



# Weekly Update

## 1/22/24



Hope you are staying warm this week!

We would like to highlight the crucial importance of ensuring your child is adequately prepared for the upcoming Regents exams. These assessments are significant milestones in their academic journey, and proper preparation is key to success. Please take a moment to check in with your child about their study habits and offer any necessary support to enhance their readiness.

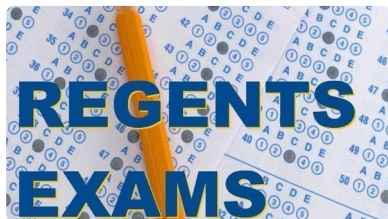
Despite the recent challenging weather conditions, it's essential to emphasize that inclement weather is not an excuse to miss school. Regular attendance is vital for ongoing learning and success, and we appreciate your continued efforts to prioritize school attendance.

A reminder for parents of students scheduled to take Regents exams: **Your child is not required to attend school on exam days unless they are assigned to take a specific exam.** To confirm your son's exam schedule, kindly reach out to his preceptor. Clear communication ensures a smooth process and helps us provide the necessary support.

Thank you for your ongoing collaboration and commitment to your child's education. We look forward to a successful and productive end to the semester.



## Upcoming Events



### Regents Exams

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



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HIGH SCHOOL

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Office of State Assessment  
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## EXAMINATION SCHEDULE: JANUARY 2024

Only students taking the exam will report to school

JANUARY 23 TUESDAY 8:00 am	JANUARY 24 WEDNESDAY 8:00 am	JANUARY 25 THURSDAY 8:00 am	JANUARY 26 FRIDAY 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	<b><u>Uniform Admission Deadlines</u></b>
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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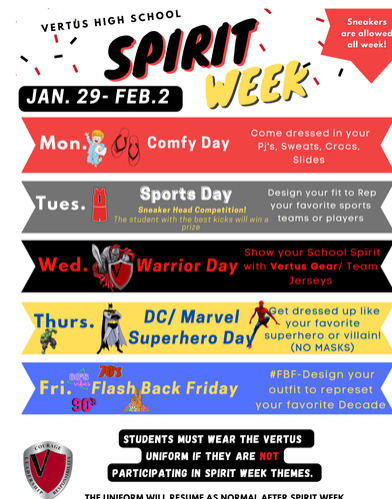
## Spirit Week

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

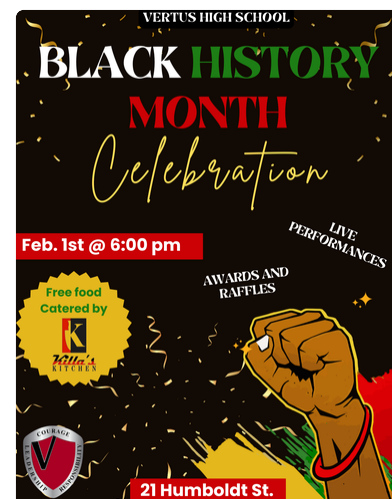
We are thrilled to invite you and your families to our vibrant and enriching Black History Celebration.

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



# WEEKLY SCHEDULE VERTUS ATHLETICS

**22**  
MONDAY

Varsity Bowling  
VS  
Rochester Prep

4:30PM

At Bowlero

**23**  
TUESDAY

JV/V Basketball  
@  
Northstar Christian  
Academy

JV - 4:30PM

V - 6:00PM

At Northstar

**24**  
WEDNESDAY

NO EVENTS

**25**  
THURSDAY

JV/V Basketball  
VS  
Monroe High School

JV - 5:00PM

V - 6:30PM

At Vertus

**26**  
FRIDAY

Indoor Track  
RWTL All Meet

6:00PM

At Houghton  
College

**27**  
SATURDAY

Freshman Basketball  
VS  
McQuaid

11:00AM

At Vertus

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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.

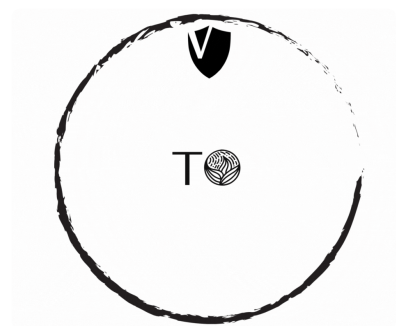
We are committed to supporting your child's educational journey, and we encourage open communication. If there are challenges affecting your son's attendance, please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we can explore ways to support him effectively.

## 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.



Download the app or go to the website to learn more information: <https://myrts.com/on-demand>

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