VIRGINIA STUDENT COUNCILS ASSOCIATION

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THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

In my humble opinion, this time of year is the greatest. It is a time to spend with family and friends, give thanks for all of our blessings, and truly see the good in others around us. It really isn't one day or holiday. It is a special time each year that we get to experience for several weeks.

It is also the time of year that many chose to give back to their community. Whether it is conducting a food drive, raising money for an organization, or providing toys for those in need, there is no better feeling than giving. The old saying goes "it is better to give than to receive". That is so true. The feeling that you get from helping others is better than the feeling you get from receiving any new pair of jeans or latest electronic device.

Thank you for modeling the way for those in your school and community. You ARE making a difference!

Andrea Vail

VSCA Director

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The Amazing Race
Woodbridge H.S., Advisory Committee

On October 19th, the senior class of Woodbridge Senior High School participated in their third annual Amazing Race, a scavenger hunt race set in Washington D.C. This year, the hosts of the game, Student Council's Special Events Team, set out to achieve their goal of including as many seniors in the tradition as possible. To reach this goal, they created two competitive divisions, the Lincoln and the Capitol, and two non-competitive divisions, the Jefferson and the Smithsonian.

There were 23 total competitive teams, each comprised of eight students, which amasses to a total of 184 kids, and that's just in the competitive divisions. In the non-competitive divisions, there were 80 students between 17 teams, bringing an event total to 264 seniors.

To play the game, students and their teacher chaperone are given a set of clues that will take them all around the National Mall. These clues can be picture finds or questions that can be answered by visiting the spot. Phones are not allowed to be used, with the exception of the person taking the picture and the one "call a friend" lifeline permitted. The whole group must stay together the entire duration of the race, and all pictures had to be posted by 3 pm that day on Instagram with the hashtag #wshsamazingrace2017. All the while, teams are trying to complete the hunt as quickly as possible, as time is a determining factor to break a tie.

The students of the Class of 2017 Special Events Team worked hard to make this event the success it was. The Amazing Race was first implemented in 2015, and since its inception has grown into one of the most beloved traditions at Woodbridge Senior High School. We can only hope that next year will be bigger and better than any race yet!

THE ULTIMATE MEASURE OF A MAN IS NOT WHERE HE STANDS
IN MOMENTS OF COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE
BUT WHERE HE STANDS AT TIMES
CHALLENGE
CONTROVE

AMAZINGRACE
CLASS
OF

SPIN IT
2
WIN IT
GIANNA
NICK
ALLY
SPINDLER
ODELL GRANT
KYAH
SAFI

Trick or Treat
By: Liberty High School
Region 5 Representative

October 31st was a busy day for the Liberty High School Student Council. The day began with our "TP" the principal's office event for charity. Each homeroom was asked to bring in toilet paper, in its original wrapping, by Halloween morning. The homeroom that donated the most rolls would win donuts and juice from the S.C.A. When our new assistant principal, Mr. Wilson, was out of his office on October 31st, the call went out for all toilet paper to be brought to his office. Student volunteers then went to work "decorating". When Mr. Wilson returned, he was quite surprised! He was a good sport, however, and posed for photos. All toilet paper was later donated to the Bedford Community Christmas Station.

Another event held on Halloween was Trick-or-Treat for canned goods. Students, many dressed in costume, went door-to-door in Bedford and asked people to support the Bedford Community Christmas Station by donating canned goods. "Trick-or-Treat so others may eat" was the slogan on hand outs that were given to donors. By the end of the evening, three wagon loads of food had been collected!

Update from OCHS
By: Orange County High School Region 4 Representative

Orange County High School hosted its annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

The cafeteria was trimmed in white tablecloths and festive fall decor. The food was purchased, prepared & served by the SCA members.

Proceeds will benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and the Orange Senior Center. A Silent Auction was also held. It raised $500.00 for a scholarship to be given to a graduating senior in the name of a former teacher who passed away this past summer.

Other November Activities:
Orange County High School VSCA Advisory Committee Members, Michael Jamerson and Lauren Alston, volunteered as Election pages at one of the Orange polling locations.

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Upcoming Events

12.03.16—

Regional Workshop—2

12.10.16—

Regional Workshop—1, 4

1.21.16—

VSCA Advisory Committee Meeting

Save the Date

2017 VSCA State Convention
March 24 – 26, 2017
Renaissance Norfolk-Portsmouth Waterfront Hotel