

Newsletter

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The campaign for Vernonia's Schools

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Vernonia School District and The Vernonia Education Foundation continue to work toward our goal of completing our facility upgrades and meeting the annual financial requirements of our construction debt. The help of our alumni, community and governmental partners are helping us realize our dream! Thank you for your support!

Recent government activity at the State and local level have been very helpful in our fundraising efforts.

- The Vernonia City Council voted to waive the remainder of their City System Development Costs, saving the District over \$135,000. A special thank you to the Council for approving this waiver!
- The State of Oregon Emergency Management Board voted unanimously to provide \$212,500 in additional funding to our project. Senator Betsy Johnson and Representative Brad Witt were once again Vernonia Champions, helping push this legislation through proper channels to access these funds. A huge "THANK YOU!!!" goes out to them both for their continuing support of our community.

In addition to funding progress, campus facility work continues to move forward as well. The new shop building cement floor has been poured, all the building materials are on site, and we anticipate completion in November. Again, our special thanks to the Family of E.T. and Norma Johnston for their \$25,000 donation that helped to ensure the realization of this project. Completion of the shop will also result in completing the final elements of our new native plant greenhouse, as all electrical connections will be placed and operational systems (heater, cooling wall, irrigation controls) will be up and running.

Thank you to all our generous donors who are truly making a difference in the lives of Vernonia's children! If you know of others who are willing and able to help with our fundraising efforts through planning and organizing events, making phone calls, or actually donating, please have them call Aaron Miller at 503-429-5891.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming VEF Board Meetings – School Library; Oct. 9 @ 4:30pm, Nov. 12 @ 7:30pm, and Dec. 11 @ 4:30pm.

Upcoming Events

Vernonia Homecoming Week—Oct. 13-17. Monday-PowderPuff Football, Tuesday-Pack the Gym VB Match, Wednesday-AirJams & Coronation, Thursday-Cross Country Meet, Friday-Spirit Walk, FB Game & Bonfire, Saturday-Homecoming Dance. Hope to see you there!

VEF Board of Directors

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HALL OF FAME SEEKS NOMINATIONS

As school begins and the fall sports seasons are well underway it's time once again to start taking applications for the newly established *Vernonia Athletic Hall of Fame*. Applications should be sent to; Vernonia High School, Attn: Gordon Jarman, 1000 Missouri Avenue, Vernonia, OR 97064

Nominations should include past recognition for state level achievements by athletes or teams. These accomplishments should be verifiable through newspaper clippings, pictures, post season records and not just opinions by those wishing to nominate a candidate. Post high school accomplishments are acceptable to qualify for the VHS Hall of Fame.

Applications are welcomed at all times during the year with the selections being made in January and February. The induction ceremony will be scheduled in mid to late April. For a list of all requirements for qualifications to the various levels of the VHS Hall of Fame contact Gordon Jarman, Athletic Director at VHS, at the above address or through e-mail gjarman@vernonia.k12.or.us

VERNONIA LOGGERS ALUMNI AND CLASSMATES OF VERNONIA SCHOOLS

MIX AND MINGLE AND CATCH UP WITH OLD FRIENDS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH

2015

REGISTRATION AT 10AM



VERNONIA SCHOOLS
1000 MISSOURI AVE
VERNONA, OREGON

LOCAL RUNNERS ARE RAISING MONEY FOR TRACK & FIELD COMPLEX

Last year a group of local Vernonians raised \$450 to contribute to the new playground equipment now installed at the new Vernonia Schools. This year that same group chose Vernonia Education Foundation (VEF) as their charity of choice. The goal for the runners is to help fund the planned track and field complex on which the Vernonia Track and Field athletes will practice and compete.

Team captain Jeana Gump said "We can do this because Cause & Event allowed us to pick our fundraising target." They began 3 years ago with a mission "to raise as much money as possible, for as many causes as possible, in as many communities as possible," starting in Portland. With half of registration fees being returned to the charities, and individual fundraising pages integral to the registration process, it is so simple to get other folks to contribute to the cause.

The date of the 2015 Cause and Event race is October 15, 2015. Expect to hear more from us during the year as we build a bigger team of runners and start our fundraising earlier in the year. For more information, the Cause and Event website can be accessed at <http://www.causeandeventportland.com>

ALUMNI SPORTS INITIATIVE

The Vernonia Alumni Sports Initiative has become a "Class Act." It's time for a big shout out to the following: Back in October, 2012, the 1960-61-62 Class Fund contributed \$540; in December, 2012, the Class of 1949 kicked in \$175; and recently, the Class of 1959 presented a check for \$500! In August, 2013, the Class of 1973 conducted a successful "Give Back Bash" event, resulting in a \$10,000 contribution!

Seven classmates from the Class of 1963 have individually contributed a total of \$5,900 thus far! Overall, 147 Vernonia alumni have contributed nearly \$58,000 during the past two years. Many alumni have contributed more than once, some as many as five or more times! By the time you receive this newsletter, work should be underway on the new softball field. If the weather cooperates and enough donated materials, labor and cash are generated during the next few months, we hope to have the field playable by March, 2015.

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