

THE VICTOR VOICE

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Presidents' Message

PTSA Gives Thanks for Volunteers!



In the spirit of the season, PTSA would like to say, "Thank you!", to the many volunteers who have helped make Victor PTSA what it is today. It is through your efforts that events such as the Book Fairs, Craft Show and face painting at home games a success. Involved parents make a huge impact on their children's lives and academic success. So thanks again for all that you do! For more volunteers opportunities, log on to our website at www.myteacherpages.com/webpages/VICTORPTSA.

Who's Got Spirit? Apparently Victor does because we had tremendous success with our Spiritwear fundraising event. And, once again, we owe it all to you! Orders will be delivered the week of Nov. 24. Keep your eyes open for another Spiritwear event showcasing the Spring line!

Family Portraits

Holiday gifts just got easier with CLIX

For only a \$10 donation to the Victor Central PTSA, you get an 11 X 14 color portrait (a \$59.95 value)!

Order holiday cards, mugs & other gift items

Prints of various poses

Portrait sheets and packages available

WHEN: Friday, November 14 from 5-8:30 p.m.; Saturday, November 15 from 9 a.m.—6 p.m.;
or Sunday, November 16 from 9 a.m.—5 p.m.

Victor Education Center, Board Room

Forms are available on our PTSA website. Please send your \$10 fee (check payable to PTSA) with this form to any school office in an envelope marked PTSA FAMILY PORTRAITS. **no later than November 12.** We will call with your scheduled time and send you a certificate which **MUST** be brought to your photo session. Any questions, contact Kym Meisner 425-7375 or Dana Distasio 425-1938.

Cyber Dangers

On January 21 at 7 p.m., Holly Hubert from the Cyber Crime Division of the FBI, will be speaking to parents on the dangers our children face when using the internet. This presentation will take place in the VEC Auditorium and is open to the entire Victor Central School community. For more info., call Marcie Fry at 742-1182.

Interested in learning more?

www.myteacherpages.com/webpages/VICTORPTSA

September & October have been extremely busy months. From open houses to book fairs, the Victor campus was buzzing with activity.

Our PTSA Book Fairs at the Primary & Intermediate Schools were a huge success! A special thank you to Michele Loffredo & Becky Rohring for all their hard work and late nights! The Mother/Son Event at Village Sports for Primary families couldn't have been more fun. It was a special opportunity to have individual time with your son and get to meet other moms. And, I think we all can agree that obstacle courses and bouncy houses could replace aerobics. What a workout! And, as always, the Intermediate Spaghetti Dinner Game Night was one to remember! It's a humbling experience to realize you really are NOT smarter than a Victor 5th grader!

Our membership is getting close to our 1,000 goal, but we're still not there. If you haven't renewed or signed up to become a PTSA member, do it today. Only with your support, can we offer programs like the Mother/Son Event and others like it.

We hope you and your family are enjoying the season. There are so many fun things to do this time of year. So be sure to take time and have fun with your little "pumpkins"!

We look forward to seeing all of you in the schools, at events & at our PTSA meetings. Check the school calendar for dates and visit our PTSA website at www.myteacherpages.com/webpages/VICTORPTSA.

Thank you,

Jennifer Mehigan & Tammy Rogers

Flu Clinic

Mon., Nov. 17, 3-6 p.m.

PTSA has partnered with the Ontario County Department of Public Health to offer a Flu Clinic. The clinic will be held at the Junior High Cafeteria.

Self Pay is \$15.00. Patients must present insurance card at time of visit to process their health insurance payment. NOTE: Vaccine administered to those 9 years of age and older with parent consent.

Thank you to the Victor Central School District for offering space on campus to provide this service to our families and community of VCS.

Upcoming Events

Victor Family Night with

The Amerks

Friday, November 21, 2008

Tickets: \$8/\$10

Victor Intermediate Select Choir will be singing the National Anthem.

Ticket deadline is Nov. 14.

Order forms available in the main offices or check our website.

The PTSA Holiday Shoppe

Thursday, December 4, 2008

3 – 8 p.m.

Primary School

A perfect opportunity for kids to do their holiday shopping. There is a large selection with most items priced under \$5. For more info., contact Brenda Callahan at 924-0266



Entertainment Books for Sale

It's the perfect gift! And don't forget to buy one for yourself too! Books are \$25 each. To order or for more info., contact Karen Ballard at 742-3293.

GO GREEN!

In 2006, NYS was declared the GO GREEN INITIATIVE state of the year.

- G—enerate Compost: Nature's recycling system
- R—ecycle: Recycle whenever possible and use only recycled items
- E—ducate: Teach students to be environmentally responsible
- E—valuate: Be aware and have only positive environmental interactions
- N—ationalize: Decrease new paper production, use recycled

The Go Green Initiative unites parents, students, teachers and administrators in an effort to make real and lasting changes in their school environments. Listed below are a few more ideas, tips and resources for making environmentally responsible choices in your daily life.

1. Get a home energy survey/audit: Contact the Home Performance with Energy Star program or your local utility. There are many incentives that will help you pay for recommended improvements. You'll save money and be more comfortable. <http://www.getenergysmart.org/>
2. Buy a fall share in a CSA: Keep eating locally through the winter by joining a Community Supported Agriculture farm that offers a fall/winter share. <http://www.nofany.org/dbapplet/csadirectory.html>
3. Be responsible when disposing of car fluids: Waste oil from one oil change can contaminate a million gallons of water according to the EPA. Take used oil, transmission and power steering fluids back for reuse at a service station. Used antifreeze is toxic and often contains heavy metals. Take it to your local household hazardous waste collection.
4. Get more from your wood stove: For the cleanest burning, most efficient fire, use only dry, seasoned wood. Burn small hot fires. The smoke coming out of the chimney should be white not dark. <http://www.epa.gov/woodstoves/>
5. Get your lawn ready for spring now: The best looking, healthiest spring lawns start now. Fall is a great time for fertilizing, correcting pH, weed control and reseedling. For details on non-toxic maintenance, <http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/44290.html>
6. Compost or shred your leaves
7. Paint without fumes: The new paints with low or no volatile organic compounds (VOCs) don't contribute to indoor air pollution. Dispose of paint properly. <http://greenguard.org/Default.aspx?tabid=12>
8. Secure your home from rodents and squirrels
9. Enjoy fall hiking and camping: There are 25 DEC campgrounds that remain open through Oct. 15 or beyond. Take advantage of the cooler temperatures, fall foliage and no bugs. Order a copy of Fall Camping in NYS from campinfo@gw.dec.state.ny.us