



WEEKLY UPDATE

2/4/24



As we dive into the new week, we would like to acknowledge the significance of February as Black History Month. This is a time to honor and celebrate the achievements, contributions, and rich history of Black individuals throughout our nation's history. Our school is committed to fostering an inclusive and diverse environment, and we encourage parents to engage in conversations with their children about the importance of this observance.



Additionally, we want to inform you that the spring semester is officially underway. Students have settled into their classes, and teachers are geared up to make the coming months both engaging and educational. This semester provides new opportunities for growth, learning, and collaboration.

With February recess on the horizon, we encourage both students and parents to make every day count. It's a great time to reflect on academic goals, ensure assignments are on track, and take advantage of resources available for extra support if needed. We appreciate your continued partnership in ensuring the success and well-being of your child throughout the school year.

Last Week

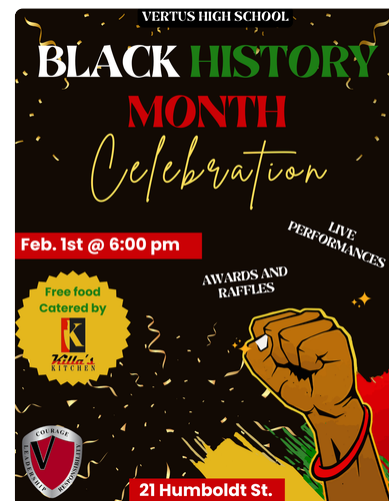
Black History Celebration

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for your enthusiastic participation in the recent Black History Celebration at our school. Your presence and support made the event truly memorable.

The performances by Voices of Valor and the Vertus Band were nothing short of spectacular. The talent and dedication of our students shone brightly, and it was heartening to witness the joy and pride reflected in the faces of both performers and audience members. Your applause and encouragement added to the positive atmosphere, creating a sense of unity and celebration.

Moreover, we would like to extend our appreciation for everyone who enjoyed the diverse and delicious offerings from our food vendors. Your engagement with the culinary delights contributed to the vibrant and festive atmosphere, and we are delighted that you found enjoyment in the culinary experience.

Given the overwhelming success and positive feedback, we are excited to announce our commitment to continuing this tradition every year. We believe that events like these contribute significantly to our school community's cultural richness and diversity.



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Uniforms

Spirit week is over and all students are expected to adhere strictly to the standard uniform guidelines. This includes no hoodies, no jeans, and no sneakers. We appreciate your support in enforcing these regulations. If any student is found out of uniform, they will be addressed promptly and reminded of the importance of maintaining our school's standards. It begins first thing in the morning. Do not allow students to come into the cafeteria, labs, or classrooms out of uniform.

Vertus Uniform



Upcoming Events

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.

Family Night- 3/5- 4:00- 6:00 pm

As we embark on a new semester, we are excited to invite you to our upcoming Family Night, where we can join hands in fostering a supportive and engaging educational environment for our students.

At 4:30, we will have an informative Parent Support workshop designed to provide you with valuable tools and insights to support your child's academic journey. Topics will include effective study habits, communication strategies, and ways to promote a positive learning environment at home.



To add a dash of enjoyment to the evening, we will be providing complimentary food for all attendees. This is a wonderful chance to connect with other parents, share experiences, and build a stronger sense of community within our school.

Induction Ceremony- 3/9 12:00pm

We are thrilled to invite you to our prestigious Induction Ceremony, where we will celebrate the achievements of our outstanding students who have met the requirements for receiving their coveted red blazers. This memorable event promises to be a day of pride and accomplishment, marking a significant milestone in your child's journey at Vertus.

Join us as we recognize their dedication and hard work at this special ceremony, a true highlight in the Vertus calendar. Your presence will undoubtedly add to the joy and significance of this momentous occasion.



Family Resources

An advertisement for Cayuga Centers Children's Health Home Care Management. The ad features a circular image of a young boy looking off to the side. The text includes: "FREE for qualifying Medicaid recipients! Ages 0-21 years old", "cayugacenters", "Children's Health Home Care Management", "BETTER ACCESS TO YOUR CHILD'S MEDICAID HEALTH SERVICES", "Health Home Care Management helps you:", "✓ Realize your child's health needs", "✓ Make connections to support resources", "✓ Create a healthy future for your child", "We help your child receive support resources such as:", "Health and Dental care", "Mental Health Services", "Nutrition and Preventive care", "Vocational and Recreational programs", "For eligibility and referral information, visit cayugacenters.org/HealthHomes", "Stacey Goodell", "stacey.goodell@cayugacenters.org", "315-329-9008", and "11-20-2020".

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11-20-2020

Summer Jobs! Start applying now

Find the perfect summer opportunity!

Fun and challenging opportunities
for youth ages **14 - 20**

APPLY STARTING
Feb. 1, 2024

Learn, grow, and
meet professionals in
local government,
recreation, community-
based organizations,
colleges, or private and
public organizations
throughout the
community!

6-8 week paid (up to \$15/hour) summer work experience

TO QUALIFY, YOU MUST HAVE A:

- Photo ID • Current work permit • Social Security card • Recent official report card
- Be enrolled in middle school, high school or TASC program
- Available to participate for your full assignment between July 8 - August 16



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Visit **rocsummeryouth.com** to apply
The application is offered in different languages.



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Athletics

VERTUS ATHLETICS WEEKLY SCHEDULE

5 MONDAY	6 TUESDAY	7 WEDNESDAY	8 THURSDAY	9 FRIDAY	10 SATURDAY
VARSITY BOWLING VS ARCHANGEL 4:30 PM @ BOWLERO	NO EVENTS	NO EVENTS	NO EVENTS	VARSITY BOWLING PPL TOURNAMENT 4:30 PM @ BOWLERO	INDOOR TRACK RWTL ALL MEET 4:00 PM @ NAZARETH UNIVERSITY
JV/ VARSITY BASKETBALL VS. GATES CHILI JV- 4:30 PM VARSITY- 6:00 PM @ VERTUS				JV/ VARSITY BASKETBALL VS. BISHOP KEARNEY JV- 4:30 PM VARSITY- 6:00 PM @ VERTUS	



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.

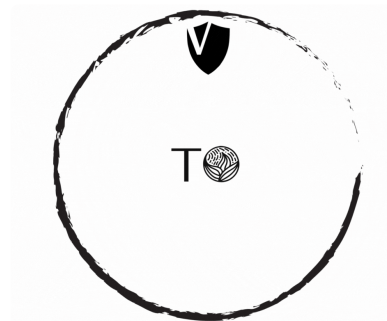
Student Pick-up

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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