



WEEKLY UPDATE



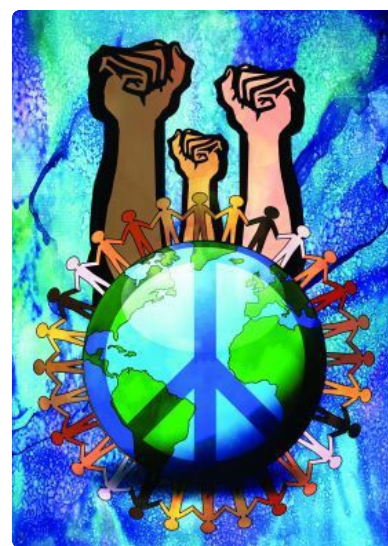
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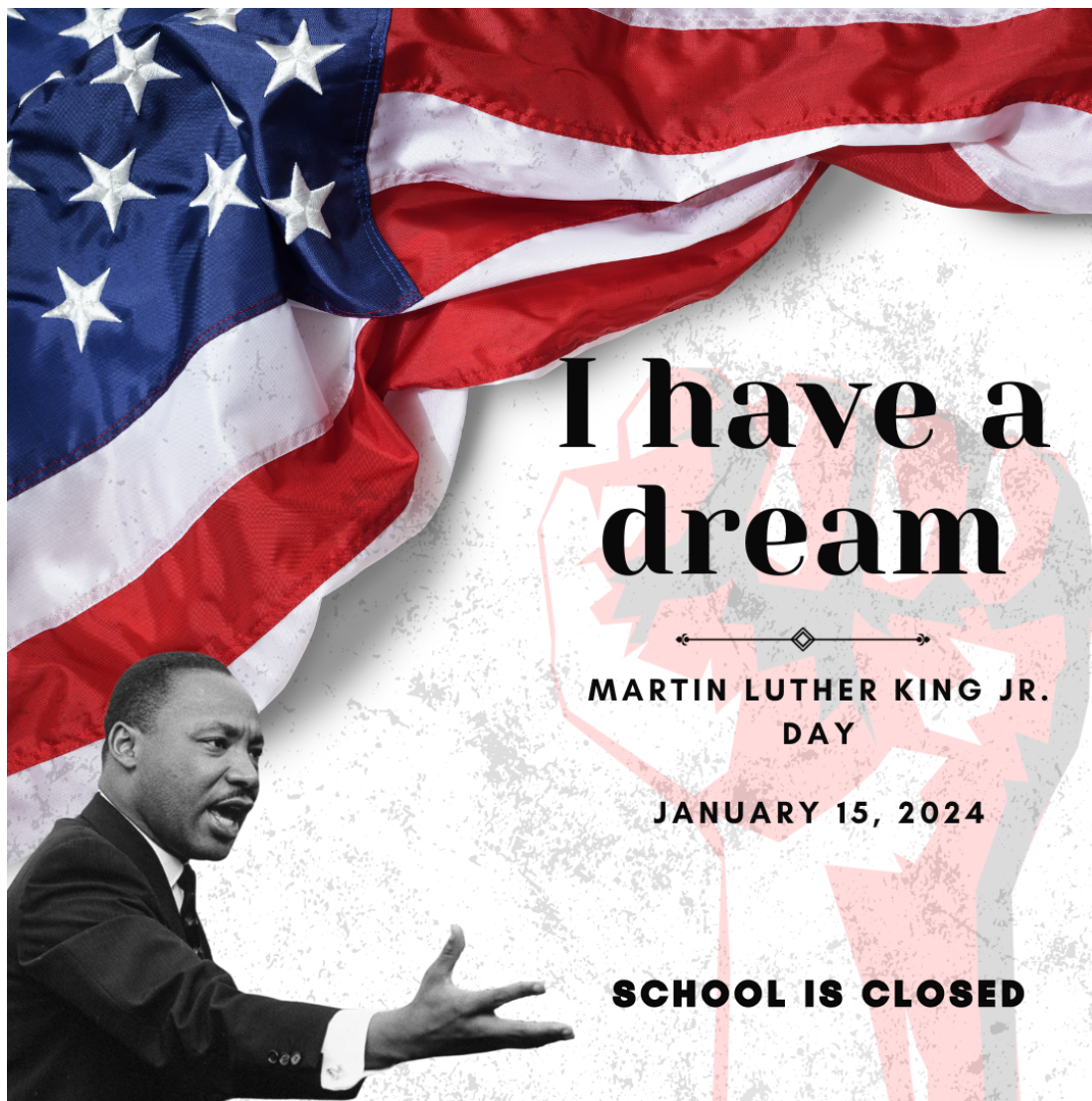


As we jump into a new week, we want to take a moment to reflect on the significance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a day dedicated to honoring the legacy of a great leader who tirelessly advocated for equality and justice. This serves as a reminder for us to instill these values in our children and inspire conversations about the impact of unity and compassion.

Additionally, as we gear up for the upcoming Regents exams, we emphasize the importance of consistent attendance. Every day of learning contributes to their success, and your support in ensuring they are present and engaged is invaluable. We appreciate your ongoing commitment to your child's education.



Thank you for your partnership, and have a wonderful week ahead.



MLK Day

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, **Vertus will be closed on Monday, Jan. 15th.** This day provides an opportunity for reflection on Dr. King's legacy and the values he championed. We encourage you to take this time to engage in meaningful conversations with your child about the importance of equality, justice, and community service. School will resume on Tuesday Jan. 16th. Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to continuing the educational journey together.

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Upcoming Events

FASFA Fest- 1/16

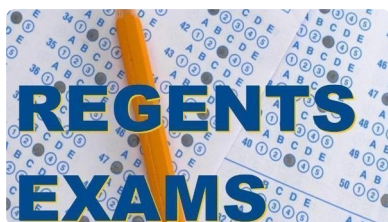
As we strive to support our students in their journey toward higher education, we are excited to invite you to our upcoming FAFSA Fest!

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) plays a pivotal role in making college more accessible by providing financial assistance to eligible students. This event aims to provide valuable insights into the FAFSA application process and understanding college costs.

Light refreshments will be provided, offering a relaxed environment for learning and discussion. This event is an excellent opportunity for parents to empower themselves with essential information to support their child's higher education journey.

Please RSVP by 1/12 to ensure we can adequately prepare for the event.

If you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact Mr. Strowe (Guidance Counselor) wstrowe@vertusschool.org



Regents Exams

- Jan. 23-26
- Students will only report to school if they are scheduled to take a regents exam.

EXAMINATION SCHEDULE: JANUARY 2024

Only students taking the exam will report to school

JANUARY 23 TUESDAY	JANUARY 24 WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 25 THURSDAY	JANUARY 26 FRIDAY
8:00 am	8:00 am	8:00 am	8:00 am
English Language Arts	Geometry U.S. History & Government	Global History & Geography II	Physical Setting/Earth Science Physical Setting/Chemistry
11:30 am	11:30 am	11:30 am	Uniform Admission Deadlines
Living Environment	Algebra I Physical Setting/Physics*	Algebra II	Morning Examinations – 10:00 a.m. Afternoon Examinations – 2:00 p.m.

* Available in Restricted Form only. Each copy of a restricted test is numbered and sealed in its own envelope and must be returned, whether used or unused, to the Department at the end of the examination period.

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Spirit Week

Exciting news ahead! Following Regents week, we're thrilled to announce that Spirit Week is just around the corner! From Jan 29th-Feb 2nd, students will have the chance to break away from their regular uniforms and engage in daily fun themes. Sneakers are permitted throughout the week to add an extra dash of spirit. Please encourage your child to join in the fun by participating in the daily themes.

It's important to note that if a student chooses not to participate in the theme of the day, they will be required to wear the full uniform.

We appreciate your support in making Spirit Week an enjoyable and inclusive experience for all.

Looking forward to a week filled with creativity, enthusiasm, and a sense of community!

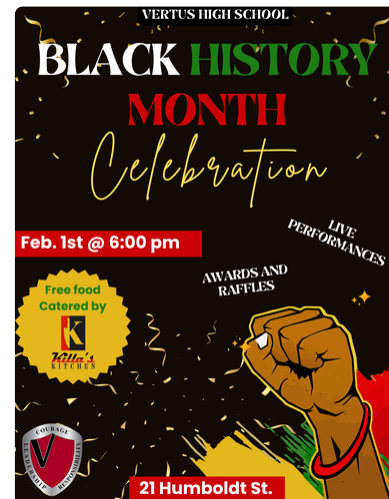
Black History Celebration- 2/1

We are thrilled to invite you and your families to our vibrant and enriching Black History Celebration.

This event promises to be a memorable and inspiring celebration of Black history and culture, showcasing a variety of captivating performances and acknowledging the outstanding contributions of our community members.


Highlights of the event will include:


- **Live dance and music performances:** Experience the richness and diversity of Black culture through mesmerizing performances by talented individuals from our school community.
- **Free Catering by Killa's Kitchen:** Indulge in delectable and mouthwatering cuisine catered by Killa's Kitchen, offering a taste of authentic flavors and culinary delights.
- **Rochester Trailblazer Awards:** Join us as we honor and celebrate the achievements of remarkable individuals who have been pivotal in breaking barriers and shaping our community.



We warmly encourage you to attend and share in this celebration of unity, diversity, and excellence. This event is open to all, and we extend our invitation to our entire school community.

Athletics





VERTUS ATHLETICS

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

JAN 14 - JAN 20

1/18 INDOOR TRACK
RWTL - 5:00PM - AT RIT

1/18 JV BASKETBALL
@ AQUINAS - 5:00PM - AT AQUINAS

1/18 VARSITY BASKETBALL
@ AQUINAS - 6:30PM - AT AQUINAS

1/19 BOWLING
VS UPREP - 4:30PM - AT BOWLERO

1/19 FRSH BASKETBALL
VS EAST - 5:00PM - AT VERTUS

VERTUS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Click the links below to get more information on our athletic program:

- [Athletic Calendar](#)
- [Athletic Rosters](#)
- [Sideline Store](#)



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.

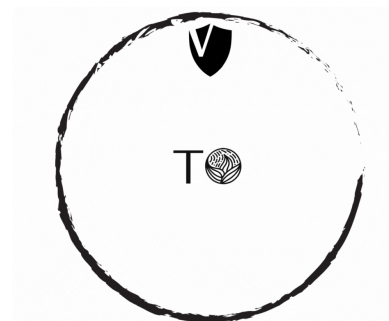
We are committed to supporting your child's educational journey, and we encourage open communication. If there are challenges affecting your son's attendance, please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we can explore ways to support him effectively.

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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