiative in identifying areas for improvement within our school community.

The Banana Club, under the guidance of parent volunteer Steve Nevenhoven, will meet

each Friday at 11am. They have identified their goals and are so excited to get started in making a positive difference for their school!

Their first project involves preparing the stage for the

school's upcoming talent show.

After that project is completed, they will be organizing a snack drive. They hope to create a school snack pantry to ensure that students have access to snacks when needed.

Happy Lunar New Year at Sunset Lake

A special thanks to Vicksburg's China One restaurant!

Sunset Lake Elementary students were able to celebrate and learn about the Lunar New Year with their help. The festivities were made extra special thanks to the generosity of China One and the Chen family.

They provided some delicious food for our students to try. It was a great day of learning about different cultures and traditions while fostering a sense of community and cultural celebration.

