

# Weekly Update

As we reflect on the past week, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support in ensuring your students were present for their regents exams. Your commitment to their education is truly appreciated.

The data collected from the exams will be instrumental in refining our instructional strategies moving forward, allowing us to better tailor our approach to meet the needs of each student. We are confident that this information will contribute to continued academic growth.



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On a lighter note, we're excited to announce that this week marks Spirit Week! It's a fantastic

opportunity for students to enjoy a break from the uniform and express their creativity through daily themes. We hope they have a great time participating and making this week a memorable one.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out. Your partnership is essential to the success of our Vertus community.

Thank you again for your ongoing support, and let's make this Spirit Week a spirited celebration!

# **Upcoming Events**



THE UNIFORM WILL RESUME AS NORMAL AFTER SPIRIT WEEK

#### **Spirit Week**

Spirit Week is here!

From Jan29th- 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!

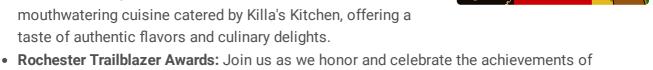
# Black History Celebration- 2/1

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.

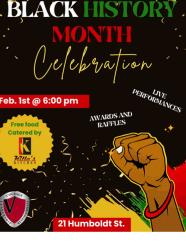


remarkable individuals who have been pivotal in breaking barriers and shaping our community. We warmly encourage you to attend and share in this celebration of unity, diversity, and excellence. This event is open to all, and we extend our invitation to our entire school community.

### **February Recess**

As we approach February, we want to remind you that February Recess is scheduled for the week of February 19th to February 23rd.

This break provides a wonderful opportunity for students to recharge and spend quality time with family and friends. Whether you have exciting plans or simply plan to relax, we wish you a joyful and rejuvenating recess.





# **Athletics**

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

- Athletic Calendar
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- 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 vour 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.

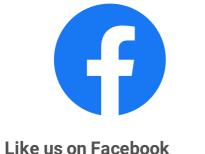
No Excuses!

#### **Need Transportation Options? RTS on Demand!**

RTS On Demand is a ride-sharing mobility option in which ADAaccessible 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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