



Month at a Glance

August 2021

Academics/Character/Career

- The summer session wrapped up on August 11. We rounded out the summer by picking our first harvest from our own Vertus garden. Our students sponsored our 5th annual Blood Drive. Representatives from Harris completed the STEM class they have been teaching throughout the summer. Students visited five area colleges and two different job sites. All in all, it has been a productive and engaging summer for the students.
- Planning for the Fall is well underway. Students will be returning to the building five days a week, with a remote option only available for students with a documented medical condition. Labs and classrooms have been set up to meet the new social distancing guideline of three feet, but the remainder of our other protocols will remain the same.
- On top of the new Optics Photography class, we will be offering AP Chemistry for the first time in the Fall. We are continually looking at our academic program to be sure we are meeting the needs of all of our students.
- We will again be offering barbering and construction and investigating ways to make a comprehensive sequence for these trade classes, including a math class geared towards the trades.
- Our mural arts class has almost completed their summer project, which is situated outside of the cafeteria doors:



The picture here does not do it justice.

Finance/Operations/Compliance

- We have hired nine new staff members that have been training and receiving staff development over the summer months.

- Our Annual Audit begins on August 23. DKB will be working with Mengle, Metzger, and Barr to present all the necessary documentation as requested.
- Paperwork has been submitted for Vertus to receive United Way donor designation status.
- The first sections of our Annual Report were submitted, and the remainder of the financial reports are not due until November 1, 2021.
- Building preparations for the Fall include cleaning and waxing of classroom floors, completing any room painting that is on our facilities rotation, and maximizing the space that we have with some small construction projects done with the help of Gallina Development.