



Victoria High School Archives & Museum

Founded 1975

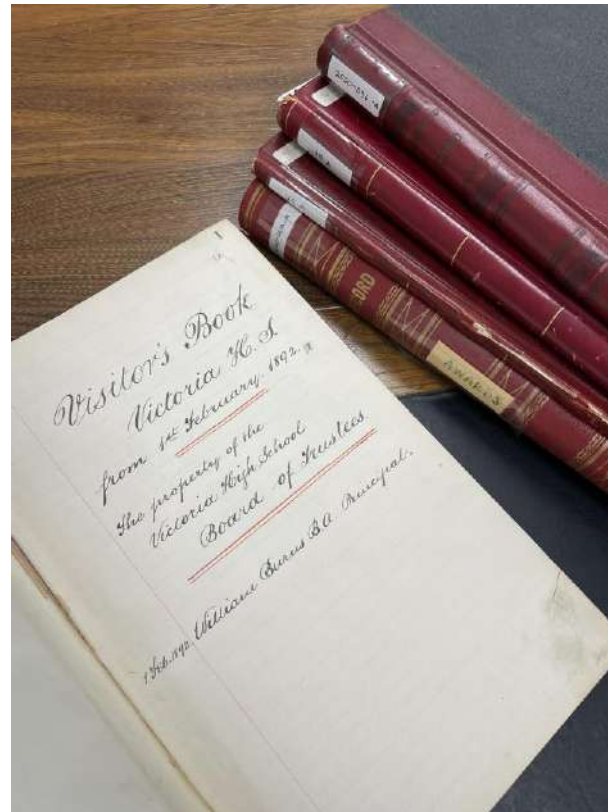
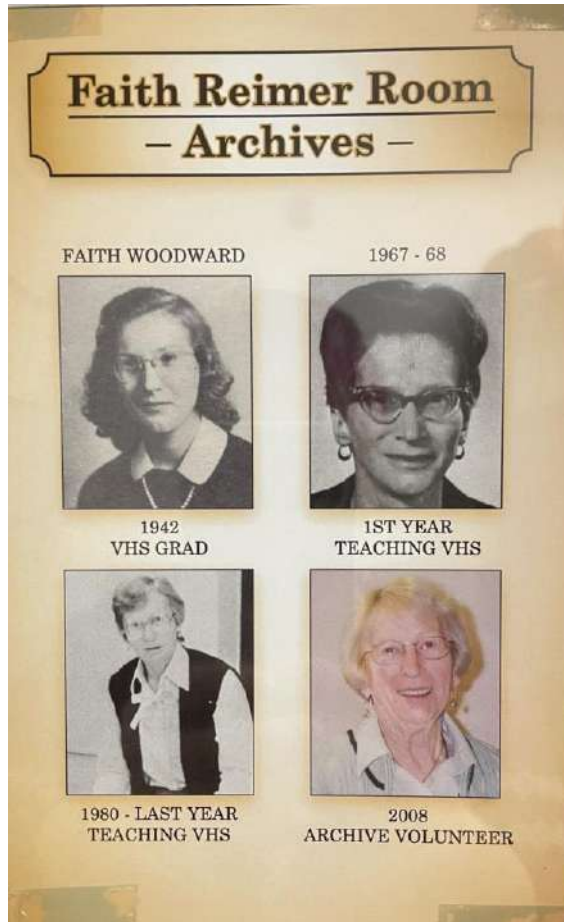
Funded and managed by the Vic High Alumni Association

Victoria High School...oldest public high school west of Manitoba



- Founded 1876 in a log cabin on the grounds of Central School
- Moved 1914 to its fourth and current building in Fernwood
- 1950s addition of second gym and large arts classrooms
- 2012 addition of new technical shops, replacing 1940s Fairey Tech building
- 2023 seismic upgrade and expansion, adding community centre, performance and meeting space, library – a skillful blend of Vic High heritage and modern teaching and activity spaces
- Archives & Museum, Room 123, is in a high-traffic hallway. Additional items are stored in a heated, dry basement storage room.

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- Faith Reimer taught Social Studies at Vic High. To prepare for the school's 100th anniversary, Principal Duncan Lorimer asked Faith to set up the Vic High Archives.
- She was relieved of teaching duties every afternoon to gather and accession artifacts and documents found in the school, entering items in a simple ledger.
- Faith continued volunteering in the Archives after she retired, and was thrilled when the Archives room was named after her.
- The Vic High Alumni funds equipment and archival supplies and its volunteers manage the collections.

Volunteers

- Hundreds of volunteers have helped preserve Vic High's history
- They accession, restore photos, create displays, conduct research, respond to inquiries, write stories
- Most iconic artifact Great War Banner Donated 1920 to commemorate staff and students who served WW I. Now replicated 1/2 size to hang in 1914 auditorium. 30' original too fragile.
- Alumni funds support several current projects to bring Vic High's heritage alive in the school



Students' 11 Alumni History Panels now hang

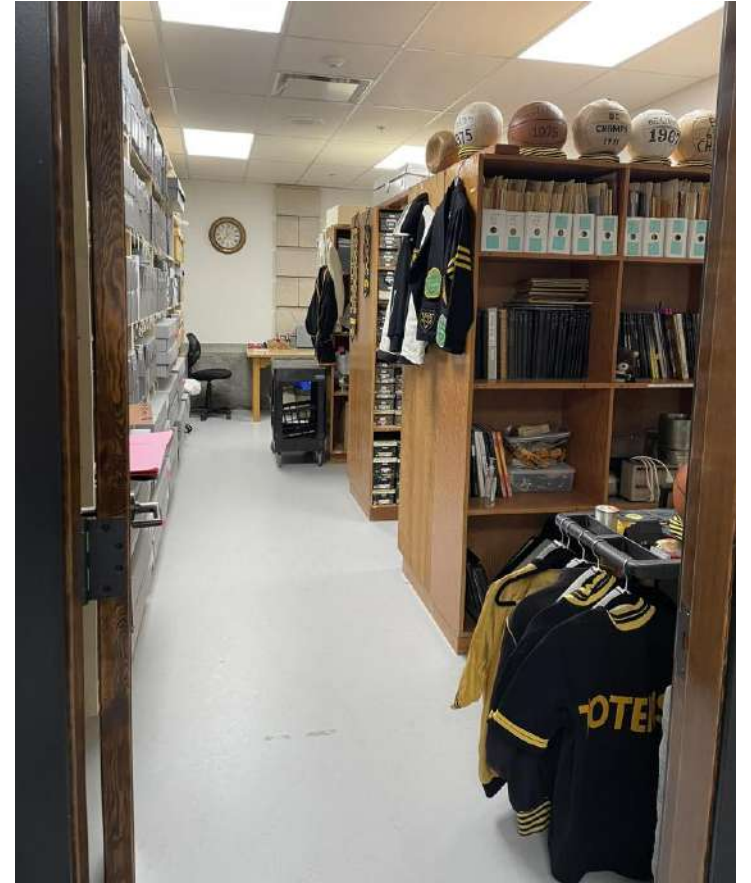




1914 Desk & Classroom
Storage Unit



Trophy Case, Map Storage Unit
for Oversize Items



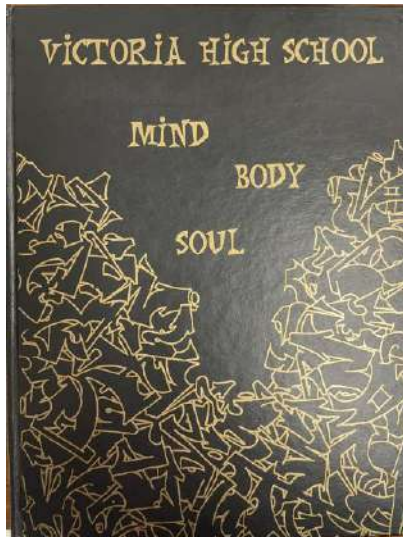
Faith Reimer
Collections Room

Accessioning

- Manual log to record # and general info
- Original Accession Record in acid-free sleeve stays with item
- Copy filed in large binders – 15 so far!
- Alumni volunteers work here but mostly operate virtually

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Accession Record

ACCESSION # 2024-80-D-1 D-3 ACCESOR J. Meyer DATE Oct. 4 2024
DOCUMENT TYPE 1944 Grad Banner - 50" - 21" PHOTO TYPE Colour Photo - P-2
ARTIFACT TYPE Book BOOK TYPE ARTICLE ON NORMA MICKELSON
TEXTILE TYPE _____ AV TYPE _____
SUBJECT(S) _____
YEAR(S) 1944 NAME(S) NORMA Mickelson
MULTIPLE NAMES DOCUMENTED _____
COMMENTS Banner - 1944 - 1944 - 50" - 21" - Document I - D-1
Photo of Norma Mickelson - old 2022 P-1 2
Photography - Article - "Leading The Way!" - Norma Mickelson 03
Reference Photo - 1944 Grad Photo.
CONDITION OF ITEM(S) _____ DIGITIZED _____
DONOR NAME Norma Mickelson PHONE _____
DONOR EMAIL _____ DIED OF GIFT _____
DATE ITEM(S) RECEIVED 11/18
ADDITIONAL INFO _____
CREATOR/ACCUMULATOR/PROVINANCE
NAME Norma Mickelson (Accessed) PHONE _____
EMAIL _____



Collections



Custom shelves. Large textile boxes on bottom



Research copies of Camosun Yearbooks



Student registration cards
1916 - 1986

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Attendance Records, Exam Results, Fashion Shows ++

Trophy Project – Cleaning, De-Accessioning, Repairing

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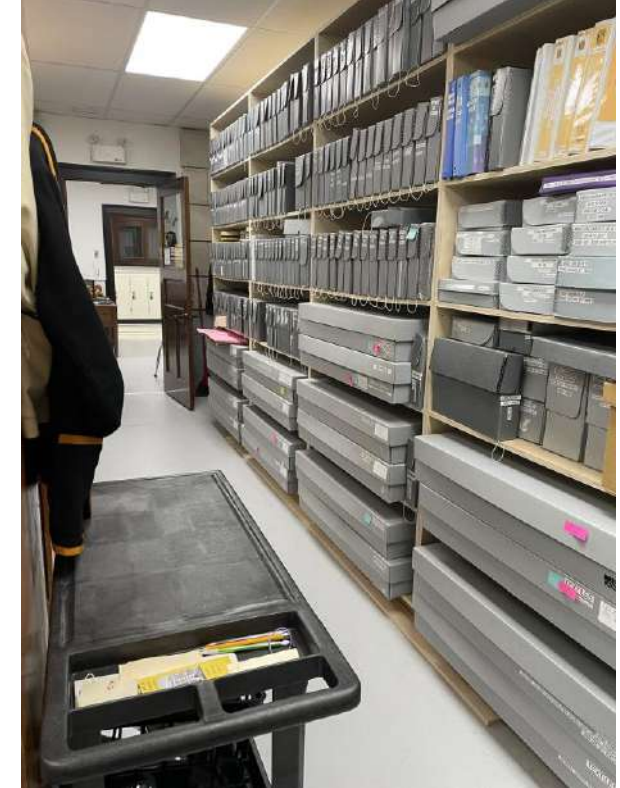
Workspace – oak chair,
original external granite
& porcelain tile finishes



Preservation Camosuns



Assorted artifacts



Industrial trolleys –
these get used a lot!

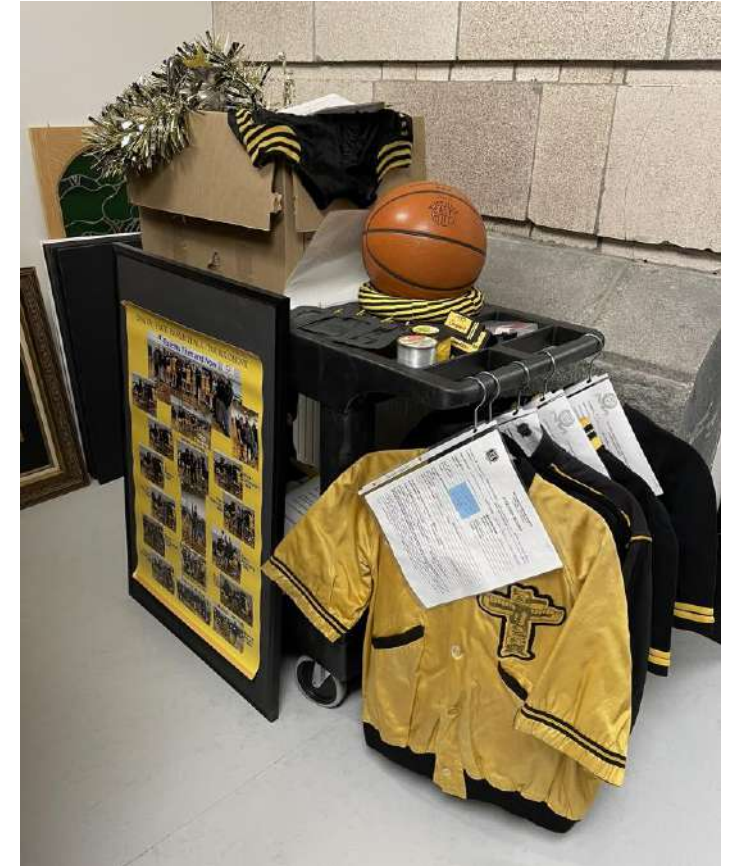
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Old band uniforms



Popular varsity jacket,
Vic High sweater with patches



Basketball display items –
waiting for their moment in
the spotlight.

Displays



Science Floor Display
- Physics, Chemistry,
Biology
- Created by students
Aldous Valour and
Sam Lilas

Chart at back, one of
many hand-drawn by
much-loved teacher
Reg Hammond.



Displays



Archives Storage



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Prepared by Linda Baker, VHS 1969

Vic High Alumni Volunteer

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