

Vinalhaven School News Letter

September 12, 2025



Dear Vinalhaven Families,

We've had a wonderful week at Vinalhaven School! Students have settled into established routines, and teachers are getting to know their classes while sparking lots of new learning. As principal, I am impressed every day with the professionalism of our staff and the great things happening in classrooms across the building. Most of all, I continue to be amazed by our students—they are truly remarkable.

This week we also held our Open House on Tuesday, and it was fantastic to see so many of you here. Over 150 people attended, and many enjoyed the amazing brownie sundaes prepared by our talented kitchen staff—it was a wonderful community event. For me personally, it was a pleasure to meet the parents of our amazing students.

Our new Yondr pouches for grades 6–12 have already made a positive impact by greatly reducing phone-related disruptions, allowing students to stay more engaged in learning and with one another. Outside the classroom, all of our soccer teams are shining—Boys Varsity, Girls Varsity, and Busline. They are not only competing well but also demonstrating **excellent sportsmanship**, which makes us proud as a school community.

Thank you for your continued support as we build a strong and successful school year together.

Warm regards,
Jon Millett

Important Dates

September 13. Varsity Girls Soccer	Away vs Rangeley	12:00 PM
September 13 Varsity Boys Soccer	Away vs Rangeley	1:30 PM
September 14 Art 2	Away@Haystack	4:30 PM
September 15 Busline Soccer	Home vs. Bristol	2:45 PM
September 17 Busline Soccer.	Away. vs Boothbay	1:00 PM
September 17 Art 2	Return from Haystack	4:30 PM
September 17 Katahdin Meeting	Grade 8 Trip	5:00 PM
September 17 School Board Meeting		6:00. PM
September 18 Varsity Girls Soccer	home vs. Wiscasset	11:00 AM
September 18 Varsity Boys Soccer	home vs. Wiscasset	12:30 PM

In the NEWS

The school continues converting all it's lights to LED which will make the school a lot brighter and reduce the Cost of lighting less. The contractors made great progress this week, the hallways and spaces that have been converted are much brighter.

Next week, we are excited to welcome a literacy consultant who will be working with both staff and students. This is a great opportunity to strengthen our literacy practices and support student growth in reading and writing.

Haystack Experience Vinalhaven's Art 2 class will be attending Haystack Mountain School of Crafts on Deer Isle–Stonington. During this special opportunity, students will spend the day in the Fiber Studio, learning directly from a professional fiber artist. Through hands-on, experiential learning, students will explore new techniques, experiment with materials, and gain a deeper understanding of fiber arts as both a craft and a form of creative expression. This immersive experience will allow students to learn in a professional studio setting while being inspired by the artistic community at Haystack.



Senior Spot Light

Caption

Eli Short is new to the island. He recently moved here from Pennsylvania and Kentucky to live with his Aunt, Uncle and Cousins. Eli worked all summer with his uncle at Island Excavations and plans to follow his uncle's footsteps when he graduates. Welcome ELI!

From the Vinalhaven School Kitchen: September's menu and lots of healthy food



Fresh Vegetables from The Island served to our students.