



Vertus

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Month at a Glance

March 2022

Academics/Character/Career

- We have rescheduled our annual Blazer Ceremony for Saturday, March 26th at Noon. We, of course, re-extend the initial invitation that we shared with you and would love to see you there, if possible.
- Family Night, on March 3rd, was well attended with a 46% attendance rate for the evening. This is a 10-12% increase over our past family nights. Preceptors will continue to meet with those families that could not attend that evening, and we expect to have over 90% participation by the end of this week.
- The annual staff survey was administered, and results will be shared with the Board at our April meeting.
- In line with our organizational values, specifically “We are responsible for our knowledge and development,” four of the leaders attended the National ESEA Conference. Between ourselves, we heard over 20 different sessions and discussed what we learned and how we could use that information to plan for the upcoming school year. Trips like this also validate the reality that there is no other school just like Vertus. We returned from the conference with reinforcement that we are doing great things and others could learn from us.
- Save the Date: Graduation is scheduled for June 17th at 6:00 pm at Bethel Christian Fellowship located at 321 East Ave.
- Something new we are trying this year is a Senior Banquet. This event is part of an effort to create rituals and experiences for our students similar to district schools’ offerings.
- We are celebrating Womens’ History month by celebrating the women that work in the building. Students interviewed each woman staff member and presented them at the morning meeting. Not only is it a great way to show appreciation to our female staff, but it also builds relationships and allows students to work on their presentation skills.

Finance/Operations/Compliance

- Our new grant proposal for the Wegman Foundation has made it through to the next round. I will be meeting with one of their Board members for an evaluation within the next week and before their next funder meeting. We have also been notified that our Greater Rochester Health Foundation application will be moved forward for Board determination. I met with their representatives on the 11th to review the proposed grant budget and answer any questions they had.
- The CO/Smoke detectors to our Fire Detection System needs replacement. The total cost is estimated to be \$11,650. **UPDATE:** Evan is currently working on contacting the landlord to ensure that this is not a cost we incur.