

# VICKSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Summer School 2010

May, 6, 2010

Dear Parents,

Vicksburg Middle School is very pleased to offer a summer school program that is specifically designed for students who have not demonstrated academic success during the regular school year. Many students struggle in their academic core classes and VMS Summer School allows them an opportunity to "fill in the gaps" and dig into a deeper understanding of concepts that previously eluded them. Some key information for VMS Summer School:

- It is **FREE!**
- **Transportation is provided!**
- **Rewards and incentives are included!**
  - **15 DAYS—June 14th– July 2nd**
- **Breakfast and snack will be included!**

Classes will focus on the Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations of Language Arts and Mathematics. Each class will provide individualized instruction to meet each student's learning needs. Sessions are held from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Fridays. VMS Summer school dates are, **June 14<sup>th</sup> -July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010**. Our expectation is that all students enrolled in VMS Summer School will attend **ALL 15** days. Please note that transportation **WILL** be provided to all VMS Summer School participants.

To participate in the program, students will need to be identified by their academic core teachers and/or recommended by parents. Because we are currently limited to **40 participants**, priority will be given to those students who have expended effort throughout the school year but continue to be unsuccessful. Second priority will be given to those students who have met promotion criteria but would like assistance improving competency levels. We will be accepting incoming 6th graders, 7th graders, 8th graders as well as students who will be entering 9th grade in the fall.

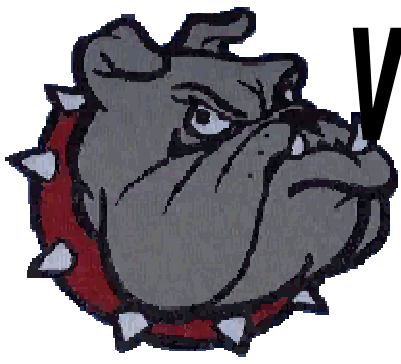
Students who are identified by their core teachers will be contacted by letter in mid- May. Any other students who are interested in participating in VMS Summer School are also more than welcome to apply. Whether identified by the school or recommended by a parent, all potential candidates need to fill out a **COMMITMENT FORM** and return it to the office. Commitment Forms can be obtained in the VMS office or on the VMS Website: [www.vicksburgcommunityschools.org](http://www.vicksburgcommunityschools.org). Click on the Vicksburg Middle School tab and scroll down to locate the Commitment Form under VMS Summer School information. Fill out the form and return it to the office. Forms must be returned no later than **Friday, May 28, 2010**.

The Summer School staff is comprised of experienced middle and elementary school educators who have a passion for students of this unique age. Each member of the Summer School staff is 100% dedicated to helping your child succeed. Someone is always on hand to answer any questions you may have about the program.

If you have any questions please call the VMS office at (269) 321-1300 or the Summer School Coordinator, Stephanie Mallery @ (269) 321-1313. You may also e-mail any questions to [smallery@vicksburg.k12.mi.us](mailto:smallery@vicksburg.k12.mi.us).

Can't wait to see you in summer school!

Stephanie Mallery



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### **VMS Summer School Goals**

Students will labor on specific language arts and mathematics objectives to prove competency for promotion. Students will work to attain mastery of specific concepts and benchmarks that they did not master during the course of the regular school year.

### **VMS Summer School Mission Statement**

VMS Summer School will strive to encourage students to open their minds for learning, allow them the courage to question, and the confidence to behave respectfully. Our goal is to increase proficiency in academics, social skills, and work ethics.

### **Summer School Contacts:**

**VMS Phone Number:** 321-1300

**VMS Fax Number:** 321-1355

**Principal Greg Tibbetts:** 321-1360

**Asst. Principal Laura Kuhlman:** 321-1361

**Stephanie Mallery**

**VMS Summer School Coordinator:** 321-1313

**E-mail:** [smallery@vicksburg.k12.mi.us](mailto:smallery@vicksburg.k12.mi.us)

**Other District Numbers:**

**VAB:** 321-1000

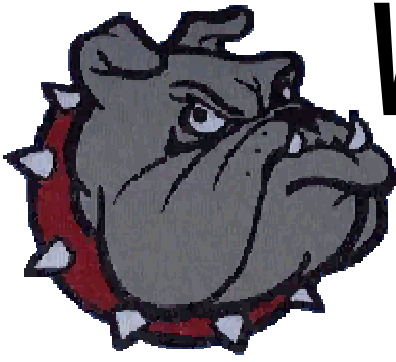
**VCS Transportation:** 321-1070

**Vicksburg High School:** 321-1100

**Indian Lake Elementary:** 321-1400

**Sunset Lake Elementary:** 321-1500

**Tobey Elementary:** 321-1600



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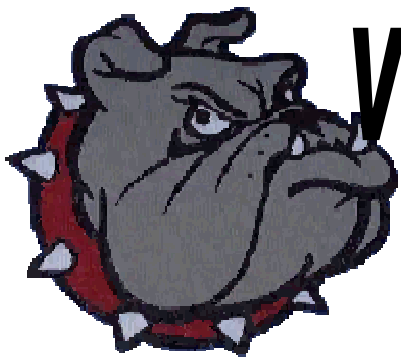
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## Daily Schedule

Each student's day is comprised of two sessions of one hour and forty-five minutes. All students will have 15 minutes in the morning for breakfast and a 15 minute break for a snack. Students will attend one session of mathematics and one session of language arts instruction. A SAMPLE schedule is provided below:

|             |                       |
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| 8:30-8:45   | Arrival and Breakfast |
| 8:45-10:30  | Session 1             |
| 10:30-10:45 | Break and Snack       |
| 10:45-12:30 | Session 2             |
| 12:30       | Dismissal             |

**\*\*Please note that students will be dismissed at 11:30 on Fridays.**

## Transportation

Transportation will be provided to all students participating in VMS Summer School. You will be receiving a letter from VCS Transportation Department with more detailed times and instructions. All transportation rules and policies still apply for the three weeks of summer school.

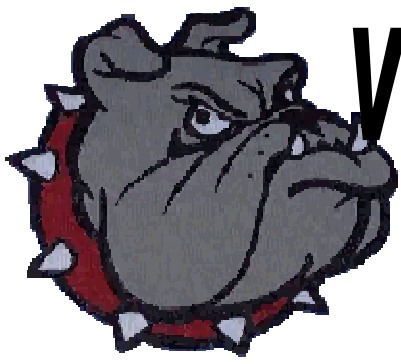
## Dress Code Policy

The dress code is EXACTLY the same as it is in the regular school year. There are no exception to the following VCS policy:

Students are expected to use good judgment when dressing for school. Their appearance should be neat and clean, in good taste, and not disruptive to the educational process. The following items are inappropriate:

- Clothing depiction drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or sexually suggestive wording/pictures
- Spandex pants, shorts, tops
- Halter tops or half shirts
- Visible undergarments
- Shorts and skirts must be at least fingertip in length
- Shoulder straps on tank tops at least 2" wide.

It should be noted that hats, including bandanna, are permitted only under specified conditions: hat days, for medical purposes, spirit days, etc. If a student arrives at school dressed inappropriately and is unable to correct the problem, an administrator will phone the student's parent/guardian to request that appropriate clothing be brought to school. The student will not be allowed to return to class until acceptably dressed.



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## Student Conduct

Students are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly and courteous manner, respecting the rights and property of others at all times. The observance of school rules, particularly the display of respect for staff and other students, is expected at all times. The following behaviors help assure students success in meeting these expectations:

1. Be on time and have necessary materials.
2. Walk in the halls.
3. Use respectful language.
4. Do not bring any food or beverages to school (water is allowed in appropriate containers).
5. There is not excuse to leave the classroom, ever. A 15 minute break will be granted in between sessions.
6. Leave the building promptly at 12:30. No lingering in the hallways.
7. Refrain from public displays of affection
8. Cell phones, radios, CD players and other electronic games are not to be brought to school for any reason.
9. Class participation is expected at ALL times.

## Attendance Policy

There are currently only 15 days of summer school (three weeks). All students must attend every day of summer school. Please plan vacations, camps, and other appointments outside of summer school hours. **THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS AN EXCUSED ABSENCE.** Each absence is considered a strike.

## Three Strikes and You're Out

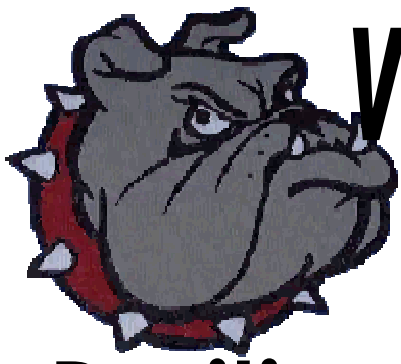
Due to the incredibly small amount of time and the enormous amount of curriculum and subject matter to cover, a strict discipline policy is in place. The purpose of this policy is to allow the students in summer school to maximize their effort and participation. The only way to achieve such a positive classroom environment is to create an atmosphere free of distractions. Therefore, students who choose to not follow any of the student conduct items above are subject to a strike. Any combination of three strikes will result in probable dismissal from the program. Here are some ways to earn strikes:

1. BEHAVIOR - It must be appropriate, respectful, and cooperative. The third offense will result in probable dismissal.

2. DAILY ATTENDANCE— ALL students must come to school every single day. The third day will place the student in review and probable dismissal.

\*There are no "excused" absences.

3. COMBINATION - Any combination of behavior or attendance issues totaling three instances will result in probable dismissal.



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## Positive Reinforcement

We strongly believe in positively reinforcing the accomplishments of those who are able to complete the program. Students who have accumulated zero strikes during the 15 days of VMS Summer School will be eligible for 6 available gift cards.

### Attendance

\$50  
\$25  
\$25

### Behavior

\$50  
\$25  
\$25

**\*\*Students names will be placed in a drawing and randomly selected on the final day of the program.**

## Homework and Grading

All work done in summer school stays at school. Therefore, there is **NO HOMEWORK** issued in summer school. Students are individually assessed on progress and completion of the individualized curriculum created. Therefore, there are **NO GRADES** issued in summer school. Students either successfully complete the program or they do not successfully complete the program.

## Process for Enrolling In Summer School

There are several different ways to apply for a spot on the summer school roster. All possible avenues should share one common factor: the student's core teachers should be consulted. All teachers are required to submit reports to the district about which benchmarks each student has mastered and not mastered. Each student's core teacher (math, science, social studies, language arts) will have the best information in which to make a recommendation whether a student would benefit from the summer school program.

Here are the different ways a student may apply for a spot on the summer school roster:

- A parent or guardian may acquire a commitment form from the office or summer school coordinator, fill it out completely, and turn it in to the office by May 28, 2010.
- A parent or guardian may contact the summer school coordinator and request the information be mailed. The commitment form must be filled out and returned by May 28, 2010.
- A student may be recommended by his/her core teachers and request a commitment form be mailed to the individual's parent/guardian. This usually occurs by mid-May. The parent/guardian needs to then fill out The commitment form and return it to the school no later than May 28, 2010.

Once a student has a completed commitment form turned in to the summer school coordinator, the prioritization process begins. VMS Summer School only accepts approximately 40 candidates every year. Class sizes must be capped to achieve the individualized curriculum that is the cornerstone of summer school's success.



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Summer school candidates are separated into four categories of prioritization by the core teachers:

**1st Priority Students** - Students who are failing, not competent, but still give a significant effort in the classroom.

**2nd Priority Students** - Students who are barely passing, not competent, but still give a significant effort in the classroom.

**3rd Priority Students** - Students who are failing, not competent, and yet give no effort in the classroom.

**4th Priority Students** - Students who are failing, competent, and yet give no effort in the classroom.

When a student has been accepted into the program, a letter will be sent out from the summer school coordinator by the end of May to inform the students and families.