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Message from President Katharina Wymar:

On behalf of the Vermillion Public Schools Foundation, I would like to thank you and the community for all your support. “Once a Tanager always a Tanager” certainly rings true. By banding together as a community, we were able to offer our children the many enriching opportunities, some of which are listed in our newsletter. Along with the School District, we are developing a long-term strategic plan. This plan will focus on augmenting and enriching our students’ experiences, supporting our teachers, and supporting the schools’ Angel fund, which helps students in need. Thank you so much for supporting our Tanagers.



VPS Foundation Current Projects

In keeping with the Vermillion Public Schools Foundation’s focus on public/private partnerships, we are pleased to announce a new Construction Trades Scholarship which will be available this Spring. Qualified students will attend a school that supports programs in the building trades. This scholarship opportunity arose when AMS Building, of Vermillion, was awarded the bid from the high school to help construct their yearly house project. Currently, the high school’s CTE classes are building a 1,250 square foot home which will be located at Bliss



Pointe. The students do the carpentry, insulation, electric, and some of the roofing and plumbing. Every two weeks the contractor visits the class to give instruction, critique their progress, and provide guidance.



In recent years, through the generosity of alumni, friends and community members, the number of VPS Foundation scholarships has grown to eight, totaling \$6,000 awarded to VHS Seniors pursuing technical and college degrees. Our most recent scholarships are The Construction/Building Trades Scholarship and The Class of 1989. Thank you for your support!

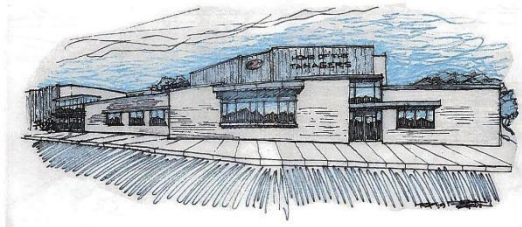
Groups Under the VPS Foundation Umbrella

Vermillion Athletic Boosters * Vermillion Music Boosters * Vermillion PTO
Vermillion Middle School STEM * Vermillion Tennis



Spotlight on the Vermillion School District.

The Vermillion School Board is in the planning phase of building a new addition to the Vermillion High School with completion set for the fall of 2020. The Vermillion School District’s administration offices will be relocated to this building as well as the school district’s alternative school. This plan will offer a secure entrance where students and guests will pass through a staffed office.



Grants Awarded in Spring 2019

Edith Siegrist Funds: The *Siegrist VMS Summer Camp Scholarships* will be sending a student to the Future Coyote Leader’s Camp; four students to the USD Lawrence Brothers Science Camp; and five students to the USD Summer Music Camp.

VPS Foundation Scholarships: The Foundation awarded eight scholarships to the 2019 VHS Seniors this year: the *Dennis Helseth Scholarship* to Andrew Kronaizl; the *Kaeberle Scholarship* to Madelyn Powell; two *Siegrist Scholarships* to Brooklyn Hansen and Kaya Lewis; two *Ribs, Rods & Rock ‘n Roll Scholarships* to Ryne Whisler and Dylan Rothschadl; the *Construction/Building Trades Scholarship* to Ryne Whisler; and the *Class of 1989 Scholarship* to Taylor Tarr.



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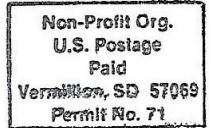
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Accomplishments by Vermillion Booster Groups:

Athletic Boosters: The 2019 **Tanager Hall of Fame** was held on April 27, 2019 honoring Willie Siebel, Mark Upward, Anne Roche, Dwight Iverson & Mike Schurrer. **VHS Athletic News:** Junior Wrestler Josh Anglin became a two-time reigning champ in wrestling this season (junior year at 138/sophomore year at 126) and the Outstanding Wrestler the past two years. VHS bowlers have combined with the Yankton team and together went on to win the 2019 State Bowling Championship! The VHS Track & Field teams opened their 2019 season at the Outdoor Edition of the Dan Lennon at the USD Lillibridge Track Complex. Several of VHS athletes have been qualifying for the State Track Meet.

Music Boosters: Rhythm in Red jammed out at the Coyote Jazz Festival in March and came home with 1st Place in Class A! Congratulations!

VHS Drama: Won the State Superior Play Award at the 2019 South Dakota State One-Act Competition in Aberdeen. A group of VHS Drama students will travel to Edinburgh, Scotland this summer to perform, by invitation, at the largest theatre festival in the world. Support from family, friends and VHS alumni have been greatly appreciated.

Vermillion PTO: The Vermillion PTO has been involved in a number of annual activities, such as Scholastic Book Fair, Fun Run and the Vermillion PTO Carnival. These fund-raising activities benefit the schools in many ways. A particular benefit is through mini-grants to teachers and to buildings, which totaled \$3,500 over the last year. We appreciate the PTO's hard work!