

# **United together**

he start of a new school year is exciting and dynamic, but it also stirs up a myriad of emotions.

As I reflect on my years in education, I am reminded of the thrill and heartfelt moments that this time brings.

For students, it's a blend of excitement, anticipation, and anxiety as they embark on a new academic year, eager to gain the knowledge that will shape their future. The prospect of forming new friendships also adds to the thrill of the new year.

Parents and guardians play a crucial role in their children's academic journey. As we look ahead to the new school year, we share your hopes for your children's academic growth, strengthening current friendships, and forming new ones. We understand that many, especially students in their final years in high school, may have concerns about the next step following graduation, and we are here to provide unwavering support and strengthen our school-home partnership.

Teachers hope that they will be able to engage students in the course and grade level they teach and that they will be engaged and interested in the material.

Our staff are the backbone of our school community. They work tirelessly

to support the students, teachers, and the overall functions of the school's day-to-day operations. Their dedication and hard work are invaluable, and we want them to know that their support is not only needed but deeply appreciated with every new school year.

Administrators hope and pray for a smooth start, that the daily schedule works for everyone, and that the necessary support is in place to care for the students.

All twelve of our Catholic schools are aligned and united in our mission of helping students understand and witness the importance of being kind, caring, and empathetic. This unity binds us together and gives us a sense of purpose.

This past August, the Catholic school principals and I traveled to Saint Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte for a three-day retreat. Our time together provided everyone with the needed logistical updates and ways to improve and make us more efficient in meeting our students' needs. It also allowed us to build on our relationships with one another and develop deeper levels of trust in each other. We all felt more united and optimistic about the year ahead as we ended our retreat.

In conclusion, I encourage everyone to enjoy every part of the school year. Remember, a small act of kindness can make a big difference. Don't hesitate to offer help to someone, be it through your actions or words. Know that everything you do has a purpose and meaning that may be life-altering to someone. United together.



Peace,

David Young, Superintendent of Schools

## Scavenger Hunt

Deacon Armand Auclair, Marriage and Family Life Director for the Diocese of Burlington has created a church scavenger hunt for children to help them learn about the Catholic faith in a fun and engaging way.

To download the scavenger hunt visit: vermontcatholic.org/familylife

## Upcoming Events



#### 09|15 SUNDAY

#### **Eileen George Book Study**

Most Holy Name of Jesus, Morrisville • 2 pm Meets the third Sunday of the month in the

Crosby Center. Fr. Lance Harlow will continue the book study of Eileen Georges' first book, Beacon of God's Love.



#### 09|19 THURSDAY

#### BINGO

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6:30 - 9:30 pm Doors open at 4:30 and the first game begins

at 6:30. Come join the fun with friends and family. Bring a non-perishable food item(s) and receive two free game sheets for the "winner take all" game. All food items are donated to the local food shelf.



#### 09|21 SATURDAY

#### Men's "Cor" Formation

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 10 am
Calling all men to fellowship, prayer and a
deeper faith! All men welcome. Coffee and donuts provided.
COR Formation will be held on third Saturday of the month.



#### 09|21 SATURDAY

#### **Roast Pork Dinner**

St. Anthony, White River Junction 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, \$15 for all 12 and over and \$7 for children under 12. For takeout orders, call Karen at (802) 295-2078. If you would like to donate a pie or desert for the evening, the Knights will be very thankful.



#### 09 26 THURSDAY

#### The Spirituality of Dorothy Day

Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Junction • 7 pm Presentation given by Monsignor Richard

Lavalley, Pastor Emeritus, of St. Francis Xavier in Winooski. All are welcome.



#### 09l29 SUNDAY

#### **French-Canadian Dinner**

St. Norbert, Hardwick • 12 - 1:30 pm Menu includes meat pies, pea soup (green & yellow), baked beans, coleslaw, pickled

beets, sugar pies, fruit pies and more! Adults \$12, children 12 & under \$8. Proceeds benefit Mary Queen of All Saints Parish. Sponsored by MQAS Parish Council and Catholic Financial Life Chapter 443 St. Jean.



#### 09|29 SUNDAY

#### Music of HOPE — A concert with Dave Pettigrew

St. Francis Xavier, Winooski • 6 - 8 pm

Part of the proceeds benefit the music ministry at St. Francis Xavier and Brittany's Hope in memory of Brittany Elizabeth Goyette. Tickets are \$20, available online at: northeastccc. com/events/winooski-vt-an-evening-of-worship-with-davepettigrew



### 10|5 SATURDAY

## Remembering Our Precious Little Ones

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 10 am

A Memorial Mass & Prayer Service for those who have experienced the loss of a child before or after birth. Bishop John McDermott will celebrate Mass, followed by a short prayer service at adjacent Resurrection Park Cemetery. A lunch reception will then take place in the Parish Hall. For those planning to attend the luncheon, please RSVP to Eileen Haupt, Respect Life Coordinator, ehaupt@vermontcatholic.org or 802-658-6110, ext. 1201. This Respect Life Month event is open to all.



#### 10|07 MONDAY

## Spanish Mass

St. Michael's College, Colchester • 7:30 pm

Mass in Spanish will be offered in the Chapel
of Saint Michael the Archangel at 7:30 pm.



#### 10|06 SUNDAY

#### Fifth Annual Celebration of St. John Henry Cardinal Newman

Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Junction 3-7 pm

The evening includes Solemn Vespers, dinner and dessert, and two lectures on the life and thought of John Henry Newman by Dr. Mark Clark and Fr. Kevin Chalifoux. \$15.00 per person, \$50 family rate. Inquire or RSVP by September 29th to VermontNewman@gmail.com.



#### 10l09 Wednesday

### **Faith Ascending**

Join us for the next installment of Faith
Ascending. Faith Ascending is a chance for
young adults to share in good news and good brews!
Bishop John McDermott will be the speaker. The location is
to be determined.

FOR MORE INFO: visit vermontcatholic.org/event/faith-ascending-2/



#### 10111 FRIDAY

## Young Adult Potluck and Prayer

Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall, Stowe 6:30-9 pm

Young adults are welcome to join the Marian Sisters of Lincoln, Nebraska and Father Jon Schnobrich at Blessed Sacrament Church in Stowe. We will share social time, partake in a potluck meal, listen to a Vocations and Discernment talk by the Sisters, and join in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament together.



#### 10|12 SATURDAY

#### 2024 VT Fall Women's Retreat

St. Ann, Milton • 8:30 am -3 pm
This years theme is: The Blessed Mother,

Our Guide and Companion. The Keynote speakers will be the Marian Sisters from Lincoln, Nebraska. Pricing (lunch is included): Adults – \$30, College Students – \$15, 18 and under – free with a paying adult. Check in begins at 8:30 am, the retreat begins at 9 am and goes until 3 pm.



#### 10|12 SATURDAY

#### **Pre-Cana Retreat**

Our Lady of Angels, Randolph • 9 am - 4 pm Check-in and light refreshments at 9 AM,

program begins at 9:30 AM and concludes at 4PM. \$20 per couple. To Register: visit vermontcatholic.org/event/pre-cana-retreat-3/



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