

*Note: There is no school on 9/16 in honor of [Yom Kippur](#). For our baseball fans, check out [this article](#) on Sandy Koufax's decision not to pitch in game 1 of the World Series.

*We are postponing our *CVU at a Glance* open house this year and shifting to a virtual format. More details to follow.

*CVU is in competition with our local schools to see who collects the most parent forms completed in PowerSchool (by next week). Ummm...we aren't winning. Sometimes the best Friday night activity is the simplest. Like completing forms! Let's get it done, Redhawks! Also, do not indicate yourself as the emergency contact for your student(s). Emergency contacts are those we might reach out to if a parent/caregiver is not available.

CVU Celebrations

September 10, 2021

Dear CVU Community: The weekly publication of Celebrations documents moments of goodness, inclusivity, learning, and people living shared values. Thus I find myself wondering how to appropriately--with authenticity--capture a week that placed us in the national spotlight for a photo illustrating tension and divisiveness. What's to celebrate in that?

Actually, quite a bit.

Schools are the one place where we share space as a whole community. There is truth and strength in that diversity...and there is the inevitable challenge of reconciling varying perspectives. We are a school that welcomes activism, social justice, and democratic ideals. Thus the celebration this week is for peaceful disagreement; it is for students who want to be in school; and it is for taking care of one another.

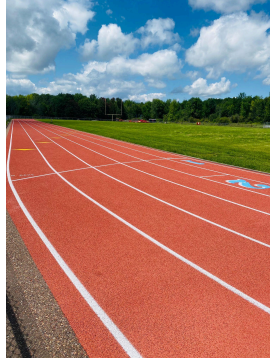
Students in the **Essentials program** had a thoughtful and respectful conversation about masks, covid, and protests during morning meetings this week, and students convened outside to share their perspectives.



And, one final note, we may not like wearing masks, but they are here to stay until Vermont's positive cases drop.

9/11 Remembrance

Saturday marks the 20th anniversary of 9/11. In honor of the nearly 3,000 people who died on that day, we invite you to join a community-wide remembrance starting tomorrow and running through Tuesday afternoon. Our goal will be to walk, roll, or run an excess of 2,071 laps on the CVU track. The number 2,071 is significant as it represents the number of steps (110 floors) first responders needed to climb to help victims of the attack in the World Trade Center.



412 first responders gave their lives attempting to *take care of others*, one of CVU's core values.

As you complete your laps, please consider the ways in which you can *take care of others* in our community. When you've completed a set of laps, whether as an individual or a class, send me an email at abunting@cvsdvt.org. **Superintendent Sanchez** kicked off the event early this morning by completing 20 laps in one go (and he dodged a skunk). Anyone up for breaking his record?

Students

- CVU's new **Unified Life Team Sports** hit its stride this week. So fun to see these athletes learn together!



- Girls Golf relaxes with an Us-ie (courtesy of the best show ever, Ted Lasso) after a great performance last week.



- **Chittenden Core** was first in this year!



- **Hood/Reinemann** team photo!



- **Peter Booth's advisory** interviewing each other in preparation for a "Do You Know Your Co-Advisees?" quiz.



- From Olaf Verdonk--NestNews:This week the **RoboHawks** began preparations for the 2021-22 Robotics Competition. This year's varsity team is made up of **Wolfie Davis, Lindsay Beer, Sam Yager, Jared Kennedy, Crawford Philips, Jack Gourlay, Will Sprigg, and Charlotte Tyler**. Check out their Bios on the

RoboHawk website! <https://robohawks5741.weebly.com/> SamYager worked on creating the first prototype of our newsletter called the NestNews, while the other team members focused on fixing and updating last years AWARD WINNING robot, as well as working hard on ways to inspire and getting more CVU students involved in engineering and robotics. Starting on 9/21 the Engineering and Robotics Club will be running Tuesdays after school at 3:15 in room 152. The RoboHawks will also be running Engineering and Coding Exploration time during C3 on Mondays and Wednesdays in room 152. Any students interested in Engineering, Robotics, Coding, Web Design, and/or Digital Video/photography need to check this group out! Keep an eye out for our motivational posters that we will be posting in classrooms and around the school!



Faculty/Staff

- I don't think I've ever put up another school's faculty, staff, and families for our weekly celebration, but the **Williston schools** deserve a shoutout for their grace and effort in handling several positives this week. We are with and appreciate you, Williston Schools and Community.



Community

- Thank you to **Joe and Sue Hoepfner** for your continued care for every member of our community. Saturday's Row for TomorROW was a powerful event for all.



Important Update About Free and Reduced Meals

With school breakfast and lunch free for all students this year you may be wondering why you should bother to apply to the Free and Reduced Meal Program. Learn why [at this link](#).

CVSD's COVID Recovery Plan

CVSD schools have re-opened for the 2021-2022 school year following the guidelines provided by the Vermont Agency of Education. Vermont school districts are working to meet the needs of all students, especially after a pandemic year. We were required to create a Recovery Plan for the Vermont Agency of Education for approval. CVSD is calling this our Strategic Response Plan.

Learn more about the plan and provide feedback [at this link](#).