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Class of 1999 -- Senior Edition

Senior Graduation



Commencement will take place at the Potter Center Music Hall, Jackson Community College. Seating will be no problem with an abundance of cushioned seats in an air-conditioned theater. Faculty members will be dressed in college caps and gowns and will lead the senior class into the theater.

Commencement will start at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 1, 1999. The seniors will be presented for graduation by Mr. Anthony Hollow, High School Principal. The graduates will be awarded their diplomas by school board members.

Senior class speakers will be: **Thank You:** Tiffany Gale; **Past:** Nicole Spice; **Present:** Adrienne Anglin; **Future:** Katrina Krakowiak. Special music will be provided by the Vandercook Lake Symphonic Band under the direction of Mr. Paul Bickel. Senior, Erica Andrews will give the opening and closing.

Year-End Activities.....

Many activities have been taking place as the year draws to a close. The Junior-Senior Prom took place on May 1, 1999, at Vandercook Lake High School. The Junior Class sponsored the event by having the new gymnasium beautifully decorated. They served delicious snacks and provided fun entertainment through the DJ, Perfect Blend. Approximately 100 students were in attendance. Thanks to advisors Ms. Sue Haney and Mr. Brian Thompson as well as Mrs. Mary Wood for their assistance.

On May 20, band members Grades 7-12 presented their spring concert. On May 18, Honor Awards Night in recognition of outstanding scholastic and related achievement was held for the senior high school. Graduates and their parents attended a senior dessert before the honors program. The Junior High Awards assembly is scheduled for May 27, 1999 at 1:30 p.m.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Sunday afternoon, May 30, 1999, at 3:00 p.m. Vandercook Lake area pastors will sponsor this service to be held in the Vandercook Lake High School. This is an optional activity.

Can you pass the test?

Look on page 6 and 7 and see how many seniors you can identify.

AWARDS - Congratulations and Good Luck!

Following are awards presented to students at Vandercook Lake High School. Other awards are pending and will be announced at a later date:

Academic Parchments: 3.32-3.00-Trevor Arnold,, Amanda Atkins, Joe Bailey, Gary Conley, Mike Dryer, Joshua Ham, Jennifer Ross, Donald Schuessler, Giovanni Siciliano.

“6” Academic V: 3.33 and above - Robert Crum, Nicole Durst, Aundrea Grimes, Syndia Magras, Brandon O'Neal, Heidi Salyer, Shannon Smith, Kevin Tripp.

First Year Academic Pin: Stacey Marshall, Rebecca Motyka, Chris Sherson, Adan Villarreal..

Second Year Academic Pin: Brian Franck, Rebecca Hilleary, Kristy Knapp, Katrina Krakowiak, Tara Smith, Amanda Thorpe, Nicole Yoakam.

Third Year Academic Pin: Erica Andrews, Adrienne Anglin, Corbin Boyt, Jodie Clay, Tiffany Gale, Michael Richardson, Nicole Spice, Deanna Watkins.

Citizenship Awards: *Seniors:* Corbin Boyt & Tiffany Gale; *Juniors:* Josh Hunt & Amber Gorton; *Sophomores:* Kenneth White, Jeff Spencer (tied) & Kristyn Sprangel; *Freshmen:* Jeremy Jensen & Danielle Lowe .

Honorary State of Michigan Competitive Scholarships: Adrienne Anglin, Corbin Boyt, Brian Franck, Tara Smith.

D.A.R. Award: Deanna Watkins.

Jackson County Sheriff's Department Youth Citizenship Award: Jodie Clay.

Outstanding Senior In: *Science:* Brian Franck; *Math:* Adrienne Anglin ; *English:* Deanna Watkins ; *Spanish:* Nicole Spice ; *Social Studies:* Corbin Boyt ; *Business:* Corbin Boyt ; *Art:* Michael Richardson; *Journalism:* Michael Richardson; *Industrial Arts:* Chad Kirkpatrick; *Yearbook:* Corbin Boyt; *Speech:* Nicole Spice; *Band:* Leland Mannor; *Computer Science:* Brian Franck & Corbin Boyt; *Psychology:* Jodie Clay.

High Honors-Gold Cords 3.50 - 4.0: Katrina Krakowiak, Michael Richardson, Jodie Clay, Adrienne Anglin, Nicole Spice, Tiffany Gale, Erica Andrews, Deanna Watkins, Corbin Boyt, Tara Smith, Kristy Knapp, Brian Franck, Nicole Yoakam.

Honors-Silver Cords 3.0 - 3.49: Rebecca Hilleary, Amanda Thorpe, Christopher Sherson, Jennifer Ross, Stacey Marshall, Joshua Ham, Gary Conley, Rebecca Motyka, Aundrea Grimes, Mike Dryer.

Honor Society: Blue Cords: Erica Andrews, Adrienne Anglin, Corbin Boyt, Jodie Clay, Brian Franck, Tiffany Gale, Rebecca Hilleary, Katrina Krakowiak, Michael Richardson, Jennifer Ross, Tara Smith, Nicole Spice, Amanda Thorpe, Deanna Watkins, Nicole Yoakam.

Perfect Attendance: Jason Boyers, Danielle Lowe, Charles Rumsey, Mark Rumsey, Rebecca Weaver, Rebecca Trousdale.

SADD News

Live! All the way from Vegas, It's Michael Clayton (a Robin Williams look-alike). He came and spoke to the high school students and the 5th and 6th grades from McDevitt who joined them. He not only entertained this captive audience but gave a powerful message to the students on alcohol and drugs.

The SADD organization has had an event-filled year. End of school activities included a performance for the 5th graders at McDevitt by the Peer Resistance team. They were taught about the different kinds of pressure and techniques to avoid those pressures....The chapter attended a mini-conference sponsored by the ISD at the YMCA, and learned how to improve skills. On May 1, SADD handed out keychains to all who attended the prom. They contained the cost of a telephone call along with the message to find a safe way home.....The first annual penny drive was a huge success with a lot of money being raised.....On June 18 the SADD organization will be attending Cedar Point. If anyone wants to join them, please see Rita McVey or Nikki Spice.

Starting Day for 1999-00 School Year

The first day of school for students for the 1999-00 school year is Friday, August 27, 1999. For those of you who are planning vacations, Christmas break starts on December 20. Students return to school on January 3, 2000. Students will be off from February 18 through February 21 for winter break. Spring break will start on April 3, through April 7, 2000.

Scholarships

Michael White Memorial Scholarship Award - Jodie Clay & Erica Andrews.

United States Army Reserve "Scholar/Athlete": Brian Franck & Kristy Knapp.

United States Marine Corps - "Scholastic Excellence": Rebecca Hillary.

United States Marine Corps - "Distinguished Athlete": Corbin Boyt & Tara Smith.

Senior Athlete Award: Adan Villarreal & Tara Smith.

Principals Leadership Award: Deanna Watkins

Michigan High School Athletic Association Scholar/Athlete Award: Deanna Watkins, Tara Smith, Erica Andrews, Corbin Boyt.

Newborn Baby Reading Program

The teachers at Townsend Elementary School are continuing a program for any Vandercook family with a newborn baby. We would like to make a brief home visit to present the family with a hard-cover book and suggestions for reading to your child. We would love for grandparents, neighbors, or families to call the school at 784-6133 when the baby is born so we can arrange a convenient time to deliver the book. We want to support and encourage a great start for all our future students.

Summer Institute

Three students were recipients of the "Summer Institute Scholarship". We are proud to announce that Laura Haddad will be attending Eastern Michigan University to study Musical Theatre. Ana Perez will be attending Western Michigan University to study Video Production. Jeffrey Spencer will be attending Michigan Technological University to study Civil Engineering.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The National Honor Society is an organization of students dedicated to serving the school, the community and themselves. Members are elected on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership and citizenship. Final election and approval of a membership rests with the executive board, faculty and staff.

Seniors: Erica Andrews, Adrienne Anglin, Corbin Boyt, Jodie Clay, Brian Franck, Tiffany Gale, Rebecca Hilleary, Katrina Krakowiak, Michael Richardson, Jennifer Ross, Tara Smith, Nicole Spice, Amanda Thorpe, Deanna Watkins, Nicole Yoakam.

Juniors: Amber Appel, Kara Bushinski, Libby Curfman, Shelly Duckham, Shawn Falaska, Jessica Farler, Carissa Franck, Amber Gorton, Laura Haddad, Joshua Hunt, Beth Johnston, Rebecca Morgan, John Sharp, Sarah Wood, Robyn Zebarah.

JACKSON COUNTY LEADERSHIP CAMP

The Twelfth Annual Jackson County Leadership Camp will take place this summer. Location and time have not yet been determined. The camp is designed to promote leadership skills within the participating individuals. Anyone interested in enrolling should contact Mr. Anthony Hollow at 782-8167 or Mrs. Barb Baird Pauli at 784-8501.

BAND NEWS

AWARDS

SENIOR HIGH SOLO AND ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL:

Woodwind Duet: Amber Appel, Lindsey Berry.

Flute Solo: Becky Hilleary

Trombone Solo: Beth Johnston

Clarinet Solo: Becky Weaver

Tuba Solo: Matt McGuire

STATE SOLO AND ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL:

Flute Solo: Becky Hilleary

Trombone Solo: Beth Johnston

SENIOR HIGH HONORS BAND PARTICIPANTS:

Beth Johnston-Trombone

Paul H. Bickel - Director of Bands

With the addition of vocal music to the curriculum in the 1999-2000 school year, the Band Boosters changed their name to "Music Boosters".

The band has had an action-packed year. They hosted their fourth Marching Invitational - performed at the University of Michigan basketball game for their sixth straight year, traveled to band festivals, decorated two Military Ball dances, and sponsored two fundraisers including the Band-A-Thon.

The Symphonic Band received an overall second division at Band Festival.

Please join us at our upcoming events:

Band Events:

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| May 13 | Awards Dessert, 6:00 p.m. |
| May 22 | Cedar Point Performance-Jr. Hi. Band |
| May 29 | Cedar Point Performance-Sr. Hi Band |
| June 1 | Commencement - Potter Center |
| Aug 2-6 | Band Camp (Spring Arbor College) |

Graduating Seniors

- Becky Hilleary - Flute**
- Katrina Krakowiak - Clarinet**
- Heather O'Malley - Clarinet**
- Nikki Spice - Saxophone**
- Derek Rutan Saxophone**
- Josh Ham - Saxophone**
- Jason Duncan - Saxophone**
- Leland Mannor - Trumpet**
- Mike Dryer - Trumpet**
- Nicki Durst - Percussion**
- Don Schuessler - Percussion**

On October 2 the Vandercook Jayhawk Bands is pleased to announce that it will host its fifth Marching Invitational. Bands from Jackson, Ingham and Hillsdale will be involved and evaluated by three judges. The public is invited to attend this exciting event that promotes the arts.

**9th Annual Junior
Collegiate Summer Camp
Summer Fun at JCC**

The Jackson Community College's Continuing Education office is promoting "The 9th Annual Junior Collegiate Camp" for students having completed the 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

The camp is offered Monday-Friday, June 21-25 at the JCC Main Campus. Various classes are offered 8:00 - 9:45 am and 9:55 - 11:45 am. Below you will find a listing of class offerings.

Session I 8:00 - 9:45 a.m.

- On Stage - Introduction to Theater
- Basketball Clinic
- Create A Web Page
- Babysitter Certification
- Modeling, Makeup and More

Session II 9:55 - 11:45 am

- My Favorite Mummy
- Baseball Clinic
- Take Two Video Productions
- Baby-Sitter Training
- Create A Web Page

Cost is \$49.00 for one session or \$79.00 for two sessions. For complete class descriptions, registration forms, or more information, you may call: The Center for Continuing Education at 796-8445 or 787-0800 ext. 8326. Don't delay, space is limited in all sections.

All sessions are held on the main campus of Jackson Community College, George E. Potter Center.

**Jackson Community College
Departmental Scholarships:**

Business:	Gary Conley
Allied Health	Tiffany Gale
Chemistry and Physics:	Michael Richardson
Social Studies:	Deanna Watkins
Language/Literature:	Adan Villarreal

**Save Campbell's Labels,
General Mills Box Tops,
and Holsum Bread
Wrappers**

Townsend and McDevitt Elementary Schools continue to collect food labels from Campbell for school equipment. They are also saving the wrappers from Holsum bread and box tops from General Mills. Even if you don't have a student attending elementary school, our students would benefit from your support if you saved and brought in these items.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Student Organization at Vandercook Lake High School hosted an Easter Egg Hunt at Vandercook Lake High School on Saturday, April 3, 1999. About 150 K-3 students and family members gathered with high school and junior high student volunteers for a day of fun and treats. Some of the highlights included: face painting, arts and crafts, body drawings, relay races, and live bunnies. The Easter bunny presented himself; and, of course, the hunt itself added to the excitement of this fun day for all.

Headlice

Just a reminder for all parents to check their children at least on a weekly basis for headlice throughout the summer. Vandercook has a "no nit policy". Children cannot attend school with nits. If your child does contact headlice, follow directions with the lice shampoo and remove all nits. Using your fingernails is the best way to remove them. Then check daily for awhile to make sure they remain nit-free. No shampoo kills 100% of the nits. This is why it is vital to remove all eggs and check daily. It helps to prevent reinfestation. The eggs or "nits" are small, off-white in color and look a lot like rice. You may contact the school nurse, (764-1757) or go to the Health Department if you are not sure. They are open 9:am to 4:00 pm.

Headlice is not going to go away. In fact, it seems to be on the increase. Finding it early is the key to less heartache. If all parents become more aware and informed of this common problem, we can at least help keep it under control.



Class of 1999

Row 1: Brad Anderson, Erica Andrews, Adrienne Anglin, Trevor Arnold, Amanda Atkins, Jennifer Ross

Row 2: Joseph Bailey, Josh Baxter, Corbin Boyt, Jason Breslin, Tyler Bushinski, Jodie Clay

Row 3: Gary Conley, Robert Crum, Mike Dryer, Martin DuBois, Jason Duncan, Robert Rider

Row 4: Nicole Durst, Nicole Fisher, Sidney Flores, Brian Franck, Tiffany Gale, Derek Rutan

Row 5: Aundrea Grimes, Joshua Ham, Rebecca Hilleary, Chad Kirkpatrick, Kristy Knapp

Not Pictured: Syndia Magras



Class of 1999

Row 1: Katrina Krakowiak, Brad Kurtz, Lisa Lounsbery, Leland Mannor, Stacey Marshall, Andrew Whitworth

Row 2: Rebecca Motyka, Brandon O'Neal, Heather O'Malley, Mirian Perez, Beth Price, Nicole Yoakam

Row 3: Paul Radant, Michael Richardson, Heidi Salyer, Donald Schuessler, Christopher Sherson, Jolene Harris

Row 4: Giovanni Siciliano, Shannon Smith, Tara Smith, Nicole Spice, Terry Spice, Amanda Thorpe

Row 5: Karles Steller, Lyndsey Trepka, Kevin Tripp, Adan Villarreal, Deanna Watkins, Ezequiel Flores

4th Grader is Nationally Published Author

Zachary Keeler, a fourth grade student in Mrs. Cobb's homeroom, recently became a published author. Zack's song parody, "The Twelve Days of Fishing", has been bought for publication by *Music K-8 Magazine*, a periodical used extensively by music teachers all over the country.

Mrs. Childs, elementary music teacher, explains: "When Zack brought his creation to me, he told me that he had written it with a little help from his dad. He gave me the lyrics, accompanied by a very detailed drawing depicting the various fish and water creatures in his version (to be sung to the tune of "The Twelve Days of Christmas"). I typed up the words, keeping the picture at the bottom, and copied it to use with his class. We had a good time singing it, and I thought other children might enjoy it also. After obtaining Zack's permission, I sent it to *Music K-8*, to be considered for their 'Network' section."

"*Music K-8* is a high quality magazine purchased by teachers and school districts for use with their students. It contains songs, articles on teaching techniques, informational materials, and idea-sharing between teachers. I have used some of the songs, such as "Snow Day", "Proud", and "There Was an Old Groundhog" in our programs this past school year. I often use 'Network' ideas in my teaching, and I am pleased to have one of my students make a contribution such as this." Zack will receive \$25 for his idea, along with a copy of the May/June issue of *Music K-8*. Congratulations, Zack!!

Art in Elementary Grades

The third and fourth graders are finally getting their opportunity for art classes. They have been working very hard to complete different projects. They painted a color wheel and used warm and cool colors to create a picture. The third graders completed their self portrait using pastels. The fourth graders finished drawing a still life of fruit and gestures. The fifth and sixth graders completed an after-school art program. They completed a perspective drawing and a self portrait. They also worked with clay for the first time making pinch pots, coil pots, and sculptures. The Kindergartners made balanced "symmetrical" bugs and family portraits.

We had a wonderful turnout for the exhibition at McDevitt Elementary. Many of the art students showed the parents and fellow students different drawing techniques that they have learned in class. Some of the students' art was displayed at the Westwood Mall during their annual art show. I am very proud of the progress that has been made by the elementary students, and I look forward to the future...Mrs. Suzanne Richardson, Elementary Art Teacher

Last Music Program for McDevitt Gym

The 5th and 6th Grade students presented a mini-musical called "Lemonade" on April 20 under the direction of Lynda Childs, elementary vocal music teacher. It was the final music program for these elementary students, and also the last time kids' voices were to sing out in McDevitt gym. The program was enjoyed by an enthusiastic audience of family and friends.

Pictured are "Lemonade" soloists Ashley Roberts, Geoff Chiles, Therese Whitworth, and Giselle Fischman.

Regular School Election Monday - June 14, 1999

June 14, 1999, is the regular school election. The election will be held in the high school library. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. There are two vacancies to be filled in this election.

Two incumbent candidates terms have expired and have filed petitions for the next four-year term. They are:

Randall Treacher- President of the Board of Education and member since 1983. Mr. Treacher is a graduate of Vandercook Lake High School and has three children attending Vandercook Lake Schools.

Delinda Woods - Trustee of the Board of Education is seeking reelection for her second term. Delinda Woods is also a long time member of the community and has two children that graduated from Vandercook Lake Schools.

Michigan School Readiness for Vandercook and Columbia School districts.

Who? Four year olds in these districts.
What? Free preschool for those who qualify (not just low income).
Where? Columbia Community Education (4460 North Lake Road)
When? Starting in the fall - Register Now!

School Readiness is a preschool for four-year olds. Vandercook students are bussed from Summit Lanes to the school. Class meets Monday through Thursday for 2-1/2 hours a day either in the morning or the afternoon.

Call 592-9400 for more information!

Buildings nearing completion

You may have noticed the new additions to the high school and Townsend elementary are nearing completion. The interior work is being finished and portions of the buildings are being cleaned and prepared for occupancy.

The gym at the high school was used for the Junior-Senior Prom this year. The building provided a special place for such a wonderful evening. The students were very excited about the new facility and all of the nice features.

The classrooms at the Townsend school are nearing completion and are getting the final touches in preparation for the staff moving into the rooms this summer. The Board of Education has also authorized some additional remodeling of the current classrooms, which will add to the appearance and décor of the building.

The playground committee presented a proposal to the Board of Education for the construction of playground facilities for this fall. The board was supportive of the committee and appropriated some additional funds to insure there will be playground facilities ready for this fall. There will be a request made this summer for community help for the installation of the equipment. The Playground Committee will be contacting parents for help this summer. This should be a full and exciting summer getting everything ready for the fall. At this point, everything appears to be on schedule.

Many Community and Staff Members Recognized for *Making a Difference*

Vandercook Lake Junior/Senior High School held its first *Make A Difference Dessert* on May 10, 1999, at 7:30 p.m. Several community and staff members were honored by students in grades 7-12 for having made a positive difference in their lives. The goal of this event is twofold. It helps students to understand and thank the people for making a difference in their lives, and it also shows the adults that what they do to help the students in their lives does make a difference. We adults can all make a difference by building at least one caring relationship with a child or adolescent. We can pay attention to youth when we see them. We can model responsible and helpful behavior with young people. We can volunteer to work with youth as a coach, group leader, tutor, or mentor, etc. We can all make a positive difference!

Here are a few of the many quotes written by students to show their appreciation:

- * "Mr. Dunckel has helped me in my sports by motivating me and taking extra time to help me improve. He also helps me in school by looking out for me."
- * "Dr. Rawal changed my life by removing a tumor from the left side of my brain. He's made a big difference in my life and I'll never forget him!"
- * "Mr. Schonhard has taught me that hard things in life will happen, but you can and will overcome them. Also that you can achieve success if you want, but you must give 110%."
- * "Mrs. Talerico helped us learn how to respect others and ourselves and how to have a positive attitude instead of always being mad at someone."
- * "Carl & Brenda Stumhofer made a difference in my life by being my grandparents when I didn't have any, and they also taught me the right and wrong things to do in life."
- * "Nicole Carpenter helped me with everything, and she helped me learn to ride my bike. Thanks!"
- * "Mrs. London helps me with math, homework, and to write dates. She helped me learn to read. She is my friend."
- * "Donald Moody always helps me with my homework when I need it. He also encourages me to get along with others!"

Below is a complete list of community and staff members who were recognized by a Vandercook student as having made a difference in his or her life.

Sheryl Adrion	Tonya Hobbick	Dr. Rawal
Marija Andrijonas	Brenda Johnson	Jason Relyea
Mark Bareis	Patty Kellogg	David Richardson
Karen Benson	Dawn Knight	Jim Roberts
Paul Bickel	Ada Krizan	Julie Roberts
Marcia Bigger	Damon Kyly	Vicki Roberts
Barb Blair	June London	Lyman Robertson
Scott Bouldrey	Monte Long	Tom Rose, Sr.
Joni Bristow	Margaret Lowe	Becky Scholten
Kim Bruton	Roberta Ludtke	Mark Schonhard
Nicole Carpenter	Mary Mageria	David Seekell
Robin Carson	Rita McVey	Mona Smoke
Jeannie Dowding	Julie Mejia	Carl & Brenda Stumhofer
Darrell Dunckel	Paula Metcalf	Kathy Sutton
Jason Engle	Douglas & Lisa Miller	Debra Talerico
Jack Faber	Donald Moody	Brian Thompson
Jim Gorton	Doris Poole	Sue Turner
Joan Gutkowski	Amy Potts	Dan Wandell
Lucielle Henson	Johanna Ransom	Linda Zebarah

Year End Calendar

MAY

28	1/2 Day of School
30	Baccalaureate
31	Memorial Day - No School

JUNE

1	Graduation - 8:00 p.m. at Potter Center
1,2,3,4	Exams
4	Last Day for Students
14	Regular School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Latchkey

The Townsend Latchkey center will be closed for the school year after Friday, June 4, at 6:00 p.m. Registration for 1999-00 will be held at Townsend beginning on August 16, 1999, and open for service on August 27. There is limited space for kindergarten students, so registration will be done on a first-come basis. For questions or more information, please telephone Townsend Elementary at 784-6133.

**1998-99 BOOK REFUNDS
AND REPORT CARDS**

Book refunds and report cards will be mailed during the week of June 28 if a self-addressed stamped envelope was turned into the high school office. They may be picked up in the high school office after June 28. Office hours in the summer are from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

The athletic department has two ticket booths (approx. size 4 x 4) to give to anyone who might be interested. They could be used for students' bus stops. Please contact Loal Hemminger at 782-9044.

Immunizations

When any student is new to the Vandercook Lake school district, the State of Michigan requires that they bring with them their birth certificate, social security card, and immunization records. The State also requires their shots be brought up-to-date. They cannot start school without this. This is also for students who may have previously attended here, left for awhile to go to another school, then returned.

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