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## September Calendar

1: NO SCHOOL! Labor Day.

4: Soccer Game @ Irasburg

4: Parents' Club Meeting in the CVS Library, 6:30-7:30 p.m. All parents are encouraged to come and

9: Soccer Game @ Orleans

11: Home Soccer Game vs. Barton

16: Soccer Game @ Barton

17: CVS Board Meeting in the CVS Library, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Community members are welcome to attend.

18: Home Soccer Game vs. Brownington

23: Home Soccer Game vs. Glover

25: Home Soccer Game vs. Albany

30: Home Soccer Game vs. Irasburg

*Please note: sports schedules are sometimes subject to change.*

## Team building for Grades 5-8



**Accepting the challenge:** Jason Brueck of Siskin Ecological Adventures helps middle school students prepare to climb the rock wall.

CVS middle school teachers and students, along with Mr. Baughman, traveled to the Coutts-Moriarty Camp in Derby to participate in challenging team-building activities led by Siskin Ecological Adventures.

Students scaled a climbing wall, swung on a trapeze, built small catapults and completed a study of animal skulls. They also learned, from a canoe, how to perform a rescue of other students whose canoe had capsized.

"Coventry students really got out of their comfort zones," said Mr. Baughman. "They challenged themselves to overcome fears and support one another."

## Python Post Subscriptions

CVS Parents/Guardians automatically receive a newsletter each month.

Community members may request a free subscription.

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**RESPECTFUL. RESPONSIBLE. READY TO LEARN.**

## Old Stone House Museum Field Trip

Last spring, when he was in fourth grade, Robbie Bowman went to the Old Stone House Museum with his class and wrote the following report.

The fourth grade went to the Old Stone House. It was one of our field trips. We went to learn more about local Vermont History.

We visited the forge. The forge is a blacksmith shop. The blacksmith made a hook and a nail. The hook was cool. The hook had a lot of twists in it. The blacksmith

made a hole on the hook. We tried to put the nail through the hole in the hook. The blacksmith was cool.

We went in the Old Stone House. Coventry had its own room with tools in it. There was also a picture of a woman and a baby. The baby died. The artist painted over the baby so the woman wouldn't be sad. If you look at it on an angle you can still see the baby. The Old Stone House was interesting.

We also made cupcakes. The

**Stay tuned for a possible Old Stone House field trip later this fall!**

ingredients were butter, sugar, flour, and eggs. Its called 1,2, 3, 4. It is made from one cup of butter, 2 cups of sugar, 3 cups of flour, and 4 eggs. It takes 20 minutes to cook it. The cupcakes were good.

I learned that a guy named Alexander Twilight built the Old Stone House. I think the fourth grade had a good time. The Old Stone House was a great field trip.

**Written by Robbie Bowman (Grade 5); Contributed by Jaime Comtois**

## Soccer Season Begins!



Soccer signups are now complete. Any 5th - 8th grader who signed up to play soccer this season has been placed on the team. A friendly reminder: game playing priority does go to the 7th and 8th graders.

Our soccer coaches are Jana Lovejoy and Dan Prue, returning for their second year of coaching the CVS team!

### Stay connected with CVS!

- "Like" our Facebook page
- Bookmark our website: <http://cvs.ncsuvt.org>. Our online calendar, staff directory, and newsletter, school board, and activity pages have been updated for the 2014-15 school year.
- Consider joining Parents' Club! 1-hour meetings take place the first Thursday of each month in the school library.

## New Middle School Homework Policy

*Excerpted from the CVS Student Handbook:*

To support student success and build in some accountability for work completion, we have created a homework policy for Grades 5-8. We fully believe that students only fail when we allow them to; this policy is one of the ways we want to support students.

Students should receive more work and be challenged with greater independence as they get older. The homework limit for each grade per night is as follows: 50 minutes for 5th grade, 60 minutes for 6th grade, 70 minutes for 7th grade, and 80 minutes for 8th grade. Please keep in mind, however, that these numbers are *limits*, not daily expectations. Teachers will use five minutes of their weekly Team Time meeting to share homework assignments with one another so that they can find a balance in work load for your child.

If assignments are turned in late, students will receive either full or close to full credit.

After one missed assignment, students will be mandated to attend Homework Club within one day of the missed work.

Students will be given one opportunity to retake a test or quiz to meet competency of 80%; teachers will make sure students are given resources (time/materials) to prepare for the retakes. Students with disabilities will be accommodated.

### Introducing PowerSchool

**PowerSchool**  
Student / Parent Login

Middle School teachers will input assignments into Powerschool **within 24 hours** of giving them to students, and will grade assignments **within one week** of receiving them. ***Your PowerSchool login information is coming soon!***

We will communicate with you **within 24 hours** when your student has not met performance standards or has not done his or her homework.