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**Message from President Jim Moran:**

As we look back on the past few months and forward to the next year, we see a bright future for our Foundation as we support the work of the Vermillion schools. We continue to expand our role helping school groups fundraise, such as the Libraries Fund, the Arts Education Fund or the Music Education fund, to better our educational opportunities for students. Our purpose is to benefit the education of Vermillion P-12 public school students and, over the past few months, we have helped support the Robotics club, equipment for the Music Department, reading and arts programming.

To meet our goals and assure our long-term viability, we must align our efforts and priorities with those of the school board. Towards that end, we will begin a strategic planning process in January. We will ask various groups to provide feedback and help us in this process. We ask that, if asked, you help us craft the future of the VPSF.

Thanks to all who support our schools through the Foundation – our children thank you.



**VPS Foundation Current Projects**

The Athletic Booster Club has substantially completed the refurbishing of the Veterans Sports Complex. The new grandstand, with coaches' box, and a new PA/sound system have been installed. The concession stand, picnic tables, and fence along the track are also complete.



Prior upgrades

included a new track, new turf and irrigation and a new scoreboard. On the "To Do List" is more concrete for sidewalks and driveway, grading, seeding and tree removal. The Booster Club sends "special thanks to all our partners, booster club members and community who made this a reality."

**Groups Under the VPS Foundation Umbrella**

Vermillion Area Robotics Club (VARC) \* Vermillion Athletic Boosters \* Vermillion High School Soccer  
Vermillion High School Tennis \* Vermillion Middle School STEM \* Vermillion Music Boosters \* Vermillion PTO



**Spotlight on VHS.** Garret Olson, a VHS '10 grad, has returned to Vermillion High School as the new band director. He mainly plays the trombone, but, given time, Garret says he could probably work up a song on any other band instrument. Garret was drawn to music education because he loves the ability of music to appeal to everyone and bridge gaps between people. He enjoys seeing students snap to attention and engage in something they enjoy. Garret believes music education has many benefits and life connections. The challenge music presents to students to explore a wide range of emotions necessary to play music well is an important goal that Garret enjoys helping his students achieve. Another of Garret's many goals for VHS band is to create an experience for students that will sustain their enthusiasm for music throughout their lives. Garret believes VHS is a great place for students because of the tremendous outpouring of support from the community and staff at VHS who are intent on seeing the students succeed in life.



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**An Invitation to VHS Alumni**—If your class is planning a reunion, we invite you to consider a class gift to the Vermillion Public Schools Foundation (VPSF) to benefit students in the Vermillion Schools. Your gift will enhance the students' educational experience in so many ways. A number of Class Gifts have been received, such as: gifts for elementary teacher professional development; gifts establishing post-secondary scholarships; and gifts to improve the VHS athletic facilities. Your gifts are important and appreciated. For more information on how to make a gift, please contact the district office at 605-670-7000.



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## VERMILLION PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION



### **Accomplishments by Vermillion Booster Groups:**

**Athletic Booster Club:** The Vermillion Athletic Boosters completed the grandstand and coaches' boxes at the Veterans Sports Complex (more in newsletter). The Athletic Booster's Inaugural Golf Fundraiser, held on May 19, 2018, raised \$2,500 towards the sports complex. The Winning Team consisted of Nick Olson, Amber and Jon Brooks, and Tyler Brown. The VHS Boys Cross-Country team won State Runner Up this October.

**Vermillion Area Robotics Club:** The Vermillion High School Robotics Team won Tournament Champion for Robot Skills at tournaments in Groton, SD and Omaha, NE this past October. Their Robot Skills (driver and programming) score, posted in Omaha, has them placed 9th in the World!

**Music Boosters:** The Pride of Vermillion Marching Band took home several awards at the 2018 Quad State Competition: First place in Group IVA; Caption Award for Best Music; and Caption Award for Best Overall Effect.

**VHS Educational Trips:** Two educational trips for VHS students are planned for Summer 2019. VHS Drama students were selected to perform in Edinburgh, Scotland in August, 2019. Another group of VHS students will participate in a 10-day, four central European country tour to study WWII and the Holocaust. All are busy fundraising for their great learning adventures.

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