

# Virginia Beach Middle School

## Weekly Update

### Information for the Week of March 11 - 15

#### **Shamrock Student Challenge Race Day Info**

Any student who has signed up to run the Shamrock Student Challenge can meet before the race to walk down with the running club to the starting line!

- Meet at Beach Garden Park on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> by 6:50 am.
- We will walk to the starting line together.
- Mrs. Collins will be at the race. *However, parents are responsible for their children.*
- As soon as you finish the race, you are free to leave with your parent.
- Every student is responsible for transportation to and from the race.
- Students are required to pick up their own bib number prior to the race.
- Family and friends are welcome to register and run with us (anyone over 18 must select "Shamrock 8K" when signing up).

Please give a HUGE thank you to Mr. Mugler, Ms. Donoso, and Officer Swartz for volunteering their time and talent to run with us!

Thank you for your participation and we can't wait to see you at the race! Any questions please email [Kimberly.Collins@vbschools.com](mailto:Kimberly.Collins@vbschools.com)

#### **PTA News and Information**

- Next week, VBMS will journey "From Hair to Bald-ernity!" The PTA is hosting a Coin Drive and Silent Auction next week to raise funds for St. Baldrick's Foundation. Each morning, students can stop by the table on their way in and donate some change to "vote" for who they would like to see get their head shaved or hair cut! See more about the VBMS Team at <https://www.stbaldricks.org/teams/VBMSFromHairtoBaldernity/participants#content>. We are also inviting parents to come by and check out our Silent Auction bulletin board and place a bid on some super exciting gifts...more information coming soon!
- Calling 6th and 7th Grade Parents (Grandparents/Guardians/Anyone!) to volunteer! On March 19th and 20th, the 8th Graders will be taking their Writing SOL's. Volunteers will be the hall monitors during the test for both bathrooms, hallway and library. Click here for more information and to sign up!  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4dafa922a3f49-8thgrade3>
- Thank you to everyone who brought in BoxTops for our contest. We raised almost \$97 this time. The student who brought in the most BoxTops with 140 is Lauren A. The 2nd most BoxTops winner with 60 is Abigail W. Now time to pick our random winner. Carlos N. is our random winner. Winners can collect their prize from the library. Our next BoxTop contest will end May 29th. Keep collecting those BoxTops!

- Join VBMS Baseball as we celebrate our former coach, Matt Robbins, by dedicating a bench at the baseball field in his name. Coach Robbins guided our baseball program as head coach from 2001/02 to 2016/17 . . . that's 15 years! If you would like to make a donation as we raise \$800 for the bench, click here to see the flyer for details.  
<https://www.vbmspta.com/uploads/7/8/2/2/78222210/coachrobbinsflyer.pdf>
- The next PTA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12th at 10:00am. Please check website for any date/time changes.
- Please visit the PTA website often - <https://www.vbmspta.com/> - as it is a great resource for all things VBMS!

## **Great Neck Baseball League Spring Registration**

Great Neck Baseball League has opened registration for the spring season. GNBL is the local recreation baseball league for ages 3 – 18 years old in Virginia Beach. For more information, or to register online, please see the attached flyer or visit [gnbaseball.com](http://gnbaseball.com).

## **Parent Portal and Homework Email**

If you have not already signed up for parent portal and listserv, please click on the following links.  
<https://tinyurl.com/VBMSParentPortal> - Parent Portal helps you stay up to date with your student's progress throughout the year.

<https://tinyurl.com/VBMSHomeworkEmail> - Listserv is a homework email service that will update you daily on the homework assignments for your student.

## **Homework Help Program**

Through Homework Help Program, students receive after school assistance from state certified teachers. Homework Help operates from 3-9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Students can access Homework Help by using the following City of Virginia Beach website:  
<https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/libraries/kids/Pages/homework-resources.aspx>.

## **STEM Opportunity**

The Virginia Space Grant Consortium will offer Grade 8 students a summer experience at ODU designed to increase interest and curiosity in science, technology, engineering, and math. For additional information on this free of charge program, visit <https://blast.spacegrant.org/>. Spaces are limited.

## **VBCPS Builds the Next Strategic Plan: Get Involved**

Virginia Beach City Public Schools is building the plan that will guide the division's work from 2020-2025 and your input is needed. Be sure to take advantage of the opportunities made available to you to give input, to share experiences, and to make recommendations for the future of VBCPS. Visit the school division's website to understand the components of the Graduate Profile, to contribute to the Virtual Town Hall, and to examine the timeline for plan development:  
<http://www2.vbschools.com/compass/beyond2020/index.asp>

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