



**Please join us for a Front Porch Budget Informational Meeting
On February 17th
At 5:30p.m. in the Garner Rix Room**

College and Career Update

Important Upcoming Dates:

FAFSA

FAFSA information needs to be completed soon. Deadlines vary by individual colleges. Check with your college bound student to determine when your specific deadlines are.

Spring AP Testing Information

I will be sending home AP Testing information with your child in the upcoming week detailing dates and fees. Please check with your student and call the guidance office if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Spring SAT Dates

We recommend that students take SAT's during the spring of their junior year. Testing dates are March 14th, May 2nd and June 6th. For more information and registration go to www.collegeboard.org.

Parents of Senior Students

Local scholarship information and applications are beginning to filter in. We will be putting all of this information on our website within the guidance section under the scholarship tab. Please check weekly for updated information. We will also be emailing this information directly to students. Please contact us if you have any scholarship questions.

NO SKI RUNNERS ON 2/20, NEXT FRIDAY:

Please note that the program will not happen next Friday due to President's Weekend. There are three more dates - 2/13, 2/27 and 3/13. Thanks.

Free Week of Summer Camp:

We have one more camp spot still open. If your child qualifies for free or reduced lunch and you would like him/her to attend a day or overnight camp please contact Jenny Lane (763 7740, ext. 208)

“Cancer Awareness Day February 7th”

Thank You to everyone who took part in this special day. We are so grateful for all the volunteers and people who made crockpots of food and baked goodies.

It was the power of many from many different communities that made this event such a success.



**We will be donating nearly
\$1500 to Cancer Research**

**The South Royalton Booster Club
“Appreciates YOU”.....**

There are still T-shirts available for sale...\$10





February 9, 2015

Dear South Royalton School Parents,

223 South Windsor Street
South Royalton, VT 05068

Dean Stearns
Principal

Frank Romeo
Assistant Principal

Hannah Glass-McShinsky
Director of Guidance

Jessica Taplin
Athletic Director

Main Office:
802.763.7740

Fax: 802.763.3233

www.soroschool.org

Recently the parents and friends of South Royalton School have been working hard to rebuild a successful Project Graduation opportunity for this year's senior class. The generous support from the South Royalton school community will be paramount in making this year's Project Graduation a safe, drug and alcohol-free graduation celebration for our South Royalton School Seniors.

We are projecting that over 90% of our graduating seniors will participate in this fun-filled event. The success of Project Graduation is a direct result of the support from people just like you.

Any support you are able to offer will be greatly appreciated. We are in need of funds to offset the cost of games, activities, music, refreshments and prizes. If you are interested in contributing to this event and helping to secure a fun and safe graduation evening for our senior class, we would ask that you return the completed donation form, together with your check, as soon as possible payable to "South Royalton School" Please forward it to:

Thank you for your support to keep our students safe.

Sincerely,

Raina Robins
Senior Class Advisor



South Royalton School

Project Graduation for the South Royalton School senior class is under way. Parents, students and friends are working diligently on plans for this years 'substance free' graduation celebration to be held on June 13, 2015. With this in mind, we are reaching out to the community for cash donations and / or gifts for door and contest prizes. Please make your check payable to the South Royalton School. Please enclose your check along with this form and forward to:

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This acknowledges that _____
(contributors name)

is donating \$_____ as a gift to South Royalton School Project
Graduation 2015.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

AUDITIONS

**The South Royalton Junior
Players present**

GET SMART

**Spring Play
Grades 6, 7, 8**

**Thursday, March 5
6:00-8:00pm
SoRo Cafeteria**

**Please see Bonnie in the main
office for a permission slip.**

**Questions? Email Aaron Robinson
at sorotheatre@gmail.com**



February 9, 2015

Dear Middle School Parents & Guardians,

I am thrilled to announce this year's South Royalton Junior Players spring play, *Get Smart*, adapted by Christopher Sergel based on the television series created by Mel Brooks. It is a fun, light-hearted, 1960s spy comedy, and I am excited to work with the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students putting it together!

This year's auditions and rehearsals will take place Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 6:00-8:00pm (with a few dates running from 6:30-8:30pm). In years past, these rehearsals happened immediately after school, but due to scheduling conflicts, that time period is not possible for this show. Students will need to go home when the school day concludes, be dropped off for the 6:00 rehearsal, and picked up at 8:00. Additionally, students will only be required to attend rehearsals for the scenes in which they appear, as will be noted on a detailed schedule after the show is cast.

Below is a list of the major dates. We will not have rehearsal over April vacation:

March 5	Auditions
March 10	First Rehearsal
April 27	Monday Rehearsal
May 1	Friday Rehearsal (if needed, TBD)
May 4	Tech/Dress Rehearsal
May 5	Dress Rehearsal
May 6	In-School Performance for grades K-8
May 7-8	Public Performances

A permission slip is attached. Please have your student return this slip to the main office by Wednesday, March 4 if they'd like to participate. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me by email at sorotheatre@gmail.com. I'm looking forward to getting started!

Sincerely,

Aaron Robinson
Director, South Royalton Junior Players

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South Royalton Junior Players
Spring Play

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*Rehearsals will be Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
mostly from 6:00-8:00pm

Please save the top of this form for your information.

Please fill this portion out and return to the main office by Wednesday,
March 4.

I give my child, _____, permission to audition for and participate in the South Royalton Junior Players' spring play, *Get Smart*. I understand that my child will need to go home at the end of the school day and return to school for the evening rehearsals.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Primary Email Address

The Upper Valley Cinderella Project

Free prom gowns & accessories
for local high school girls

Spring

2015 Season

Opens: Wednesday, March 4

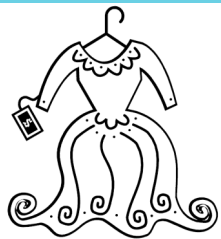
Closes: Saturday, May 9

Saturdays: 10am – 2pm

Wednesdays: 5:30pm – 8pm

**Please contact us if you have
gowns to donate!**

400+
dresses in stock!



New Location!

241 South Main Street, White River Junction,
VT (across from Big Fatty's and Elixir)

For more information contact: Wendy at 802-296-2625,
wendywindurk@hotmail.com or visit us on Facebook at UpperValleyCinderellaProject

6:30 pm

Monday,

February 16th

Royal Café



Rescheduled!

Royalton Music Boosters (RMB) wants YOU!

Do you love music? Have students in the chorus and/or band?

We'd love to hear from you! Come to a meeting or just stay in touch.

Laurie mldeballou@aol.com

Sharon sharon.oconnor@gmail.com

Meetings: 6:30pm, 2nd Monday of every month

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RMB: a parent and community group Boosting Music in SoRo

ROYALLY FUNNY

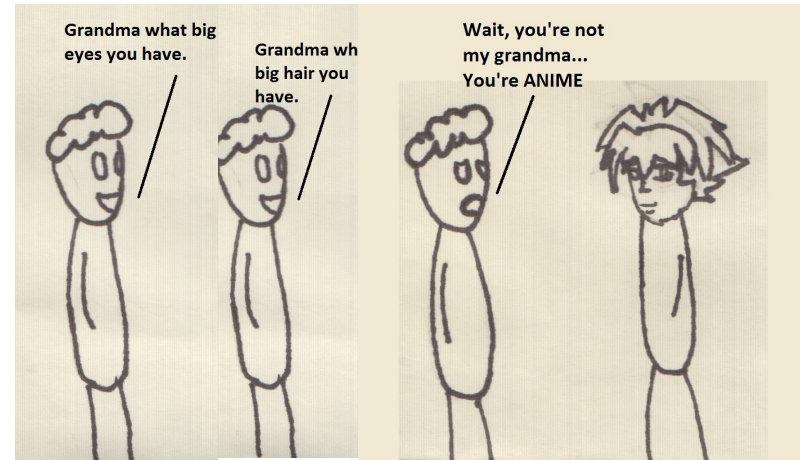
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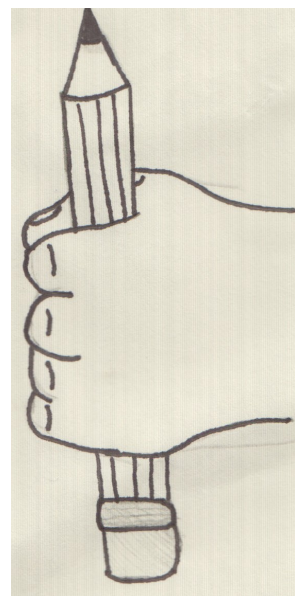
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"Rebellion was coming to the South like cream cheese on an English muffin."

- Mr. Crossman



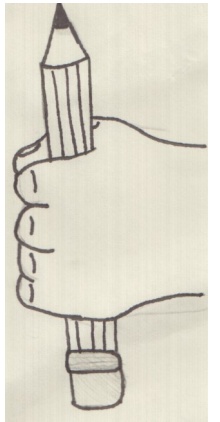
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For at least four weeks, high school classes will be able to partake in our own student soup day!

During all lunch periods, you can go down to the Garner Rix room with your own bowl (we'll provide the spoons) and try the great kinds of soup your fellow classmates make.

The following schedule lists which Fridays each class is allowed to get soup:

1/23- Freshman	2/6- Juniors
1/30- Sophomores	2/13 Seniors

If you want to share your own delicious soup on one of the Fridays, then talk to one of the editors.

SOUP DAYYYY!

FIELD TRIP!

Who: Grades 9-12

What: To go see the movie "Selma"



"A chronicle of Martin Luther King's campaign to secure equal voting rights via an epic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965."

When: Tuesday, February 10th, 2015

Where: Randolph Playhouse

Student Cost: \$0

Supported by Student Council and Principal Stearns

SAVE THE DATE!

SoRo's Got Talent!

Friday, March 6, 2015

@ 7:30 pm

We're bringing back the annual Student Council TALENT SHOW!

A fun night of variety acts of all ages.

Talk to Emily or email her at eballou@soroschool.org if you are interested in participating. Sign-up sheets are posted outside of the cafeteria on the Student Council Board.

Limited spots available! Sign up by March 4th.

Opinion Editorials

Individual students letting their voices be heard.

Op-Ed: A Raisin in the Sun Ending

By Phoenix Russell

Walter entered into the new house, followed closely by Ruth, Travis, Beneatha and Mama.

“We made it” Walter said enthusiastically. He dropped the duffel bag he had been carrying, and began helping the movers with the belongings.

There had been an air of happiness and excitement for the first two days. Then things began. The neighbors, who seems kind a first, began leaving horrible letters in their mailbox. Some people even threatened Walter as he got groceries.

Finally Walter had enough. “Listen up” he said as he walked into his living room, where Beneatha and Ruth were sitting. “We need to find a way to end this. I’ve had enough of this. These people need to learn we are not moving. We are not backing down from this.”

“Walter” Ruth said quietly “I’m afraid for Travis.” She looked up from her lap. “I don’t want to have to be afraid every time he goes outside.” He looked directly at Walter, and her expression changed. It looked like a calm determination, with a hint of anger. This look, was motherly love, a want to protect her child. “You do what you have to” she said simply.

Walter was walking down the street, when he smelled a strange scent. *Smoke!* He said silently. He looked in the sky and located its source. He broke into a run, until he could hear the flames, the people, and the store wasting away in the inferno.

“Help, she is inside!” a woman screamed, as she was being dragged away by a fireman. Walter rushed through an opening in the flames, where he immediately heard the cries of a little girl. He looked until he saw the girl, curled up next to the produce stand. He picked her up, and ran to the door as fast as he could. He winced as flames licked at his bare forearms, and burned the bottom of his pants. He used his jacket to shield the girl from the fire. When he had made it out of the building, he laid the girl down a safe distance away. The paramedics were there in an instant. What happened next was a blur. Then Walter glanced over at the girl and her mother, and for the first time realized their color.

More colored folks?! We aren’t the only ones here?

The woman glanced at him, her expression clearly indicating she thought the same thing.

Five days passed. Five days of sitting in bed, telling his wife all about the fire, and the girl and mother. On the sixth day he was out and about, arm in arm with Ruth. She had insisted on going out with him, even though Walter advised against it. This day, however, he was looking for something. He was looking for the mother of the girl he saved. He ignored the dirty looks the whites gave him, even the pebble that was thrown. Finally he saw her, out on her lawn. She lived on the edge of the park. She greeted them with warmth. Walter smiled as he crossed her threshold. *We are not alone.* He thought to himself. His smile grew bigger.

Drama

Auditions have once again come and gone, and the cast for our spring musical has been selected! April 9-11th we will be performing the show “Working”.

Congratulations to all who auditioned!

Sports

South Royalton's sports teams are in the middle of some very exciting seasons. The Varsity basketball team is 5-4. Having beaten the number one Division 3 school, Winooski, confidence is high. The JV boys team is 1-4, with a strong win against BMU. The Varsity girls are 2-9, with wins against BMU and Chelsea. The JV girls are 2-5, but very many close and exciting games. The bowling team has many high ranking players, with Robert Ingham 5th in the state! Unfortunately the team dropped one rank at their first home game. The Nordic Ski Team has had a few races with very strong returning varsity skiers Emily Ballou and Sarah Dunkle, and new middle school team members. As the seasons progress, we hope that all of our teams will continue to succeed.

Op-Ed: The Hobo

By Andréa Liuzzi

In my next life I will be a cat. I’m sure of it. But I don’t like it, because I would like to be a plant. I often think about how the power of nature is incredible. How a tree is incredible: it always will try to survive any kind of condition that the world and human could challenge it.

That’s why, when I was thirteen, I started to need to be alone, to forget to be still a human.

I went to the park. The day was cold. I was alone.

Time passed. He approached. A dog. A big black dog was running towards me.

I was scared. I tried to stay calm, but I was scared.

He stopped a few feet from me. His owner was quick to call him. He was an old homeless man. He was urinating in a bin and he approached to calm the dog down. He told me I should not be afraid of animals, ‘cause it’s people that hurt with bombs.

The two moved together. Without turning back. Without saying goodbye. I never saw either again.

For a few days I thought that it wasn’t a real meeting. I used my theory of the non-existence to imagine the appearance of all the people, the houses, the streets and everything only when I watch them. Nothing real exists. It does according to me.

The hobo and the dog were in the same theory, and sometimes I would like to disappear as them when they went out of my view.

I would like to imagine that homeless man goes around from park to park singing and whistling with his dog.

“ I have seen the sun setting,

I have watched it rise,

I have slept in a lot of places,

I have seen so much things, a lot more than you!”

But I can’t, because they don’t exist.



SOUTH ROYALTON SCHOOL VEHICLE IDLING STUDY

Last October, Bill Goldsworthy's Idle-Free Team conducted a vehicle idling study and collected idling data for five days at the school pick up area.

THE FINDINGS:

Total vehicles observed: 688

Total vehicles idling: 498 (72%)

Total hours of idling: 7.31

Amount of fuel consumed: 3.15 gallons/five days; 0.63 gallons/per day average

Amount of fuel consumed annually (est.) - based on 180 day school year: 141.7 gallons

Amount of CO₂ emissions annually (est.) - based on 180 day school year: 2,784 pounds

VEHICLE IDLING: SOME FACTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Idling negatively impacts air quality and our health. It can cause or exacerbate respiratory illnesses like asthma - children and the elderly are most vulnerable. And CO₂ emissions from vehicle exhaust contribute to climate change.

IDLING IN THE SCHOOL PICK UP LINE (ESPECIALLY IN WINTER): You're wearing winter clothing. Your car was warmed up before arriving. You can turn off the engine for a while. Bluetooth or other devices can be used in Accessory mode. If you arrive early or if your child is late, consider parking and going into the school to keep warm.

WARMING UP: The Dept. of Energy states, "*The best way to warm up a vehicle is to drive it. No more than 30 seconds of idling on winter days is needed.*" Driving gently is the best way to warm up, allowing the transmission, bearings, catalytic converter, steering, tires, etc. to warm up with the engine; they don't warm up when idling. Clear off snow and ice before starting. Caveats: if colder than 10 degrees, let it idle for one-three minutes as oil is thicker in extreme cold; defrosting must be adequate before driving; for infants and frail elderly, allow a few minutes of warm up.

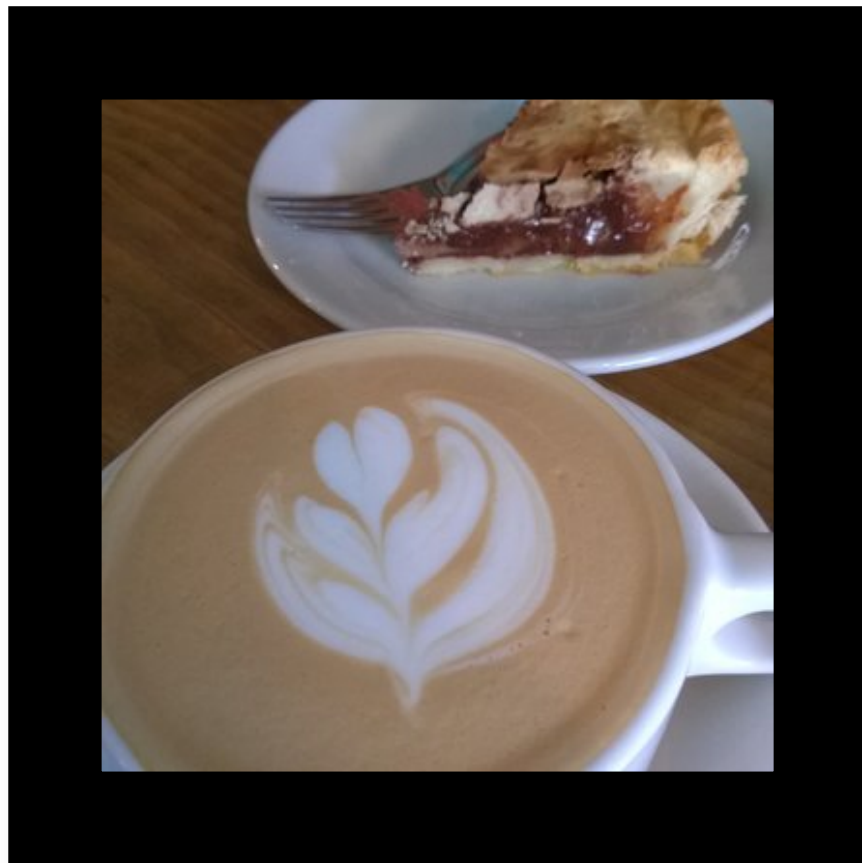
ENGINE WEAR: Modern fuel-injected engines do not need long warm up times. Excessive idling causes engine wear, creating carbon soot buildup and shortening the life of engine oil, spark plugs and exhaust system. Many auto manufacturers owner's manuals advise limiting idling.

LAW: Vermont law limits idling of vehicles to 5 minutes in any 60-minute period (with exceptions).

Turn your key and be idle-free – for the kids!

For more information on vehicle idling, visit: idlefreevt.org

Save the date!



RMB Coffeehouse

A South Royalton Musical Showcase

Friday, March 13, 2015

7pm

Royal Café

Come listen to the musical talents of our school and community.
Enjoy complimentary pie and coffee / tea!

Suggested donation at the door:

\$5/adult

\$2/senior

students free!

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Sponsored by Royalton Music Boosters (RMB), a parent and community group

The Marshall Tucker Band

Live In Concert

Friday, April 3, 2015

The Rusty Nail, Stowe, VT

8:00 PM



Tickets: \$40

For tickets or information please contact:

Weekdays: 802-763-2577 or 802-291-1310

Weeknights/weekends: 802-763-2514 or

802-291- 3949

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