

Dear Parents/Guardians;

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## REPORT CARDS

Attached to this newsletter is a mid-term *report card* for your son/daughter. It gives an evaluation of the work accomplished from February 1<sup>st</sup> to April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011 in each course. Attendance indicates the number of absences since the beginning of the semester in each individual subject. Regular attendance is obviously necessary to be successful in any school program. If you have any questions or concerns about this report card, please contact the subject teachers, Student Services or the School Administration.



### MUSIC NOTES: by Mr. Charles Banhardt

The Music Department is in full swing with classes and various musical rehearsals. Our first “gala” is our very own *VCIdol* to be held May 18<sup>th</sup>. The talent keeps coming out of the stonework here at school. This year’s show promises to be a huge event and the tension of competition is growing. Come out and enjoy a truly fun-filled evening of variety and musical suspense.

Our Music Department Spring Concert will have a slight twist in a different direction. Featured will be our usual bands with many solo/duet extras but the final show should prove entertaining. All I can say is that it is a bit of a surprise because of two very well-known guests of the show. Stay posted for more information. The date for our concert is yet to be finalized, but will take place near the end of May, 2011.

A day field trip is in the planning for our ensembles, one that is very educational as well as adventurous. A band clinic, university tour, as well as a dinner show are in the planning. The details for this May trip are slowly coming together. We will continue to sell cheese as a fund-raising project. Please be generous and support our efforts with our cheese campaign.

Informal groups will be playing during the official opening of our new school on May 12<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy a tour of the new building as well.



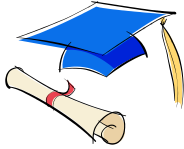
### 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GREEN DAY – Postponed until Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, - 9:15-12:45. by N. Kouao

We are pleased to announce that our 11<sup>th</sup> annual Green Day was re-scheduled, due to the “Un-Spring-like” weather experienced in Vankleek Hill this week. This proud school-wide springtime tradition at V.C.I. will see students helping the community by raking leaves, cleaning up lawns, and making way for the new spring growth. As always, the cleanup will be followed by a free BBQ lunch for the student body.



## COURSE SELECTION

At this time of year, students have submitted their course selections for the 2011-2012 school year. Student Services have met with students to review the process and stressed the importance of selecting the proper courses. From the students' selections, the course timetable is built for next year reflecting their choices. Students are to keep in mind their career path and select accordingly. If anyone has any questions or concerns about their child's course selections please call Student Services (613) 678-2023 ex 4309.



## DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

An "Ontario Secondary School Diploma" will be granted to a student who earns a minimum of 30 credits of 110 hours each, passes the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test and completes the Community Involvement Activities (minimum 40 hours).

Students missing any components of these requirements will not qualify. Therefore, they will not graduate. On a different note, the secondary school program is structured around four years of study. There is nothing preventing a student from doing an extra semester or year to meet those requirements. For many reasons a student may opt to extend the four years, i.e. improving marks, taking courses in a different field, completing requirements for graduation.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL – by Charles Simpkin, Chair

Well folks, things are progressing quickly. The asbestos has been removed and the old building is slated for demolition in the next few days. Preparations are well underway for our official opening on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and I hope that you will be able to attend. As I have mentioned on numerous occasions, now that we have a new facility it is our responsibility to see that we use it to the best of our ability. To do this we need your input! With the school year winding down and as we prepare to graduate the class of 2011, we must remember that we are also "graduating" several of our council members, so now is the time to think about getting involved for the upcoming school year.

Come out and find out what you can do! You can choose your level of involvement, join the council, assist in a program, help with special events, or just give us some regular feedback. Whatever you choose to do will help us continue to provide an exceptional environment for our kids and the community. Don't forget to keep up-to-date on the website at <http://www.ucdsb.on.ca/school/vci>



## ONTARIO FUN PASS

The Fun Pass is back! It is packed with money-saving coupons to make your family holidays more affordable. With the Fun Pass kids can get in free at 20 Ontario attractions when accompanied by a paying adult.

Families can use the Fun Pass all summer long across the province to enjoy everything from history and science to nature and art.

This year, the Ministry of Tourism and Culture is pleased to offer students an opportunity to participate in the 2011 Electronic Fun Pass Program. Starting in June you will be able to access the coupons through the Fun Pass website at [www.ontariofunpass.com](http://www.ontariofunpass.com). Just type in your child's last name and school board in the correct fields. Once all the information is entered you will be able to print the coupons and then simply present them for redemption at any of the participating Ontario attractions.

## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR



### April, 2011

Thurs., April 21<sup>st</sup>

- Mid-Semester Provincial Reports Distributed
- 30 Hr Famine

*Fri., April 22<sup>nd</sup>*

**Good Friday Holiday**

*Mon. Apr. 25<sup>th</sup>*

**Easter Monday Holiday**

Wed., April 27<sup>th</sup>

- Re-Scheduled **GREENDAY** 9:15-12:45
  - Re-Scheduled Hoops for Hearts 12:30 p.m.
- Grads of 2011 Fashion Show, Cafetorium

Thurs., April 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.,

### May, 2011

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

Education Week (Mini-Enrichment Courses)

Fri., May 6<sup>th</sup> /Sat. May 7<sup>th</sup>

2:30 p.m. – 9:00 30-Hour Famine

Tues., May 10<sup>th</sup>

Smart Risk Assembly for Senior Students,

Cafetorium

Thurs., May 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Official Opening of the “new” VCI**

– All are Welcome

Tues., May 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. VCI School Council Meeting, Library

Wed., May 18<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m. – VCIdol, Cafetorium

Thurs., May 19<sup>th</sup> 10:10 a.m.

Graduates of 2011 Mtg with Administration re:  
Commencement Ceremony, Cafetorium

*Mon. May 23<sup>rd</sup>*

**Victoria Day Holiday**

Tues., May 24<sup>th</sup>

Transition Tuesday – Gr. 8 Students visit VCI

Thurs., May 26<sup>th</sup>

Relay for Life, VCI

May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>

Kamloops Rugby Club exchange to VCI

### June, 2011

June 3<sup>rd</sup> -18<sup>th</sup>

Gr. 9 Spring Math Assessment

Fri., June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Grads of 2011 PROM

Thurs., June 9<sup>th</sup>

–Olde Stanley Maple Lane Farm, Edwards

Thurs., June 23<sup>rd</sup> to Tues., June 28<sup>th</sup>

Tentative Date for Sports Banquet

Semester Two EXAM Days

(schedule to follow under separate notice)

Wed., June 29<sup>th</sup>

**Board Designated Assessment Day**

Wed. June 29<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m. - Commencement Ceremony, Cafetorium

*Thurs., June 30<sup>th</sup>*

**P.A. Day**

### July, 2011

*Fri., July 1<sup>st</sup>*

**Canada Day Holiday**

Week of July 4<sup>th</sup>

Final Semester Two Reports & Newsletter Mailed

Mon., July 4<sup>th</sup> – Wed., July 20<sup>th</sup> /27<sup>th</sup> or Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>

Summer Semester (Cornwall, Brockville, Smiths Falls,  
Casselman)

(Depending on Program)

July 12-26<sup>th</sup>

Honduras Trip

### September, 2011

Thurs., September 1<sup>st</sup>

Gr. 9 Orientation & BBQ 10-12:30

Wed., September 14<sup>th</sup>

General Population Student Photos



## **FINAL REPORT CARDS**

**Students must return all text books and any money owing to their respective teacher(s) by Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at the latest, to ensure the mailing of their Semester 2 Provincial Report Card on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. Any outstanding student debts will have to be resolved before reports can be mailed via Canada Post.**

**J. Campbell  
Principal**

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**Attachments:**

**Report Card  
2011-2012 VCI School Year Calendar**

