

# Vermilion High School

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### Vermilion Volleyball Celebrates A Perfect Season

by Fae Overfield

Vermilion's volleyball teams are wrapping up their seasons and what amazing seasons they were. Varsity has broken the consecutive win streak with an undefeated season thus far, totaling 21 wins and 0 losses. They started off their season with a win over Edison for all teams, freshman winning after 3 sets, JV in 2, and varsity in 5.

A truly incredible feat was their win over Huron, whose volleyball team has held the War On The Shore belt since 2016 and was first in the division last year. After 5 long, hot, sweaty sets, Vermilion brought home the belt. On September 1, the teams played Firelands. Freshman, JV, and varsity won their matches in straight



sets, bringing home the Stillman Cup. On September 23, varsity defeated Rocky River to break the consecutive wins record, 13-0.

On September 16, while playing against the Perkins Pirates, senior setter Hallie Habermehl crossed the 1000 assists mark, now totaling over 1200 assists in her high school career. On September 23, senior middle hitter Jenna Peters took all Vermilion block records with 98 blocks, 254 block kills, and 156 block assists.

On Thursday, October 7, the girls had their senior night, defeating Clyde in straight sets with scores 25-21, 25-12, and 25-10. JV

was 10-10 as of October 7, holding wins over some great teams. The freshmen team was 6-7 as of October 7.

Varsity is setting the stage for a new era of Vermilion volleyball and there is still lots of work to be done to better our program and our players, but one thing that really helps is support. To have the stands full and loud is the best feeling a player can have while on the court.

The Division II tournament is coming up and our Lady Sailors plan to make it all the way. The first game is on October 21 at 5:00 and the rest will follow. See the full bracket on Vermilion Volleyball's Twitter (@vermillionvball) or Instagram (@vermillionvolleyball).

### Send Us Your Pumpkin Pictures!

Halloween is right around the corner, and that means it's time to carve some pumpkins! We

want to see the best pumpkin carving that VHS has to offer.

Submit your pumpkin pictures to [\[ornet.org\]\(mailto:TheCompass@sail-ornet.org\). The best pumpkins will be featured in our next issue and will also win a spooky surprise.](mailto:TheCompass@sail-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

## Homecoming Festivities at VHS



Left: The 2021 Homecoming Court  
Below: Homecoming Queen Alyssa Jewell and King Brian Tang



### The 2021 VHS Homecoming Court by Grace Frye-Ibarra

The Vermilion High School students were encouraged to pick representatives from their grade to be a part of the Homecoming court of 2021. The lucky winners got to walk on the football field as the Vermilion High School Marching Band played fanfares in their honor.

Claire Bartlome and Terrence Anders were the representatives for the class of 2025. Terrence said that he didn't expect to get elected, but he was absolutely delighted when he was told that he would be on the court. "When I did hear that I was elected, I have to admit that I was excited, not just for me but I knew that my family would also be proud." He said that he walked on the football field with pride. "I

know some people would be nervous to walk in front of a crowd, but I'm not like that. It was a fun experience that I enjoyed a lot!"

Representing the class of 2024 was Lauren Ficker who was escorted by Reagan Massey. Joshua Howes and Angelique Garcia were the chosen representatives for the class of 2023. Angelique said that she was thrilled to be elected this year. "Being on homecoming court has been a goal of mine since freshman year, and now that I was finally on it, it was amazing!"

Finally, representing the class of 2022 were Alyssa Jewell, Ayden Bath, Morgan Potts, Ethan Hendrickson, Gretchen Schmidt, Benjamin Rini, Leah Zywczyk, and Brian Tang.

After everyone was announced, the VHS student council president Noah Jamison crowned Brian Tang as Homecoming king.

He says that he was nervous at first, but when the crown was placed on his head it filled him with joy. "On the first day, I did not like it because of all of the pressure put on me, but after all of the encouragement, I started to appreciate it and roll with it. On the day of the Homecoming football game, I was more than confident in becoming the king. It was one of the most exhilarating moments when Noah crowned me." Brian says that he would like to thank everyone who made this possible and that he is grateful for everyone who encouraged him along the way.

After the homecoming king was announced, Hallie Habermehl crowned Alyssa Jewell as the Homecoming queen. Congratulations to everyone who was elected!

## VHS Danced The Night Away

by Patrick Anders

It was a rainy Saturday afternoon, but the weather did not dampen the spirits of the approximately 450 students who attended the 2021 Vermilion High School Homecoming dance. This year's theme was Under The Sea, and the decorations surely did not disappoint.

The day of the dance began at 8 am when members of the Student Council arrived to set up for the dance. All work was completed by 11:30, and few students were in the high school until the doors opened at 8 pm. Students walked in to "Levitating" by Dua Lipa, and though it took a few songs for the students to truly get into the mood. When that happened, though, it was very fun. The DJ's were very experienced, as they did not multiple play line dance songs in a row, thereby allow-

ing the dancing to flow naturally. The court was announced about an hour into the dance, and Queen Alyssa Jewell and King Brian Tang were well received, with chants of Brian erupting from the crowd.

During the dance itself, Wesley Penton was lifted above the crowd multiple times until the DJ told the crowd to stop, and while that was respected, that did not stop Wesley from wearing the king's crown. Two slow songs were played, and the slow dancing did not fail to meet expectations. What makes this even more remarkable is the fact that this was the first high school dance for the freshmen and sophomores, with the exception of a handful of sophomores who attended last year's prom. The underclassmen held their weight at the dance, and the dance certainly would not have been the same without them.

After the dance, students were interviewed about how they

thought it went. Senior Ben Rini said that this dance was the "Best one I've ever been to in all four years of high school. Thanks to the class of '22." while freshman Mason Plas stated "That's more fun than I've had probably ever in Vermilion." That same positive feeling was echoed by the administration, as Principal Bengeler said "I thought it was awesome, everybody had a great time." And Vice Principal Lukasko said "I thought this was one of the best high school dances I've ever seen. I was impressed with the kids energy all night, and they were all good."

All things considered, this was an amazing dance, and the current group of high schoolers seems full of spirit and ready to make this year a year to remember.

## Students Show Their Spirit

by Abigail Matos

On Friday, October 1st, 2021, VHS had the first pep rally of the school year. The contests were, in order: Musical Chairs (Winner: Joseph Webb), Junk in the Trunk, Tug of War (Winner: Seniors), and a wing-eating contest (Winners: Gus Matheson and Jeremiah Matos).

Musical chairs is a game we probably all remember from when we were kids. The game works by having music play, and a group walking around a circle of chairs with one more person than there are chairs. Then when the music stops, you sit down in a chair as

fast as you can. At the pep rally, the band provided the music, and the battle over the chairs was fierce, with contestants at times ending up flat on the floor.

Junk in the Trunk is a game where you have a tissue box with ping pong balls in it attached to you in a way that it rests on your hip bone. You must get all the ping pong balls out without using your hands. The first person to do so wins. It might be frustrating for the participants, but it is very funny for the audience to watch!

Tug of War is a game where two teams of approximately ten players tug on a rope to get a little flag in the middle

of the rope onto their side. To win, you have to get the flag or marker past a certain point on your side of the starting line. If you do not and the other team gets the marker to their side, they win. At the pep rally, each grade level had their 11 strongest students compete in an elimination bracket. Competition was fierce, but ultimately, the seniors won the day.

Wing eating contests are a competitive eating sport. To win, you have to be the first person to finish all their wings down to the bone. Jeremiah Matos, as well as Gus Matheson were the winners of this contest.

*Welcome To The Woollybear!*  
by Grace Frye-Ibarra

The Woollybear is a flamboyant festival that takes place in Vermilion. During this time, the town is filled with vendors galore and many crowds of people.

One of the main events of the Woollybear is its parade. Spectators line the streets to watch this unforgettable spectacle. Included in this parade were VHS' very own marching band and bicycle repair class. VHS Bikes is a group that aims to help people in the Vermilion Local School District get bikes, ride bikes safely, and encourage community involvement.

The Woollybear parade was their official kickoff event where they introduced themselves to the community. The students said that



they enjoyed preparing for the parade and felt good about being in this group with their fellow students. "It was a good feeling to help take part in the parade and make sure everything was ready to go," says Ryan Feiler Johnson, a student in the group.

The VHS Marching Band could be seen performing at the grandstand

on Vermilion's main street. They played several songs for the crowd of people that was gathered there. "It was such a good bonding experience for all of Vermilion," says Lydia Czuba, a percussionist in the band. Afterward, they marched in the parade while playing the classic VHS fight song and moving along to their cadences.

One of the field commanders, Brendan Dee, says that he enjoys seeing the excited spectators watching from the street. "Conducting the Woollybear parade was a great experience to have. I love marching in parades and seeing all the happy faces when we do our cadences makes me smile.

*Mental Health Moment: What Is Social Anxiety?*  
by Noah Poole

It's normal for everyone to feel anxiety, whether it is over a test coming up or something happening in your personal life, but there is a difference from day to day anxiety and anxiety disorders.

According to "Healthline," an anxiety disorder is when you constantly have fear and it stops you from doing the things you love, like going out of the house. Overall an anxiety disorder is debilitating to many people.

There are many differ-

ent types of anxiety disorders, and in fact, anxiety disorders are the most common to be diagnosed. Each one has its causes and effects.

Social Anxiety Disorder, also called social phobia, is one of the most common for teens. According to "Mayo Clinic" symptoms include blushing, a fast heartbeat, trembling, sweating, an upset stomach, shortness of breath, dizziness, having a blank mind, and having tension in your

muscles. People with social anxiety find many basic or normal things very difficult, such as meeting new people, interacting with strangers, dating, eating in front of others, and making eye contact.

If you have a friend or loved one with social anxiety, make sure you are understanding and don't force them into too many stressful situations. Be slow and communicate with them about their disorder so you can know how to help them.

## *A Shatter In The Night: A Halloween Story*

by Oliver Scheuvront

One night, Echo was lying awake at this hour of darkness waiting for sleep. She was excessively excited because her boyfriend that she had been texting online was coming over; she had already given him the address of the house in excitement.

As she was just about to give in to her sleepiness, a loud knock on the entryway to her quaint house awoke her from her slumber. It sounded as though a broad person was at her doorstep. As she laid there, she tried to remember what time exactly her beloved was gracing her with his presence. Then she remembered that he had told her before that he was terribly afraid of the dark and couldn't bear to be outside in the presence of it. He was also not a very strong man, a nimble one, perhaps, because of his skinny frame, but not a big man as she heard.

As she lay awakened, panicked, she heard an additional loud knock and the sound of something breaking, like the hinges of a door. Looking around in the dullness of her room, Echo searched for a weapon that might protect her if the brute that broke into her dwelling decided to pay her a visit. Even further pushed to horror than she was previously, she grabbed a large book that she took from her nightstand. As she looked at it she realized, now she needed *Twilight* more than ever before. As she reached for her phone to call the police with,

she realized that she had left it in the living room. Then, as fast as she could, Echo got up and opens the entryway to her territory, unclaimed by the intruder very, oh ever so slowly, and sees A tall, dark shadow stood in her living room. Echo was paralyzed in the doorway of her bedroom. She didn't know what to do. I mean, what else is there to do when there is a trespasser in your house and all you have is a *Twilight* book and the door separating the two of you?

When she saw the man she started to make out something in his hand. It looked sort of like a hairdryer, but why would an intruder have that? As her eyes slowly adjusted to the darkness she realized that the individual was indeed holding a gun. As she stood there, even more, shaken as she was before whilst she thought he was merely wielding a hairdryer; she started to shake and mumble to herself. "I've got to get out of here," she thought "but how?!?"

When she had quickly whipped around to look at her sanctuary to find some kind of escape, she heard the man turn around and start to run down the hallway. In a split-second, Echo slammed the door shut and locked it, putting her back to the door so it would be harder for him to get in. "No no no" she thought, "today was support to be perfect!". She checked the clock in her room, it was 2:00 AM. Nobody would be awake to hear or help her.

Then she had an idea, she took her back off of the door and went to go look under her bed for a flashlight. Then she found it. Echo put it on the lowest setting and then screamed "I HAVE MY PHONE WITH ME AND I WILL CALL THE POLICE" Then the man stopped and all of a sudden said-

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