



Vertus

HIGH SCHOOL

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Month at a Glance

June 2021

Academics/Character/Career

- Our first annual Community Opportunities Fair was a great success. We had over forty vendors, including colleges, community organizations, military branches, and several employers. This was an excellent opportunity for our students and students from University Prep and Eugenio Maria de Hostas and open to community members. In addition, Channel 10 and 13 were present to interview staff and students. The story aired on both stations and was a great way to get Vertus some positive coverage in the media.
- Our Optics students took a field trip to the Corning Museum of Glass to see examples of what they spent the semester learning about in action. The museum also has a new program called Corning's technician pipeline program (TPP). Candidates selected for the TPP receive a **full scholarship** covering tuition, books, and fees **PLUS a \$30K annual salary (worth a combined \$40,000 / yr.)**. They complete an AAS degree in a technology field. Upon completion of the degree, they convert to a full-time technician role with Corning Incorporated. One of our fourth-year students is applying for this program with Mrs. Prabhat's (our science teacher) guidance.
- The last day of in-person school is Wednesday, the 16th. We will return to school for the summer session on July 7th. The summer session will run Monday through Thursday until August 12th.
- The baseball club participated in community service, doing a "clean sweep" of the Humboldt Street neighborhood. After all their hard work, they attended a Red Wings Game as a team. For several, it was their first time at Red Wings stadium. Although they had to forfeit their season, they stuck with the club and ended the year with a club vs. staff game this past Friday.
- Graduation will be Tuesday, June 22nd at 5:00 pm at Martin Luther King Jr. Park. Our Valedictorian, Jesus Henriquez, and Salutatorian, Jose Batista, will speak at the ceremony.

Finance/Operations/Compliance

- We will host our mid-term audit with Mengal Metzger Barr on June 16th and 17th. DKB will be taking the lead on this along with the school leader. Our annual audit will be held sometime in early September.
- The proposed 2021-2022 annual budget will be presented for approval at the Board meeting.
- We were recently notified that we received a \$10,000 grant from the Wegman Foundation for our Career Programs.