



Joseph Webb Runs To State by Brenden Breudigam



Haunted Happenings at VHS by Sheree Dunn

On October 21, VHS hosted its first haunted school. Over 200 people attended and a lot of students helped to make it happen. Students from various clubs and groups came in on their Friday off to decorate and get the haunted house ready to go.

Meagan Rini and Emma Sergent were two students who helped make the haunted schoolhouse happen. “I really liked the hospital part and seeing people from the community coming in and having fun and seeing what we put together as well as everyone’s attitude about the whole thing.”

Principal Mrs. Bengel, who was the one who gave up with the idea, seemed to be pleased with how it turned out. “I think it went really well. We had about 200 people come in with their kids and family, and everybody seemed to like it a lot. It was successful enough for us to do it again next year.”

Although there were a few areas to improve for next year, such as advertising it farther in advance, most of the visitors seemed to really enjoy it. Comments such as “it was good” or “it was a lot of fun” were heard often as people were leaving the attraction.

Joseph Webb is a Vermilion High School Cross Country athlete. He has been on the team since his freshman year and has progressively improved. Coming into this year, he had high hopes for his future.


In his third race this season, Joseph achieved his personal record - more commonly known as pr'd - with a 17:00.2. This put him 22nd in the race, and proved he could be state-bound this year in cross country. He successfully qualified for districts in the following weeks. After a long and hard race in Tiffin, he managed to finish 15th, meaning that he was eligible for state.

Joseph said before his run that his main inspiration in running was his family. They have pushed him to go far and beyond

what he thought he was capable of. He also stated that this opportunity is one of the most important things that has ever happened to him. As for his expectations for the race, he said he probably won't come close to winning. While this may seem disappointing, he said it's more of the experience that state gives him that matters.

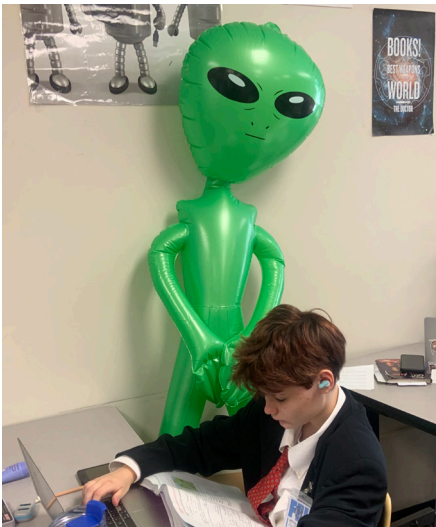
Whatever ends up happening in the race, all Joseph knows is that he'll be okay. It's an incredible feat to make it to state, and this can only make him a better runner. Next year Joseph will be entering his Senior, and final year as a cross country athlete. He hopes that he can make state again next year, and do even better than he will this year. Until then, please make sure to congratulate Joseph on this incredible feat!

Editor's Note: Joseph Webb placed 88th out of 183 at State. Great job, Joseph!

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Vermilion High School Celebrates The Spooky Season

by Charles Garcia



Troy Brown, dressed as Mulder from the X-Files, gets a visit from an alien friend



Bailey Piwinski gets into the Halloween spirit

As Halloween came upon us once again, the students of Vermilion High School celebrated the season with their beloved traditions. Trevor Hector shared his plans, saying, “My friend and I will be handing out candy, and we are also planning to watch the ‘Five Nights at Freddy’s’ movie.” Meanwhile, Jacqueline Scarvelli will also be handing out candy.

But she clarified that she won’t be giving out almond joys. She added, “Personally, I prefer airheads.” When asked which candy they wouldn’t hand out on Halloween night, both Trevor and Caleb Ditter agreed on candy corn. Caleb preferred 100 Grand while Trevor favored Kit-Kats.

Vermilion High School also had their yearly costume contest this year, sponsored this year by the yearbook class. Students and staff paid \$1 to be able to wear a costume and enter the contest. Students then voted online to pick their favorites. Winning costumes included Vern Smith as Garfield, a group of 11th grade boys as the South Park characters, and Mr. Palm as Curious George’s



Isaiah Looks shows off his Halloween costume



Mr. Palm won with his costume of The Man In The Yellow Hat

8th Grade Tailgate Party

by Brenden Breudigam

The Vermilion High School hosted its annual Eighth Grade tailgate on October 5. It is a get-together for the students where food, drinks, and fun were served before the big football finale against Huron.

The eighth grade student council hosts this event yearly and gets most of the grade to come every year. This year was no different, with many

of the eighth grade students showing up. Many other participants had quite positive things to say about it. Sean Rini said, “The tailgate was an absolute rager, and I was hyped for my football game right after”. Rini would help the eighth grade football team beat Huron 36-0.

Elyse Myntii, student council president, said, “I loved the tailgate. I wish more peo-

ple would have showed up, but it was still a great thing”.

Overall, it seems like the tailgate was quite well received by all who participated. With the 2023 Sailor football season coming to a close, here’s hoping next year’s tailgate gets even more participants. Go Sailors!

Sailor Marching Band Puts On A Show

by Lilyan Jordan



On October 6 the Vermilion Sailor Marching Band went to the Cleveland Rock Hall to perform for Fox 8 News live on television. It was a challenging task to fit every band member into the frame. However, everyone had a great time and was extremely grateful for the opportunity to be on television.

Bella Judd thought performing for Fox 8 made her “feel very important like were celebrities.” She also thought that “You Belong With Me” by Taylor Swift was her favorite song they played on TV. Most mem-

bers were very nervous to be on television, but everyone had a great time and can’t wait to go back next year. “Firework” by Katy Perry and “You Belong With Me” by Taylor Swift were popular choices played by the band.

After the amazing performance by the Vermilion Sailors, everyone got to walk around and visit exhibits in the rock hall. Khloe Rivera was excited to “see the rock hall for the first time and explore her favorite songwriter’s exhibits with her friends.” Elizabeth Whitaker was “super grateful” that she got to vis-

it the rock hall with her friends. The band had a great time exploring the place and seeing clothing singers wore on world tours.

The marching band had a very enjoyable time performing for Fox 8. The call time for the band members was at four in the morning. The sailors had a very hard time waking up and were all very tired and grouchy but every member of the band had a great performance. Overall, it was another successful day for the Vermilion Sailors marching band.

A Moment With Model UN

by Bella Judd

“Model UN trains today’s students to tomorrow’s leaders. Students who do model UN would one day change the world.”- NEIMUN Foundation. Led by Mrs. Edmission, Model UN is a club in which students can simulate the real United Nations. Students are assigned a country and a topic, then students have to negotiate with other countries to come up with a solution for the problem.

According to Mrs. Eddy, “Students choose up to three topics and countries that they want the most,

and then I submit into the Model UN registry from there, then they give me a list.” Students have a wide range of countries to choose from, but a smaller list of topics to select. After students see what country and topic they are assigned to, they have to write something called a process paper. A process paper is a paper that expresses your country’s views on the topic at hand. Model UN has 20 members this year reports Mrs. Eddy. Model UN has a competition at LCCC on December 6th and 7th.

Mrs. Eddy says” My favorite part of Model UN is the day of the competition because I get to see all of my kids come out of their comfort zones and interact with other students.” She also later added that she has been coaching Model UN for 25 years. “It’s important for students to join Model UN because they will learn about current issues in the world and learn valuable lessons on negotiation.”

VHS Students Earn Punches

by Troy Brown

Vermilion High School has a new way to reward students for good behavior. This year's PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies) plan includes punch cards for students. Each quarter, students get a new punch card. When a teacher or staff member catches a student doing something good, they punch the card. Students can trade in one card for a snack or other small prize, or they can save up their punch cards for larger rewards.

Most students seem to like the new reward system. "It's cool." Dylan Smith said. "I like prizes." Ava Nemeth added, "I think it's a good system so they can win

something in return." Art teacher Ms. Kidd had to say "I think it's a good idea if everybody does it." Overall, almost everyone agreed. "The hole punch system? Uhh, it's pretty cool I guess I mean like the hole punch system is a good way to do it" was repeated by several students. But is it fair? According to Ms. Kidd, "I'm a little concerned that kids are not getting enough punches. Sometimes there are kids I know who are amazing students and have one punch." She added, "I think it's fair if everybody is doing it the same way, but that's hard to manage."

Some students offered suggestions on how to improve the program. Reese Hickman said they should "probably have cards in the office" in case students lose them. "I don't even have

one, like they should have it more available." Reese added. Tyler Strickler jokingly added that they should "make it less hole punches so I have to do less work. Make it only two."

Ms. Kidd thinks, "I wish there was a way... That like, you could- If the kids don't have their card they could still get the punch. Because there are a lot of times where, specifically if I'm working bathroom duty and like someone brings a hall pass and I wanna give them a punch for it, but then like... they don't have it. Then I don't have those kids in class so it's harder to keep track of. So I'm wondering if there is a digital system that might be better? But I don't know. It would be nice to solve that problem I think."

Ms. Heather Lamers, the assistant principal who came up with the punch card idea said, "We've seen students clean up and we are like, do you have your card? And then they say no. And we always tell them to come down and see us, and I think that would probably be the only way, if you see a student do something and they don't have their card, tell them come back and see me at such and such time with your card and I can stamp it." But what about losing cards? According to Ms. Lamers, a part of the goal of the punch cards is responsibility, so "if you lose one we don't let you replace it until the next nine weeks." Future plans for the cards, according to Ms. Lamers include different colored cards with different purposes, such as for attendance and grades.

Fall Into Our "Trap!"

by Riley Sanders

The upcoming play, "Trap!" will take place this November 10 and 11 at 7 p.m. It will take place at Vermilion High School. It is directed by Mrs. Judd. The genre of the play is thriller/horror.

The amount of plays every cast member has been in varies from 3 to 7. Most of the cast had similar responses about how they would describe the play such as thrilling, suspenseful, twisty, dark, and horrific. Also, Rebecca Harmon said, "Are you real?" and Caleb Dittmer said, "It's a secret."

The cast thinks that the play will cause the audience to scream, gasp, be frightened, and pass out while Brogin Siesel said "I think that some people will get to the point where they might be jumping out of their seats because

of what will happen next." The favorite characters from the play are Clifton, Angela, Miss Pike, Kenosha, and Ensemble 1.

Cast members expressed a variety of feelings about acting, including acting's ability to help with getting rid of insecurities. Cast members also expressed that they can make you feel nervous sometimes, but overall, they enjoy it because "it also allows you to be in someone else's life." Caleb Dittmer added "It's a surreal experience"

The cast of this year's play is Ava Bennett, Grace Frye-Ibarra, Summer Ellis, Bella Judd, Rachel Hormell, Lily Lewis, Natalie Newbill, Isabelle Hormell, Caleb Dittmer, Seamus Long, Miles Wiegand, Lily Dayhuff, Emma Sargent, Reese Hickman, Landon Kidd, Sophia Pulley, Charity Gray, Lilly Pulley, Alivia Williams, Riley Sanders, Sophia Tidd, Rebecca Harmon, Isabella Urday, and Brogin Siesel. It's about an hour and a half long.

September: Diane Schuetz
by Sophia Pulley



This year at VHS, staff and faculty members are eligible to be awarded the coveted prize of “Staffulty Of The Month.” This award is special because it is voted on by the students.

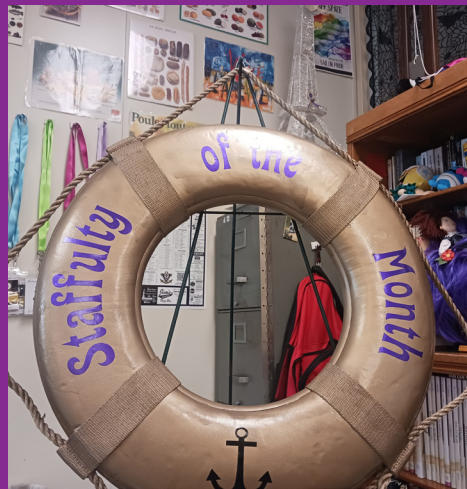
This year’s first winner is Mrs. Diane Schuetz, who was chosen as Staffulty of the month of September. Mrs. Schuetz works in the main office as an administrative assistant. Her job includes answering phone calls, helping students and staff fix problems, and generally making sure the building is running smoothly. She says that one she enjoys most about her job is how other staff have been to her and have made cherished friends.

Mrs. Schuetz grew up not too far away in Elyria. As a child, she planned to be a nurse and she spent one and a half years in nursing school before changing direction and going into human resources. Mrs. Schuetz was a stay-at-home mother for awhile until her kids were older, and then she began working here at VHS. She has worked here for the past 17 years. Students agree that she is very nice and helpful.

October: Stacey Webb
by Chase Williams



Staffulty Of The Month



At Vermilion High School, there is a newly added tradition that happens every month known as “Staffulty of the Month”. Students vote for one person that they believe has earned this title. For the month of October, the winner of Staffulty of the Month was Mrs. Webb.

Mrs. Webb, known simply as “Madame” by most of her students, is the French teacher at Vermilion High School. She teaches 4-5 courses of French, from I to V, meaning it’s possible for her to have some of the same students every year from 8th to 12th grade. People voted for her because she is kind to all of her students and helps them out however she can.

Madame talked about how she was grateful to receive the award for Staffulty of the Month, but also nervous as she never really liked the spotlight it brings upon her, even in her teenage years. She thought that awards like this felt like popularity contests and that everybody on the Staffulty team could be Staffulty of the Month. But in the end, she overcame the pressure of this award, realizing that this was a gift from the kids because of how kind she was to all of them.