



Vertus

HIGH SCHOOL

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Month at a Glance October 2021

Academics/Character/Career

- **NWEA** baseline data for our incoming students are included with the Board materials. Our students' mean score is at the 5th grade level for both reading and math, with significantly more students scoring below average on the math portion of the test. We have purchased an intervention program called Achieve 3000 for use in both math and reading. The program interfaces with NWEA so that our AIS staff can target specific skill gaps.
- Our first family night will be on November 17th from 3:30 pm- 6:30 pm. We will be hosting a financial aid presentation and a parent support meeting on mental, social, and ecotonal health, along with our regular academic progress conferences. Please feel free to stop by and visit with our families.
- Our inagural football season is drawing to a close. The team is currently 3-1 with their last game against Wilson scehduled for Monday the 18th at 6:00 pm. The program's success has generated school spirit and the interest in football amongst the newest students bodes well for next year, when we move up to the Varsity level.
- Planning for the Vertus Blazer Ceremony has begun The ceremony will be held on December 11th. Be sure to mark your calendars and save the date.
- We currently have 119 students enrolled in programs with an eye toaward developing career skills. Those programs include Wegmans Work Scholarship, Future Ready, Construction, Barbering, Music Production, Optics, and L3Harris Robotics. We continue to assess the need for other programs and classes that will appeal to our students and help them be prepared to enter the workforce in a field that will provide them not only a living wage, but a career.

Finance/Operations/Compliance

- We have been approved for donor designation by the United Way. Anyone wanting to donate should specify Vertus Charter School, Donor Agency #3403 on their pledge form as the recipient of their gift.
- The Finance Committee met with Mengel, Metzger & Barr to review the audit, which was clean. The Committee members will report out during the Board meeting.
- A check-in meeting was held with Grants 4 Good and a plan for upcoming asks has been generated. Currently grants will be written and submitted to Key Bank, ESL, and the Greater Rochester Health Foundation prior to the end of this year. They have also added the Daisy Marquee Jones Foundation to our matrix and are exploring options for a grant with that organization.