

Trailhead



News

Sunday 02.05	Monday 02.06	Tuesday 02.07	Wednesday 02.08	Thursday 02.09	Friday 02.10	Saturday 02.11
National Weatherman's Day	International Frozen Yogurt Day	Ask Mr. Nelson about the weightroom after school until 4:15	School Board Meeting 6:00pm Ask Mr. Nelson about tutoring after school until 5:00	After school music class 3:15-4:15 Ask Mr. Nelson about the weightroom after school until 4:15	Umbrella Day	National make a Friend Day
Sunday 02.12	Monday 02.13	Tuesday 02.14	Wednesday 02.15	Thursday 02.16	Friday 02.17	Saturday 02.18
National Lost Penny Day	Get a Different Name Day	St. Valentine's day Ask Mr. Nelson about the weightroom after school until 4:15	Ask Mr. Nelson about Tutoring after school until 5:00	After school music class 3:15-4:15 Ask Mr. Nelson about the weightroom after school until 4:15	Random Acts of Kindness Day	National Battery Day

The 10th grade class is selling candy grams for \$2.00 each. Buy one and write a note for your friends for St. Valentine's Day!

LOCAL NEWS:

After ten years without a school newspaper, Vanderbilt Area School's journalism class is bringing back the yellow and black! Authors Abigail Serino, Ashlyn & Olivia Salvador, Dylan Gerrick, Mylea Bruno, Avery Puhl, Chaos Walter, Hollie Clear, and Darryl McDowell will be publishing a biweekly news letter under Mr. Ferriers tutelage.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If you do your best each and every day, good things are sure to come your way."
- Princess Tiana, *The Princess and the Frog*

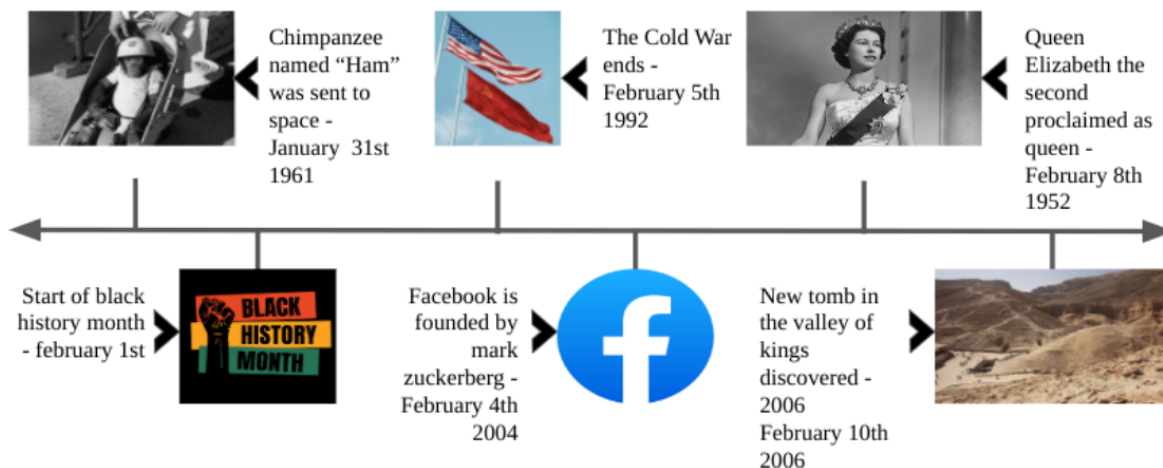
PERSON OF THE MONTH

Ashlyn is a senior at Vanderbilt High School. Last summer she decided to join the Navy and will be leaving for basic training in June. Ashlyn's motivation for going into the navy is that she gets to travel, gets a good head start in life, and gets the benefits of joining the military. She is known throughout the school for her kindness and helpfulness. She helps the teachers and students with assignments and work. Ashlyn's GPA is 3.6; she plans on being valedictorian. School is important to her because it's going to help her do well in life. Ashlyn's best at English in school. Ashlyn is graduating with her associate's degree, will be getting her bachelor's degree in criminal justice, and plans to pursue a job in law enforcement. I decided to pick Ashlyn for Person of the Month because she is a good example of a successful and responsible student. She is loved by all and her standards are high.

-Olivia Salvador



THIS FORTNIGHT IN HISTORY



-Dylan Gerrick

RECOMMENDATIONS

Z for Zachariah is a science fiction book by Robert C. O'Brien. It's about a girl who is left alone in her home town when nuclear bombs are dropped and everybody disappears due to the radiation of the bombs.

-Darryl McDowell



ASTRONOMY & SPACE NEWS

Comet C/2022 E3, or Comet ZTF is a comet that hasn't been seen since the stone age. This comet has been orbiting our star, too far and dim for our most light-sensitive cameras to detect. Comet ZTF was discovered in March of last year, and astronomers have been tracking it since. This comet also has a special quirk--a green tail! This rare, green color is caused by diatomic carbon, pairs of carbon atoms that are bound together. It will be closest to our planet between February 1st and 2nd, when it's green tail may be visible.

Sadly, the comet won't be visible for long, and will have dimmed out by mid-February. Until then, the best way to view Comet ZTF is to wait until midnight in a place with as little light pollution as possible. Grab a telescope, or even a pair of binoculars, and look North-West. Remember to have patience when searching, and keep an eye out for the comet's green tail.

-Chaos Walter

SIGHTSEER ADVICE AND DESTINATIONS

A recommended place to visit during the summer is Mystery Spot. Mystery spot with the help of gravity is placed on a hillside to induce a visual illusion. Not only does it have the building in which gravity is put to use, there are two ziplines, line one being 700ft and line two being 400ft. Both reach speeds over 25 mph, and there is an awesome gift shop with lots of cool souvenirs to bring home to remember time spent at Mystery Spot. Within the building there are multiple rooms with different activities, such as the chair test. The chair test is a room where a chair sits on a wall with nothing except thin air. The volunteers doing the activity lean back until they can't see their shoes in which they rest all their body weight and see if the chair will move. Other rooms have things like balls rolling uphill instead of downhill. Mystery spot is splendid for families with children ages 5 to adolescence. It's also a fun place for teenage friends or young couples looking for something to do. Ticket prices for 5-11 are \$7.00 and for 12 and up the prices are \$9.00.

-Mylea Bruno

GOSSIP

Teachers are starting to get frustrated about the vandalism in both the girls' and boys' bathrooms. Mrs. Berdan says she's getting sick and tired of cleaning up the students' messes and I can't help but agree. We need to start taking care of our community!

-Hollie Clear and Olivia Salvador

DEAR ABBIE

This column will focus on answering questions submitted in the question box in the front office of the school. I will answer one question per newsletter. If you bring in a question, please write it on a piece of paper and state whether you want to be anonymous or not. If you do not add your name, I will make it anonymous.

-Abbie Serino

PRINCIPAL TALK

Hello, I just completed my first month at Vanderbilt Area Schools. I have really appreciated the warm, friendly welcome I have received from teachers, students, and families.

I have been in the field of education for over twenty-five years. It is my mission to help improve the lives of my students, staff and families with my leadership. I have guided and enhanced two adult education locations in Saginaw, created Awaken Leadership Center to assist Michigan school districts with teacher evaluations and professional development, and the last four years I was the Superintendent/Principal at Charlevoix Academy. Now, I am honored to be the Principal at Vanderbilt Area School.

Clear communication is an important aspect of my leadership. As principal for Vanderbilt Area School, it is my goal and responsibility to be accessible. I welcome anyone to come talk with me. I can be reached by email at harwoodd@vanderbilt.k12.mi.us or phone at 989-983-2561.

Collaboration and communication are fostered by my leadership style. Collaboration is a key feature of high-performing organizations. Vanderbilt Area School is not a one-person school. To make VAS highly effective, I will be collaborating with teachers, parents, and community members. This is Vanderbilt's school, I just happen to be the principal.

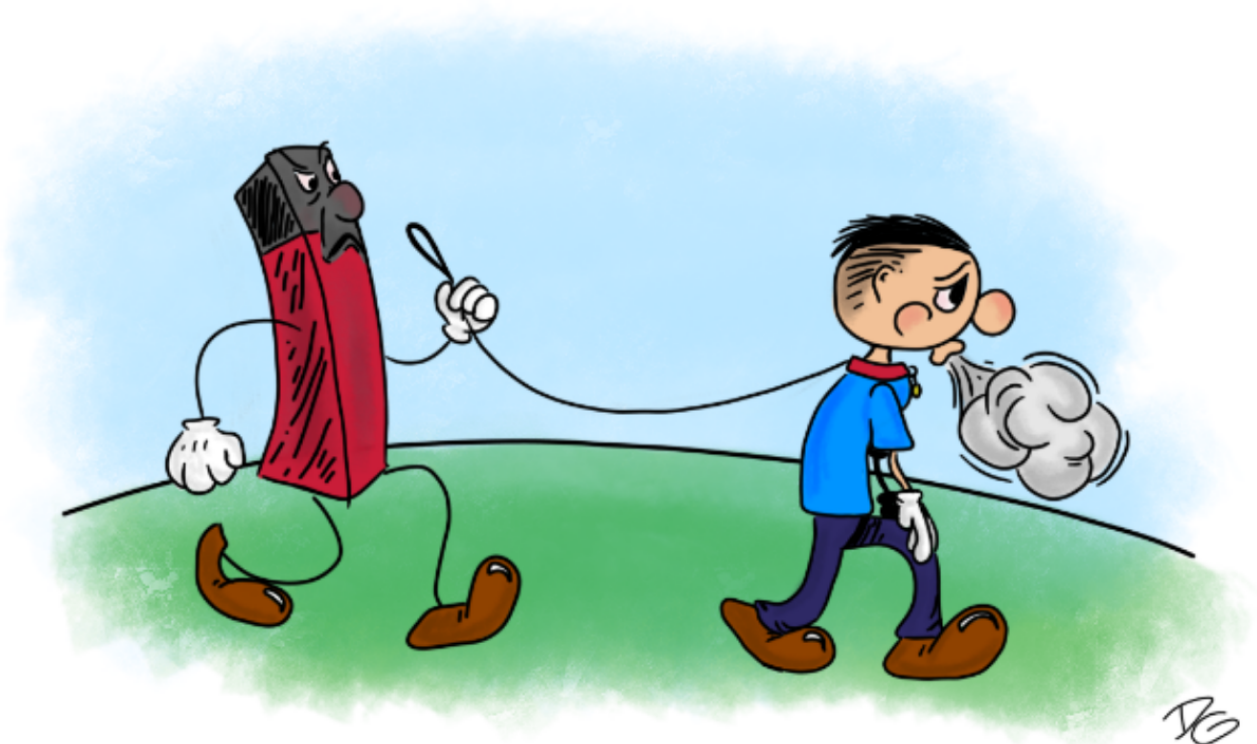
As part of my commitment to having clear communication and collaboration, Mrs. Amie Kamyszek and I will be having monthly breakfasts at Mill Street. The first breakfast will be February 15th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. This will be an informal chance for everyone in the community to meet us and chat.

I am extremely excited to be the K-12 principal at Vanderbilt Area Schools. Go YELLOWJACKETS!

TEEN STRUGGLES & MENTAL HEALTH

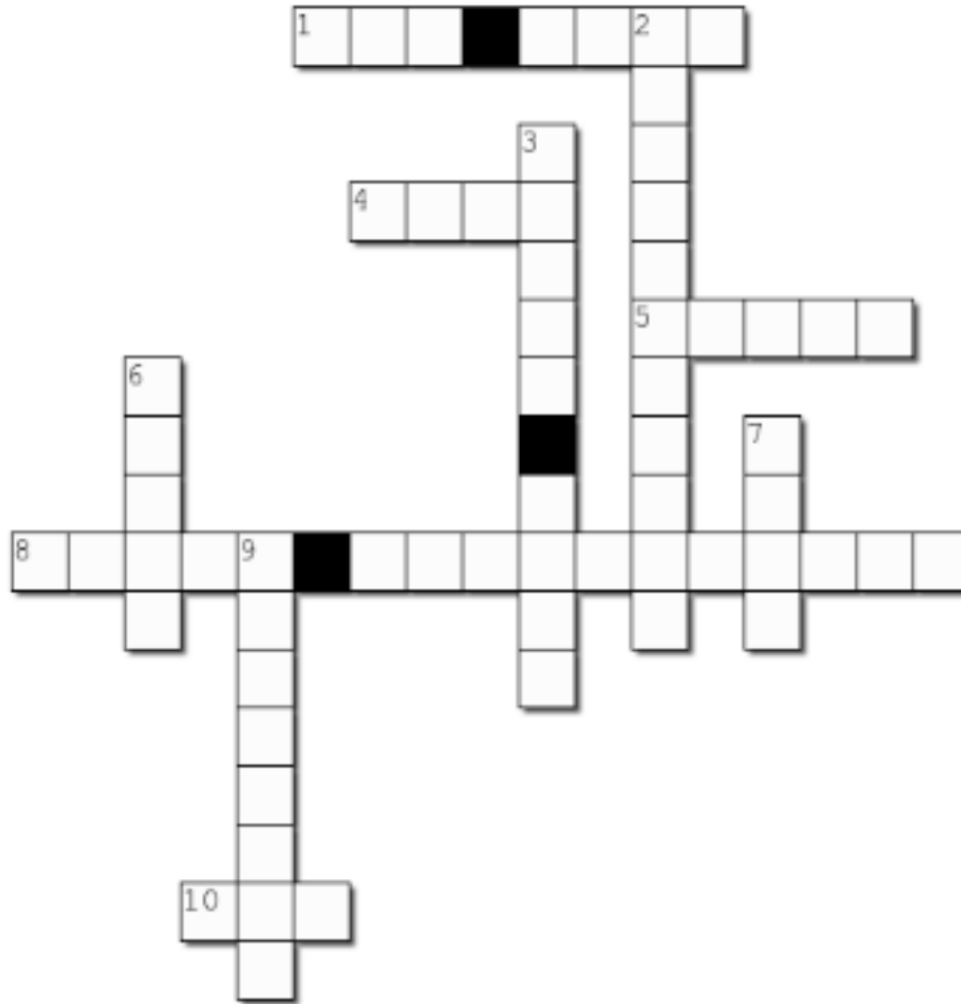
Depression is a common and serious medical illness that has a negative impact on how someone feels, thinks, and acts. Unfortunately, depression is very common amongst teenagers. The symptoms depression tends to have on young individuals are low self-esteem, feeling empty, uncontrollable sadness, tiredness, change in appetite, usage of alcohol and drugs, social isolation, suicidal thoughts, self-harm, and lack of effort. If anyone is experiencing any of these symptoms, talking to someone such as a therapist, close family member, or friend might help. Other coping strategies such as listening to music, finding a hobby, keeping busy, and interacting with people can also help. Depression is an unfortunate thing to go through but can be overcome!

-Ashlyn Salvador



Saint Valentine's Day Crossword Puzzle

Complete the crossword puzzle below



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

Down

2. The little heart candy's with notes on them
3. In movies boyfriends get there girlfriends this flowers and chocolates
6. He shoots love arrows
7. What you wear on your finger
9. The chocolates with stuff in the middle

Across

1. The flower of love
4. What Saint Valentine's Day stands for
5. The symbol of love
8. The man the holiday is named after
10. One of the main colors of Saint Valentine's Day

JOKES:

WHO ALWAYS HAS A DATE ON ST. VALENTINE'S DAY?

A CALENDAR

WHAT DO YOU CALL SOMEONE WHO
HAS A COLD ON ST. VALENTINE'S DAY?

LOVESICK

HOW DO YOU GET ARRESTED ON ST. VALENTINES DAY?

STEAL SOMEONE'S HEART