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HELLO & GOODBYE

It's that time once again. The time that we say goodbye to our graduating Seniors and hello to our incoming Rookies. Every year brings about this change, and it is never easy. As with last year, there is a large number of Rookies that will be joining us this year. We will need everyone's help to make this transition smooth.

As we look back on the past, we see that the 18 graduates are leaving us for better things. There is additional information about their accomplishments in this month's "Family Corner". You will see what they will be doing next year, and what their future goals hold for them. They are now permanently woven into the fabric that is the Marching Clan - present, past and future. Seniors - we will all miss you and your talents. As the tradition continues, be happy in knowing that you were a part of it and that it will continue because of your contributions. As I told the musicians near the end of school - last year's Seniors started something, but this year's Seniors were the ones that made it happen. You have been a very positive influence on the future of this program. When you see us perform in the future, or you see your children perform in the band, reflect on your contributions. Remember that there is always a place for you here. As long as there is a Vineland High School, there will be a Marching Clan to represent it in the City and throughout the country.

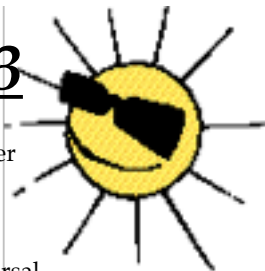
At the same time we say "Goodbye" to our Seniors, we are saying "Welcome" to our new members. You are becoming a part of the tradition that the Seniors have left for you. You can read about their accomplishments in this newsletter, and look forward to seeing your name there in four years. Also included with this newsletter is our July and August Schedule. WELCOME!

Band Camp 2013

On the website, you will find the calendar for this year's Summer Band Camp. Remember that band camp is NOT an option.

If you are a new musician and you need to borrow a school instrument, please contact me at one of the options listed at the top of the newsletter so I can have one ready for the first July rehearsal.

On the evening of our open rehearsal in August we will have a cookout for members and families. Stay tuned for details. If you know of anyone else that might be interested in joining for next year (especially Color Guard), have them call me. It's much easier to add someone in July than it is in August. I can add people up till the 2nd rehearsal in July. After that, we'll have to cut off additions so the drill can be finalized.



Band-Aides of Vineland

At the June Band-Aides meeting, the 2013-2014 Band-Aides Executive Board was elected. The officers for the coming school year are:

<i>President</i>	Nancy Walters
<i>Vice President</i>	Ed Walters
<i>Secretary</i>	Barbara Crescenzo
<i>Treasurer</i>	Michelle Bryant
<i>Publicity</i>	Warren Crescenzo
<i>Project Chair</i>	Yolanda Garcia

Congratulations to the new Board who happens to be most of the "old board". I can't thank our "graduating" parents enough for the help that they have given over the last four years. Whatever the extent of your participation was, it was appreciated. A special thanks goes out to our "graduate" Jody Steinbronn. We appreciate your three years of dedication to the Exec Board.

Thanks go out to all of the parents that helped us this year. From donations of food, money or time to helping carry equipment, your contribution is greatly appreciated. The Marching Band would not be able to function without the help of all of our parents. The Marching Band Staff and I thank you.

There will be a meeting for all "Rookie Parents" on Tuesday, August 13th, during the Band Rehearsal. This will give all of the new parents the opportunity to see what we are all about and ask questions. Our first regular parent meeting will be on August 27th at 7:30 PM in the Choir Room. While the kids are rehearsing, we will update parents on this year's activities. We will also have our traditional Open Rehearsal on August 29th. This event has become sort of a "Block Party" for the members and their families. More info will be distributed during camp.

Don't feel bad if you are a new band parent and this all begins to seem overwhelming. It's normal. Think of what the kids are feeling! Don't be afraid to ask questions. It will be December before you realize it!

ADDITIONAL INFO

The Band-Aides of Vineland are working on converting their IRS status from a 501(C)(4) to a 501(C)(3). What is the difference you ask? In the simplest of terms, current donations to the Band-Aides are not tax-deductible. When we convert to a (C)(3), contributions will be tax-deductible. That means that we will be able to solicit donations from some larger companies, and make it easier for some smaller ones. We will let everyone know when the process is completed.

2013-2014 Performance Schedule (as of 6/24/13)

- Sept 7 Pennsville Septemberfest Parade
- 13 VHS vs Buena (A)
- 14 NJ State Firemen's Parade
- 20 VHS vs Pleasantville (A)
- 27 VHS vs St. Augustine (H)
- 28 Woodstown Competition

- Oct 4 VHS vs Middle Twp (H)
- 5 Millville Competition
- 12 Deerfield Twp Harvest Parade
- 18 VHS vs Lower Cape May Reg (A)
- 19 Egg Harbor Twp Competition
- 25 VHS vs Ocean City (H)
- 26 Delsea Competition

- Nov 1 VHS vs Cedar Creek (A)
- 2 Mount Pleasant Competition
- 8 VHS vs Bridgeton (H)
- 9 Cavalcade Championships (?)
- 10 Cavalcade Championships (?)
- 11 Veteran's Day Ceremonies
- 15 Playoff Game vs ???
- 28 VHS vs Millville (A)
- 29 Millville Christmas Parade
- 30 Vineland Christmas Parade

NEW UNIFORMS HAVE ARRIVED!!

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Field Officers**

**Drum Major
Patrick Bryant**

**Band Captain
Valerie Walters**

**Band Lieutenant
Jonathan Roig**

THE FAMILY CORNER

- Listed below are our Seniors and what their plans are for the future:
- **Ricky Acosta** (Cum Laude) will be attending Cumberland County College with the goal of majoring in Engineering. He will be using his School Counts Scholarship. He also received the Varsity Golf Coaches Award.
- **Julian Ayala** - we're not sure of Julian's plans, but if he applies the same dedication that he did to his Senior year in Marching Band, he will go far.
- **Christian Claudio** (Magna Cum Laude) - plans to attend Cumberland County College to major in Music. He received the Ted Wheaton Memorial Scholarship (\$500).
- **Chelsea Cohen** (Summa Cum Laude) - will be attending Drexel University where she will be a part of their rowing team.
- **Kayla Cruz** (Cum Laude) - will be attending Valley Forge Christian College to study Music. She plans on continuing to work on a Master's Degree in Music Technology. She received the Joe Acosta Scholarship (\$500) and the Vineland Education Association Scholarship (\$1000).
- **Christian Gonzalez** - will be attending Cumberland County College majoring in Mathematics and Chemistry, finishing his degrees at Stockton University.
- **Jenna Gustason** - will be attending Penco Tech to become a Pharmacy Technician.
- **Gunner Loper** (Summa Cum Laude) will be attending Rowan University to major in Music Education. he received the Riggins Memorial Music Scholarship (\$1500) and the William Simpson Scholarship (\$275).
- **Eduardo Lopez** - is unsure of his plans right now. We could see him opening a restaurant with an outside paintball playground combining his two favorite past times.
- **Christian Muller** - will be attending Cumberland County College majoring in Biomedical Science/Healthcare. His goal is to become a Physician's Assistant or RN.
- **Joe Rivera** - will be continuing his exploration of the Culinary Arts. Maybe someday we'll see a restaurant named "Ghetto Fabulous".
- **Michael Rivera** (Magna Cum Laude) - will be attending Rowan University.
- **Josh Santiago** (Cum Laude) - will be attending Valley Forge Christian College

combining the majors of Music and Ministry.

- **Emma Schlenger** - will be attending Cumberland County College.
- **Tyler Steinbronn** (Cum Laude)- will be attending Rowan University majoring in Music Education. He plans to become a Music Teacher. You will be able to find him in the recording studio with Matt Adams and at all of next year's football games. Tyler received the Sam Bzozowski Memorial Marching Band Scholarship (\$500)
- **Kelsi Vecchione** - plans to attend college to become an Elementary School Teacher.
- **Emily Velez** - will be attending Cumberland County College with an undecided major.
- **Ron Walker** - will attend Cumberland County College and eventually join the US Air Force.
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- As you can see, all of our Seniors have goals that will take them far in life. We wish you all the best. Remember that you can always return home and visit. You can always bring an instrument to a football game and sit in. You know where to find us!
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- Congratulations to our members for receiving the following awards at Moving-Up Exercises:
- **Jonathan Roig** - George Eastman Young Leader's Award
- **Liliya Bondarenko** - Frederick Douglass/Susan B. Anthony Award

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