



Vertus HIGH SCHOOL

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Month at a Glance

April 2022

Academics/Character/Career

- Save the Date: Graduation is scheduled for June 17th at 6:00 pm at Bethel Christian Fellowship located at 321 East Ave.
- We had our highest attendance of the year for the month of March. Unfortunately, April is a short month. With the vacation and a week we spent dealing with a cyberattack that slowed our connectivity, our attendance is projected to dip significantly for the month.
- We are currently focused on planning for summer and the upcoming fall. Mr. Bennett will be sharing a recruitment presentation during our meeting. While getting students enrolled is our primary focus, we continue to assess our academic program and school culture to ensure student success. Serving all of our current students requires a variety of programs focused on closing academic gaps and offering challenging programs to prepare college-bound students. Making Vertus a school of choice for young men in Rochester requires a focus on programs of high interest. This balance has both budgetary and staffing implications.
- The baseball and outdoor track seasons have begun. After having no team last year, we have a robust 17-man roster this year. Our coach, Mr. Rice, put out a social media status asking for donations for the boys lacking gloves, cleats, and equipment. He got a fantastic response from the community, which resulted in us being able to donate to other programs as well.
- On May 4th at 4:30 pm, we will host our first-ever “Voices of Valor Chorus” concert. Also performing with be the chorus’ from SOTA and Greece Olympia. The Voices of Valor are made up of students in our acapella class and directed by our very own Samuel Oliver.

Finance/Operations/Compliance

- Our mid-term site visit will be on June 2nd and 3rd. All necessary documents have been completed and uploaded to the NYSED Charter portal. Our liaison, Susan Gibbons, will likely be requesting a meeting with the board members on June 2nd. Please save that date.
- I received notification on Friday that we were awarded the Greater Rochester Health Foundation grant for \$178,000 over three years for the mental health program for our students.
- Our interim audit is tentatively scheduled for the end of June, and the year-end audit for the end of August.

