



# Vertus

## HIGH SCHOOL

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### Month at a Glance November 2021

#### Academics/Character/Career

- Our first family night will be on November 18<sup>th</sup> 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. There will be a table set up for Board members, and your ID badges are ready.
- Planning for the Vertus Blazer Ceremony has begun. The ceremony will be held on December 11<sup>th</sup>. We are very excited to announce that Regent Wade Norwood will be our speaker for the event.
- We continue to provide opportunities for our students to give back to their community. Several students recently participated in community service with the North Winton Neighborhood Association. Our Capstone class students have also taken over the running of the Brothers Keeper Community Cupboard and are busy making Thanksgiving baskets for our own families.
- We will host a Thanksgiving dinner for our students on the last day before break as an opportunity for students and staff to celebrate the season and give thanks together.
- The violence in the RCSD schools and the city itself has prompted us to be proactive even though we are not experiencing significant issues. Mr. Bennett, our Director of Student Success, started our own in-house student safety patrol. During transitions, these students act as brothers keepers and encourage proper hallway behavior and swift movement to class and lab. The initiative has been well received. We are also holding regular but random bag checks to ensure student safety.

#### Finance/Operations/Compliance

- We continue to submit grants and have just sent one to ESL and are completing one for Key Bank. I met with Greater Rochester Health to determine how to best craft an LOI, and hopefully, we will be invited to submit a grant to fund our mental health support initiative. Our McGowen grant should be brought before their board this month as well.
- We currently have received pledges for \$2,500 for the senior Cohort incentive program, which we will roll out after the holidays. Thank you to everyone that donated.
- Our Annual Report financials were submitted, and that reporting is complete for this year. Next up, due on December 31<sup>st</sup> is our ESSA Financial Transparency Report.