



Vertus

HIGH SCHOOL

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Month at a Glance

December 2021

Academics/Character/Career

- We have reached a 90% participation rate for our first family night and follow-up conferences, ahead of our annual goal.
- Using an abundance of caution, in line with what we did last year, and due to the uptick in positive COVID cases after the Thanksgiving holiday, we will be going remote for the week of January 3-7th. Making the week remote will build in a quarantine period after the Christmas holiday and keep the health and safety of our staff and students our top priority.
- We will have our first Regents administration since January 2020 at the end of next month. Due to the exemptions from the past year, there will be a limited number of students testing. We will use this as an opportunity for our third and fourth years to get reacquainted to the testing environment and the tests themselves.
- School leadership has opted to administer the NWEA three times this year instead of two. The data we get from the test, which will be administered for the second time in January, will help us track students in need of interventions and target the areas of need.
- The week following the Regents exams is our intersession week. We use this time to ensure students are placed in the correct classes for the second semester and provide students an opportunity to decompress by participating in different activities not typically scheduled.
- Basketball season and Indoor track season are off to a good start. We have approximately 55 students, or 20%, participating in winter sports this year. Game schedules can be found at <https://vertus.rschooteams.com>
- The NCAA has approved our academic program and all of courses. This means that students may graduate from Vertus and have their coursework eligible for Division I, II and III college athletics.

Finance/Operations/Compliance

- We did receive a grant award from the McGowen Foundation for \$10,000. We also received an \$8,000 grant award from the Wilmott Foundation. We were also notified recently that we have received a \$30,000 grant from ESL.
- Our Brothers Keeper Community Cupboard has received another \$5,000 donation from the Perinton Food Pantry. We have had so much success in keeping our cupboard stocked we were able to help out School 19 and Anthony Hall's neighborhood initiative by providing them with food for their families.
- Dutch Summers donated all the tools originally purchased for the building trades program to Vertus.