

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK FROM AREA HIGH SCHOOLS

Vergennes Union High School

Josh Goff

Vergennes Union High School is excited to announce that Josh Goff is its latest Student of the Week. He lives in Ferrisburgh with his mom.

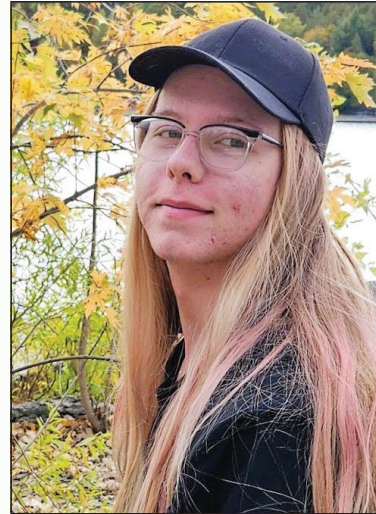
Josh enjoys learning and spending time with peers at school. He has taken advantage of the many music and theater opportunities available. His favorite class has been A.R.T. at the Hannaford Career Center. As an 11th-grader, he took the acting class, and this year he is taking the tech class. He's also enjoyed math with Ms. Kayhart, specifically the content and structure of the class and the ability to learn interesting concepts like trigonometry.

Josh participated in rowing as a 9th-grader and enjoyed the connections he made there, but decided to eventually focus on music and theater. He has played the trumpet since 4th grade, and has been a member of the school band ever since. He is a member of the VUHS Jazz Band and Marching Band. Josh's teachers share that he has been shining in the Music Department by writing his own compositions and pushing himself to take on multiple solos. He has also been active in the VUHS GSA over the years.

Outside of school, Josh works at the Commodore Club supporting younger students after school and during the summer. He notes that it's a place where the community can come together to have fun and he loves his boss, Martha DeGraaf. When not at school or the Commodore Club, Josh likes to hang out with friends and make music. He writes his own music and releases it online through SoundCloud, Spotify, and YouTube Music. He also says that he enjoys making his friends smile and has been told he's pretty funny.

Josh's advice to younger students is, "Choose kindness. Listen to and respect other people. Take criticism as a learning experience and a chance to get better."

After high school, Josh plans to enter the workforce, looking forward to having more flexibility with his time and exploring his options. We wish him all the best!



Josh Goff
VUHS

Middlebury Union High School

Grace Ritter

Middlebury Union High School is proud to recognize senior Grace Ritter as its Student of the Week. Grace moved to Cornwall five years ago and lives with her parents, Andrew and Kate, her younger sister Adeline, who is a sophomore at MUHS, and their two dogs, CJ and Iris.

Reflecting on her time at MUHS, Grace shared that she genuinely enjoys school. She values engaging class discussions and appreciates learning alongside her peers, hearing a wide range of perspectives and ideas. She noted that while math was once a challenge, she has grown more confident and now finds enjoyment in the subject. One of her favorite classes has been Global Politics, where she enjoys learning about different countries and current world events. Grace also expressed deep appreciation for her teachers, highlighting Mr. Krahn for making his classes especially engaging and Mr. Wilkerson for bringing energy and fun to TA.

Grace's academic achievements include earning High Honor Roll recognition, as well as receiving the Community Service Award and the RYLA Award.

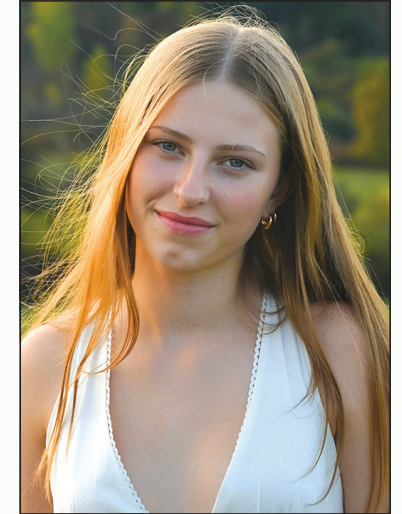
Outside the classroom, Grace has been a dedicated athlete, playing on the volleyball team all four years and helping lead the team to a state championship this year. She also plays tennis. Among her extracurricular activities, SCOHR stands out as her favorite club, where she serves as Co-President and participates in numerous volunteer efforts. She enjoys the meaningful discussions within the group and values its impact on the community. Grace is also involved in MiddMinds and the Peer Leaders Club.

Her commitment to service extends beyond school. Grace has worked at Vermont State Parks during the summers and has volunteered at Mary Hogan Elementary School, the Polar Express event, and on a service trip to Puerto Rico.

In her free time, Grace enjoys yoga, watercolor painting, and reading. She especially loves the summer months, when she can spend time outdoors hiking and swimming.

Grace credits her leadership experiences, particularly through SCOHR and team athletics, with helping her develop important skills, such as listening to others' ideas and working collaboratively to make a positive impact. Her advice to underclassmen is simple but meaningful: "Make use of the resources, teachers and environment here at Middlebury. There are great people who really care about you and want you to do well."

In the fall, Grace plans to attend Duke University, where she intends to major in International Comparative Studies or Psychology. Middlebury Union High School congratulates Grace on her many accomplishments and wishes her continued success throughout her senior year and beyond.



Grace Ritter
MUHS

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