



Welcome to Viking Country!

P.O.W.E.R—Positive Ownership Well-mannered Excellence Respect

Dear Viking Student and Parent/Guardian,

We hope you are enjoying the rest of this wonderful summer, relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. It is with great excitement and enthusiasm that we welcome you to the 2022-23 school year at Van Hoosen! We are looking forward to seeing you at registration and on the first day of school.

Please be sure to read this letter very carefully!

Annual Verification: An email was sent to all families detailing the process for updating the emergency card for your student. It is imperative that you access your [ParentVue](#) account and update the information. In order to complete registration for your student, you will need to have all information updated. Thank you in advance for your attention to this change.

Registration Information

You must have your Annual Verification updated prior to registering your student. During registration, students will pick up their schedules, locker assignments, textbooks, planners, and etc. (please note we will not be taking pictures during our registration dates. We have school pictures scheduled for September 19th during the school day. Students may also purchase locker shelves, school yearbook and PE shirts during these times.

The following are scheduled dates and times for students to come to Van Hoosen for registration:

- 8th grade only -Tuesday, August 16th, 9:00–11:00 AM, (last name A-L) & 12:00-2:00 (M-Z)
 - 7th grade only –Wednesday, August 17th, 9:00 – 11:00 AM, (last name A-L) & 12:00-2:00 (M-Z)
 - 6th grade only –Thursday, August 18th, 8:30 –11:30 AM
- Viking Games 1:00 – 3:00 PM, 6th grade (student only) See page 4 for more information.

If you cannot come to registration on the above dates, late registration will take place August 22 from 9:00 AM -2:00 PM, August 24 from 12:00 PM -2:00 PM, and August 26 from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Students not able to attend registration or late registration will have to complete the process the first day of school.

The start of school typically brings about some changes from the previous school year and this year is no exception. It is going to be a wonderful year as we continue the proud traditions of academic excellence, athletic performance, and a multitude of opportunities for all students. Students will continue the positive behavior program with **Viking POWER (Positive, Ownership, Well-mannered, Excellence, and Respect)!**

In addition we would like to welcome the following new staff members:

- Wendy Graves - Math/Science
- John LeClair - Physical Education
- Jennifer Mackenzie - English Language Learning
- Sarah Maurice - Orchestra
- Abby Power - English Language Arts
- Nitya Rai - Principal Secretary
- Josh Smokovitz - Special Education Resource
- Bailey Warren - Special Education Autism

We are fortunate to continue to retain excellent teachers who are committed to ensuring our students learn at high levels, feel safe and secure at school, are respected, while instilling Viking pride!

Mr. Dan Mooney
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Important Dates

Aug 16-18: Registration

Aug. 22, 24 & 26

Aug. 29: First day of school

Sept. 19: Picture Day

Click on the link below for additional info!

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Medical Action Plans

We are committed to ensuring the health and safety of all students! Updated Medical Action Plans (MAPs), are required at the start of every school year. MAPs provide Van Hoosen staff with direction about any medical needs such as medication administration, medical interventions and chronic conditions. Students who take medication at school or who carry medical supplies such as Epi-pens, insulin, rescue inhalers, etc. are required to have a MAP on file.

All MAP forms may be found [on the district website under Health & Wellness](#). They must be filled out completely and signed by your health care provider. Signed MAPs may be delivered along with any medications to the school office between August 15-26. **We cannot accept medications without a signed MAP form or MAP forms without a physician signature.**

Many MAPs are dropped off during registration. If you need to speak with staff, please consider coming outside of the registration times. If you are new to the district and your student has a medical condition that is dependent on staff support, please contact the school directly prior to school start.

Please call the counseling office with any questions: 248-726-4900 and press 6.

Van Hoosen PTSA

The Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) welcomes you to the 2022-2023 school year! Please feel free to reach out to the PTSA board by emailing yhptsa@gmail.com.

- **Facebook** - To join our Facebook group search Van Hoosen Middle School PTSA, click join, and then answer the questions. The group is secure for the privacy and safety of our students.
- **Membership Toolkit** - Membership Toolkit is a website where families can find information about PTSA programs and make online purchases (for example -spirit wear or Authors in April books). To create an account use this link <https://vhmsptsa.membershiptoolkit.com/home> You must create or update your account on the website first and then you can download the Membership Toolkit app.
- **Authors in April books** - For 40 years the PTAs in the Rochester Community School district have hosted an Authors in April event. This year's middle school author is Christina Soontornvat. In school, *The Tryout* will be read by all 6th grade students and *A Wish in the Dark* will be read by all 7th and 8th grade students. Students find it very helpful to have their own copy, as it enhances classroom experiences and discussions. AIA books can be ordered at a discounted rate using the Membership Toolkit website, app, or in person during registration. [Purchase AIABooks](#)
- **Locker Shelves** - During registration locker shelves will be available for purchase and pick up. The shelves are custom made to fit in Van Hoosen's lockers. Most standard store bought shelves do not fit in Van Hoosen's lockers. The locker shelves are not required, but strongly recommended. [Purchase a Locker Shelf](#)
- **Volunteers** - Parent volunteers are needed to help assist families during the registration process. If you are available, please use the link to sign up to volunteer. Thanks! [Volunteer](#)

Textbooks (2021-2022)

If you still have a textbook from last year, please email Pat Frink at pfrink@rochester.k12.mi.us to make arrangements to return it.

Please update the online Annual Verification as well as complete all other forms prior to registration.

New Student and Family Orientation to RCS!

For students new to Rochester Community School district there will be a special New Student and Family Orientation on Monday August 15th from 9:00 – 10:00 AM via zoom. This event is **not** for our 6th graders entering Van Hoosen from RCS schools.

Join Zoom Meeting-please locate link in the school messenger message.

Additionally, we have a special event planned for **all of our 6th grade students** – the *2022 6th Grade Viking Games!* This will take place on Thursday, August 18th from 1:00-3:00 PM. We hope that all incoming 6th graders will join us for this fun event! This is a “drop-off” event for students only. Additional information will be sent via school messenger to 6th grade families soon!

We are also asking parents to consider donating a \$5 gift card to a fun restaurant, store, Itunes, Amazon, Subway, etc. that you think a middle school student would appreciate receiving. We will be using these for our Positive POWER Person Program. Positive POWER Person program recognizes students who are displaying the attributes that exemplify our POWER motto. Students are entered into a weekly/monthly drawing and receive the gift cards and other prizes. **Please bring these gift cards to registration! There will be a drop off location for them! Thank you so much for considering this generous donation.**

Please note these important dates:

- August 29th : First Day of School
- September 14th : Curriculum Night
- September 14th : Van Hoosen PTSA Meeting, 1:00 PM
- September 19th : Picture Day

In closing, the Van Hoosen staff is looking forward to seeing you soon. It is our goal to work in partnership with all Van Hoosen School community members to make a positive difference in the lives of students. Enjoy the rest of your summer vacation, and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions vanhoosenmiddleschool@rochester.k12.mi.us. **#VHUNITED**

Sincerely,

R. Daniel Mooney

Principal, Van Hoosen Middle School

Matt Fairchild

Assistant Principal, Van Hoosen Middle School



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Calling all incoming Van Hoosen Middle School 6th Graders!

You are invited to the **2022 Viking Games**

Thursday, August 18th

1:00-3:00 a.m.

(12:50 p.m. registration and check-in)

at Van Hoosen Middle School
(rain or shine, please dress comfortably for weather)

See old friends.

Make new friends.

Meet your Mentor & Catch the VH Spirit!

12:50 - 1:00 – Drop off at Van Hoosen parking loop for check-in and registration

1:00-1:15 – Welcome from Principal Mr. Mooney and Assistant Principal Mr. Fairchild

1:15-3:00 – Game stations and VH Tour

3:00 - Pick-up in parking loop

This is a **student-only event**

Parents should drop-off and pick-up students at the parking loop to ease congestion.



Order Your 2023 Viking Yearbook!

Yearbooks are \$26; and optional nameplate is available for an additional \$5

- If purchasing at registration, please fill out the order form below and attach a check to the upper left hand corner. Checks must be written to Herff Jones.
- Instructions on how to order online are below. Please note: the online order center will not be open until August 16, 2022

REGISTRATION ORDER FORM

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Please circle grade for the 2022-2023 school year.

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Address: _____

Email Address: _____

☐ Yearbook Only - \$26

☐ Yearbook and nameplate - \$31

Please note: The maximum number of spaces for a nameplate is 24.

Nameplate inscription: _____

How to Order Online

(OPEN AUGUST 16, 2022)

Go to <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/>

1. Enter our school's order number, 2865, or search for Van Hoosen Middle School and continue.
2. Select "Order a yearbook". Select "STUDENT" in the pop-up window, search the student's name, and select "DONE". If a name is not in the database, you will be prompted to add it.
3. Select "Yearbook" or "Yearbook Nameplate" If choosing a nameplate, please type the name as you wish it to appear.
4. Be sure to hit "Submit" at the end. You may need to scroll down to see this.
5. You will get an email confirming your purchase.
6. If you have questions or need assistance, contact Herff Jones at the number on the order center website with questions or Mrs. Forster at cforster@rochester.k12.mi.us.