



# WEEKLY UPDATE 3/3/24



## *This Week!*

As we step into the month of March, we are excited to acknowledge and celebrate the significant contributions of individuals throughout history.



Firstly, our much-anticipated Induction Ceremony is scheduled for March 9th at the Innovation Theater. This event serves as a platform to honor the accomplishments of our students, showcasing their hard work and dedication. Your presence at this celebration would mean a lot as we applaud and acknowledge the achievements of our student body.

Additionally, we want to remind you about the upcoming Family Night on March 5th, taking place from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. This event is designed to facilitate meaningful interactions between parents and our dedicated staff at Vertus. It provides an opportunity to discuss your child's progress, goals, and any concerns you may have. Your active participation during Family Night plays a crucial role in creating a supportive and successful learning environment for your child.

Our staff members will be available during Family Night to engage in thoughtful conversations about the unique journey of each Vertus student. Together, we can collaboratively develop a plan to ensure your child receives the necessary support and encouragement.

Your ongoing support and involvement in our Vertus community are highly valued. Should you have any questions or require additional information about the upcoming events, please do not hesitate

to reach out.

Thank you for being integral members of our Vertus community.

## Attendance

### Attendance Matters!

We're excited to share some fantastic news that aims to boost your child's enthusiasm for attending school regularly and foster a sense of commitment to their education.

Beginning 3/11/24, we will be launching the Weekly Perfect Attendance Raffle—a fun initiative designed to motivate students to attend school every day of the week. By participating, your child will have the chance to win some amazing prizes through a weekly raffle.

Here's how it works:

1. Perfect Attendance = Raffle Ticket:

1. When your child attends school every day from Monday to Friday, they will earn a raffle ticket.

2. Exciting Prizes Await:

1. The more weeks your child maintains perfect attendance, the more chances they have to win!
2. Prizes will include gaming, gift cards, fun trips and more, providing both motivation and enjoyment.

3. Raffle Winners Announcement:

1. We will announce the raffle winners every Monday during our morning meetings.
2. The anticipation and celebration will add an extra layer of excitement to the start of each week.

We believe this initiative will not only improve attendance rates but also create a positive atmosphere within our school community. By emphasizing the importance of consistent attendance, we aim to instill a strong sense of commitment to learning and growth in your child.

We encourage you to share this news with your child and discuss it together.

Thank you for your ongoing support in your child's education. Let's make this initiative a fun and rewarding experience for everyone involved!



## *Last Week*

### **Mock Trial Team**

Our Mock Trial Team recently participated in the 1st round of competitions against Brighton High School last week, and I am pleased to inform you that they did exceptionally well.

Congratulations to each member of the Mock Trial Team for their hard work, dedication, and commendable performance in the initial rounds. We are proud of their accomplishments and the effort they put into representing our school.

As we look forward to the upcoming rounds, we anticipate further growth, learning, and success for our Mock Trial Team.



## Upcoming Events



### 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.





VERTUS ATHLETICS

# SIGN UP FOR SPRING SPORTS



**OUTDOOR TRACK**

**GOLF**

**SPRING SOCCER**

If you are interested in signing up for Outdoor Track, Golf, or Spring Soccer Workouts, email or talk to our Athletic Director or Assistant Athletic Director now!



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**SPRING SPORTS**

**REGISTER AND  
COMPLETE YOUR FAMILY  
ID BY FRIDAY, MARCH 1**

**CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO  
COMPLETE YOUR FAMILY ID**

# Quick, Easy, Secure



## Student Registration

familyid.com

## Summer Session!

Our summer session is around the corner! Below you will see the dates of our summer session this year

July 29th- Aug. 23rd

July 2024				
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr
1	2	3	4	5
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29	30	31		

August 2024				
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Our summer session, scheduled from July 29th to August 23rd, is a mandatory program designed to offer students the chance to catch up on any missed coursework, get ahead in their studies, and actively prepare for future college or career endeavors. In addition to academic enrichment, the session will feature internships and programs geared towards providing valuable real-world experiences.

At Vertus High School, we firmly believe in the philosophy that a year-round program is essential for the holistic development of our students, both academically and socially. This summer session aligns with our commitment to offering continuous support for your child's educational journey.

We encourage you to discuss the importance of active participation in this **mandatory summer session** with your child, emphasizing the long-term benefits it will bring to their academic and personal growth.



## Athletics

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

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



## Family Resources



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Medicaid  
recipients!**  
Ages 0-21 years old

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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	 Nutrition and Preventive care
 Mental Health Services	 Vocational and Recreational programs

For eligibility and referral information, visit [cayugacenters.org/HealthHomes](https://cayugacenters.org/HealthHomes)

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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**

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

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

## 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



For more information call **(585) 428-6366**  
Visit **rocsummeryouth.com** to apply  
The application is offered in different languages.



Rochester Works



## 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.

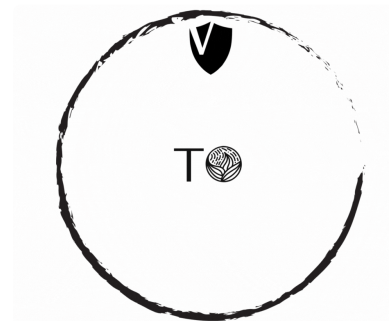


## Student Pick-up

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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