



# Veazie Community School

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## Veazie Community School End of Year Details V.3

Dear VCS Parents and Caregivers,

Here are some important details on end of year activities. Please note the sign-up information related to our summer program offerings.

### **\*Last student day: Friday, June 5, 2020**

The last week of school will include a variety of wrap-up activities within each classroom. We are currently planning step-up Zoom meetings for kids to meet next year's teachers. Third trimester report cards will be mailed home on Tuesday, June 9. Please remember that report cards may look different at each grade level as grade level teams and individual classes adjusted to remote teaching and learning.

### **\*End of Year Vehicle Parade:**

VCS graduating 8th graders and their families will be grand marshals of an end of year celebration parade. Also leading the parade will be our very own Mrs. Hathaway. Mrs. Hathaway will be retiring at the end of June after 37 years. This parade will be an opportunity for students and families to give her a royal send-off! VCS staff will participate as well, with Veazie Police and Fire Departments serving as our escorts. The rain or shine vehicle parade will be Friday, June 5 at 2:00 p.m. (immediately following 8th grade graduation). The parade route can be found at the end of this memo and will be posted on our school website, Facebook and Twitter pages. Please note that due to the number of vehicles involved, it would not be possible to travel on every road in town. We must also consider how often and for how long we interrupt general traffic on State Street. For this reason, there are multiple viewing areas for families to park, view the parade, and still practice social distancing.

### **\*Yearbooks:**

As stated earlier, our PTO has purchased a yearbook for every VCS student. We were just notified from our publishing company that there have been significant printing and distribution delays. As a result, yearbooks may not be available until the end of July. We will be certain to keep everyone posted when they do arrive and will share a plan for picking them up. Thank you for your patience, and thank you again to the PTO for this wonderful gift!

**\*Grade 8 Graduation**—Mr. Cyr has been communicating directly with 8th grade families for this private event. We will publish a graduation video after the ceremony.

### **\*Lost and Found**

Lost and found items are neatly folded on tables under the entrance canopy. They will be brought back inside over the weekend and be placed outside again Monday - Friday of next week (June 1 - 5). Items not claimed by the end of the day on Friday will be donated to a local charity.

### **\*Library Books**

We presently have 76 school library books still in the homes of students. The replacement cost of these books is \$1,187. Our library book bin is outside the school main entrance and can be used to return all VCS library and classroom books. Your efforts at returning VCS library books is greatly appreciated—thank you!

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## **\*Spring Concert**

Congratulations to Mr. Arell and the VCS Musicians!! Please enjoy our Spring Concert:

<https://youtu.be/bj0qLRvbzY>

## **\*Food Delivery**

Our last day of food delivery will be Monday, June 8 with food for the remainder of that week. We have many unpaid balances in our food service program. Please make every effort to contact our Food Service Director Mrs. Brooks if you need help paying your balance: [bbrooks@veaziecs.org](mailto:bbrooks@veaziecs.org)

## **\*Remote Learning Survey**

We have had incredible participation on our survey—to date more 40% of families have responded. If you haven't already, please take a few moments to complete this survey ([link found here](#)). Staff will be disaggregating survey results during our June 8 in-service work to learn what has gone well and how we can improve.

## **\*What will school look like in the fall?**

All schools in Maine are patiently awaiting guidance from the Department of Education and Center for Disease Controls on how we should proceed with planning for school next fall. There are presently teams of professionals in Augusta that represent many, if not all, stakeholder groups directly and indirectly involved in public education. This group will eventually provide guidance for moving forward. I will continue to keep families up-to-date with information as it becomes available. In the meantime, we sincerely thank you for your patience and support.

## **Veazie Community School Summer Programming (All programs will run from June 30 - July 30):**

I am very proud and excited to share news of six summer learning opportunities for VCS students. All programs will be virtual using Zoom or Google Hangout. Details about each, along with a contact for more information, can be found here:

**-ESY—**VCS Special Education Director Debrajean Scheibel will be communicating directly with parents and IEP teams to provide details for our Extended School Year programming (ESY). Contact Mrs. Scheibel for more information: [dscheibel@veaziecs.org](mailto:dscheibel@veaziecs.org)

**-Reading Recovery Support—** Mrs. Logan will continue to work with Reading Recovery students at different times during the summer. Mrs. Logan will be in direct contact with parents to provide further details. Contact Mrs. Logan for more information: [slogan@veaziecs.org](mailto:slogan@veaziecs.org)

**-Math Camp—** This program is open to any current Kindergarten through 8th grade student who is not already participating in our Extended School Year program. Students will meet virtually in groups for 45 minute sessions two days per week during July. Through interactive games, drills, and other activities, students will focus on reinforcing fundamentals in order to maintain skills during the summer and to gain strategies for future success in math learning. [Click here to sign-up for Math camp.](#) Contact Mr. Arell for more information: [marell@veaziecs.org](mailto:marell@veaziecs.org)

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- Summer Library Programming**—Join Mrs. Shannon, VCS Library Media Specialist, this summer for Storytime and STEAM activities. More details can be found here: <https://sites.google.com/veaziecs.org/library> Contact Mrs. Shannon for more information: [mshannon@veaziecs.org](mailto:mshannon@veaziecs.org)
- Coding Club**—Join Code Club to create your own games, art and gadgets using your computer. We will meet this summer via Zoom and have fun exploring how computers work. Code Club is open to all VCS students from grades 3-8 and will meet once each week for 50 minutes. For more information, contact Mr. Arias-Palomo: [arias-palomo@veaziecs.org](mailto:arias-palomo@veaziecs.org) [Click here to sign-up for Coding Club](#)
- Social Emotional Support**—Veazie Community School is excited to announce a new Social Emotional check-in for the month of July for Pre-K through 8th grade. Staff will be providing age-appropriate activities and hangouts to support students' social-emotional needs and development. The SEL check-in will be delivered twice each week for 30 minutes and will be adjusted to meet the needs of students. This will be a unique program and could be a simple check-in with a familiar face, group to hang out with, or a fun virtual activity. Contact Mrs. Dineen with questions: [ldineen@veaziecs.org](mailto:ldineen@veaziecs.org) [Click here to sign-up for Summer SEL services.](#)

The Veazie Community School staff will be using Monday, June 8 and Tuesday, June 9 to debrief our remote learning experiences and complete routine end of year paperwork. The remaining two calendar days are being moved to August to provide staff with additional time to prepare for the upcoming school year (August 27 & 28). As of right now, our first student day for the 2020-2021 school year remains to be Wednesday, September 2.

The Veazie Community School wants every student to be healthy and able to manage their worries and any anxiety they might be experiencing. If you are concerned with how your child is doing emotionally, you can contact the **NAMI MAINE HELPLINE: 1-800-464-5767, press 1** or email at [helpline@namimaine.org](mailto:helpline@namimaine.org). Other helplines:

- Maine's Statewide Crisis Line: 1-888-568-1112 (call or text)
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255
- National Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741
- Trevor Project LGBTQ Crisis Line: 1-866-488-7386 (or text TREVOR to 1-202-304-1200)

There is also a NAMI MAINE Teen Text Support Line at 1-207-515-8398. This is open from 12:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. and is a peer support text line for youth 14 - 20 years old and staffed by individuals under 23 years of age. Please note that the Teen Text Support Line is not a crisis line but a way for teens to have someone to talk to if they are anxious and just need a friendly ear. Also, do not hesitate to reach out to us at Veazie Community School. You may also dial 211 for information on the COVID-19 crisis in Maine.

The day WILL come when our students are able to return to a regular school schedule in our beautiful school. In the meantime, Veazie Community School staff will remain resilient and continue to look for ways to improve our model of remote teaching and learning. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please take care of each other.

Sincerely,

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