



Weekly Update



12/10/23

Last Week



Weight Room Ribbon Cutting Ceremony!

We are excited to share the success of our recent Weight Room Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, which marked the unveiling of our brand-new strength and conditioning program at Vertus High School.

The ceremony was a momentous occasion that celebrated the launch of our enhanced athletic facilities and the introduction of our dynamic strength and conditioning program.

The support and enthusiasm from our community members, faculty, staff, and special guests were instrumental in making this ceremony a tremendous success. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to [mention any individuals, sponsors, or organizations] whose generosity and dedication made this initiative possible.

The introduction of our new strength and conditioning program reflects our ongoing commitment to building leaders of character. We are excited about the opportunities this program will provide to our student-athletes, helping them reach their full potential in both academics and athletics.



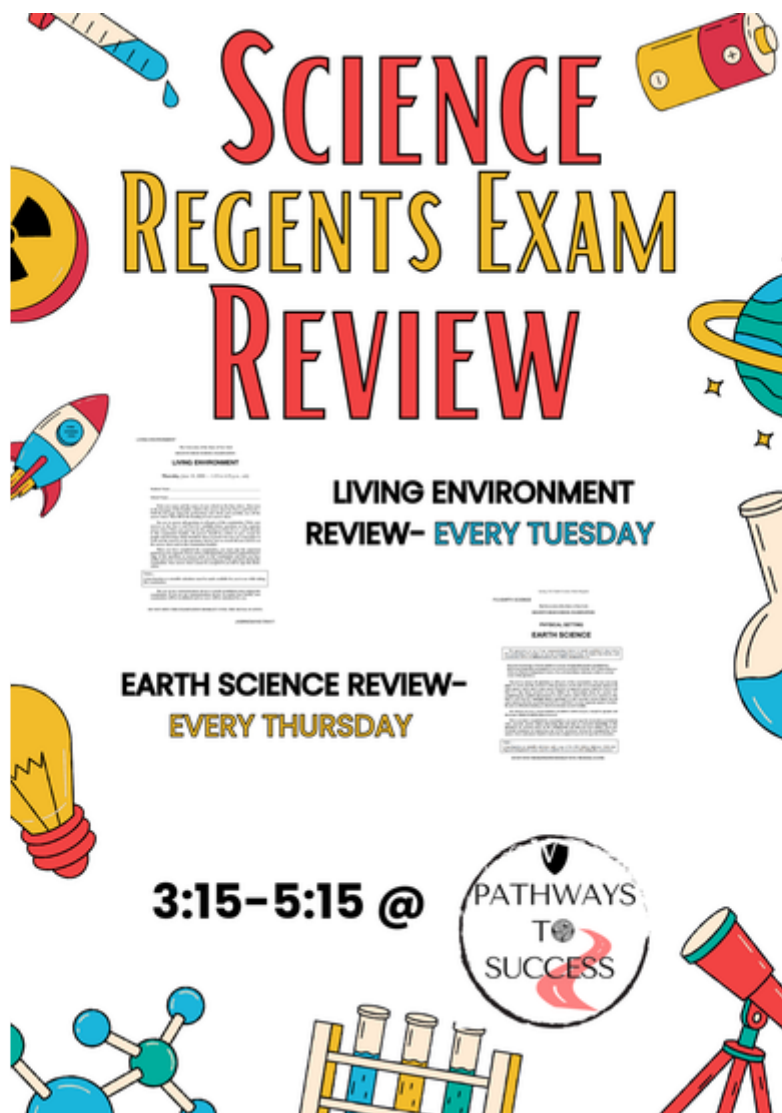
Staff Shout-out!

This weekend, Charter Champions recognized a teacher from each charter school in Rochester for the 1st time at the Charter School Oscars.

Please join me in extending our heartfelt congratulations to our very own Mr. D'Ambrosio for being selected for the Educator of the Year Award. His dedication and excellence serve as an inspiration to us all, reflecting the high standards of teaching and commitment to our student's success that we strive for at Vertus.



This Week!



Parent Support Workshop- 12/16

We are excited to invite you to a Parent Support Workshop focused on helping your son excel in school.

This workshop aims to provide you with valuable insights, strategies, and resources to support your child's academic journey. We understand the crucial role parents play in a student's success, and this session is designed to empower you with the tools you need to make a positive impact.

Topics will include effective study habits, communication with teachers, and fostering a conducive learning environment at home. Additionally, there will be an opportunity for open discussion and questions.

Your participation in this workshop is highly encouraged, as it will undoubtedly contribute to your child's educational progress.

Upcoming Events

Winter Celebration- 12/20

We are excited to invite you and your family to our upcoming Winter Celebration—an event filled with joy, live performances, delicious food, and exciting activities!

Vertus High School Presents

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 16TH | 10:00 AM**

RAISING LEADERS OF CHARACTER

Parent Support Workshop

Shawn Yarbrough
Family Engagement Coordinator

Presenters:

Dwayne Sneed
Attendance Officer
"Student Attendance: No Excuses!"

Shayon Ross
Blended Learning Coordinator
"Credit Recovery and E-Learning"

Scott Rogerson
Behavior Specialist
"Discipline vs. Consequences"

James Daniels
Social Worker
"You are not alone! Use your Resources!"

RSVP TO ATTEND: 585-491-4660
syarbrough@vertusschool.org

Light drinks and refreshments will be served

Exciting news! We'll be hosting a raffle for a chance to win a PlayStation 5! Join in for a thrilling opportunity to take home this fantastic prize.

This Winter Celebration is an excellent opportunity for our school community to come together, celebrate the season, and create unforgettable memories. We encourage you to join us for an evening filled with warmth, laughter, and merriment.

Your participation will add to the joy of this event, and we're looking forward to sharing this wonderful experience with you and your family.

Please mark your calendars and join us for a memorable Winter Celebration!



Reminders:

Attendance Matters

Each day of school presents invaluable opportunities for learning, growth, and social interaction. Here are several reasons why consistent attendance is crucial:

- **Academic Progress:** Regular attendance directly correlates with academic success. Being present in class ensures your son doesn't miss out on important lessons, discussions, and clarifications provided by teachers.
- **Building Foundations:** Each day builds upon the previous one. Consistent attendance allows your son to grasp concepts progressively, contributing to a solid foundation for future learning.
- **Active Engagement:** Active participation in classroom activities, discussions, and projects fosters deeper understanding and retention of information.
- **Social Development:** School is not just about academics; it's also a space for social interaction and skill-building. Regular attendance helps your son develop vital social skills, collaboration, and teamwork.
- **Habit Formation:** Consistent attendance establishes a habit of responsibility and discipline that will benefit your son throughout his life.

We understand that unforeseen circumstances may arise, impacting attendance. However, whenever possible, prioritizing regular school attendance greatly contributes to your son's overall success and well-being.

We are committed to supporting your child's educational journey, and we encourage open communication. If there are challenges affecting your son's attendance, please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we can explore ways to support him effectively.

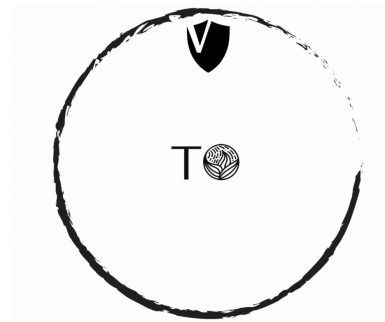
Student Pick-up

If you are picking your child up from school early, please call at least 15 minutes in advance before arriving. Parents can not pick students up after **2:45**. We are preparing for dismissal and cannot send students out after that time.



Pathways to Success

The "Pathways to Success" program is aimed at providing additional support and opportunities for your child's academic and character growth. PTS is a comprehensive support system designed to cater to the diverse learning needs of our students. It offers a range of services to help students excel in their in-person and online classes, as well as challenge themselves with advanced material for those looking to get ahead.



Pathways to Success is available every Tuesday/Thursday from 3:15- 5:15 p.m. and every Saturday from 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Students who stay and work can receive bus passes to get home, or parents can arrange rides.

No Excuses!

Need Transportation Options? RTS on Demand!

RTS On Demand is a ride-sharing mobility option in which ADA-accessible vehicles provide service on demand within On Demand Zones. Customers can request rides through the On Demand app, website, or by calling Customer Service.



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