



**Vision:** "Inspiring life-long learning in every Viking."

**Mission:** "The mission of Voyager Academy is to provide students in kindergarten through grade twelve an academically challenging and supportive learning environment. Staff utilizes experiential and traditional learning strategies so that students become responsible, engaged, and innovative members of society."

**Values:**

Confidence: Trusting in your own ability and being willing to take academic risks.

Curiosity: Eager to investigate and learn about the world around us.

Empathy: Being aware of and respecting another person's feelings, experiences, and differences.

Reflection: Using past experiences to guide future learning and decision making.

Integrity: Doing the right thing and standing strong in what you believe

Dear Parents:

Thanks again and again to all the parents who took time out of their day to help proctor exams this week. We just couldn't always get our jobs done without you! Thanks also for getting your children here on time and ready for testing! The hardest weeks of the year are also the busiest so we appreciate all the support!

I would like to take a minute today to let our PTO executive board and volunteers know how much we appreciate them and all they have done for us the past two years. It is a tough job, and we truly thank you for your efforts and for bringing our families and staff together in events and through fundraising activities. As many of you know, it is time to pass the torch to an incoming PTO Board for the 2017-18 academic year! Several current officers have fulfilled their years of service in their office. This means that the board has offices that are being vacated as well offices that are brand new due to our board restructuring.

**Serving on the PTO Board is FUN! You simply need a desire to serve our school and its students. You are an integral part of continuing to grow our sense of community and school spirit! I encourage you to look at our information page at <http://pto.voyageracademy.net/2017-18-board-election>. You will find more information about the voting process, open offices, job descriptions and how to become a candidate.**

**The nomination period is OPEN NOW and will close Wednesday, May 17, 2017 @ noon.**

**Questions/comments can be directed to [pto@voyageracademy.net](mailto:pto@voyageracademy.net).**

Summer Camp daily itinerary has been added to our website. You can click this link below at any time to

see what activities your student will enjoy that day!

### [Summer Camp Daily Itinerary](#)

Haven't signed your student up for summer camp yet? What are you waiting for? Do it today! This camp is also open to students who do NOT attend Voyager Academy!

Regards,

Jennifer Lucas, M.Ed  
Managing Director  
Voyager Academy, A fully accredited K-12 Charter School  
“integrity is the consistency between what we say and what we do”

### **PTO Update:**

#### **Wednesday, May 17: Deadline for Exec Board Nominations**

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#### **Friday, May 26: End of Year Celebration**

1 pm - 4 pm, Wheels Fun Park, Skating Rink

Come celebrate another successful school year and the start of summer break with your Voyager friends! Open to K-12 Voyager students and their families. Skaters and non-skaters welcome. There is no admission or skate rental fee for chaperones.

You may [pre-purchase your admission and skate rental online](#). We hope this will help save people some time in line. However, you may choose to wait and pay at the door. If you pre-purchase, you **MUST** present your receipt at the door as your ticket. **No Refunds** will be issued for pre-purchases for any reason. The deadline to pre-purchase is Thursday, May 25 @ 9pm.

#### **Upcoming Hospitality Dates**

Elementary School: May 15 (lunch)

#### **Contact Voyager PTO**

- [pto@voyageracademy.net](mailto:pto@voyageracademy.net)
- <http://pto.voyageracademy.net>

- [Voyager PTO on Facebook](#)

## **Athletics Update:**

### **Important Announcements**

#### **UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS**

Thank you to all that participated donated, sponsored and made the golf tournament a fun day and successful fundraiser. The Athletic department, and all the student-athletes are grateful.

#### **VARSITY BASEBALL**

Congratulations to the Varsity Baseball team for making it to the second round of the state playoffs, defeating Mattamuskeet High School 10-0. The Vikings will host Granville Central on Friday at 7pm in the second round.

#### **VARSITY SOCCER**

The Women's Varsity Soccer team defeated Princeton 2-1 in the first round of the state playoffs on Monday, May 9th; it was the first ever women's soccer playoff win in school history. Both goals were scored by freshman Audrey Caitlin. Next up, the team will play Whiteville on Saturday, May 13th at 5:00pm.

#### **VARSITY LACROSSE**

The Varsity Lacrosse team just finished their first inaugural season as a varsity program. They made an amazing accomplishment making the state playoffs, with their seasoning coming to a close with a loss against top-ranked Carrboro. Their season was highlighted by wins at Southern High School and a home victory against Roxboro on senior night.

#### **VARSITY GOLF**

Congratulations to Cole Scarce for performing exceptionally well in the individual state championships. Cole shot a 79, finishing 19th out of 84 golfers. Congrats to Cole on a magnificent season.

#### **VARSITY TENNIS**

Varsity Tennis defeated Rosewood High School 5-1 in the quarterfinals to advance to the regional semifinals.

#### **VARSITY SOFTBALL**

Despite playing the number one team in the conference their last game of the season, varsity softball finished the season strong, displaying toughness and resiliency through each game.

#### **MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS**

- **Middle School Baseball:** The middle school baseball team finished their season with a close loss to RCS in the conference semifinals.
- **Middle School Softball:** The middle school softball team played in the conference championship and lost to RCS.
- **Middle School Soccer:** The girl's soccer team finished their season with a narrow defeat to RCS in the conference semifinals 2-0.

#### **EMERGO ORTHO SPORTS PHYSICAL**

Triangle Orthopedics is offering sports physicals for just \$10 on Wednesday, May 17 from 6:00-8:00 PM.

### MS BASKETBALL CAMP

The MS basketball camp for rising 5th-9th graders will be July 24-28 from 530-830pm. Registration is now open at the summer camps section of the Voyager Academy website. Participation will be limited to the first 40 registered.

### WEST AND WOODALL

The athletic department would like to thank realtors, Kirk West and Burt Woodall and the agents in their office, for supporting our student athletes as a level one sponsor. We ask that you support those that support our student-athletes.

### STATE FARM

The athletic department would like to thank Andy Jones and State Farm for supporting our student athletes at Voyager Academy as a level one sponsor. Please support those that sponsor our athletic program.

### VIC CARD

Voyager Academy Athletics now has a new way to raise money. With the Harris teeter VIC Card, type in the account number 3284 and the Voyager Academy Athletic program will receive a percentage of the purchases.

### LAW OFFICE OF SHELLEY CAMPEN BROWN

The Law Office of Shelley Campen Brown is now offering Voyager students and staff a discount on traffic tickets. From now until the end of the year, attorney fees are \$100.00 from an original \$200.00. In addition, Voyager families and staff will receive a discount if they do a Will and General Power of Attorney for only \$175.00.

### ATHLETIC FEES

Parents please remember that once a student-athlete is selected for a team that athletic fees are due before they may participate in any games or matches. Fees are below

MS - first sport - \$105 any additional sports \$75

HS- first sport -\$135 any additional sport \$95

### MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC CONTACTS

Parents, below is the contact information for spring sport coaches. If you any questions or concerns, please contact these coaches.

#### **Middle School Spring Sports**

Boys Baseball: [faucette@earthlink.net](mailto:faucette@earthlink.net)

Girls Softball: [mjackson@voyageracademy.net](mailto:mjackson@voyageracademy.net)

Coed Golf: [d.lee@hvcc.org](mailto:d.lee@hvcc.org)

Girls Soccer: [hbonawitz@voyageracademy.net](mailto:hbonawitz@voyageracademy.net)

Boys Tennis: [leerus@aol.com](mailto:leerus@aol.com)

#### **High School Spring Sports**

Boys Baseball: [pshankle@voyageracademy.net](mailto:pshankle@voyageracademy.net)

Girls Softball: [dladd@durhamsheriff.org](mailto:dladd@durhamsheriff.org)

Boys Golf: [scotts7467@aol.com](mailto:scotts7467@aol.com)

Lacrosse: [kplilley@ncsu.edu](mailto:kplilley@ncsu.edu)

Girls Soccer: [vsmith@voyageracademy.net](mailto:vsmith@voyageracademy.net)

Boys Tennis: [dquick@voyageracademy.net](mailto:dquick@voyageracademy.net)

Track: [taylor.pryde@duke.edu](mailto:taylor.pryde@duke.edu)

## High School

### Baseball

Wednesday 5-10-17 OPEN DATE (Round 1 of State Playoffs) at Voyager Academy TBA

### Golf

No events this week

### Women's Soccer

No events this week

### Softball

No events this week

### Tennis

Tuesday 5-9-17 Voyager Academy at Rosewood High School (Round 2 of State Playoffs) 4:00pm

### Track

Friday 5-13-17 (1-A State Regional Meet) at Trask High School 9:00am

**All Schedules, venues, directions and release times for contest are available on the athletic website. Please see website for this information**

## 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

**Emerge-** 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 and offering specials to Voyager Families

**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.

**Rick Hendricks Chevrolet** – Partnering with our Athletic Programs as our title sponsor for our 2016 Golf Tournament

**Raspberry Maintenance** – Providing quality service for of your commercial or residential cleaning and landscaping needs

**West and Woodall-** Providing for your real estate needs from Hyco and Mayo Lakes to Raleigh, Durham. Please contact them at (919)382-2000

**Andy Jones State Farm-** Providing solutions to all of your insurance needs

## VAFOA Update:



**VA Visual, Culinary, and Performing Arts Update**  
*VAFOA, Voyager Academy Friends of the Arts*

**Middle School Art on Display at the State Employee's Credit Union!**

Voyager Academy Middle School is proud to announce an exhibition at the State Employees Credit Union on Guess Rd. The student artwork will be on display throughout the summer. The location is 3872 Guess Rd by the Eno River.

**SCHOOL ART SHOW**

Congratulations to **Tatyana Lyon, Nasir Westbrook, Sydney Rogers, Mina Mason, Diego Evert, Ethan Ferrara, Nate Hinshaw, Gage Jones, Eloise Leonard, Daniel Lamm, Maddie Norman, Reece Fernandez, Natalie Dehring, Anna Sendall, Luke Johnson, Noah Tilley, Taylor Pendergraft, and Malone Hemsley.**

**Elementary Update:**

Dear VAES Families,

It's hard to believe that we only have two more weeks of school! Next week, Kindergarten, First, Grade, and Second Grade will begin their end of year math assessments and we will have the EOG make-ups for third graders on Monday and Tuesday. Please be sure that your children are getting a good night's sleep and eating a good breakfast as we complete these final end of year assessments.

On Tuesday, May 23 at 11:00, Kindergarten will have their third trimester Seeds Project Celebration. Also, don't forget that on Friday, May 26, the last day of school is only a half-day/early release. Students will be dismissed at 11:15 AM.

I hope everyone has a terrific weekend and we will see you back at school on Monday.

Best,  
Leslie



**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Monday, May 15 – 19: K – 2 Case 21 Math Assessments**

**Monday, May 15 & Tuesday, May 16:** Make-up EOGs for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders that were absent  
**Friday, May 19:** First Grade Field Trip to 3 Bears Acres  
**Tuesday, May 23 @ 11:00 AM:** Kindergarten Seeds Project Celebration  
**Thursday, May 25 & Friday, May 26:** Rising Kindergarten Assessments

### **Middle School Update:**

Hello Voyager Middle School Families,

Thanks to all of you who responded to the call for proctors! On Thursday, we had a proctor for every class and also had monitors in the halls. Without you, our testing process would not have been as smooth as it was! We appreciate those of you who are joining us next week! You are all fantastic!

I want to remind you that not only do we need to be on time for testing days but for all days! I know you made it happen for testing and we really appreciate it. Let's see if we can have 0 tardies for 10 days!

NEWSFLASH 1!!! Our National Junior Honor Society Induction for rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders was Monday. I was so proud of our current 8<sup>th</sup> graders members. They were in charge of the ceremony and were great speakers and leaders.

NEWSFLASH 2!!!! Students in 6-8th grades will be spending the next few weeks before summer break discussing digital citizenship. The purpose of these lessons is to start meaningful conversation about online behavior, responsibility and digital dilemmas. It is our hope that this will initiate more conversation at home.

Parents might want to look at the following links from Common Sense Media:

1. [Common Sense on Protecting and Respecting Privacy](#)
2. [Overexposed](#)
3. [16 Apps and Websites Kids Are Heading](#)

Upcoming Dates:

May 14 Happy Mother's Day  
May 16 Math EOGs for 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, Reading EOG for 8<sup>th</sup>  
May 17 Science EOG for 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
May 18 Science EOG for 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 8<sup>th</sup> grade math EOG for all 8<sup>th</sup> graders  
May 18 Awards Celebration, 7:00  
May 19 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Project Celebration, 1:30  
May 19 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Project  
May 22 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Project Celebration, 10:00  
May 23 5<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies Final Exam, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade Science Final Exam,  
Math 1 Exam for 8<sup>th</sup> graders taking Math 1  
May 24 Social Studies Final Exam for 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
May 24 6<sup>th</sup> grade Earthquake Project, 1:30  
May 24 Spring Sports' Celebration, 6:00  
May 25 6<sup>th</sup> Grade to Carolina Theater  
May 25 End of Year Celebration for 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
May 26 Last Day of School  
May 26 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration Time TBD  
May 26 Early Release, 11:45

Thanks for all you do to support your child! We appreciate each of you!

Gwen Johnson     [gjohnson@voyageracademy.net](mailto:gjohnson@voyageracademy.net)

[Principal](#)

[Voyager Middle School](#)

### **High School Update:**

Come See the VAHS Instrumental Music Class Perform

The High School Instrumental Music Class is hosting their first ever Band Concert at The Shed Jazz Club in downtown Durham on Thursday, May 18. Entry is \$5 and all proceeds will go directly towards the band program for the 2017-18 school year. Tickets will be on sale in E136 during lunch starting on Monday, May 15!

A Few Supplies Needed at the High School

The high school front office and classrooms are in need of Kleenex and Clorox wipes. Our supply is currently depleted and we will need to supply all classrooms with Kleenex for final exams and EOC's. Any donation is appreciated!

Senior Breakfast Award Ceremony

Voyager Academy High School is pleased to invite all senior families of the Class of 2017 to join us in front of the Hock House on Thursday, May 18th at 8:45 a.m. for a Senior Breakfast and Awards Ceremony. This is one of the last opportunities for senior class fellowship, food, and photo opportunities before graduation. Also, we can't do it without some help from our generous families. Please check out our SignUpGenius link for ways you can help make this day one to remember for the graduates.

Also, if you can email [hhall@voyageracademy.net](mailto:hhall@voyageracademy.net) with a baby photo or a recent photo (like graduation) of your senior, I'd like to incorporate them into our celebration on the 18th.

We hope to see you there! Invitation and SignUpGenius link below.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d49acad23a3fc1-class>

Proctors/Volunteers Needed!!!

Voyager Academy will be administering EOGs, EOCs and NCFEs to all students in grades 3-12 on May 11- 24. If you are available to Proctor/Volunteer any of these days please email K-12 Test Coordinator, Laura Howell at [lhowell@voyageracademy.net](mailto:lhowell@voyageracademy.net) with the dates that you are available.

The VAHS Prom

The VAHS prom is almost upon us! Here are the details

When: Saturday, May 20th

8 pm-12 am

Where: Umstead Pines at Willowhaven

Theme: Starry Night

Tickets: After 4/30 -- \$60-Single, \$100-Couple

Parents who wish to help out, please contact Yen Nguyen ([ynguyen@voyageracademy.net](mailto:ynguyen@voyageracademy.net)) or Amanda Shaw ([ashaw@voyageracademy.net](mailto:ashaw@voyageracademy.net))

Thank you!!

FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)



FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) Meets every Friday, after school, from 3:50-4:50 pm in Room D124. No need to be a Christian, nor an Athlete :) All are welcome!

#### Coach Huff's Viking Hoop Camp

Viking Hoop Camp will be taking place June 12-15 and June 19-22 under the direction of Voyager Head Coach Mike Huff. This is the fifth consecutive summer for this camp where boys and girls in grade 3-8 learn basketball skills and play games in a positive, fun environment. There are morning and afternoon sessions, with a discount for those who sign up for both. Varsity basketball players serve as the camp counselors. Viking Hoop Camp is open to both Voyager and non-Voyager students. See our brochure at <http://voyageracademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/basketball-Camp-brochure-2017.pdf>. Register online today!

#### SENIORS WANTED!!

It's time for some fun SENIORS to paint the 2017 Rock that greets everyone coming into our school. We will provide the paint, the brushes and the ROCK, you bring the fun attitude. PLEASE contact [vanessamwoodward@yahoo.com](mailto:vanessamwoodward@yahoo.com) if you would like to participate and we will set up a time that is convenient to those interested. Create another fun memory before these next 4 weeks fly by!!

#### English II Refugee Fundraiser

The 10th grade English II classes have created verse novels about fictional refugee crises from around the world. We have compiled our novels into a book called Searching For Home which encompasses many refugee crises such as the Holocaust, the Colombian Refugee Crisis, the Rwandan Genocide, and more. After the completion of this project, we plan to work with a refugee support organization and volunteer our time towards helping families resettle in the Durham area. This is where you come in! You can help us in our efforts by giving a donation through our Go Fund Me page [linked here](#). Donations of \$10 or more will receive a copy of our class book Searching For Home. All donations will go toward our local refugee partner organization.

Thank You,

The English II Classes

#### Sport for All, Play for Life on Saturday

The Sports & Culture class is hosting Sport for All, Play for Life on Saturday, May 13 from 9:00 AM-12:00 noon. This is a great opportunity for elementary and middle school students of all abilities to come and participate in fun sports, games, and activities. This event is scheduled for the field behind the middle school, but with rain in the forecast it may be moved to the high school gym.

**The class has learned that the number one reason that kids play sports is to have fun, yet too often kids are put into highly organized situations where the focus is winning. This event will be all about having fun. Parents, drop your kids off and enjoy 3 hours of leisurely breakfast or getting ready for Mother's Day!**