

**CVU Celebrations**  
**December 8, 2016**

**Dear CVU Community:** Welcome to our **Cafe for a Cause** Celebrations edition!

All proceeds from food purchases go to two great causes tomorrow: **After the Track** and **The Haiti Project**.

Tomorrow's lunch will feature *After the Track* advocate and country music star **Jamie Lee Thurston**!



AFTER the Track is a Hinesburg-based program that saves Thoroughbred ex-racehorses from being among the 10-15,000 Thoroughbreds shipped each year to slaughterhouses in Canada, Mexico, and Japan. In 2012, over 176,000 horses (total) were shipped to slaughter. The USDA documented that 92.3 percent of horses sent to slaughter are in good condition and are able to live out a productive life. AFTER uses its Holistic Training Program to heal and retrain their bodies and their brains so that the ex-racehorses can be adopted as sport and pleasure horses. Located at LakotaWay Farm under the direction of Ginny Iverson, AFTER purchases the horses (when they are usually 5-6 years old), often spends two years retraining the horses, and finds adoption opportunities that allow the horses to enjoy the rest of their lives - often until they are 30 years old.

**Students**

- Nice job, Asha and Snelling Core!  
<http://www.shelburnenews.com/2016/11/30/cvu-student-explores-environmental-issue-many-perspectives/>
- From **Helen MacAndrews and Linda Burden**: The **Rowing Club** ended its fall season with the Icebreaker Race in Boston. The Icebreaker is the Northeast Regional Youth Open Water Rowing Championship held in Boston's Fort Point Channel. CVU competed against teams from BHS, SBHS, Vergennes, Boston, New York City, Connecticut and Maine. Our crews finished 3rd and 4th in the sprint competition and 4th and 6th in the Nautical Mile. For many students, it was their first season with the Rowing Club and proudly represented CVU with grit, determination and poise in the face of adversity. When faced with challenging situations, these rowers dug deep and held their heads high, demonstrating an inner strength we can all be proud of. Congratulations to them all! The CVU Rowing Club is funded, in part, through a grant provided to the Maritime Museum by SCHIP, Inc which runs the SCHIP Treasure Resale shop in Shelburne. We are incredibly thankful for the support of our community in providing this opportunity for CVU students.



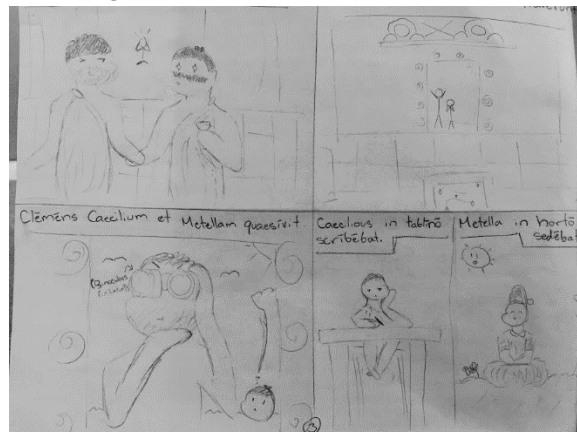
- From John Bennett: **CVU's Scholars Bowl** team has been very active and successful this year. So far, 21 students have participated in Scholars Bowl events- most notably the Pre-Holiday Academic Tournament at South Burlington, Friday 12/2. We entered 5 teams, finished 5th in a 70 team field, and our JV team won the Novice bracket (4th time in 5 years we have won the Novice bracket in this event, a tribute to the depth and enthusiasm of our entire team). Overall, our A, B,C,D teams have played in 3 meets so far and have a 63-7 combined record. We will next be in action at CVU on January 6. Pictured is the team from last Friday's event.



- From Jess Hoskins: **10th grade humanities students** reading chapter 7 of Heart of the Sea while being stuck on "whaleboats" - having to complete tasks without getting off of the whaleboats.



- Check out the [November Photography Contest winners](#)!
- From Magistra Birch: **Daniel Rousselle** responded to the prompt "Retell a Latin story" with a beautiful storybook full of original drawings.



- Latin projects! <https://youtu.be/v1hi7cEVnns>
- **Ben Cotton** has earned his Eagle Scout rank with the Williston Boy Scouts after nearly 10 years of scouting. The culmination of his Eagle rank was the completion of a service project. Ben built a mobile workstation for the Vermont Youth Conservation Corp (VYCC) in Richmond. The workstation will be used in the VYCC's wash station to organize workflow during the busy harvest season. The VYCC is a non-profit organization that teaches leadership and community service to young adults. The VYCC manages a large farm from which it sources food that it distributes to food-insecure families in Vermont.

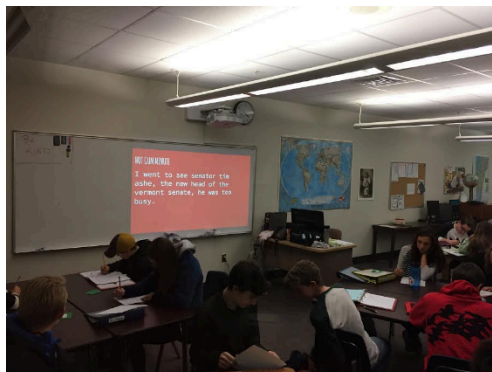


- From Marie Eddy: Fifteen students from Pathfinder participated in Try a Major Day. Dave Richardson also brought some students to this event.



## Faculty/Staff

- Thanks to **Colleen French**, **Leo Laforce**, **Andre LaChance** and **Courtney Iverson** for bringing a great show to CVU's Cafe!
- Frequent one minute grammar lessons? Love it. Thanks, Adrian!





- **Amy Wardwell** and our outstanding **Key Clubbers** ran hard (in a Santa Suit) to raise money for Camp Ta-Kum-Ta. The CVU Santa Run race team included Key Club officers **Koko Vercessi-Clarke**, **Gabrielle Booth**, **Julie Sulva** and **Allison Kloeckner** along with **Amy Wardwell** and **Adam Bunting**. The team participated to raise money for Camp Ta-Kum-Ta."



- Have you met our resident renaissance man Charlie MacFadyen? Not only is he an excellent math teacher and musician, but he also inspires us to embrace technology to enhance learning. This week, he's pushing the Hour of Code:  
<http://cvutechsupport.blogspot.com/2016/12/hour-of-code-week.html>

## Community

- A thanks to **Wayne Maceyka** for his innovative thinking in the future designs of the Hinesburg Hub. Keep reading to learn more...
  - From **Wayne**: There's an event coming up related to a new business in development for Hinesburg that I thought you might want to know about. The business is a coworking / shared workspace / innovation space geared toward remote and commuting knowledge workers, entrepreneurs, and local small businesses. Called the [HinesburgHUB](#), its plans include connecting member organizations to **CVU students** for special projects in association with community based learning and our Nexus Program (among other things).
  - For parents that regularly drop students here at CVU, this might be a welcome option. In a few short minutes, you could be at a professionally outfitted and well-designed space with freshly-brewed coffee getting to work instead of spending another 20-40 minutes (one-way...when the weather's *good* or twice that as it's been recently) driving. The intent is that there will be a variety of businesses present, so you'll be able to get your social fix and share ideas in new and invigorating ways. It'll make it a LOT easier for you to get to an after school activity or sporting event too.

Notes:

**1.**

The CVU Unified Arts Department is excited to announce the launch of a new opportunity for our school community.

Welcome to CVU Works For You!

Need someone to film a class project?

Desperate for a mural to be painted?

Want your fashion designs photographed?

Looking for Actors?

Need something built or repaired?

Look no further.

This posting site is intended to help students and faculty to match small school related job requests with individual's skills for authentic experiences. These are volunteer jobs, no payment will be provided (though funds for materials may be).

We are launching this today, take a look, join the group!

<https://groups.google.com/a/cssu.org/forum/#!forum/cvuartsworxsforyou>

2.

## IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Once a student is enrolled at CVU and assigned to a "House", they remain with that house office for the remainder of their high school days at CVU.

### Excused Absences and Early Dismissals/Late Arrivals

A parent/guardian needs to email or call the House Office any time **before 9:30 a.m.** on the day of the absence.

Early dismissal notification should occur at least one (1) hour before the dismissal, preferably sooner. Students must go to their House Office prior to the early dismissal and get a pass to give to their teacher to leave class early.

Students who arrive after classes have started need to check into their House Office and get a pass into class. Students will need a note, email or a telephone call from their parent/guardian to the House Office **on the day of** the late arrival or it may be considered an unexcused absence. Messages may be left on voicemail. House contact information is listed below:

**Chittenden House:** Cyndi Labelle 482-7130 [clabelle@cssu.org](mailto:clabelle@cssu.org)

**Fairbanks House:** Heather Walpole 482-7140 [hwalpote@cssu.org](mailto:hwalpote@cssu.org)

**Nichols House:** Pam Gover 482-7160 [pgover@cssu.org](mailto:pgover@cssu.org)

**Snelling House:** Julie Bevins 482-7150 [jbevins@cssu.org](mailto:jbevins@cssu.org)

3.

The CVU Nordic Ski Team annual online auction is now open for the 2016-17 season. Please visit <https://www.32auctions.com/cvunordic2016> to view the auction. There are lots of excellent deals to be had this year! Donations from area businesses include 2 concert tickets, gift cards to several area restaurants, memberships to local fitness areas, and tickets to local ski areas. All proceeds benefit the CVU Nordic Ski Team. The team is fundraising to cover the costs of wax and waxing equipment, uniforms, and coaching staff for one of the largest Nordic Ski Teams in the state. Thank you for your support.

4.

On behalf of the United States Marine Corps League and the Donald Cook Detachment (608), Champlain Valley Union High is proud to serve as a "Red Barrel" drop-off location for the Toys for Kids Annual Toy Drive, organized by the CVU Senior Class Council. Dates of collection are Monday, December 5th to Wednesday, December 21st.