

# Excellence *on display*

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VICTOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS MAGAZINE



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## CONNECT-ED Q&A

**WHAT IS BLACKBOARD CONNECT?** Blackboard Connect is a service offered by the Victor Central School District that allows administrators to reach all parents of the district's more than 4,400 students within minutes.

### I HAVE NEVER RECEIVED A BLACKBOARD CONNECT. HOW CAN I SIGN UP?

In an effort to keep parents and students informed with the latest news and information we ask that parents who have NOT received a Blackboard Connect school closing message in the past to please contact their child's school so that we may add their name and phone number to the list.

## ARE YOU RECEIVING THE VCS E-NEWS

**SPECIAL EVENTS • IMPORTANT UPDATES!** Throughout the school year, our VCS Superintendent and building Principals send out electronic newsletters highlighting special school events, unique accomplishments, important updates and other timely information. Are you receiving these vital sources of school information? If not, we strongly urge you to sign up for both the Superintendent's and building Principals' e-news by going to our web site: [www.victorschools.org](http://www.victorschools.org)

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Trisha Turner  
Michael Young

The Board of Education meets on the second Thursday of the month in the Victor Education Center at 7:15 p.m. Residents are welcome to attend.

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Dawn A. Santiago-Marullo, Ed.D.

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# A Message from Our Superintendent Dawn A. Santiago-Marullo



The 2015-2016 school year is moving along very smoothly in each and every building!

I marvel at the way our students adapt so readily to new routines each year, a tribute to families, teachers, coaches, and an overall supportive community inside and outside of the district.

At the Early Childhood School, our youngest students have acclimated to daily routines, taking the school bus, and eating in a cafeteria. At the Primary School our students are reconnecting with old friends and new lessons. Our Intermediate School students dove right into their 11th Annual Community Read, a school-wide book club of sorts, and our Junior High students kicked off their R3 Character Education program – Respect Yourself, Respect Others and Respect Victor Junior High. Our Senior High School students have been equally engaged in not only rigorous class work but exciting extracurricular activities that range from rehearsing for our school play and competing in fall sports to participating in the field band and music ensembles.

In this publication, you can read about some of the things our students and staff are up to so far this year. On page six you can find out who this year's Unsung Heroes and Heroines are and on page four you can meet our new international students. On page eight you can learn about the District's Strategic Plan and on pages 10-16 in our News and Notes section you can catch up on a variety of other great happenings at Victor Central Schools.

On behalf of the VCS staff and Board of Education, welcome to the 2015-2016 school year. I look forward to seeing you on campus!

Take care,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dawn' followed by a stylized surname.

# Senior High School Hosts Four International Students

This year the Victor Senior High School is proud to host four students from three continents, North America, Asia and Europe. While each of the students come to Victor Central Schools with different hopes and dreams, they all come with an energy and enthusiasm that are sure to have a positive influence on our campus, from the classroom to the athletic field and auditorium. Welcome!



Hola!

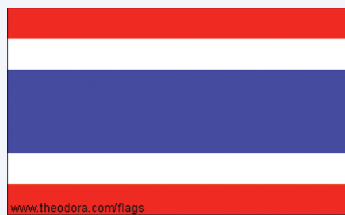
***Daniel "Dan" Lozano, age 17***

***Hometown*** Mexico City, Mexico

***Host Family*** The VanSickel family

***Program*** AFS

Dan likes the large size of Victor Central Schools and the fact that you can choose your own courses. He especially enjoys the smaller class sizes where you can really get to know your teacher and classmates better. Dan is having a great time playing defense on the Boys Soccer team and cannot wait for winter to learn how to snowboard. He misses his authentic Mexican cuisine but loves the corn here!



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***Supitchaya "Prair" Pooyoo, age 17***

***Hometown*** Songkhla, Thailand

***Host Family*** The Ahearn family

***Program*** AFS

Prair enjoys the freedom of school at Victor Central Schools. Back home in Thailand she wore a uniform and there were many more rules. "Kids here are more confident and independent," she said. While Prair misses her Thai television shows, she is keeping busy with several new activities here at Victor Central Schools, including chorus. This winter, she also hopes to join the Indoor Track team.





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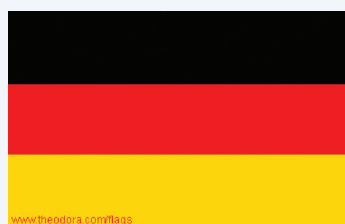
**Eric Chen, age 17**

**Hometown** Taipei, Taiwan

**Host Family** The West family

**Program** Education First Foundation

If there is one thing Eric Chen doesn't miss about being home, it is his longer school day. Back home in Taipei, school takes place from 7:40 am to 5:20 pm. In addition, Eric said he must wear a uniform and adhere to many more rules. Out of all of his classes here, Eric enjoys math best. He also insists all of the classes here are more difficult! One thing that is not so difficult for Eric is enjoying new foods, especially the hamburgers and pizza. This winter, Eric hopes to learn to ski and play a little basketball, too.



Hallo!

**Annabelle Koestler, age 17**

**Hometown** Hamburg, Germany

**Host Family** The Borba family

**Program** Ayusa

Students are kinder, classes are more interesting and the overall school environment is more relaxed here according to our German exchange student, Annabelle Koestler. This year, the Hamburg native plans to experience as much as possible, including traveling to New York City and Wisconsin with her host family. She would also like to join the Indoor Track team and explore other outside sports, too. Annabelle already has a lot in common with her peers here at VCS sharing her love of pop star, Ellie Goulding.

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# Heart of Excellence

*On September 1st at the annual Opening Day ceremony for VCS staff, Superintendent Dawn Santiago-Marullo paid tribute to this year's Unsung Heroes and Heroines. Unsung Heroes and Heroines are staff members who are nominated by their peers for displaying exemplary performance on the job. Whether they are supporting students and staff in the classroom, cafeteria or on the school bus and campus, these men and women define excellence. They are the Heart of Excellence at Victor Central Schools!*

## **Sharon Beaver**

### ***Food Services***

*Employed since May 7, 2007*

According to her nominators, Sharon Beaver has been preparing more than just cafeteria food for the past eight years; she has also been serving up excellence on a daily basis. One of her nominators said, "She is the kind of person who, when given a task, executes it with little instruction. She always helps others in need with moral support and a helping hand." Another nominator said; "Sharon is the kind of person who sees what needs to be done, does it, and then asks if there is anything else she can do. She takes pride in her work and her co-workers. She has been a big support to the high school team."

## **Bob Kirshgessner**

### ***Facilities and Grounds***

*Employed since July 5, 2006*

"Exceptional" is the word used to describe Bob Kirshgessner, this year's Facilities and Grounds Hero. Other nominators shared similar sentiments; "Bob is an exceptional worker and caring employee. He cleans our rooms with great pride and care. He takes extra time to get the grime off tables, vacuum thoroughly, empty garbage cans and basically take care of the teachers and students. Bob always has a smile on his face, words of encouragement, and a true

concern for the teachers when he comes in their rooms. He goes above and beyond his work for each of us. He understands what it means to have a solid work ethic with a nice balance of humor and cheerfulness. He is an unsung hero for sure and a wonderful role model for us all in the Early Childhood School!"

## **Jay Messersmith**

### ***Transportation Department***

*Employed since October 5, 1995*

Bus driver Jay Messersmith received high praise from a variety of coaches as being the best in the Transportation Department. "He has been the bus driver for our hockey players for as long as I can remember. On days he misses out on an opportunity to drive, he still attends the games to support our players. He and his wife even take the time to attend our end of season banquet. He is one of the most caring individuals I know. He is a consummate professional and our players love his attitude and compassion. He takes the time to get to know our student athletes, coaches and parents. He is always positive, energetic and most importantly, sincere. He is the first to congratulate our players on their successes and to make sure they stay positive in defeat. He finds ways to keep things in perspective! He is a true supporter of Victor student-athletes."

# Heart of Excellence



*From left to right: Sharon Beaver, Jay Messersmith, Bob Kirshgessner, Valerie Falagan, and Joan Randall*

## **Joan Randall** **Clerical Staff**

*Employed since September 6, 2007*

VSH secretary Joan Randall's nominators could not say enough about her. "She supports me in all aspects of my job and also assists other administrators, office secretaries and numerous other visitors to our office. She is reliable and follows through with requests in a timely manner. Her work is of high quality. She oversees our most important building meetings, events and recognitions. She is well liked and respected, has many friendships with staff members but is also able to maintain professionalism and confidentiality. She works hard to create meaningful systems that support teachers, custodial staff, administration, PPS staff, students, parents, community members and outside organizations. She analyzes current practices and is very reflective of their efficiency so that she can continually strengthen our building management. She goes above and beyond and has truly become a partner with the management of our building."

## **Valerie Falagan** **Teacher Aide**

*Employed since November 22, 2004*

Teacher aide Valerie Falagan's nominators described her as one the hardest working individuals at the high school. For the past ten years she has earned the respect of students, teachers and administrators alike, according to her nominators. "She demonstrates a genuine caring for students and works so hard to help them achieve success. Her empathy for individual students is observed daily and her work ethic is exemplary. She is generous with her time, patience and expertise using them all to support students, teachers, parents and administrators. She goes above and beyond because she wants to and always does more than we ask of her." Principal Yvonne O'Shea said many of the seniors who worked with this special lady credit their success to her and would not have walked the stage at graduation without her support. As Mrs. O'Shea put it; "She has a huge heart for students and they know it."

# District's New Strategic Plan Looks at Success Differently

How do you measure student success? This seems to be an age old question and one that Victor Central Schools' staff are constantly working hard to answer. After all, education is no longer one dimensional. Today, more than ever, learning is multi-faceted, multi-variable, multi-national,



set in a wide world of vigorous technology and captivating communities.

Over the past several years

the implementation of the New York State Education Department's Common Core Standards prompted many school districts, including Victor, to define what type of skills we want our students to leave VCS with – skills that prepare them for whatever life they choose - college, a trade, the military, work, family, and more.

Last spring, school administrators set out to get input from the community on what they think best defines student success, and over the summer they pulled together the valuable voices of these parents, staff, students and community members, merged them with student assessment data and implemented them in a brand new strategic plan.

On Thursday, September 10th, Kristin Swann, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services unveiled this new collaborative plan to the Board of Education, which later, unanimously approved it. Swann said that in an ever-changing world, this new five year plan keeps us

grounded and driven at the same time. "It creates an anchor for our district which is important for student success. It provides significant clarity and focuses on what the greater community thinks student achievement should be. Moreover, it supports excellence and equity for all," she said.

As for the parameters of the new plan, Swann said they are simultaneously "loose-tight." "The most effective leaders are masterful at applying the concept of loose-tight leadership and we wanted our plan to represent those properties," she said. According to Swann, tight properties are what define our mission, our purpose, and why we are here. They are properties that are timeless. They are our values and they are non-negotiable.

Some examples of the "tight" parameters associated with the District's new plan include Board of Education goals, high achievement standards, equity for all and customer service. Loose parameters, on the other hand, describe how we get there. These



parameters utilize a variety of possible pathways, from staff knowledge, skills and guidance, to the use of technology, sheer exploration, community involvement and parent participation, too.

"We value the partnerships we have with our parent and community volunteers because we recognize that their presence creates a more successful learning environment and, as a result, healthier students



- socially, emotionally and physically. The active participation of parents in our students' education, whether it is through volunteering

at a book fair, chaperoning a dance, or reading to their child at home is key to student success. Every collaborative act, however small or subtle, creates a difference," Swann said.

Making a difference in the lives of children is the

ultimate goal of Victor Central Schools according to Victor Central Schools' Superintendent, Dawn Santiago-Marullo. "In order to ensure our students are prepared for life beyond VCS, their success must be defined by more than state assessments and our new strategic plan ensures that. While tests are a good measure for monitoring students' progress, they are just a small part of their success. They need to have so much more. Our new Strategic Plan looks at the whole student by addressing six critical keys to their success," Santiago-Marullo said. Critical Thinking, Creativity, Communication, Collaboration, Character Development, and Citizenship.

Santiago-Marullo says these "Six C's" are not only vital for our students' success, but will be an integral part of the entire Victor Central Schools' culture encompassing

staff at all levels of the organization.

How do you measure student success? This seems to be an age old question but thanks to the hard work of parents, staff members and the community, Victor Central Schools has a plan, a Strategic Plan.

For more information on the Victor Central Schools' Strategic Plan go to: <http://www.victorschools.org/files/2658/2015%2D2020%20district%20goals%20approved%20by%20the%20boe.pdf>




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***" . . . Our new Strategic Plan looks at the whole student by addressing six critical keys to their success."***

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*- Dawn Santiago-Marullo, Superintendent*

**Critical Thinking**

**Creativity**

**Communication**

**Collaboration**

**Character Development**

**Citizenship**

**SIX  
C'S**

## Five Students Named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Five Victor seniors were among sixty-three high school seniors from the Buffalo and Rochester areas who were named 2016 National Merit Scholarship semifinalists. Casey Brentnall, Giffin Fitzsimmons, Katherine Hartsough, Kathryn Rohring and Matthew Klein were recognized by National Merit Scholarship Corp., which has run the prestigious awards program since 1955.

A total of 16,000 U.S. semifinalists have been chosen to compete for 7,400 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million. Six percent of the national contenders – a total of 962 – come from New York state. ■

## Safe Routes to School Project Complete

Thanks to a Federal program known as Safe Routes to School, the Town of Victor has successfully installed a series of sidewalks in and around our schools that will provide a safe pedestrian link between neighborhoods and our campus. Three sidewalks in all were installed on our campus. The first link is from High Street at the Junior/Senior High entrance (west entrance) and connects to the existing sidewalks in front of the JH/SH schools. The second link starts on Lane Road (north entrance) and continues past the soccer field near the boulders and down past the fields on the east side of campus. This link eventually connects to the Intermediate school sidewalk by the tennis courts. The third link connects Latchmere Drive to the bus loop between the Primary and Intermediate Schools. ■

## Victor Ranked No. 2 in State's Kerr Cup

This summer the Blue Devils placed second in the 2015 Kerr Cup standings, the annual competition managed by the New York State Sportswriters Association. The group scores results for championships over the course of the school year to recognize the best overall performers. In the overall category for Class AA schools, Victor finished with 44.5 points for combined boys and girls sports, second to Shenendohowa of Section II, which had 57.17 points. The Kerr Cup is named after Neil Kerr, the retired Post-Standard sportswriter who has been the driving force behind the New York State Sportswriters Association for more than forty years. ■

## New York State School Boards Association Honors Two Victor Board Members

The New York State School Board Association's (NYSSBA) School Board U Recognition Program honored two Victor Central Schools' Board members this spring. Board President, Tim DeLucia received the Board Lifetime Achievement award and Board member Trisha Turner earned the Board Excellence Award. NYSSBA's recognition program is comprised of four achievement levels. Members qualify for recognition points by participating in NYSSBA developmental activities. ■



## Upcoming Music Events

### December 2nd

VSH Wind Ensemble and Orchestra  
Holiday Concert, 7:00 pm,  
JH/SH Arts Center

### December 3rd

VJH Instrumental Holiday Concert,  
7:00 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

### December 7th

5th Grade Chorus and Band Holiday  
Concert, 7:00 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

### December 8th

6th Grade Chorus, Band and Orchestra  
Holiday Concert, 7:00 pm,  
JH/SH Arts Center

### December 9th

VJH Choral Concert, 7:00 pm,  
JH/SH Arts Center

### December 14th

VSH Choral and Symphonic Band  
Holiday Concert, 7:00 pm,  
JH/SH Arts Center

### December 15th

Beginning and Vivace Orchestras  
and Suzuki Group Holiday Concert,  
7:00 pm, JH/SH Arts Center

### December 16th

3rd Grade Holiday Concerts,  
6:30 and 7:30 pm, VPS Auditorium

## Snack Pack Program Continues to Support Local Families

The Victor Cares Club, in cooperation with the Victor-Farmington Food Cupboard and Foodlink, will continue to offer the Snack Pack program this year. This CONFIDENTIAL program is intended for families who need help providing food when school is not in session. Students in Pre-K through grade 12 qualify.

In order to participate in the FREE program, a parent or guardian needs to call 585-924-3252, ext. 5105 to register confidentially and leave an ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, and NUMBER OF CHILDREN. The only qualification is a stated need for extra food. Requests to be added to the program OR removed from it if you no longer need it, can be made via email to [BirkemeierL@Victorschools.org](mailto:BirkemeierL@Victorschools.org) or [McManisD@victorschools.org](mailto:McManisD@victorschools.org)

### Snack Pack Program Underway

Students involved in the Cares Club will be packing snack packs before the following scheduled school breaks:

*Deliveries are usually made a few days prior to the day off from school.*

November 25th - 27th, Thanksgiving Recess (packing on 11/18)  
December 24th- January 3rd, Holiday Recess (packing on 12/17)  
January 18th, Martin Luther King Jr. Day (packing on 1/13)  
February 15th- 19th President's Recess (packing on 2/9)  
March 28th- April 1st Spring Recess (packing on 3/21)  
April 18th Superintendent's Conference Day (packing on 4/12)  
May 30th, Memorial Day Holiday (packing on 5/25)

Items such as peanut butter, soup, crackers, juice boxes, granola bars, macaroni and cheese, and apple sauce will be delivered monthly.

Donations of these food items are much needed, appreciated, and can be dropped off in the main office of the Senior High School. We are also always in need of drivers to help with deliveries! If you have any questions about the program, please contact the Victor Cares

Club Advisors, LeeAnne Birkemeier at [birkemeierl@victorschools.org](mailto:birkemeierl@victorschools.org) or Deb McManis at [mcmanisd@victorschools.org](mailto:mcmanisd@victorschools.org) or leave a message at: 585-924-3252, ext. 5105. ■

## 2015 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees Named

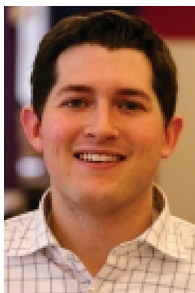
On Saturday, October 3rd, Victor Central Schools held its 2015 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction ceremony at the Burgundy Basin Inn in Bushnell's Basin. This year's inductees were.



**David Fladd**  
Class of 1987  
Track and Field



**Stephanie Bailey**  
Class of 1999  
Cross Country and Track



**Nathan Kuchta**  
Class of 2000  
Baseball



**Katie Jo Passero**  
Class of 2004  
Softball

The Victor Hall of Fame was founded in 1999 as a way to:

- Recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of outstanding athletes, coaches and Blue Devil supporters
- Reconnect those individuals and their families with Victor Central School.
- Deepen the current student-athlete understanding and appreciation for the history of the Blue Devil athletes by seeking their participation. ■

## Senior High Fall Play Announced

*Pillow Talk*, the classic 1959 romantic comedy, which starred Rock Hudson and Doris Day, will be adapted to the stage at Victor Senior High School this fall.

The story line follows playboy Brad Allen's flirtations and how they annoy his neighbor, interior designer Jan Morrow, who shares a telephone party line with him. After Jan unsuccessfully lodges a complaint against him, Brad sets out to seduce her in the guise of a sincere Texas rancher. When mutual friend Jonathan discovers that his best friend is moving in on the girl he loves, trouble arrives for Brad.

VSH English teacher and director, Jeremy Hawkinson said *Pillow Talk* is sure to be crowd pleaser. "This promises to be a fast paced and funny comedy that the whole family will enjoy. I am eager to see how the kids take this classic script and make it come alive," he said.

*Pillow Talk*, by Stanley Shapiro (adapted for stage by Christopher Sergel) will be performed in the JH/SH Arts Center on November 13 at 7PM, and November 14 at 1PM and 7PM. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets for senior citizens are free and will be available at the door. ■



## January Board of Education Meeting Date Changed

The regular Board of Education meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 14th has been moved to Wednesday, January 13th. The meeting will be held at its regularly scheduled time and place - 7:15 pm in the Early Childhood School Boardroom. ■

## 2016-2017 Pre-K and Kindergarten Registration

Pre-K and Kindergarten registration will begin on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm in the Victor Early Childhood School Boardroom.

- Children who are 5 years old on December 1, 2016 are eligible to register for Kindergarten
- Children who are 4 years old on December 1, 2016 are eligible to register for Pre-K

The lottery for Pre-K will be held on Friday, April 1st.

Notification letters will be mailed by April 8th.

*(Please note that lottery results will not be shared over the phone.)* ■



## 2015 Graduate of Distinction To Be Honored

On Thursday, November 12th Rochester Institute of Technology Professor, Dr. Todd Pagano (Class of 1993) will accept the 2015 Graduate of Distinction award at the regular Board of Education meeting at 7:15 pm.

A congratulatory reception will take place before the Board recognition in the Early Childhood School cafeteria at 6:00 pm. If you are interested in attending either the Board recognition ceremony or the reception to honor Dr. Pagano, please contact Liz Welch or Sherri Lasky in the Office of School and Community Relations at 924-3252, ext. 1407

The Graduates of Distinction program was initiated in 2002 as a way to recognize VCS alumni who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and made significant contributions to society. ■

## Attention Parents of Students Who Attend Private/Parochial Schools Important Busing Information

In order to be eligible for transportation to a private/parochial school, parents must submit a written request no later than April 1st of the previous year. In addition, you must live within 15 miles of the school of your choice.

Please send written requests to:

Darren Everhart

Victor Central Schools'

Director of Transportation

953 High Street

Victor, New York 14564 ■

## Record Keeper Honored

Congratulations to Charles "Chuck" Callari Jr., VCS Records Clerk. This past June he was the recipient of the Wheeler B. Melius Award from the New York Association Local Government Records Officers (NYALGRO) at their annual meeting in Lake George, New York. In addition to serving at the Records Management Coordinator for Victor Central Schools for the past 16 years, this former Eastman Kodak research scientist is the Records Management Coordinator for the Village of Victor. The Wheeler B.

Melius Award is given to a NYALGRO who demonstrates outstanding service to his/her local government and New York's records management community. ■



## NYS STAR (School Tax Relief) Program Registration Deadline is March 1st

If you are not a senior citizen and you filled out an application last year for the Basic Star exemption, you do not need to apply again. If you are not a senior citizen and are either a new homeowner in the District or you did not apply last year for the Basic STAR exemption, YOU MUST APPLY BY MARCH 1, 2016. For more information, see page 16 in the District calendar. ■

## Stuff the Bus This December

The Transportation Department will hold its 5th Annual “Stuff the Bus” Competition for the Victor Farmington Food Cupboard on December 5th from 10 AM – 1 PM.

A variety of vendors will be on hand and Santa and Mrs. Claus will also be on campus in anticipation of the big day. Other activities will include free face painting, balloon art, alpacas, cookie decorating and more!

This competition is being held between all K – 6 elementary bus runs.

Donations can either be given to your child’s bus driver or made at the bus garage between now and December 6th. Please make sure your child’s bus number or character name are clearly marked on their donation. In order to be fair, 10 trial size items will be counted as one full size item.

The Food Cupboard is in need of paper products and toiletries such as paper towel, Kleenex, toilet paper, paper plates, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.

Over the past four years, more than 12,000 pounds of products have been collected during this event. ■

## VCS Foundation Holds First Annual Devil Dash 5K

A brisk fall morning set the scene for the Victor Central Schools Educational Foundation’s first ever Devil Dash 5K and Family Walk held on October 3rd. Despite cooler than normal weather, the campus course was filled with great energy and enthusiasm. Two hundred seventy men, women and children took part in the inaugural event, which is set to become a Homecoming weekend tradition.

All Devil Dash race proceeds (an impressive \$9,000) will support the four main VCS Foundation Projects including Field Trips Forever, Technology for Today and Tomorrow, The Art of Teaching, and a general fund. ■

## Free Fit Kids Text Available

The Victor Food Services Department is making a new healthy app available to students and parents at no charge. By signing up for Fit Kids Text, users will receive two texts every week with tips on healthy eating and activity and healthy school happenings.

Janet Elman, Victor Central Schools Director of Food Services said the new app is a good fit for anyone.

“The messages will not only be informational but good motivators/reminders on ways to lead a healthier lifestyle,” she said.

To start getting messages, text “@victorsch” to 81010 ■

**THANKSGIVING BREAK**  
November 26 - 27

**HOLIDAY RECESS**  
December 24 - January 1

## Victor Nurse Receives Helping Hand Award

Victor Senior High School nurse, Carol Nardoizzi has been named the recipient of a 2015 Farmington-Victor Kiwanis Club



Helping Hands Award. A school nurse for 17 years, Carol oversees the health and well being of nearly 1400 students on a daily basis. She is also the Nurse Coordinator for the entire District, a member of the District's Health, Safety and Positive Climate committees and the advisor for the Medical Explorers Club which sponsors a popular annual Diabetes Walk. A resident of Victor for 22 years, Nardoizzi is the proud mother of four children, Lynn Boyer, John, Steven (VCS Class of 1998), and Paul (VCS Class of 2003). ■

## Board Honored

On Thursday, October 8th the Victor Central Schools' Board of Education was honored before its regular monthly meeting for its commitment and dedication to our schools. In addition to well wishes from students, staff and parents, the seven member board was treated to a special "field trip" to Corbit Field where they watched the Marching Blue Devils perform during their regular rehearsal.

Thank you to 2015-2016 Board for everything you do for us – Tim DeLucia, President, Debbie Palumbo-Sanders, Vice President, Karen Ballard, Gary Gilbert, Kathy Hart, Trisha Turner, Mike Young.

Earlier this year, Governor Andrew Cuomo declared the last week of October as the official School Board Recognition Week. ■

## Former Board President Named Citizen of the Year

The Farmington –Victor Kiwanis Club has named former Victor Central Schools' Board of Education President, Stephen Martin, the 2015 Citizen of the Year. Martin served on the Board for 15 years. He was President from 1998 to 2003 and 2007 to 2011 and the First Vice President from 2006 to 2007. During his tenure, Martin and his fellow Board members supported many major campus changes including classroom additions at the Junior and Senior High Schools, a new auditorium, a new auxiliary gym, a fitness room, an addition to the Intermediate School cafeteria, turf on Corbit Field, a new aquatic center and numerous other building updates. Academically, they were a driving force behind the implementation of our high school's International Baccalaureate and Project Lead the Way programs. Martin's work in the community, both in Victor and the Greater Rochester is extensive. He currently serves on nine vital community organizations. He is on the Board of Trustees and Chairman of the Presidential Search Committee for Finger Lakes Community College. He is also on the Board of Directors and Executive Board for the Rochester Broadway Theater League. In addition, he is on the Advisory Boards for The Finger Lakes Museum, Quad A for Kids and the Ontario County ARC, among others.



A District resident since 1989, Martin and his wife Ann are the proud parents of two VCS alumni, Zachary, a 2005 graduate and Meredith, a 2010 graduate. ■

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## To: Victor Central School District Residents

*The New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services maintains a list of registered sex offenders and offers many resources through its web site, [://criminaljustice.state.ny.us](http://criminaljustice.state.ny.us). People may search the Sex Offender Registry using the criteria of name, county or zip code. Parents and guardians may want to talk with children about interacting with adults and people they do not know.*

# 14th Annual Senior Citizens Ball



Free and open to ALL  
Victor Central School District  
Senior Citizens!  
(55 and Older)

Presented by  
VICTOR CENTRAL SCHOOLS  
Office of School & Community Relations  
and the Senior High Key Club  
Special Thank You to the Kiwanis Club

Scenes from our 2013 Ball

ENJOY

Dinner & Dancing

AND ENTERTAINMENT BY

Western New York Big Band

NEW TIME

Saturday, May 14, 2016  
5 – 7 p.m.

Victor Intermediate School Gymnasium

Reservations required, call School & Community Relations at 924-3252, ext. 1407 or e-mail [weiche@victorschools.org](mailto:weiche@victorschools.org) and [taskysh@victorschools.org](mailto:taskysh@victorschools.org)

## VCS Seeks Names of Distinguished Graduates

Do you know a Victor Central School alumnus who has made a significant contribution to society? The Graduates of Distinction program honors such individuals. Applications are currently available in the Office of School and Community Relations or on-line at [www.victorschools.org](http://www.victorschools.org). Alumni selected for this honor will be recognized at a special Graduate of Distinction Day next fall.

Nominees to the Victor Central School District Graduates of Distinction program shall be selected based upon the following criteria:

- A. Nominees must have graduated from Victor Senior High (or have attended Victor Schools BEFORE there was a high school in the case of Honorable Recognition) at least 15 years before they are eligible for selection. The committee may waive the graduation time limit requirements in certain circumstances, as it deems necessary;
- B. Significant achievement after attending Victor Schools which include: (1) Educational achievements; (2) Professional achievements; (3) Job-related achievements; (4) Honors, awards, professional affiliations, publications; (5) Civic or community involvement; (6) Other appropriate qualifications which the committee believes merit consideration;

*Nominations must be submitted by Monday, January 11, 2016 to:*

**Graduates of Distinction Committee**

**c/o The Office of School and Community Relations**

**Victor Central Schools 953 High Street, Victor, New York 14564**

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